

Burtundy & Pooncarie flooding Monitor conditions Advice



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The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) to **MONITOR CONDITIONS** of the minor flooding on the Darling River:

- Burtundy and surrounds
- Pooncarie and surrounds

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

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises downstream of Menindee, further rises are expected along the Darling River over the coming weeks.

At Pooncarie, the river may exceed the moderate flood level (7.60 m) around mid January. At Burtundy, the river may exceed the major flood level (7.70 m) during late January.

Further rises are possible as upstream floodwaters arrive.

POONCARIE

The Darling River at Pooncarie is currently at 7.29 metres and steady, with minor flooding. The Darling River at Pooncarie may exceed the moderate flood level (7.60 metres) around mid January.

The river level may reach around 8.00 metres during late January, with moderate flooding. Further rises are possible.

BURTUNDY

The Darling River at Burtundy is currently at 7.25 metres and steady, with minor flooding. The Darling River at Burtundy may exceed the major flood level (7.70 m) late January.

The river level may reach around 8.40 metres early February, with major flooding. Further rises are possible.

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

- low-lying areas
- low-lying culverts and causeways

What you need to do:

• Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures. Damage to roads, bridges or

buildings caused by flooding and landslip may still exist in your area. Consider the need to make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.

- Be aware of road hazards including mud and debris.
- Remain vigilant as there could still be water in low lying areas.
- 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.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.
- Contact your Local Land Services Office for rural animal and livestock assistance at Ils.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 814 647
- For the latest information on local road conditions, please visit 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>.
- ABC Dubbo 95.9 FM, ABC Central Western Slopes 107.1 FM, 2BY 657 AM, 2WA 1584 AM
- 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.

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on <u>132 500</u>. In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (<u>000</u>) immediately.

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

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