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## TOP PRIORITY FOR IMMEDIATE BROADCAST

### SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

#### for HEAVY RAINFALL

**For people in the Mallee, Northern Country, Wimmera and parts of the Central, South West and North Central Forecast Districts.**

Issued at 4:53 am Tuesday, 20 September 2016.

#### WEATHER SITUATION:

A low pressure system over South Australia is forecast to move into northwest Victoria late today. A band of rain is associated with the low, along with the risk of thunderstorms.

HEAVY RAIN which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is likely to reach far northwestern Victoria late Tuesday afternoon, then will extend across the Mallee and parts of the Wimmera district during the evening, spreading to parts of the Southwest, Northern Country and North Central districts by midnight and into parts of the Central district by early Wednesday morning.

Widespread totals of 15 to 30mm are forecast across the warning area, falling in a period of 4-8 hours. Heavy rain or thunderstorms may cause localised falls of 30 to 50mm.

The rain band and risk of thunderstorms is forecast to extend further east across the State during Wednesday morning. Locations which may be affected include Mildura, Horsham, Bendigo, Shepparton, Seymour, Maryborough and Ballarat.

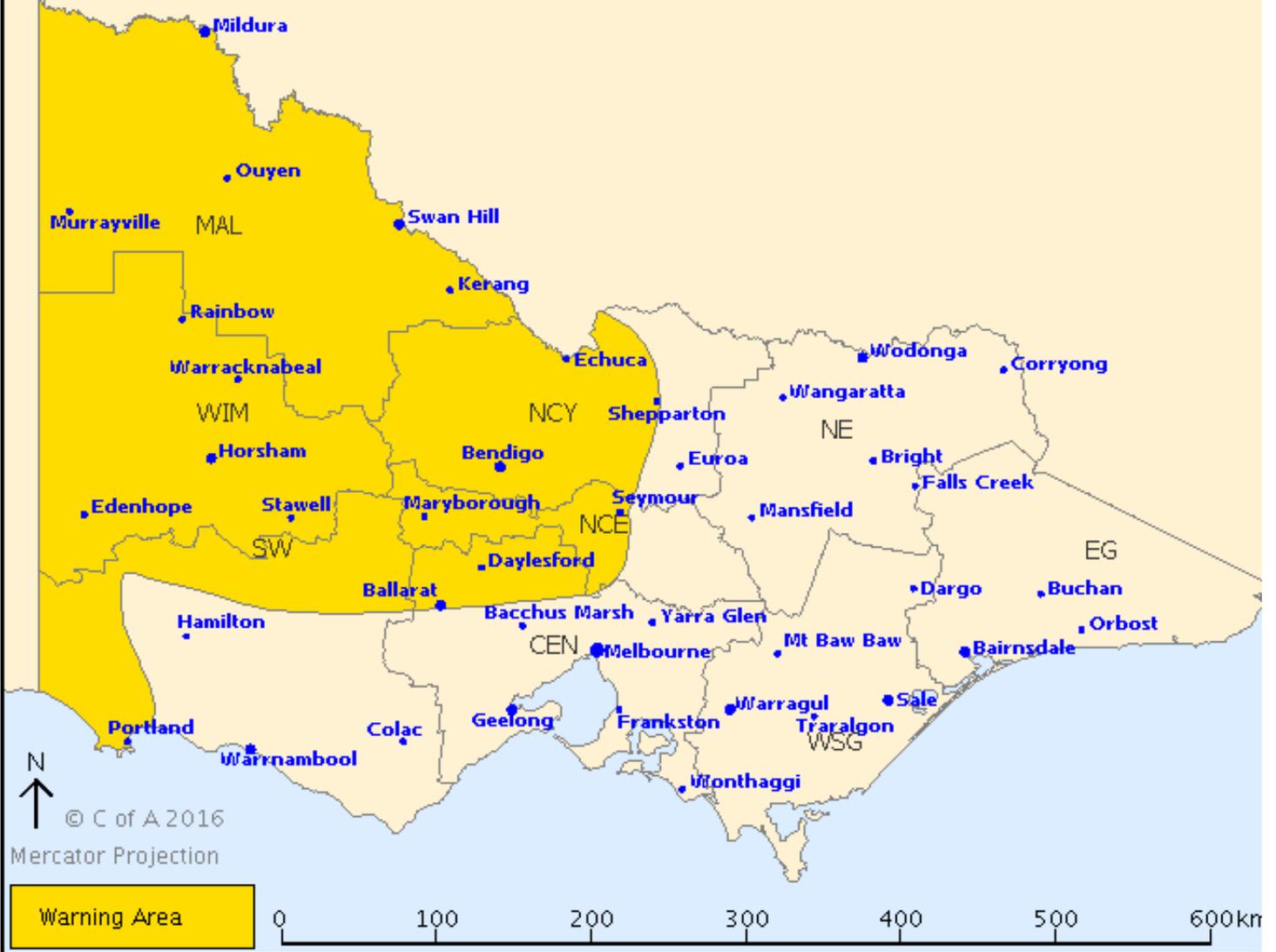
The State Emergency Service advises that people should:

- \* Don't walk, ride or drive through flood water;
- \* Keep clear of creeks and storm drains;
- \* Be aware that in fire affected areas, rainfall run-off into waterways may contain debris such as ash, soil, trees and rocks;
- \* Be alert that in areas recently affected by fires, heavy rainfall increases the potential for landslides and debris across roads;

The next warning is due to be issued by 10:55 am.

Warnings are also available through TV and Radio broadcasts, the Bureau's website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or call 1300 659 217. The Bureau and State Emergency Service would appreciate warnings being broadcast regularly.

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