

Deniliquin 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 predicted widespread major flooding:

• Deniliquin

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

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises the Edward River at Deniliquin may exceed the major flood level (9.40 metres) around Wednesday.

The river level may reach 9.60 metres around 24-26 November, with major flooding.

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

- Aljoes Lane
- The causeway at Sandhurst Island Estate and Dahwilly Lane
- Chippenham Park Access Road
- Island Sanctuary (nature reserve) near the footbridge
- McLeans Beach and Riverside Caravan Park and showground are closed
- Minor roads and low-lying bridges
- Low lying farming and rural areas
- Possible inundation of Edward Street Oval
- Island Sanctuary may become inundated and access may be cut
- Carew and Henry Street can become inundated and access may be cut

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.
- People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should raise their assets, including waste and chemical containers above expected flood heights.
- 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 <u>reception.abc.net.au</u>.
- Listen to to ABC Central Victoria 91.1 FM Bendigo or ABC Riverina 675 Corowa
- 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 <u>www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/</u>
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or 132 701 or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on $\underline{132500}$. In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ($\underline{000}$) immediately.

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

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