

MINOR TO MODERATE FLOOD BULLETIN #3

At Scone, Muswellbrook and Denman

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The Bureau of Meteorology has issued an Initial Minor to Moderate Flood Warning for the Hunter River at Muswellbrook and Denman

MODERATE FLOODING POSSIBLE AT SCONE AND MUSWELLBROOK THURSDAY MORNING.

Minor flooding is expected at Scone and Muswellbrook early Thursday morning, with moderate flooding possible later Thursday morning.

Minor flooding is possible at Denman Thursday afternoon.

Heavy rainfall has been recorded across the Upper Hunter and Goulburn River catchments since Wednesday afternoon. Further storms are expected over the next few hours.

Flows from the Goulburn River are expected to contribute to river level rises at Singleton and downstream from Friday.

Forecasts for locations downstream of Denman will be issued when upstream peaks are observed.

River Height Predictions

Moderate flooding may occur along the Upper Hunter River at Muswellbrook and Scone.

The Kingdon Ponds at Scone is currently at 3.09 metres and rising. The Kingdon Ponds at Scone is expected to reach the minor flood level (3.20 m) around 04:00 am Thursday. The river level may reach around 3.60 metres 07:00 am Thursday, with moderate flooding.

The Hunter River at Muswellbrook is currently at 4.88 metres and steady. The Hunter River at Muswellbrook is expected to exceed the minor flood level (7.20 m) around 07:00 am Thursday. The river level may reach the moderate flood level (8.00 m) late Thursday morning.

The Hunter River at Denman is currently at 4.24 metres and rising. The Hunter River at Denman may reach the minor flood level (6.50 m) Thursday afternoon.

What we are expecting:

Across the Upper Hunter low lying rural properties and roads may be affected

At Scone and surrounding areas:

- Possible isolation of Sator due to road closures
- Main Merriwa to Scone road may close

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At Muswellbrook and surrounding areas:

- Possible closure of New England Highway at rail overpass at Maitland Bridge Street
- Possible isolation of properties along Wybong and Kayuga roads
- Muswellbrook to Sandy Hollow road may close

At Denman and surrounding areas:

- Possible inundation of low lying rural areas

What you need to do:

- Do not drive, ride or walk through flood water
- Farmers on low lying land close to rivers and creeks are urged to monitor livestock, pumps and other equipment. Waste and chemical containers should be located well above predicted flood levels.
- Residents of low lying areas near the river should keep an active watch on the flood waters.
- Keep in contact with your neighbours.
- Consider impacts of possible road closures on work, family and educational commitments
- Monitoring emergency warnings and severe weather updates on local ABC radio, NSW SES Hunter Facebook Page and Bureau of Meteorology website
- If you live in a low-lying area and are advised by an emergency services officer to evacuate, please do so

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.

Latest River Heights for the Upper Hunter River:

Location	Height of River (m)	Tendency	Date/Time of Observation
Kingdon Ponds at Scone	3.09	Steady	03:31 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Aberdeen	4.01	Rising	02:45 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Muswellbrook	4.88	Steady	02:45 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Denman	5.19	Rising	02:30 AM THU 09/12/21
Goulburn River at Sandy Hollow	4.75	Rising	02:30 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Liddell	7.35	Steady	02:30 AM THU 09/12/21
Wollombi Brook at Bulga	2.05	Rising	02:45 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Singleton	3.24	Rising	02:30 AM THU 09/12/21

Location	Height of River (m)	Tendency	Date/Time of Observation
Hunter River at Greta	3.07	Steady	02:30 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Maitland (Belmore Bridge)	1.52	Steady	03:15 AM THU 09/12/21
Hunter River at Raymond Terrace	0.65	Rising	03:15 AM THU 09/12/21

For more information:

- Road closure information on local roads contact Upper Hunter and Muswellbrook Councils.
<http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/> <https://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.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 weather in the catchments of the Upper Hunter River from the Bureau of Meteorology website at www.bom.gov.au

The next bulletin will be issued by 09:30 am on Thursday 09 December 2021