

# MINOR TO MODERATE FLOOD BULLETIN #30

## Murrumbidgee River

At Narrandera, Darlington Point, Carrathool and Hay

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### What is happening?

#### **MODERATE FLOODING OCCURRING AT NARRANDERA**

#### **MODERATE FLOODING POSSIBLE AT HAY TOWN LATE AUGUST**

#### **MINOR FLOODING OCCURRING AT DARLINGTON POINT AND POSSIBLE AT CARRATHOOL**

The main flood peak along the Murrumbidgee River is now downstream of Narrandera where river levels peaked on Tuesday with moderate flooding. River levels at Narrandera are expected to remain elevated for the next few days.

Minor flooding is occurring at Darlington Point where a minor flood peak is expected during Saturday.

Minor flooding is possible at Carrathool and Hay from mid next week. Moderate flooding may occur at Hay Town late August.

Moderate rainfall is expected later this week which may result in renewed river level rises in the upper parts of the Murrumbidgee catchment. If required warnings may be reissued for Tumut, Gundagai or Wagga Wagga.

A flood watch is current for the Tumut and Murrumbidgee rivers.

Flood operations are being conducted by WaterNSW at Burrinjuck Dam. The releases will vary subject to inflow and downstream tributary flow rates. WaterNSW are working closely with the Bureau, NSW SES and landholders to plan release strategies.

### What we are expecting:

#### **Murrumbidgee River downstream of Burrinjuck to Wagga Wagga:**

Renewed minor flooding may occur along the Murrumbidgee River downstream of Burrinjuck to Wagga Wagga.

#### **Murrumbidgee River downstream of Wagga Wagga to Narrandera:**

Moderate flooding is occurring along the Murrumbidgee River at Narrandera.

The Murrumbidgee River at Narrandera peaked at 7.56 metres around 04:45 pm Tuesday 16 August and is currently at 7.46 metres and falling with moderate flooding. The Murrumbidgee River at Narrandera is likely to remain above the moderate flood level (7.30 m) for the remainder of the week.

**Murrumbidgee River downstream of Narrandera to Darlington Point:**

Minor flooding is occurring along the Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point.

The Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point may reach around 6.50 metres during Saturday, with minor flooding.

**Murrumbidgee River downstream of Darlington Point to Balranald Weir:**

Moderate flooding is possible along the Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town. Minor flooding is possible at Carrathool.

The Murrumbidgee River at Carrathool may reach around 7.10 metres midweek next week with minor flooding.

The Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town may exceed the minor flood level (6.50 m) mid next week. The river level may reach the moderate flood level (7.50 m) late August. Further rises are possible.

The following impacts may occur:

- Isolations for low lying areas may occur
- Access road to Narrandera Common may close
- Water may impact Tahmoor Road
- Water may impact Newell Highway and cause closures
- Water may impact Euroley Bridge Road
- Temporary road closures – Grong Grong River Road between Hulong and Old Wagga Road.
- Buckingbong Road may close
- Brewarrana Lane may be closed
- Town Beach Entry is closed
- Oakbank Street is closed
- Brewery Flats Camping Grounds are closed.
- Water may impact Sturt & Newell Highways at Gillenbah, businesses may be impacted.
- Old Brewery Road and Lizard Drive may close.
- Roads close to Sandy Point and around the beach can be impacted
- Orson Street and Bushy Bend can be impacted by water
- Inundation of rural floodplains
- Water may impact Sturt Highway at Tubbo (east of Darlington Point).
- Camping area of Darlington Point Caravan Park may be impacted by flood water

**What you need to do:**

- Monitor the latest weather forecasts and warnings and be ready to move to higher ground should flooding develop.
- Farmers should move livestock and equipment away from flood-prone paddocks.

**For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500. In life threatening situations call triple zero (000) immediately.**

## Latest River Heights for the Murrumbidgee River:

Location	Height of River (m)	Tendency	Date/Time of Observation
Tumut River at Tumut	1.32	Steady	10:10 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Gundagai	5.70	Falling	10:00 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Eringoarrah	6.78	Steady	10:10 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga	6.73	Falling	10:10 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Narrandera	7.46	Falling	10:00 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Gogeldrie Weir	6.83	Rising	09:47 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point	6.08	Rising	10:00 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town	5.72	Rising	10:15 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Hay Weir Downstream	6.54	Steady	09:47 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Maude Weir Downstream	6.09	Rising	10:00 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Redbank Weir	5.70	Steady	09:47 AM THU 18/08/22
Murrumbidgee River at Balranald Weir Downstream	6.12	Falling	10:00 AM THU 18/08/22

### For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station, ABC Riverina 97.9 FM, 92.1 FM 2HAY, Sounds of the Mountain 96.3FM, 1152AM, 93.1 HITFM and 107.1 2AAA for latest information.
- Visit the NSW SES website for information and safety advice [www.ses/nsw.gov.au/flood](http://www.ses/nsw.gov.au/flood) or follow /NSWSES on Facebook or [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)
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- Major roads: [www.livetraffic.com.au](http://www.livetraffic.com.au) or 132 701
- Visit your local council website for local road closures
- Access rural animal and livestock assistance at Local Land Services: [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

Please share this advice with friends, family and neighbours to help people who need it most.

**The next warning will be issued by 11:00am EST on Friday 19 August 2022.**