



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Update - Removal of fire damaged house at Menindee

The Central Darling Shire Council advises that a fire damaged house at 37 Darling Street Menindee will be demolished and removed from the site. The demolition work will start next week on Monday February 12.

The fire occurred on December 7, 2023, at the Council owned house which was built with asbestos containing materials.

Council took immediate action to protect the community. A licenced asbestos removal contractor was engaged to attend the site and make it safe.

A specialist glue was sprayed over the asbestos contaminated dust and debris to contain any particles whilst awaiting removal. The contractor also secured the site and placed asbestos warning signs to prevent unauthorised entry.

Council also engaged a licenced asbestos assessor holding an assessor licence issued by SafeWork NSW to investigate the site for asbestos. This work included air monitoring and collection of samples. The air monitoring samples taken to date indicate normal background levels of airborne asbestos fibres (<0.01 fibres/millilitre of air). This is effectively a zero for this method of testing. The building product samples were identified as asbestos containing materials.

Removal of the asbestos will involve a business holding a Class A asbestos removal licence issued by SafeWork NSW. The company will remove the asbestos contained materials according to the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice How to Safely Remove Asbestos. A Council representative will be present during the works.

During the demolition and removal process a licenced asbestos assessor will carry out air monitoring and issue a clearance certificate after the removal work has been completed to verify that the area is safe for normal use.

Neighbours in the immediate vicinity of the house will be briefed on the demolition works.

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