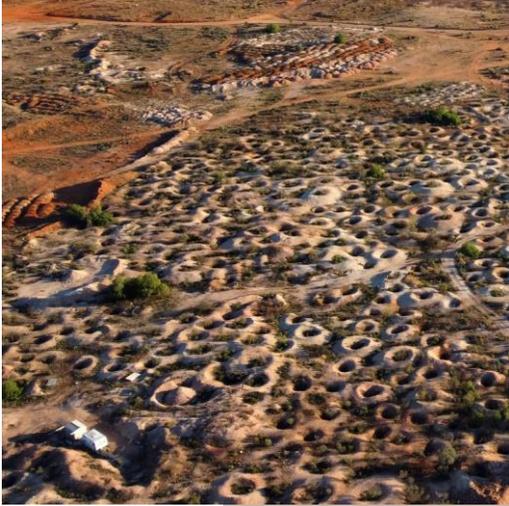


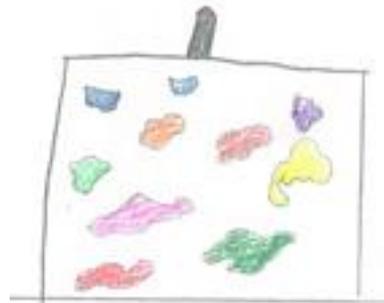
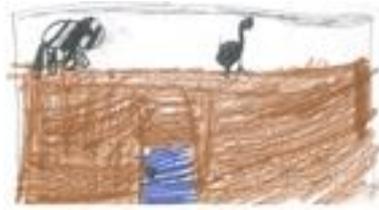
WHITE CLIFFS & DISTRICT Improvement Plan



2022–2032



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Town improvement ideas by students from White Cliffs Public School.

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 White Cliffs 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 White Cliffs 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 White Cliffs 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.

FOCUS AREA 1. COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – HOUSING	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Implement the local dugout and rural numbering system	Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL SPORT AND RECREATION	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Construct tables and chairs with shade at the sports ground	White Cliffs Sporting Club Inc. Central Darling Shire Council
Update park play equipment in Johnson St – sit-on flying fox, monkey bars	Central Darling Shire Council
Construct an outside toilet at the sports ground	Central Darling Shire Council
Construct a pump track / bike track with jumps in town	Central Darling Shire Council
Install shade structures and a bubbler near the bike track	Central Darling Shire Council
Refurbish the tennis court	Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – COMMUNITY EVENTS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Work with the community to organise and promote local community events	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association

FOCUS AREA 2. LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – GOVERNANCE	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Improve the frequency of communication between the Shire and the White Cliffs community	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association

FOCUS AREA 4. LOCAL ECONOMY



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – TOURISM	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Promote the addition of more tourist accommodation in town	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Install more tourist information signage	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Install more distance signage on Opal Miners Way (e.g. WC 20)	Central Darling Shire Council
Improve the access and signage to the Solar Array car park	Central Darling Shire Council The White Cliffs Solar Thermal Power Station Friends Inc.
Facilitate the extension of the caravan park	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Investigate the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in town	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Construct a bicycle path along the local heritage trail	Central Darling Shire Council

FOCUS AREA 5. RURAL AND URBAN LAND USE



COMMUNITY PRIORITY – GREENING AND BEAUTIFICATION OF TOWNS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Work with the community to identify appropriate land and develop a community garden	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association NSW Crown Lands

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL HERITAGE	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Preserve existing mining fields and facilitate the development of new mining activities.	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Acknowledge and document the heritage value of White Cliffs and associated mining activities	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment White Cliffs Community Association
Promote White Cliffs as the first commercial opal field and home to the world's first commercial solar power generation system and the 'unique pineapple' opal formation	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association

FOCUS AREA 6. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES



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

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – DRINKING WATER	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Improve the quality of local drinking water to ensure it meets Australian Drinking Water Standards	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water NSW Central Darling Shire Council
Facilitate connection of all dugouts to the town water supply	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water NSW Central Darling Shire Council
Ensure satisfactory water pressure is maintained with the installation of new infrastructure	NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water NSW Central Darling Shire Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROADS	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Improve the frequency of grading of unsealed roads	Central Darling Shire Council
Implement a road maintenance schedule and protocols and an associated Memorandum of Understanding with local land holders	Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services) Central Darling Shire Council
Construct truck parking/dust drop bays on the 3 unmade roads heading into White Cliffs	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Improve local road drainage design to ensure all roads in town are safe and passable during rain events (urgent action required at the northern area of Turleys Hill and junction at the southern end of Turleys Hill and Keraro Road)	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Establish contacts with the neighbouring Shires and the RMS to have a coordinated approach to road closures during weather events.	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)

Ensure road closure enforcement measures are in place and fines are imposed for road closure breaches	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Ensure that the Shire's road contractors install and maintain water drainage and runoffs after grading, especially on the Northern end of Turleys Hill.	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Reform and seal local roads around Smiths and Turleys Hill and the Blocks area.	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Broadly publicise the sealing of the Cobb Highway	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Develop historical tourism drive including incorporating sites with local heritage significance	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Prioritise the sealing of Dry Lake Rd	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – WASTE MANAGEMENT	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Develop and implement a local waste management strategy	Central Darling Shire Council
Improve all-weather access to the tip and construct protection systems to prevent dispersal of refuse in windy conditions	Central Darling Shire Council
Organise periodic town clean-up days including car body removals and drum musters	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association

COMMUNITY PRIORITY – LOCAL SERVICES	
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES	ACCOUNTABILITIES
Investigate the installation of a toilet block at the rest area between Wilcannia and White Cliffs on The Opal Miners Way	Central Darling Shire Council Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services)
Provide a regular public transport service to Broken Hill	Transport for NSW
Establish a men's shed and women's crafts room	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Establish Friends of a White Cliffs Cemetery oversee management and maintenance of the cemetery and improve its appearance	Central Darling Shire Council White Cliffs Community Association
Positively identify the positions of any graves outside the	Central Darling Shire Council

current cemetery fence line	White Cliffs Community Association
Establish local aged care and disability support services	NSW Department of Health NSW Department of Family and Community Services



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