

MEDIA RELEASE

Heavy Rain and Flash Flooding Forecast for Northern Rivers

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting heavy rainfall, intense in localised areas, across the Northern Rivers today through to Friday. Embedded thunderstorms will be a feature of this weather system. The Bureau and NSW SES are actively monitoring local river rises.

The Bureau have issued a Severe Weather Warning for localised heavy rainfall which may lead to life threatening flash flooding across the North Coast over the next 48-72 hours. Six-hourly rainfall totals between 70 to 100 mm are likely, increasing to 100 to 160 mm over areas east of about Kyogle and Grafton.

With the possibility of heavy to intense rainfall, NSW SES Northern Rivers Commander, Superintendent Mark Elm urges residents to prepare their homes now.

“Bring in or secure any outdoor items in the yard or on the balcony, check your gutters are clear and your roof is in good condition, trim any overhanging branches and check your home emergency kit it stocked and ready to go.”

Superintendent Elm added, “The next few days and into the weekend are going to be dangerous conditions on the roads. Please slow down and take care when driving.”

“If you come across a flooded road, please make the safe decision. Turn around, it’s just not worth the risk!”

NSW SES advise campers to avoid camping close to rivers and creeks and monitor conditions. Residents and visitors in caravan parks should prepare for forecast weather conditions.

Stay alert, listen to any updates and advice and monitor the Bureau of Meteorology website on www.bom.gov.au .

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