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SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

for DAMAGING WINDS and HEAVY RAINFALL

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

Issued at 5:02 am Sunday, 2 October 2016.

WEATHER SITUATION:

Strengthening northerly flow ahead of an approaching cold front. The front is expected to reach western Victoria late Sunday afternoon, crossing central parts of the State Sunday evening and the east early Monday morning.

DAMAGING WINDS, averaging 50 to 60 km/h with peak gusts of around 90 km/h are likely about parts of the Wimmera, South West, Central and North Central districts this morning extending to parts of the Mallee, Northern Country, Northeast, West and South Gippsland and East Gippsland during the afternoon. Wind gusts may reach 100 km/h in elevated areas and near thunderstorms.

These winds are expected to continue to push further east Sunday night, moderating in the west behind the front.

HEAVY RAINFALL which may lead to FLASH FLOODING may develop in eastern parts of the Wimmera and South West districts later Sunday. Moving with the front over the Central and North Central districts late Sunday evening. Widespread rainfall totals of 15-25mm are likely with Isolated totals to 50mm, mostly associated with thunderstorms. Most of the rainfall is likely to fall within a 3-4 hour period.

Locations which may be affected include Mildura, Horsham, Warrnambool, Bendigo, Shepparton, Seymour, Maryborough, Ballarat, Geelong, Melbourne and Traralgon.

The State Emergency Service advises that people should:

- * Move vehicles under cover or away from trees;
- * Secure or put away loose items around your house, yard and balcony;
- * Keep clear of fallen power lines;
- * 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 11:05 am.

Warnings are also available through TV and Radio broadcasts, the Bureau's website at 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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