

## What is happening?

### MODERATE FLOODING POSSIBLE AT LOUTH AND TILPA FROM LATE SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER

Renewed river level rises are occurring along the Barwon and Darling Rivers due to inflows from the Macintyre, Gwydir, Namoi, Castlereagh, Macquarie, Bogan and Culgoa Rivers.

Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Bourke, Louth, Tilpa, Wilcannia, Menindee, Pooncarie and Burtundy.

Moderate flooding is possible at Louth late September and at Tilpa from early October.

River levels at Menindee are likely to remain near 9.05 metres through to early October with minor flooding as WaterNSW plans to maintain release levels from Menindee Lakes. Subject to inflow conditions, the current release level may be extended further. The release plan follows consultation with the NSW SES and local communities.

## What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology:

### Bourke

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Bourke.
- The Darling River at Bourke may reach around 10.50 metres around 18-20 September, with minor flooding
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Bourke Shire Council website for road closure information.

### Louth

- The Darling River at Louth may reach the moderate flood level (10.00 metres) during late September.
- Bourke -Wilcannia Road (MR-68) may be impacted by flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Bourke Shire Council website for road closure information.

### Tilpa

- The Darling River at Tilpa may reach the moderate flood level (10.50 metres) early October.
- West Tilpa road (MR68A) may be impacted by impacted by flooding.
- Tilpa-Wilcannia road maybe impacted by flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Bourke Shire Council website for road closure information.

## **Wilcannia**

- The river level may reach around 9.40 metres mid-October, with minor flooding.
- Further rises possible.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- The following roads are likely to be impacted by floodwater:
  - Wilcannia - Tilpa Road (SR1)
  - Wilcannia – Tilpa Road (MR 68A)
  - Wilcannia to Menindee Road (Eastern Side)
- See Central Darling Shire Council website for road closure information.

## **Menindee**

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Menindee.
- The Darling River at Menindee Town is expected to remain near 9.05 metres through to early October, with minor flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Central Darling Shire Council website for road closure information.

## **Pooncarie**

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Pooncarie.
- The Darling River at Pooncarie is likely to remain around 6.96 metres through to early October, with minor flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Central Darling Shire and Wentworth Shire Council websites for road closure information.

## **Burtundy**

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Burtundy.
- The Darling River at Burtundy is likely to remain around 6.77 metres through to mid-October, with minor flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Wentworth Shire Council website for road closure information.

## **What you need to do:**

- **STAY INFORMED** - Be prepared to act if your situation changes.
- Stay up to date with information. Listen to flood warnings and follow advice on how to protect yourself, family, and property, particularly if you are isolated and require resupply.
- People working or camping along the Darling River should monitor river heights and be prepared to relocate to higher ground.

- Farmers and landholders are advised to relocate livestock, pumps, chemicals and equipment to higher ground.
- **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 Bourke	10.18m rising	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Louth	9.50m rising	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Tilpa	9.91m rising	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	9.06m rising	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	9.06m steady	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	6.56m steady	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Pooncarie	6.96m steady	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22
Darling River at Burtundy	6.77m steady	2.00pm	Mon 12/09/22

### For more information:

- Visit [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

### Road closures and conditions:

Travelling on flooded roads is extremely dangerous and should be avoided. Road conditions can change without warning and motorists should reconsider travel plans in areas impacted by flooding.

For the latest road closure information visit:

#### **Bourke Shire Council**

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

#### **Central Darling Shire Council**

<https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/services/road-conditions>

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[www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-condition-report/](http://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-condition-report/)

**Live Traffic NSW**

[www.livetraffic.com.au](http://www.livetraffic.com.au) or call 131 701.

**The next flood bulletin will be issued by 3.00pm, Wednesday, 14 September, 2022.**