

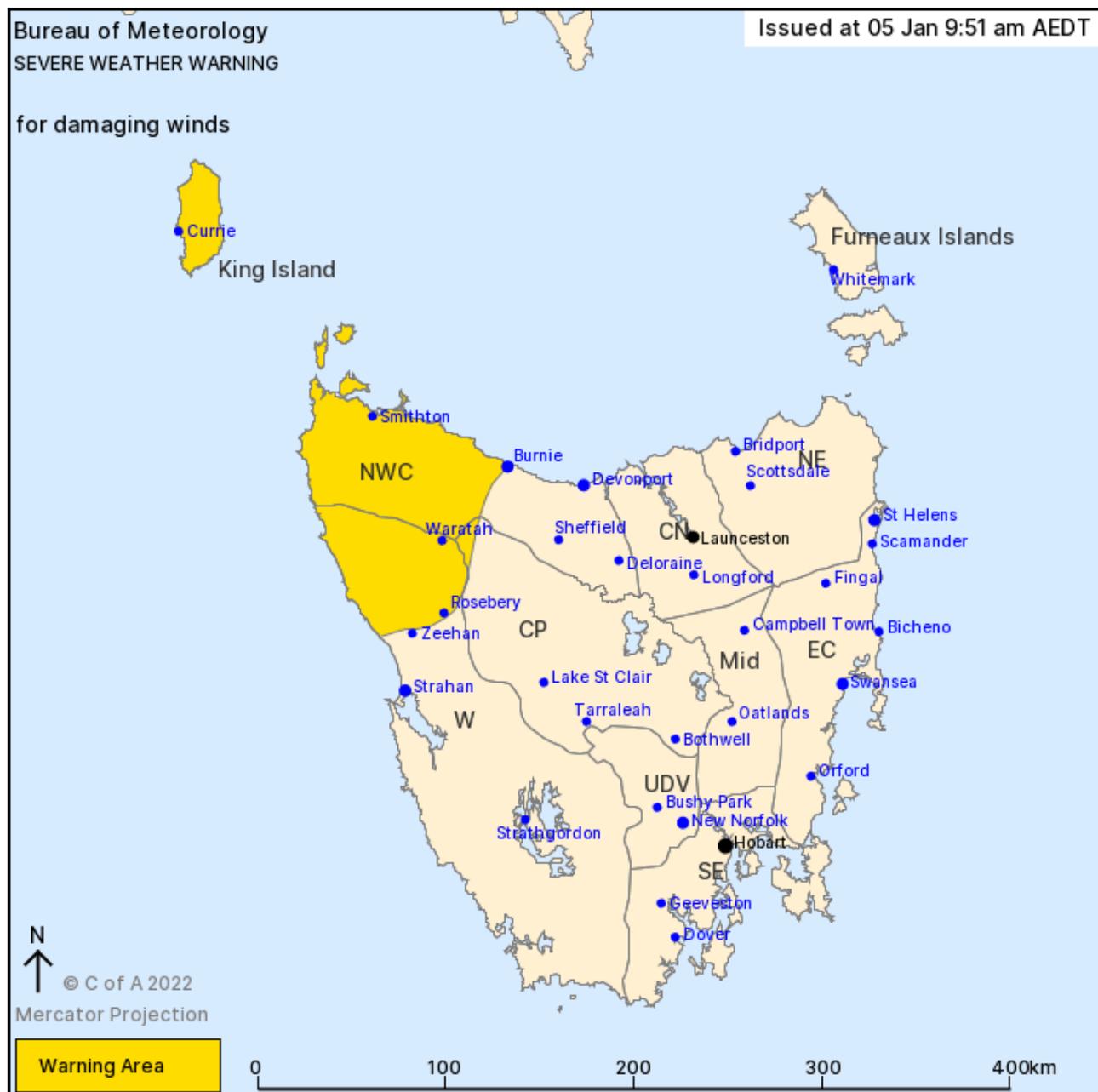
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## Severe Weather Warning for DAMAGING WINDS

For people in King Island and parts of Western and North West Coast Forecast Districts.

Issued at 9:51 am Wednesday, 5 January 2022.

**DAMAGING WINDS LIKELY ON THURSDAY.**



Weather Situation: A trough deepening over Victoria today will cause east to northeasterly winds to strengthen for Thursday about northwestern parts of Tasmania.

DAMAGING EAST TO NORTHEASTERLY WINDS, averaging 60 to 70 km/h with peak gusts of around 80 to 90 km/h are likely about northwestern parts of Tasmania from Thursday morning until Thursday evening.

These winds are from an unusual direction, and may cause damage to different areas than normal for this wind strength.

Winds are expected to ease below the warning threshold in the late evening.

Locations which may be affected include Currie, Smithton, Waratah and Rosebery.

The State Emergency Service advises that people should:

- \* Supervise children closely.
- \* Check that family and neighbours are aware of warnings.
- \* Manage pets and livestock.
- \* Secure outdoor items including furniture and play equipment.
- \* Be prepared in case of power outages and report any outages to TasNetworks on 132 004.
- \* Beware of damaged trees and power lines and take care when driving.
- \* Listen to the ABC radio or check [www.ses.tas.gov.au](http://www.ses.tas.gov.au) for further advice.
- \* For emergency assistance contact the SES on 132500.

The next Severe Weather Warning will be issued by 5:00 pm AEDT Wednesday.

Warnings are also available through TV and Radio broadcasts, the Bureau's website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or call 1300 659 210. The Bureau and State Emergency Service would appreciate warnings being broadcast regularly.