

IVANHOE & DISTRICT Improvement Plan



Acknowledgement of Country

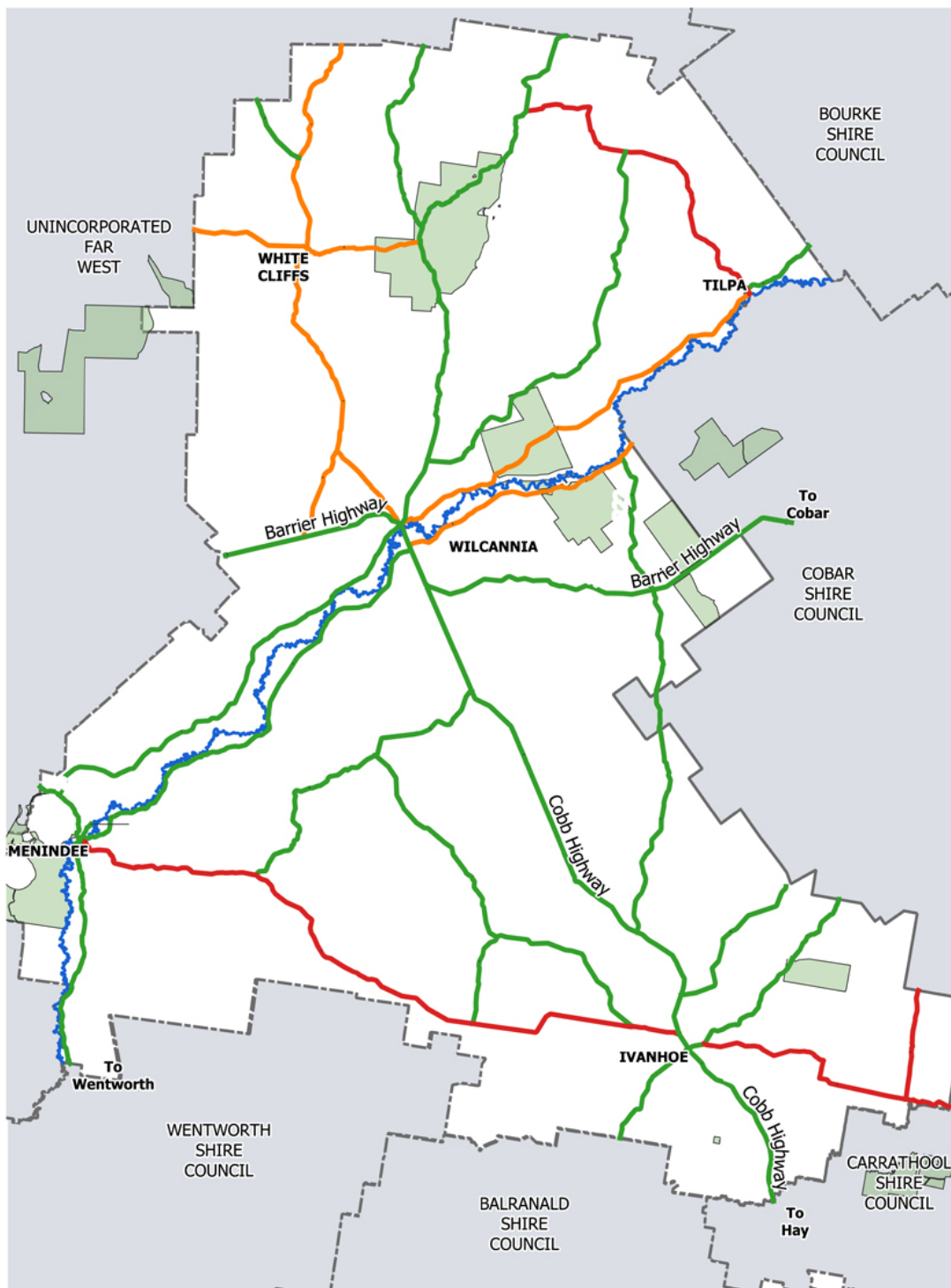
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Country within the Central Darling Shire and their Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the ongoing connection that Aboriginal people have to this Country, especially water and recognise Aboriginal people as the original custodians of this land. We thank them for their generosity in sharing their aspirations for the future and hope that these plans will affect change for communities of the shire.



About this Plan

The Ivanhoe and District Improvement Plan is part of a suite of plans developed by Central Darling Shire Council to guide its service design and delivery in years to come. These plans also provide important support for council in advocating for improved funding and services for the shire from other levels of government.

The Central Darling Shire Community Strategic Plan addresses issues and priorities across the shire as a whole at the highest level. However, as Central Darling Shire is so vast in area and its communities so remote and different, an Improvement Plan for each town and surrounding district has been developed to address the specific issues and needs of each community.



How to read this Plan

This Ivanhoe and District Improvement Plan shares a common structure with the Community Strategic Plan and is designed to be read in conjunction with that plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is built around six focus areas that provide categories to define and describe community priorities and issues within the shire. These include:



1. COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



2. LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE



3. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



4. LOCAL ECONOMY



5. RURAL AND URBAN LAND USE



6. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

These focus areas and community priorities also form the basis of this improvement plan. However, it is important to note that they are only included in this plan where there are issues specific to Ivanhoe and district that need to be addressed. Issues and priorities common across other communities within the shire are listed in the Community Strategic Plan.

Each Community Priority includes a table listing issues requiring address and agencies accountable for address and resolution of each issue.



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – HOUSING	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Investigate and pursue incentives for repair of existing housing stock and construction of more houses	NSW Aboriginal Housing Office National Indigenous Australians Agency Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Central Darling Shire Council
Investigate and pursue incentives for non-resident owners to make houses available as rental properties	NSW Aboriginal Housing Office National Indigenous Australians Agency Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Central Darling Shire Council
Facilitate the reuse of empty houses at the former correctional facility	NSW Aboriginal Housing Office National Indigenous Australians Agency Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – SERVICES & FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Develop a range of after school and holiday activities and programs for local children and young people	NSW Department of Family and Community Services NSW Department of Education and Training NSW Office of Sport and Recreation NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs
Investigate possible funding sources and advocate for appropriate staffing of the local youth centre	Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL SPORT AND RECREATION	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Develop and expand local sporting facilities including basketball courts outside of school grounds, a motocross track, a bike track with jumps, a skate park/pump track, tennis courts, netball and volleyball courts and a gym	NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Central Darling Shire Council
Establish a wider variety of organised sports and teams in town including football, touch, Oz-Tag, tennis, basketball / T-Ball, cricket, soccer, handball, netball and volleyball for different age groups	NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Central Darling Shire Council
Redevelop the golf course for other recreational purpose	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Central Darling Shire Council
Redesign the public pool to be deeper and longer and incorporate a water slide	NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – COMMUNITY EVENTS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Provide more recreational and community events such as movie nights, truck show and restarting the rodeo	NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Central Darling Shire Council Ivanhoe community

FOCUS AREA 2. LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – SHIRE GOVERNANCE	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Establish a town committee/council to provide a collective voice and discuss local issues and priorities	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Office of Local Government NSW Audit Office Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and Community Working Parties Central Darling Shire Council
Advocate for the reopening and/or repurposing of the correctional centre and associated housing	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Central Darling Shire Council

FOCUS AREA 4. LOCAL ECONOMY



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – EMPLOYMENT	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Expand casual and part-time limited job opportunities for young (school age) people	National Indigenous Australians Agency Regional Development Australia
Promote the creation of work opportunities on local stations	National Indigenous Australians Agency Regional Development Australia

FOCUS AREA 5. RURAL AND URBAN LAND USE



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LAND AVAILABILITY FOR HOUSING	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Ensure land is available for new housing development and advocate strongly for the provision of financing for people wishing to build a house locally	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – GREENING AND BEAUTIFICATION OF TOWNS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Improve town entrances and signage	Central Darling Shire Council
Source funding for the artistic painting of the water towers as a community arts project and include a kiosk and information centre at the site	Central Darling Shire Council Ivanhoe community

FOCUS AREA 6. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Install a backup generator to ensure continued supply for Ivanhoe during power outages	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Essential Energy

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – DRINKING WATER	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Improve water flow and quality in Willandra Creek	Water NSW NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Murray Darling Basin Authority NSW Department of Primary Industries Central Darling Shire Council
Improve the quality of local drinking water to ensure it meets Australian Drinking Water Standards	Central Darling Shire Council
Initiate necessary measures to eliminate the bad smell of local raw water	Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROADS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Expand sealed road connections within the Shire and regionally	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Transport for NSW (Roads and Waterways) Central Darling Shire Council
Advocate for the sealing of the Cobar road as a priority for the Shire	Central Darling Shire Council
Seal the Menindee Road	Transport for NSW (Roads and Waterways) Central Darling Shire Council
Investigate to improve traffic flow and reduce visitor parking in the vicinity of the police station	Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL SERVICES	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Develop incentives to encourage a greater presence of qualified trades people in town	Regional Development Australia Central Darling Shire Council
Improve local health services and facilities including regional post-treatment transport services	NSW Department of Health Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
Redesign remuneration packages to attract more local staff in health, police and education	NSW Department of Health NSW Department of Education and Training NSW Police
Develop a local aged care facility	NSW Department of Health Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
Advocate for local availability of health facilities including an x-ray machine, a dialysis machine, chemotherapy support and maternity support	NSW Department of Health Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
Develop a local library providing access to a range of books and other resources for all ages	Central Darling Shire Council
Improve local postal and parcel-post services	Australia Post
Install street signage to the swimming pool	Central Darling Shire Council
Construct public toilets, better parking and other visitor facilities at the oval	Central Darling Shire Council
Construct a canteen and other facilities at the oval for cooking and catering	Central Darling Shire Council



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