**MODERATE FLOOD BULLETIN # 54** 

Darling River downstream of Bourke Issued: Thursday 22 September 2022 at 12.00pm



## What is happening?

### MODERATE FLOODING OCCURRING AT LOUTH AND TILPA

Moderate flooding is occurring at Louth and Tilpa.

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

River levels at Menindee are likely to remain near 9.05 metres through to late October with minor flooding as WaterNSW plans to maintain release levels.

Subject to inflow conditions, the current release level may be extended further. The release plan follows consultation with the SES and local communities.

Downstream at Pooncarie and Burtundy minor flooding is expected to continue into November.

## 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 10.70 metres during Friday 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

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Louth.
- The Darling River at Louth may reach around 10.40 metres 30 September into 01 October with moderate flooding.
- The Darling River at Tilpa is may reach around 11.00 metres around 7-8 October with moderate flooding.
- Toorale Road (RLR-10) may be impacted by flooding.
- Bourke -Wilcannia Road (MR-68) between Louth and Tilpa may be impacted due to flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Bourke Shire Council website for road closure information.

#### Tilpa

- Moderate flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Tilpa.
- The Darling River at Louth may reach around 10.40 metres 30 September into 01 October with moderate flooding.
- The Darling River at Tilpa is may reach around 11.00 metres around 7-8 October with moderate flooding.
- West Tilpa Road (MR68A) may be impacted by impacted by flooding.
- Tilpa-Wilcannia Road (MR68A) may be impacted by flooding.
- Curranyalpa Road (MR68) may be impacted due to flooding.
- Nelyambo Bridge (SR3) may be impacted due to flooding.
- Floodwater is expected to inundate low lying areas adjacent to the Darling River.
- See Bourke Shire Council website for road closure information.

#### Wilcannia

- Minor flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Wilcannia.
- The Darling River at Wilcannia may reach around 9.50 metres around 20-21 October, with minor flooding.
- 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 late 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 near 7.00 metres through to early November, 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 near 6.8 metres through to mid-November, 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:

Barwon River at Mungindi	5.65m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Barwon River at Mogil Mogil	6.46m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Barwon River at Collarenebri	3.70m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Barwon River at Walgett	9.26m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Barwon River at Brewarrina	5.93m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Bourke	10.63m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Louth	10.10m rising	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Tilpa	10.54m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Wilcannia	9.40m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Menindee Town	9.06m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Menindee Weir 32	6.55m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Pooncarie	7.00m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22
Darling River at Burtundy	6.80m steady	11.00am	Thur 22/09/22

# 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 <u>www.bom.gov.au</u> or phone 1300 945 108
- For rural animal and livestock assistance, contact your Local Land Services Office on **1300 795 299** or visit <u>www.lls.nsw.gov.au</u>

## **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
  <u>https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/engineering/road-conditions/</u>
- **Central Darling Shire Council** <u>https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/services/road-conditions</u>
- Wentworth Shire Council
  <u>www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-</u>
  <u>condition-report/</u>
- Live Traffic NSW www.livetraffic.com.au or call 132 701.

The next flood bulletin will be issued by 3.00pm, Friday 23 September, 2022.