

What is happening?

MAJOR FLOODING OCCURRING AT TILPA

MODERATE FLOODING OCCURRING AT WILCANNIA

MINOR FLOODING EXPECTED AT LOUTH

The Darling River at Louth peaked on Sunday 23 January, where moderate flooding continues. At Tilpa, river levels peaked on Sunday 30 January, where major flooding continues.

The main flood peak along the Darling River is now approaching Wilcannia, where moderate flooding is occurring. The river is expected to peak at Wilcannia around 10-13 February, with moderate flooding.

Downstream at Menindee, Pooncarie, and Burtundy, river levels are likely to remain near or below minor flood levels.

What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology:

Louth

- The Darling River at Louth peaked with moderate flooding at 11.97 metres Sunday 23 January.
- The river level is currently at 9.27 metres and falling, with minor flooding.
- Local road closures are currently being experienced due to flooding – please see the Bourke and Cobar Shire Council websites for the latest road closure information.

Tilpa

- Major flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Tilpa peaked at 12.31 metres on 30 January, with major flooding.
- The river level is currently 11.74 metres and falling slowly, with major flooding.
- Road closures are currently being experienced due to flooding – please see the Central Darling Shire website for the latest road closure information.

Wilcannia

- Moderate flooding is occurring at Wilcannia.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia may reach around 10.00 metres in mid February (10-13 February), with moderate flooding.
- Some local road closures are being experienced due to flooding – please see the Central Darling Shire website for the latest road closure information.

Menindee

- River levels at Menindee Town are likely to remain near the Minor Flood Level (8.50 metres) through to mid February.
- Visit the Central Darling Shire website for the latest road closure information.

Pooncarie

- River levels at Pooncarie are likely to remain below the Minor Flood Level (6.80 metres).
- Visit the Wentworth Shire Council website for the latest road closure information.

Burtundy

- The Darling River at Burtundy is likely to remain around the Minor Flood Level (6.10 metres) until the last week of February.
- Visit the Wentworth Shire Council website for the latest road closure information.

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:

Darling River at Warraweena	7.99m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Bourke	5.57m steady	10.00am	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Louth	9.27m steady	12:00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Tilpa	11.74m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	9.88m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Talywalka Creek at Barrier Highway	0.71m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	8.40m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	5.97m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Pooncarie	6.41m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22
Darling River at Burtundy	6.09m steady	1.00pm	Wed 09/02/22

For more information:

- Visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au or follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Tune in to your local ABC Radio station
- 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:

Bourke Shire Council

<https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/engineering/road-conditions/>

Cobar Shire Council

<https://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/engineering/roads>

Central Darling Shire

<https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/Infrastructure/closed-roads>

Wentworth Shire

<https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-condition-report/>

Transport NSW

www.livetraffic.com.au or call **131 701**.

The next flood bulletin will be issued by 12.00 pm on Friday 11 February, 2022.

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