MODERATE FLOOD BULLETIN # 29

Darling River downstream of Louth

Issued: Friday 11 February 2022 at 2.30pm



What is happening?

MODERATE FLOODING OCCURRING AT TILPA AND WILCANNIA

MINOR FLOODING NO LONGER OCCURRING AT LOUTH

The Darling River at Louth peaked on Sunday 23 January, with moderate flooding, falling below the minor flood level (8.60 metres) on Thursday 10 February.

At Tilpa, river levels peaked on Sunday 30 January, falling below the major flood level (11.50 metres) on Thursday. Moderate flooding continues at Tilpa.

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 12-14 February, with moderate flooding.

Downstream at Menindee, river levels have begun falling as releases by Water NSW are being reduced.

Downstream at Pooncarie and Burtundy, river levels are expected to remain near or below minor flood levels, before beginning to fall around the end of February.

What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology:

Louth

- Minor flooding is no longer occurring at Louth.
- The Darling River at Louth fell below the Minor Flood Level (8.60 metres) around 4:00pm Thursday 10 February.
- Some local road closures are still current due to flooding please see the Bourke and Cobar Shire Council websites for the latest road closure information.

Tilpa

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Tilpa peaked at 12.31 metres around midday 30 January, with major flooding.
- The river level is currently at 11.36 metres and falling slowly, with moderate flooding.
- Local road closures are current due to flooding please see the Central Darling Shire website for the latest road closure information.

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Wilcannia

- Moderate flooding is occurring at Wilcannia.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia may reach around 10.00 metres in mid February (12-14 February), with moderate flooding.
- Some local road closures are current due to flooding please see the Central Darling Shire website for the latest road closure information.

Menindee

- The Darling River at Menindee Town peaked at 8.49 metres around 01:00 pm Thursday 27 January.
- The Darling River at Menindee Town is currently at 7.97 metres and falling.

Pooncarie

• River levels at Pooncarie are likely to remain below the Minor Flood Level (6.80 metres).

Burtundy

• The Darling River at Burtundy is likely to remain around the Minor Flood Level (6.10 metres) until the last week of February.

What you need to do:

- ACT NOW, before it's too late.
- Prepare now to minimise damage to your property and possessions.
- Ensure you can 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Latest River Heights for the Darling River:

Darling River at Warraweena	7.49m steady	12.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Bourke	5.16m steady	8.00am	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Louth	8.02m steady	1:00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Tilpa	11.34m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	9.90m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Talywalka Creek at Barrier Highway	3.41m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	7.97m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	5.68m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Pooncarie	6.41m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22
Darling River at Burtundy	6.09m steady	1.00pm	Fri 11/02/22

For more information:

- Visit <u>www.ses.nsw.gov.au</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>
- 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 Monday 14 February, 2022.

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