

Central Darling Shire Council

Flood Recovery

Works and planning for repairs underway

Dear Residents,

This week a Council staff member will be driving around the Shire inspecting the road network to get a clearer picture of the damage and work that needs to be done. Up until this point we have been limited with this because of access due to wet roads and the conditions.

In travelling around the Shire last week the damage from flooding is significant. There is major damage on the Ivanhoe Menindee Road, among others.

It is worth noting that while you might be able to get on some of our roads with a 4WD for a lot of the Shire's road network it is a different story for heavy machinery. At the moment because the roads are so wet it is not viable to start the majority of major works until the roads dry out.

We are waiting to continue grading work on the Wilcannia to Menindee road, starting at the Wilcannia end and making the way to Menindee. An earlier attempt was stopped because it was too wet.

I have been having discussions about the Wool Track Road with water starting to recede at Ivanhoe. There is still water over the pavement. Council is trying to work out an interim repair to get the road open in the first instance. We are also trying to sort out a plan to get the road repaired to its' previous state.

Please be patient as we are doing our best to open roads for local traffic. There is a lot of work in front of us and we are short on resources, but together we will get through this.

Kind Regards
Greg Hill
Council General Manager

Contact Council if you need assistance with flood recovery including rubbish removal and the pumping of septic tanks.

Phone: 08 8083 8900

Disaster Assistance Finder

Find the support that suits your circumstances by using the Disaster Assistance Finder.

<https://disasterassistance.service.nsw.gov.au>



Clean-up is ongoing in Menindee. The Rural Fire Service are assisting with the recovery work. Photo courtesy of Maree McCrabb, Menindee RFS.

Support for Business & community groups

For those who have been affected by severe weather and flooding in NSW, there are grants, payments and other assistance available.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-support/businesses>



Beware of snakes and spiders during floods



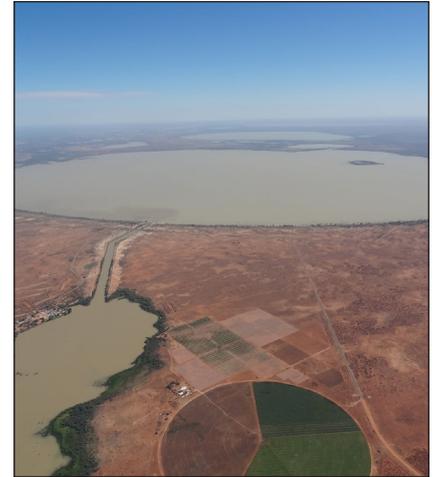
Warmer months and flood waters can bring increased numbers of snakes and spiders. For advice on snake and spider bites call the Poisons Information Centre on 131126.

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Flooding Photos courtesy the SES.

How to get your power back on



If your premises were flooded, our field crews may have disconnected your premises for your safety. If you've received a Field Information Card like this, follow the steps below.



Steps to reconnect:



A licensed electrician or a Level 2 authorised service provider (ASP) must inspect your wiring and make any repairs to make sure it meets safety and compliance.



When complete, they will log a *Certificate of Compliance for Electrical Work (CCEW)* with Essential Energy and provide you with a reference number.



When you have this reference number, call Essential Energy on **13 20 80** or a Level 2 ASP, to have your power restored.

Essential Energy will waive normal reconnection fees.

Visit essentialenergy.com.au/flood-reconnection for contacts for electricians or accredited electrical contractors. A Level 2 ASP is authorised to inspect your wiring and can reconnect you immediately if it is safe without needing to contact Essential Energy.



Use your phone's camera to scan this code and visit Essential Energy's Flood Information web-page for more.

Emergency 000 Network enquiries 13 23 91 Power outages 13 20 80 essentialenergy.com.au



Mental Health Support

Remember that you are not alone. There is support available for those who need help.

health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealthhelp

\$75,000 primary producer Special Disaster Grants open



Special Disaster Assistance

For all the details contact the Rural Assistance Authority.

You will find more flood information on the Central Darling Shire Council website. We have set up a special Flood Support page for residents.