



Wentworth, Dareton, Gol Gol and Buronga flooding Stay informed Advice



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The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) to **STAY INFORMED** about predicted widespread major flooding on the Murray River:

- Wentworth
- Dareton
- Buronga

You should stay informed by monitoring warnings issued by NSW SES on their website and Facebook page, listening to your local ABC radio station, and checking the latest weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology online.

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 Edwards Rivers and their tributaries.

Significant breakout flows from Torrumbarry have spilled into the Wakool River. These flows, combined with floodwaters from the Murray and Edward Rivers, have caused major flooding at Wakool Junction and may cause major flooding downstream at Boundary Bend, Euston, Mildura and Wentworth, with levels higher than the 1975 flood event. Moderate flooding is occurring at Wentworth.

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

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 Wentworth, 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 daily bulletins about Murray River flooding and the consequences downstream of Mildura.
- Please visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au to view these bulletins each day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

MILDURA WEIR

The Murray River at Mildura Weir is likely to exceed the minor flood level (36.00 metres AHD) during Tuesday and exceed the moderate flood level (37.50 metres AHD) around 21-25 November.

The river level may exceed the major flood level (38.50 metres AHD) and may reach 38.60 metres AHD around the end of November, with major flooding. Further rises are possible.

WENTWORTH

The Murray River at Wentworth may exceed the major flood level (33.88 m AHD) and reach 34.20 m AHD around the first week of December, with major flooding.

The river is currently 32.71 metres and steady.

DROP IN FLOOD INFORMATION SESSIONS NEXT SUNDAY

The NSW SES will be attending drop-in sessions regarding the imminent flooding for Buronga and Wentworth Sunday 13 November, in both communities.

The Wentworth Drop-In session will take place next Sunday, 13 November between 9am and 11am at Wentworth Town Hall, Corner Adelaide & Short Street, Wentworth.

The Buronga Drop-In session will take place between 2pm and 4pm next Sunday, 13 November at Midway Community Centre, Midway Drive, Buronga.

These sessions are designed to provide information about the upcoming flooding and the NSW SES will be there to answer any questions the community may have about the flood response.

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

- Log Bridge Road 750m west of Lagoon Road
- Low lying areas in Junction Park
- Low lying areas of Willow Bend Caravan Park
- Ski Reserve boat ramp
- Ski Reserve Road near the Broken Hill / Wentworth Pumping Station
- Low lying areas along the Darling and Murray Rivers may be inundated
- Local access roads may be closed due to floodwater
- Low lying sporting fields, parklands and public recreation areas are impacted by floodwater

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.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in flood water - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines may apply.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines, creeks, and rivers.
- People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should raise their assets, including waste and chemical containers above expected flood heights.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.
- If you are likely to be isolated due to flooding, stock up on essential items now.
- 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/>
- Farmers should consider moving pumps and farm equipment to higher ground.
- Companion animals and livestock should be relocated to higher ground that will not become an island.

- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in flood water - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines may apply.

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 livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](https://www.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://www.1300795299.com.au)

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

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

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