

What is happening?

FLOODING POSSIBLE FOR PARTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES NORTHERN RIVERS AND MID NORTH COAST FROM THURSDAY

A trough over the west of New South Wales is drawing humid conditions over the Northeast of the state. This is expected to cause thunderstorms and rain on Wednesday and Thursday.

Catchments likely to be affected by flooding are currently very wet following weeks of storms and wet conditions.

High tides and storm surge are also expected along parts of the New South Wales Coast which may exacerbate riverine flooding.

The weather system may cause flooding for the catchments listed for Thursday and Friday as the weather system moves east.

What we are expecting:

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

- **Tweed and Rouse Rivers** minor to moderate flooding
- **Brunswick River and Marshalls Creek** minor flooding
- **Wilson's River** moderate flooding
- **Richmond River** minor to moderate flooding
- **Orara River** minor flooding
- **Bellinger and Kalang Rivers** minor flooding

Minor flood levels

Low-lying areas next to water courses are inundated. Minor roads may close, 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.

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 catchments mentioned above.

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 11:30am on Thursday 3rd February 2021