

What is happening?

MODERATE FLOODING IS OCCURRING AT BOURKE, LOUTH AND TILPA

MINOR FLOODING OCCURRING AT WILCANNIA WITH MODERATE FLOODING LIKELY NEXT WEEK

MAJOR FLOODING LIKELY AT LOUTH FROM LATE NEXT WEEK AND AT TILPA FROM LATE JANUARY

The main flood peak is currently at Bourke, where a peak with moderate flooding is expected late Friday.

The flood peak is expected to reach Louth around Friday to Saturday next week (21-22 January), with major flooding.

The river level at Menindee is likely to remain near the minor flood level until late February, as released from the Menindee Lakes system are made to make room for the upstream flood waters.

Rainfall associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Tiffany may see renewed rises along the Barwon Darling from next week. This situation is being closely monitored.

What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology:

Bourke

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Bourke.
- The Darling River at Bourke is expected to peak near 12.40 metres late 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 closed 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

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Louth is likely to reach around 12.00 metres Friday to Saturday next week (21-22 January), with major flooding.

- 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

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Tilpa is likely to exceed the major flood level around Monday 17 January and may reach near 12.30 metres late 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

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Wilcannia and moderate flooding is likely.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia is likely to exceed the moderate flood level (9.70m) late January and may reach around 10.00 metres during the second week of February, with moderate flooding.
- Victory Caravan Park is likely to become 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

- Near minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at 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	7.59m falling	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Bourke	12.29m steady	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Louth	11.32m rising	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Tilpa	11.00m rising	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	9.06m rising	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	8.39m steady	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	5.96m steady	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22

Darling River at Pooncarie	6.27m rising	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22
Darling River at Burtundy	5.88m rising	10.00am	Fri 14/01/22

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- 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 17 January 2022