

Koraleigh flooding Do not enter floodwater Watch and Act



Issued: Monday 21 Nov 2022 5:53 pm Next update: Friday 25 Nov 5:30 pm or as the situation changes

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

• Koraleigh

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 Murray River at Swan Hill is currently at 4.55 metres and falling, with minor flooding. The Murray River at Swan Hill may remain around this level through to early next week.

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

- Land owners and farmers adjacent to rivers and creeks should monitor river levels and the weather.
- People working or camping along the river should monitor river heights and be prepared to relocate to higher ground.
- Roads may become impassable.
- Farms and low-lying properties may become isolated.
- Access to camping areas may be difficult.

## 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.
- Dam information: https://www.waternsw.com.au/
- 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 isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.

• If you are likely to be isolated due to flooding, stock up on essential items now.

## For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at <u>reception.abc.net.au</u>.
- 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

This is a Watch and Act level warning. The NSW SES utilises the Australian Warning System to warn communities about severe weather and flooding. Learn more about the warning levels at <u>www.ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings</u>

Advice	Watch & Act	Emergency Warning
Access the latest warnings and information at hazardwatch.gov.au		