



Pooncarie and surrounds flooding

Do not enter floodwater

Watch and Act



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The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current widespread moderate flooding:

- Pooncarie and surrounds

You should monitor the situation as it is constantly changing. Avoid floodwater for your safety.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises minor flooding is continuing on the Darling River at Pooncarie, where river levels are likely to remain elevated into March. The main flood peak along the Darling River is now downstream of Burtundy, where major flooding is occurring.

The Darling River at Pooncarie fell below the moderate flood level on Sunday and is currently at 7.58 metres and falling slowly, with minor flooding. The Darling River at Pooncarie may remain above the minor flood level (6.80 m) into March.

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

- Local roads, causeways, culverts and bridges will close due to flooding
- Some rural properties may become isolated by floodwaters

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.
- 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 lls.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 814 647

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at reception.abc.net.au.
- Listen to ABC Broken Hill 999AM or ABC Broken Hill 1584AM Wilcannia
- 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 www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](http://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)

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