

What is happening?

MODERATE TO MAJOR FLOODING POSSIBLE FOR THE RICHMOND, WILSONS, ORARA AND BELLINGER RIVERS FROM TUESDAY

MINOR TO MODERATE FLOODING POSSIBLE FOR OTHER COASTAL CATCHMENTS BETWEEN THE TWEED AND HAWKESBURY NEPEAN VALLEY

Heavy rainfall is forecast for parts of the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast from Monday into Tuesday and Wednesday. Catchments in this region remain saturated following significant flooding in recent weeks and this rainfall has the potential to result in Moderate to Major flooding along the Richmond, Wilsons, Orara and Bellinger Rivers from Tuesday. There is also potential for Minor to Moderate flooding for parts of the Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter, Hawkesbury Nepean and North Western New South Wales Rivers.

A Severe Weather Warnings is current for the Northern Rivers and parts of the Mid North Coast and Northern Tablelands. Severe thunderstorm warnings will be issued as required.

Flooding is possible in the catchments listed from Monday into Tuesday. Flood classes (minor, moderate, major) are only defined for catchments where the Bureau provides a flood warning service. The situation is being actively monitored and updated flood watches and warnings will be issued where necessary over the coming days.

What we are expecting:

Based on this prediction there is a 75% chance flooding developing in the following catchments:

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| • Tweed and Rouse Rivers | minor to moderate flooding |
| • Brunswick River and Marshalls Creek | minor flooding |
| • Wilsons River | moderate to major flooding |
| • Richmond River | moderate to major flooding |
| • Clarence River | minor to moderate flooding |
| • Orara River | moderate to major flooding |
| • Coffs Coast | |
| • Bellinger and Kalang Rivers | moderate to major flooding |
| • Nambucca River | minor to moderate flooding |
| • Macleay River | minor to moderate flooding |
| • Hastings River | minor flooding |
| • Camden Haven River | minor flooding |
| • Manning and Gloucester Rivers | minor flooding |
| • Wollombi Brook and Lower Hunter River | minor to moderate flooding |
| • Paterson and Williams Rivers | minor flooding |

Minor flood levels

Low-lying areas next to water courses are inundated. Minor roads may be closed and low-level bridges submerged. In urban areas inundation may affect some backyards and buildings below the floor level as well as bicycle and pedestrian paths. In rural areas removal of stock and equipment may be required.

Moderate flood levels

In addition to the above, the area of inundation is more substantial. Main traffic routes may be affected. Some buildings may be affected above the floor level. Evacuation of flood affected areas may be required. In rural areas removal of stock is required.

Major flood levels

In addition to the above, extensive rural areas and/or urban areas are inundated. Many buildings may be affected above the floor level. Properties and towns are likely to be isolated and major rail and traffic routes closed. Evacuation of flood affected areas may be required. Utility services may be impacted.

What you need to do:

People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should consider:

- Refraining from driving or walking through flood water
- Road closures and flood isolation may impact on work, family and educational commitments
- Monitoring emergency warnings and severe weather updates on local ABC radio, [NSW SES Facebook Pages](#) and Bureau of Meteorology website
- If your property is at risk of inundation, please raise moveable items, such as furniture, as high as possible onto benches or tables, placing electrical items on top
- If you are advised by an emergency services officer to evacuate, please do so
- Securing outside belongings and before leaving; turn off the power, water and take essential medicines and clothes with you
- Farmers should move machinery, livestock, pumps, and fodder to flood free ground

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500. In life threatening situations call triple zero (000) immediately.

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station, follow the NSWSES on Facebook or www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Latest Weather, Warnings, Rainfall and River heights: www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Road Closures: www.livetraffic.com.au or www.myroadinfo.com.au
- Rural animal and livestock assistance, contact Local Land Services

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