

BARHAM FLOOD UPDATE

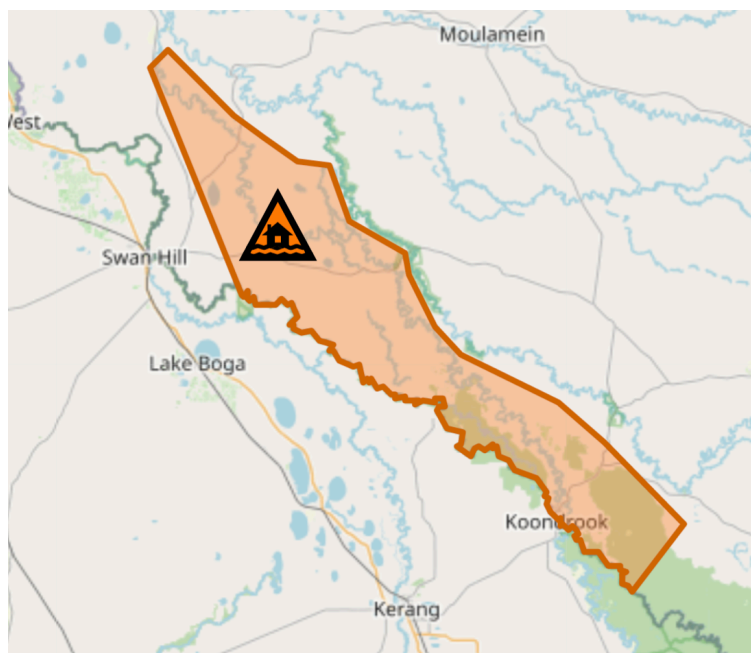


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For Barham and low lying surrounding areas


Following rainfall across the catchment flooding is occurring along the Murray River. The flood peak is expected to reach Barham in the coming days. The NSW SES is working together with the community to prepare residents for possible flooding in your local area. This update provides an overview of the situation.

FLOOD OVERVIEW - Check www.ses.nsw.gov.au or scan the QR code below for the latest information.




NSW SES Warnings


Visit the NSW SES website for the latest warning information

 **Advice**

An incident has started. Stay up to date as the situation changes.

 **Watch and Act**

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and

 **Emergency Warning**

You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.

Learn more about our warnings at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings

Follow your emergency plan and stay up to date by listening to local radio. If your property is likely to be affected by flooding, stack possessions on benches and tables with electrical goods in the highest places. Move rubbish bins, chemicals and poisons to the highest places. Turn off

electricity and gas if leaving. Rural residents should lift pumps and machinery out of the way of rising floodwaters. As waters rise, local roads may be cut off and residents may become isolated. Prepare now by stocking up on non-perishable food, drinking water, medicines and essential items. Ensure you

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW SES on 132 500 or call 000 if life-threatening.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS FROM THE NSW SES

IF AN EVACUATION IS REQUIRED

If a warning is issued to evacuate your property, it is a directive by the NSW SES to do so. If you are within the evacuation area, please make plans and evacuate to higher ground.

It is normal to feel stressed during periods of uncertainty. Visit lifeline.org.au or resources or for crisis support call LifeLine on 13 11 14.

In the event you do need to evacuate, follow the four steps below to prepare your property and leave safely.

FLOOD HAZARDS

Floods can contain hazards - including animals, debris, sewage and chemicals. There have been snake sightings in the local area recently.

Floodwaters create breeding grounds for mosquitoes. When outside during dusk and dawn, cover up as much as possible with loose fitting clothing and sensible footwear. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by getting rid of items that hold water.



BAG IT

Lay sandbags to divert water away from your property.



BLOCK

Use a sandbag to block your toilets and drains.



LIFT IT

Lift furniture and valuables up high in your house.



LEAVE

Leave safely to a higher location

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Prepare for flooding

- Check your insurance policy.
- Prepare an emergency plan at ses.nsw.gov.au
- Get together your home emergency kit.
- Stock up on non-perishable food, medicines and essentials.

During a flood

- Stay out of floodwaters and do not drive through flooded roads.
- Stay away from drains, waterways and culverts
- For emergency help in floods and storms call the NSW SES on 132 500.

Recovering after the flood

- Ensure the structural stability of your property before entering and check for any damage.
- If you have suffered damage as a result of the flood, contact your insurance company.
- Have all electrical and gas equipment professionally tested before use.
- Never eat food which has been in contact with floodwater.

PETS AND LIVESTOCK

Pets are reliant on you during floods. Never leave pets behind if you evacuate - and transport your pets appropriately.

Many farm animals are at risk during floods. Coordinate livestock with neighbours, friends and livestock associations early. Move stock to high ground with plenty of natural feed. Contact the RSPCA if you come across injured wildlife impacted by floodwaters.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Bureau of Meteorology
1300 659 217 www.bom.gov.au

National Relay Service
SSR: 1300 555 727 and then ask for 132 500
TTY: 13 36 77 and then ask for 132 500

NSW LiveTraffic
132 701 livetraffic.com

Disaster Assistance
1800 018 444

Murray River Council
1300 087 004

Local Land Services
1800 814 647