



## Upper Murray rural areas flooding

### Stay informed

### Advice



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**Next update:** Friday 07 Jul 4:00 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) to **STAY INFORMED** about predicted possible minor flooding on the Upper Murray River:

- Upper Murray and Mitta Mitta Rivers

You should stay informed by monitoring warnings issued by NSW SES on their website and Facebook page, listening to your local ABC radio station, and checking the latest weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology online.

### What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises A cold front will reach western Victoria later on Thursday, then cross the State on Friday, followed by a second, stronger front overnight Friday into Saturday. These fronts will bring showers, with the highest rainfall totals expected to be observed during Saturday.

Catchments in the Flood Watch area are already relatively wet. River and stream levels are already elevated due to rainfall over the last week, with minor flooding having only recently subsided in some catchments.

Rainfall is expected to be higher during the afternoon and evening periods on Thursday and Friday, with daily totals of up to 10 mm on Thursday and 20 mm on Friday possible.

Rainfall will be highest during Saturday with daily rainfall totals of around 20 - 40 mm possible with higher isolated totals possible in elevated areas.

Renewed river level rises and minor flooding are possible from Saturday and into Sunday. Higher levels, including isolated moderate flooding, are possible in some credible higher alternative rainfall scenarios.

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

- Rural land holders should monitor conditions.

### What you need to do:

- Farmers should consider moving pumps and farm equipment to higher ground.
- 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.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in flood water - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines may apply.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines, creeks, and rivers.

- People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should raise their assets, including waste and chemical containers above expected flood heights.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.
- 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 [reception.abc.net.au](https://reception.abc.net.au).
- ABC Goulburn Murray 106.5
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://twitter.com/NSWSES) or visit our website at [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)
- Learn about your risk at [www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/](https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/)
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at [www.bom.gov.au/nsw/](https://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/)
- Check road closures at [live.traffic.com.au](https://live.traffic.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](mailto:media@ses.nsw.gov.au) or call [1800 067 234](https://1800067234.com.au)

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