



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



Issued: Wednesday 14 Dec 2022 4:12 pm

Next update: Friday 16 Dec 5:00 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current 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 months has caused renewed and prolonged flooding along the Murray and Edward Rivers.

Along the Murray River, moderate flooding higher than the 1975 flood is occurring at Mildura.

MILDURA WEIR

The Murray River at Mildura Weir may reach near 38.40 metres AHD during Thursday with moderate flooding.

A prolonged peak is possible with the river level remaining above the moderate flood level (37.50 metres AHD) until the end of December.

The river is currently 38.31 metres and rising.

VITAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- Current mapping products for the Murray River from Victorian authorities are not portraying an accurate picture of 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 provides regular 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 S02287 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
- Watch and Act - Prepare to evacuate warning remains current for Boeill Creek. See separate warning for details.

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.
- 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.
- 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/>
- For livestock assistance, please call the Agriculture and Animal Service Hotline on 1800 814 647

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](tel:132701) or your local Council.

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

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

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

