



Wanaaring and surrounds flooding

Do not enter floodwater

Watch and Act



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Next update: Friday 25 Apr 2:00 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current slowly receding minor flooding:

- Wanaaring and low-lying areas

You should monitor the situation as it is constantly changing. Avoid floodwater for your safety.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises river levels are falling along the Paroo River.

The Paroo River at Wanaaring was at 3.06 metres and falling, at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22, above the minor flood level (2.40 m). The Paroo River at Wanaaring is likely to remain above the minor flood level through to the end of April.

Based on predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following areas may be impacted by dangerous floodwaters:

- Low-lying roads, bridges and causeways along the river and creeks.
- Unsealed roads may still be closed.
- The road between Wanaaring and Bourke is closed.
- The road between Wanaaring and White Cliffs is now open.

What you need to do:

- If you have a Home or Business Emergency Plan, follow it. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures and water over roads and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
- Plan your route carefully to avoid flooded roads and allow extra travel time.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines and rivers.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines apply.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on [132 500](tel:132500)

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at reception.abc.net.au
- Listen to 2WEB Outback Radio 585AM and ABC Radio 657AM
- Download the Hazards Near Me app and set your watch zones to get warning information for your areas.
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://www.instagram.com/nswses) or visit our website at www.ses.nsw.gov.au

- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at www.livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](tel:132701) or your local Council.
- For information on temporary school closures in your area, check www.education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status
- If you are a primary producer and need assistance with livestock management, please call the Agricultural and Animal Services hotline on 1800 814 647

For emergency assistance during a flood, storm or tsunami, call the NSW SES on [132 500](tel:132500). In a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero ([000](tel:000)).

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](tel:1800067234)

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