

Chief Health Officer Alert

7 January 2013

Status: Resolved

Heat Health Alert – Monday 7 January 2013

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Issued by: Dr Rosemary Lester, Chief Health Officer, Victoria

Issued to: Local government authorities, health and aged sector, government departments and agencies, service providers and community groups

Key messages

- This is an **alert** only, to advise of forecast heatwave conditions.
- You and your organisation are encouraged to continue monitoring local conditions and to respond accordingly through your existing service continuity, heatwave or other relevant action plans. All forecasts and current temperatures are available from the Bureau of Meteorology website at <http://www.bom.gov.au>

What is the issue?

The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast temperatures above heat health thresholds for **Monday 7 January 2013**.

Note that the predicted mean temperatures for the North Central and Mallee districts are expected to meet the heat health temperature threshold of 30 °C (North Central) and 34°C (Mallee) due to high overnight minimum temperatures.

Who is at risk?

- **North Central District** (based on forecasts for Seymour)
- **Mallee District** (based on forecasts for Mildura)

Prevention

The Department of Health is issuing this alert in order to allow you to make any preparations necessary to respond to heatwave conditions given the many impacts hot weather can have on human health, normal operations and essential services.

More information

Clinical information

Heat health alerts will be available from the Chief Health Officer website www.health.vic.gov.au/chiefhealthofficer/index.htm

The weather forecast districts and associated heat health thresholds are detailed in the [Heat Health Alert System 2012-2013 guidance note](#).

Consumer information

Heat stress and heat-related illness – Better Health Channel

(http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Heat_stress_and_heat-related_illness)

Additional information, including communication resources, is available at

www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwave/index.htm

Contacts

Specific queries may be directed to Environmental Health, Department of Health on 1300 761 874 or

Environmental.healthunit@health.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosemary Lester', written in a cursive style.

Dr Rosemary Lester

Chief Health Officer

Authorised by the Victorian Government, Melbourne.