

Maude Township flooding Shelter now Emergency Warning



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The NSW SES is advising people in the following area(s) to **SHELTER NOW** due to rising floodwaters, with major flooding:

• Maude Township

It is now too late to leave safely as evacuation routes are likely to be cut off. Seek shelter in a sturdy raised structure that can be safely accessed. You may now be trapped without power, water, and other essential services and it may be too dangerous for NSW SES to rescue you.

## What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises the Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town is currently at 9.08 metres and rising, with major flooding, higher than the September 1974 flood level. The Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town may reach around 9.20 metres during Wednesday, with major flooding.

The Murrumbidgee River at Balranald Weir Downstream may reach the major flood level (7.10 metres) early December.

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

- Roads may become impassable
- Isolation is likely to occur

## What you need to do:

- If you require resupply of food, medicine or other essential items, contact NSW SES on 132 500.
- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, use it now. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Gather your essential possessions. These might include mobile phone, charger, batterypowered radio, medicine, rain gear, warm clothes, blankets, baby and pet items, water, food, torch, something to attract attention, and valuables like photos and insurance or banking records.
- Stay inside and be aware of rising flood water.
- Contact family members, friends, or neighbours to ensure they are aware of the situation, and your location, if safe to do so.

## For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at <u>reception.abc.net.au</u>.
- ABC Riverina 102.7FM, Triple M Riverina 1152AM, Hit Riverina 93.1FM, 2AAAFM 102.7FM

- 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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