



Balranald & 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 major flooding:

- Balranald 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 Major flooding continues along the lower Murrumbidgee River at Balranald.

The lower Murrumbidgee River at Balranald Weir Downstream is currently at 7.10 metres and slowly falling, with major flooding.

The Murrumbidgee River at Balranald Weir Downstream may fall below the major flood level (7.1 m) during the weekend.

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

- Low-lying areas along the Murrumbidgee River.
- Check Balranald Shire Council for current local road closure information
<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/roads-condition-report/>

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.
- 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.
- Check Balranald Shire Council for local road closure information
<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/roads-condition-report/>
- 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.
- ABC Riverina, ABC Swan Hill/Mildura, ABC Goulburn Murry, 3SH/Mixx FM, Edge/2QN
- 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 bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](https://132701.com.au) or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](https://132500.com.au). In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ([000](https://000.com.au)) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](https://1800067234.com.au)

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