



Dareton, Gol Gol and Buronga flooding

Do not enter floodwater

Watch and Act



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Next update: Monday 28 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 arriving at Boundary Bend, where major flooding slightly higher than the 1975 flood is occurring. A moderate flood peak is likely at Euston later this week where the river level is higher than the 1975 flood.

Moderate flooding is occurring at Mildura and Wentworth. Major flooding is possible at Wentworth around the end of November or early December.

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 may peak near 38.30 metres AHD towards 01-02 December, with moderate flooding.

A prolonged peak is possible at Mildura, with the river level remaining near 38.30 metres AHD through to 18-20 December.

The river is currently 37.93 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.

NAVIGATION WARNING - Marine Notice No SO2287
MINIMISE WASH DUE TO HIGH WATER LEVELS AND FLOODING

Due to the ongoing high water and flooding conditions impacting the Murray River and its tributaries, vessel operators are reminded of the legislative provisions in relation to the creation of wash caused by the operation of vessels pursuant to Clause 11(2) of the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 which provides:

The operator of a vessel must not cause wash that damages or impacts unreasonably on:

- (a) any dredge or floating plant, or
- (b) any construction or other works in progress, or
- (c) any bank, shore or waterside structure, or
- (d) any other vessel, including a vessel that is moored.

Vessel operators are strongly discouraged from using affected waters until conditions return to normal.

However, persons legitimately requiring to use affected waters are instructed to significantly minimise vessel wash to protect saturated riverbanks and adjacent properties, many which may be relying on sandbags and levy banks for protection.

For more information call 131 236 or visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au

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 reception.abc.net.au.
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://twitter.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 bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at live.traffic.com.au or [132 701](https://132701.com.au) or your local Council.
- Contact your Local Land Services Office for rural animal and livestock assistance at lls.nsw.gov.au or call [1300 795 299](https://1300795299.com.au)

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](https://132500.com.au). In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000**) immediately.**

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

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