

What is happening?

MODERATE FLOODING IS OCCURRING ALONG THE DARLING RIVER AT BOURKE

MODERATE FLOODING IS OCCURRING AT LOUTH WHERE MAJOR FLOODING IS POSSIBLE FROM MID-JANUARY.

MINOR FLOODING IS OCCURRING AT TILPA WHERE MAJOR FLOODING IS POSSIBLE FROM MID-JANUARY.

MODERATE FLOODING IS POSSIBLE AT WILCANNIA IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

NEAR MINOR FLOODING IS OCCURRING ALONG THE DARLING RIVER AT MENINDEE.

What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology:

Bourke

- The Darling River at Bourke may peak near 12.40 metres around Friday 14 January, with moderate flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to impact the Bourke - Weilmoringle Road (RLR 49) 16km North of Bourke.
- Dry Bogan Road (RLR42) is closed at Little Bogan Creek Bridge.
- Floodwater is expected to impact Parkdale Road (RLR 22) 3km West of Bourke.
- Kamiloroi Highway (SH29) is closed between Bourke and Brewarrina.
- River Road (RLR-16) is expected to close at The Big Billabong.
- Bourke - Wilcannia Road (MR-68) is expected to close at Jandra Creek, preventing direct access from Bourke to Louth.
- Floodwaters may impact the Southern approach of Deadmans Creek Bridge on the Bourke - Wilcannia Road (MR-68).

Louth

- The river level may reach the major flood level (12.00 metres) during the third week of January.
- Louth - Tilpa Road (SH29) is expected to be impacted by floodwater with no access to Louth or Tilpa on the Eastern side of the Darling River.
- Floodwater is expected to impact the Louth - Tilpa Road 13km South of Tilpa. Alternate routes may be available via Wilcannia, White Cliffs and Cobar.
- Floodwater is expected to reach the deck level of Talyawalka Bridge.

Tilpa

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Tilpa is likely to exceed the moderate flood level (10.50 metres) from mid January and may reach 12.30 metres during the fourth week of January, with major flooding.
- Tilpa - Wilcannia Road (SH29) is expected to close at Marra Billabong 40kms South of Tilpa Road.
- Tilpa - Wilcannia Road may close at Wygilla Crossing.
- Tilpa - Louth Road may close at the 1 Mile Creek and 5 Mile Creek.
- Tilpa - Louth Road North of Darling River is expected to be impacted by floodwater near Tallywalka Crossing.
- Louth-Tilpa Road South of Darling River is expected to close at Stoney Creek crossing.
- Tilpa - Wilcannia Road North of Darling River is expected to close at numerous locations, including Marra, Mount Murchison Station and Rosedale.
- Floodwater may flow over the Talyawalka Creek Bridge.
- Tongo Road may close 3km North of Tilpa at Boat Hole Creek crossing.
- Tilpa may become isolated by road.
- Tourists and visitors are advised to reconsider travel plans as roads may close at short notice and will isolate travellers and tourists in this area.

Wilcannia

- The Darling River at Wilcannia is likely to exceed the minor flood level (9.00 metres) mid-January.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia may reach around 10.00 metres in early February, with moderate flooding.
- Lower parts of Victory Caravan Park are likely to be inundated.
- Wilcannia - Tilpa Road (SR1) is expected to be impacted by floodwater.
- Wilcannia-Tilpa Road (SH29) is expected to close at Mara Creek, 85 km from Wilcannia.
- Wilcannia - Menindee Road (west side - SH29) is expected to close 10km Southwest of Wilcannia.

Menindee

- The Darling River at Menindee Town is likely to remain near the minor flood level (8.50m) until late February.
- Floodwaters may inundate low-lying areas of Crick Park at the end of Wilcannina Street.

What you need to do:

- ACT NOW, before it's too late.
- Prepare now to minimise damage to your property and possessions.
- Consider evacuation as an option if severe flooding is predicted. Deciding to remain on your property when it is inundated or surrounded by floodwater can be dangerous.
- Ensure you have a plan to leave the area safely if flooding worsens.
- Stay up to date with information. Listen to flood warnings and follow advice on how to protect yourself, family, and property.
- Tourists and visitors are advised to reconsider travel plans as roads may close at short notice and isolate travellers and tourists in these areas.
- People working or camping along the Darling River should relocate to higher ground.
- Farmers and landholders are advised to relocate livestock, pumps, chemicals and equipment to higher ground. Do not wait until the flood peak approaches.
- Be aware of vermin, snakes and spiders seeking refuge from floodwaters.
- If you become trapped by rising floodwater, seek refuge in the highest part of a sturdy building. Stay there and call triple zero (000) if you need rescue.
- **Never drive, walk or play in floodwaters. Floodwater may be deep, fast-flowing and may contain hidden snags and debris.**

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500.

In life-threatening situations, call triple zero (000) immediately.

Latest River Heights for the Darling River:

Barwon River at Brewarrina	8.52m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Bourke	11.91m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Louth	10.10m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Tilpa	9.95m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	8.58m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	8.42m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	5.95m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Pooncarie	6.20m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22
Darling River at Burtundy	5.76m steady	8.00am	Fri 07/01/22

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- For the latest Weather, Warnings, Rainfall, and River Heights visit www.bom.gov.au or phone 1300 945 108
- For rural animal and livestock assistance, contact your Local Land Services Office on **1300 795 299** or visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au
- For road closure information visit: www.livetraffic.com.au, call 131 701 or contact your Local Council.

The next flood bulletin will be issued by 2.00 pm on Monday 07 January 2022