

Weather Warnings - Severe Weather Warning for VIC

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SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

for HEAVY RAINFALL

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

Issued at 4:31 pm Thursday, 8 September 2016.

WEATHER SITUATION:

A strong cold front and associated upper trough will reach western Victoria this evening before developing into a low pressure system as it crosses the remainder of the State during Friday.

HEAVY RAIN which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is likely to develop across parts of the Southwest and Wimmera districts this evening and extend across parts of the Mallee later tonight. HEAVY RAIN which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is then expected to extend into central districts early on Friday and contract to the northeast of the State during Friday afternoon and evening.

24 hour totals of 30 to 50mm are forecast across the west, north and northeast of the State with higher falls of 50 to 70mm about the ranges. Isolated higher falls of 70 to 100mm are possible across the Alpine peaks during Friday.

Locations which may be affected include Mildura, Horsham, Stawell, Swan Hill, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Portland, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Seymour and Wodonga.

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 10:35 pm.

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.