

Dareton, Gol Gol and Buronga flooding Do not enter floodwater Watch and Act



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Next update: Monday 21 Nov 4:30 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to predicted moderate flooding:

- Dareton
- Gol Gol
- Buronga

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

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises rainfall over the past several weeks has caused renewed and prolonged flooding along the Murray and Edward Rivers and their tributaries.

Significant breakout flows from Torrumbarry have spilled into the Wakool River, where river levels have peaked at Stoney Crossing. These flows, combined with floodwaters from the Murray and Edward rivers, have caused major flooding higher than the 1975 flood at Wakool Junction, where the river level peaked on Sunday 13 November.

This flood peak is now at Boundary Bend, where major flooding slightly higher than the 1975 flood is occurring. A moderate flood peak is likely at Euston on the weekend.

Major flooding is possible at Wentworth from mid next week, and moderate flooding at Mildura on Sunday, with peaks arriving in the coming weeks.

Forecasts will be progressively refined once upstream flood peaks along the Murray River and its tributaries are observed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

MILDURA WEIR

The Murray River at Mildura Weir is likely to exceed the moderate flood level (37.50 metres AHD) around Sunday.

The river level may peak near 38.30 metres AHD late next week (25-27 November), with moderate flooding.

The river is currently 37.26 metres and rising.

VITAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- Current mapping products for the Murray River from Victorian authorities are not portraying an accurate picture on Murray River flooding on the NSW side of the river.
- These maps have been designed to highlight Victorian communities only and the impact of newly created levies in Dareton, Buronga and Gol Gol are not accurate.
- Please do not use these online products to inform you of your flood-risk during this current event
- The Bureau of Meteorology provide daily updates on predicted flooding and the NSW SES will

continue to publish warnings about Murray River flooding and the consequences downstream of Mildura.

• Please visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au to view these warnings each day.

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

- Low lying areas along the Murray River may become inundated
- Local access roads may be closed due to floodwater
- Low lying sporting fields, parklands and public recreation areas are impacted by floodwater
- Amaroo Road between River Road and Boeill Creek Road
- Boeill Creek Road, Boeill Creek
- Twin Isles Drive, Curlwaa
- Ryans Road, Curlwaa
- Little Manly Lane, Curlwaa
- River Drive, Buronga

What you need to do:

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, review it now. 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.
- Visit Wentworth Shire Council website for information on local road closures https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-condition-report/

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at <u>reception.abc.net.au</u>.
- Follow us on social media <u>@NSWSES</u> or visit our website at <u>www.ses.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at <u>livetraffic.com.au</u> or <u>132 701</u> or your local Council.
- Contact your Local Land Services Office for rural animal and livestock assistance at <u>lls.nsw.gov.au</u> or call 1300.795.299

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on $\underline{132500}$. In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ($\underline{000}$) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 067 234

This is a Watch and Act level warning. The NSW SES utilises the Australian Warning System to warn communities about severe weather and flooding. Learn more about the warning levels at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings



Access the latest warnings and information at hazardwatch.gov.au

