

FLOOD WATCH BULLETIN 1

Tweed, Brunswick, Wilsons, Richmond, Orara,
Bellinger, Kalang and Nambucca Rivers



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What is happening?

FLOODING IS POSSIBLE IN PARTS OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS AND MID NORTH COAST CATCHMENTS FROM LATE WEDNESDAY

A strong upper trough and associated cut-off low will move slowly eastward across the southern and southeastern interior of Queensland during Wednesday and Thursday.

A surface trough near the northeast coast of New South Wales is deepening in response to this upper weather system. The surface trough is forecast to remain slow-moving into Thursday, producing areas of heavy rainfall with embedded thunderstorms.

This rainfall has the potential to cause minor flooding in the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast from late Wednesday into Thursday and Friday.

A Severe Weather Warning has been issued for the Northern Rivers and parts of the Northern Tablelands Forecast District.

The weather system is expected to cause flooding for the catchments listed from late Wednesday. Flood classes (minor, moderate, major) are only defined for catchments where the Bureau provides a flood warning service.

What we are expecting:

Based on this forecast and current conditions there is a 75% chance flooding developing in the following catchments:

- **Tweed and Rouse Rivers** minor flooding
- **Brunswick River and Marshalls Creek** minor flooding
- **Wilsons River** minor flooding
- **Richmond River** minor flooding
- **Orara River** minor flooding
- **Bellinger and Kalang Rivers** minor flooding
- **Nambucca River** minor flooding

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Minor flood levels may result in:

- Low-lying areas next to water courses being inundated.
- Minor roads closing and low-level bridges becoming submerged by flood water.
- Residential area inundation of some backyards and buildings below the floor level as well as bicycle and pedestrian paths.
- The need in rural areas to relocate of stock and equipment away from rising creeks and rivers.

What you need to do:

- Never drive, walk or play in flood waters.
- Share this information with family and friends for their awareness.
- **Farmers are advised to monitor rainfall and river levels and be ready to move their livestock, pumps and other equipment away from rising waters.**
- Oyster Lease Operators are advised to monitor the rivers for possible rises and be ready to move equipment.

If this weather system intensifies, flooding could develop in the Tweed, Brunswick, Marshalls Creek, Wilsons, Orara Bellingen and Nambucca catchments.

If so, the Bureau will issue Flood Warnings along with the State Emergency Service who will release Flood Bulletins to tell you about the situation and what you should do to protect your family and property.

Please listen carefully to these bulletins.

For more information:

- Flood preparation advice www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Road information, for local roads contact Council or log onto www.myroadinfo.com.au
- Road information on State Government managed roads go to the Live Traffic NSW website at <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au>
- Rural animal and livestock assistance contact your Local Land Services Office
- You can find more information on the severe weather warnings and river levels from Bureau of Meteorology website at www.bom.gov.au

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.

The next Flood Watch will be issued by 2:30 pm on Thursday 24th February 2022