



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Flooding update

Central Darling Shire Council has welcomed Flood Peak Heights and timelines from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) about what to expect from the Queensland floodwaters as they reach our Shire and the Unincorporated area.

The LEMC is meeting twice weekly as we prepare for the floodwaters. This information from the BOM allows for greater direction for Local Emergency Management Committee agencies as they prepare for increased water flows.

There is a Minor to Moderate Flood Warning for the Darling River at Bourke, Louth, Tilpa and Wilcannia.

Tilpa is an emerging risk for Central Darling Shire. At Tilpa, minor flooding is likely towards the end of April, and moderate flooding is possible during the second week of May. No significant impact to the town is expected at this stage, but further road closures may be expected. Some remedial works could be done to the Tilpa levee depending on the river height.

The BOM says:

Minor flooding - Barwon and Darling Rivers downstream of Brewarrina to Bourke

The Darling River at Bourke is currently at 9.92 metres and rising, above the minor flood level (9.50 m). It may peak around 11.20 metres from about Tuesday April 29 to Saturday May 3, with minor flooding. This is close to the moderate flood level (11.40 m).

Darling River downstream of Bourke to Tilpa

Moderate flooding is likely along the Darling River downstream of Bourke to Tilpa. The Darling River at Louth is currently at 8.42 metres and rising, below the minor flood level (8.60 m). The Darling River at Louth is likely to exceed the minor flood level (8.60 m) around this Friday April 25. The river level may exceed the moderate flood level (10m) during the first week of May and may reach around 10.90 metres from about Tuesday May 6 to Friday May 9, with moderate flooding. Higher levels are possible as upstream flows arrive.

The Darling River at Tilpa

The river at Tilpa is at 7.88 metres and rising, below the minor flood level (9m). The Darling River at Tilpa is likely to exceed the minor flood level towards the end of April and may exceed the moderate flood level (10.50 m) during the second week of May. The river level may reach around 11.40 metres from about Saturday May 10 to Saturday May 17, with moderate flooding. Higher levels are possible as upstream flows arrive.

Darling River downstream of Tilpa to Wilcannia

Minor flooding is likely along the Darling River downstream of Tilpa to Wilcannia during mid to late May. The Darling River at Wilcannia is currently at 6.32 metres and rising slowly, below the minor flood level. The Darling River at Wilcannia is likely to reach the minor flood level (9.00 m) during mid to late May. Higher levels, including moderate flooding, are possible.

Further information is available on the BOM website:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings/flood/barwon-darling-us-bourke.shtml>

Central Darling Shire Council is advising people to be aware that the floodwaters will result in road closures and more information will be provided on this as it comes to hand. All Council road reports are available on the Central Darling Shire website:
<https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/Services/Road-conditions>

People are also encouraged to check with Live Traffic (www.livetraffic.com).

Council would like to remind people that the SES and other emergency service agencies are striving to provide the most up to date information as it comes to hand. However, the flood situation involves many variables which means conditions are constantly changing. Updates are being provided as the information changes.

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