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SES keeping close eye on Traralgon Creek

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The Traralgon Creek is expected to reach the moderate flood level overnight as rain continues steadily across Gippsland.

Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) has advised residents living along Traralgon Creek to prepare to evacuate.

SES State Commander Mark Cattell said the warning was aimed at that specific group of residents and was meant as a precaution.

"The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast the possibility of Traralgon Creek exceeding the moderate flood level of 4 metres overnight, so now is the time for residents living along the creek to get prepared, rather than waiting to see if those conditions hit in the middle of the night," he said.

Eastern Victoria experienced the heaviest rainfall today with 15-30mm falling across West and Central Gippsland. Balook experienced the highest total with 40.2mm between 9am and 1.30pm.

Victoria SES has received more than 140 Requests for Assistance since midnight, with most resulting from building damage or minor flooding caused by blocked gutters and trees blown down by wind.

Total rainfall over the three days to Friday is forecast to exceed 150mm in Gippsland – twice the average June rainfall.

State Commander Cattell said SES volunteers and staff remained on standby and were monitoring the situation closely. Incident Control Centres have been established in Traralgon, Bairnsdale and Geelong.

"People in Gippsland in particular should stay informed by tuning to their local emergency broadcasters, visiting ses.vic.gov.au or calling the Victoria SES Emergency Information Line on 1300 842 737."

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