



Friday, 10 February 2023

Murray River

Red alerts are current for the following sites in Lake Hume: Lake Hume at Ebden, Heywoods Bay, Hume Dam Resort, at the Dam wall and at Bowna.

Yarrowonga Weir outlet, Mulwalla Canal offtake, The Murray River below Yarrowonga, at Cobram (Barooga, Cobram water treatment plant, Tocumwal, Picnic Point, Barmah WTP raw water, Moama (Echuca), Barham (Koondrook), Murray Downs (Swan Hill), Tooleybuck (Piangil), Euston (Robinvale, Mount Dispersion, Merbein and Curlwaa are on **Amber** alert.

BILLBONG CREEK, EDWARD & WAKOOL RIVERS

The Billabong Creek at Jerilderie, Gulpa Creek at Mathoura, Edward River at Deniliquin, Old Morago and Moulamein as well as the Wakool River at the Wakool-Barham Road and Stoney Crossing are on **Amber** alert.

Darling River and Menindee Lakes

The Darling River at Pooncarie, Burtundy and Ellerslie are on **Red** alert for blue-green algae. **Amber** alerts for blue-green algae are current for the Darling River at Wilcannia, Lake Wetherell sites 1, 2, 3 and 4, Lake Tandure, Lake Pamamaroo inlet and outlet, Darling River at bhwb pump, upstream of Weir 32 as well as at Tolarno and Tapio.

Menindee, weather forecast (7 days)

All days will be sunny. Day temperatures are expected to reach maximums of 30 to 41 °C, while minimum temperatures are forecast to be between 15 and 20 °C. Source of information [BOM Menindee Weather Forecast](#)

Other links

Link to the Snowy Valleys Council-

<https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/Services/Environmental-Controls/Environmental-Monitoring/Mannus-Lake/Mannus-Lake-Blue-green-Algae-Monitoring>

Link to Goulburn-Murray Water blue-green algal alerts - <https://www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga>

Link to Goulburn Valley blue-green algal information - <https://www.gvwater.vic.gov.au/water/water-quality/blue-green-algae>

Link to Lower Murray Water blue-green algal alerts - <https://www.lmw.vic.gov.au/blue-green-algae/>

Alert Definitions for Recreational Waters

Alert Definitions as specified in The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) *Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Water* 2008. The use of these guidelines is endorsed by the Scientific Subcommittee of the NSW Algal Advisory Group.

RED ALERT

These alert levels represent 'bloom' conditions. Water will appear green or discoloured and clumps or scums could be visible. It can also give off a strong musty or organic odour. Algae may be toxic to humans and animals. Contact with or use of water from red alert areas should be avoided due to the risk of eye and skin irritation. Drinking untreated or boiled water from these supplies can cause stomach upsets. Alternative water supplies should be sought or activated carbon treatment employed to remove toxins. People should not fish when an algal scum is present. Owners should keep dogs away from high alert areas and provide alternative watering points for stock.

AMBER ALERT

Blue-green algae may be multiplying, and the water may have a green tinge and musty or organic taste and odour. The water should be considered as unsuitable for potable use and alternative supplies or prior treatment of raw water for domestic purposes should be considered. The water may also be unsuitable for stock watering. Generally suitable for water sports, however people are advised to exercise caution in these areas, as blue-green algal concentrations can rise to red alert levels quickly under warm, calm weather conditions.

GREEN ALERT

Blue-green algae occur naturally at low numbers. At these concentrations, algae would not normally be visible, however some species may affect taste and odour of water even at low numbers and does not pose any problems for recreational, stock or household use.