

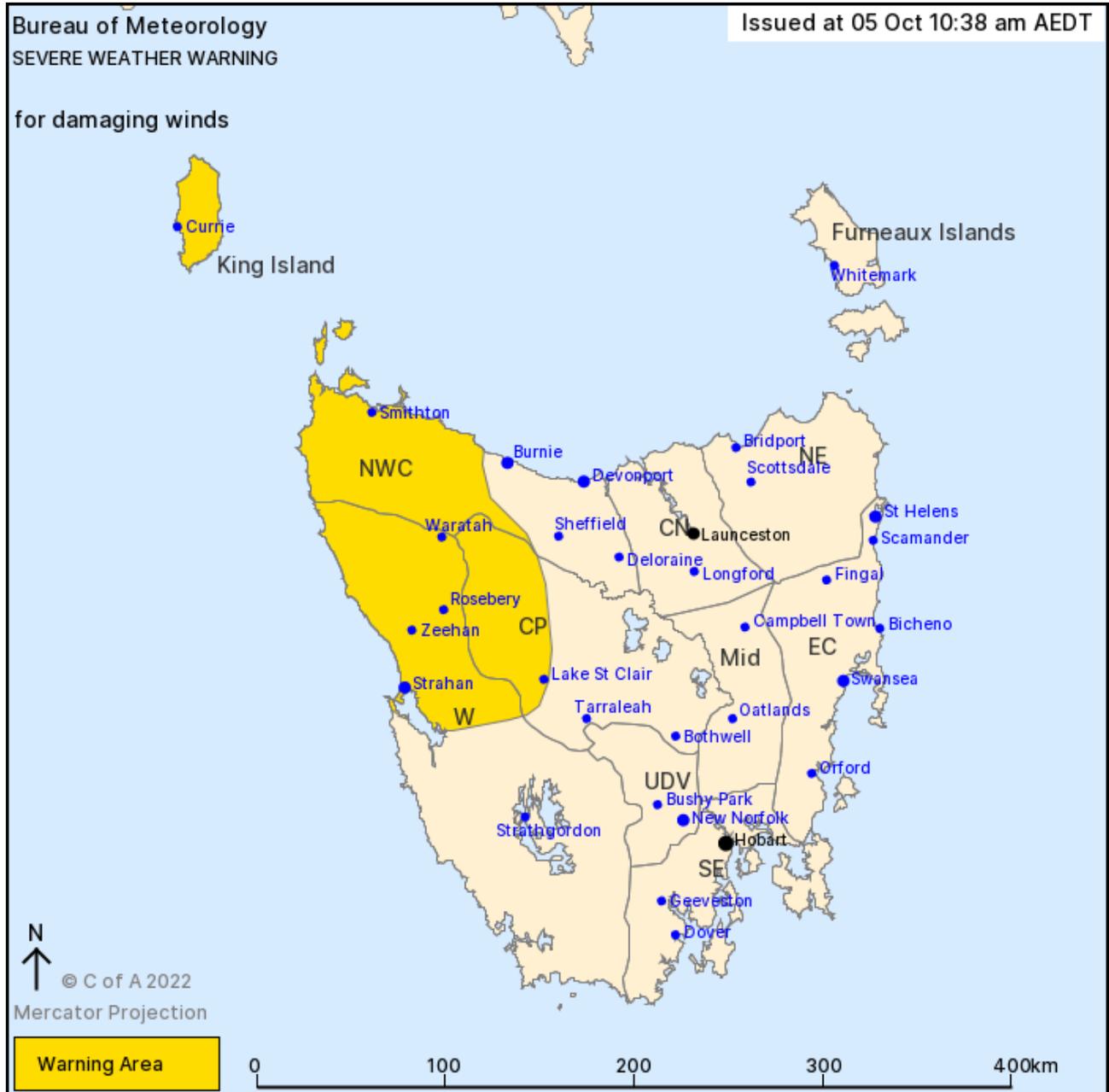
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Severe Weather Warning for DAMAGING WINDS

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

Issued at 10:38 am Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

Damaging winds developing about northwest Tasmania today



Weather Situation:

A trough over South Australia will direct a vigorous and gusty east to northeasterly airstream over northwest Tasmania on Wednesday and Thursday.

DAMAGING WIND GUSTS with peak gusts of around 90 km/h and locally DAMAGING WINDS averaging 60 to 70 km/h are forecast to develop about King Island during this morning, then extend to northwest Tasmania during Wednesday afternoon.

Winds are expected to ease over King Island and the north coast, while extending to parts of the west coast and the Strahan region during Thursday morning. Winds are expected to ease throughout the warning area later on Thursday evening.

Locations which may be affected include Currie, Smithton, Strahan, Queenstown, Zeehan and Lake St Clair.

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 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 or call 1300 659 210. The Bureau and State Emergency Service would appreciate warnings being broadcast regularly.