

Central Darling Shire Council

Flood Recovery



Work has started repairing roads in the Menindee district, but with the extent of the damage there's a long way to go.



Roads are badly damaged

keeping residents informed

Dear Residents,

With the flood waters now receding flood recovery is underway in Menindee.

Council will be keeping residents informed about the flood recovery and providing information to assist people. Information will be provided by regular newsletters and also a designated Flood Support page on the Central Darling Shire Council website. <https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au>

The NSW Reconstruction Authority is leading the Menindee clean-up operation and assisting Central Darling Shire Council to oversee

clean-up operations. This will be supported by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Local knowledge suggests that the clean-up operation may take an extended period of time due to the requirement for surfaces and roads to dry out enough to carry heavy machinery.

A range of support available during these difficult times and as always you can phone Council to speak with our staff about your circumstances and find out how we can help.

Regards
Greg Hill
Council General Manager

Across the shire our roads have been impacted by flooding. Given the extent of the damage it could be some time before all roads are repaired and open to all traffic. Council is assessing roads and working on restoring access. Some roads are only open to local traffic at this stage. Also given the damage to the road network driving on certain roads too soon (before they have properly dried out) runs the risk of causing further damage. Thank you to everyone for their understanding as road repairs continue.

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Assistance is available

As many as 32 homes have been impacted by flooding in the Menindee area.

As part of this process washout, clean-up and pump out of septic tank procedures is taking place for homes located within the Menindee Floodplain area.

If anyone in the Menindee Floodplain area has not been contacted by authorities and requires clean-up assistance, could they please get in touch with Council by phoning: 08 8083 8900 or email: council@centralindarling.nsw.gov.au

Some things to look out for after flooding

After heavy rain or flooding you may find **mould** in your home. If you decide to remove mould yourself, make sure there is good ventilation – open windows where possible - and wear protective clothing.

Asbestos materials can be present in flood-affected areas if the buildings were built before 1990.

If you find asbestos debris on your property, and a licensed removalist is not an option, you do need to take safety precautions. These can be found on the state government asbestos website.

<https://www.asbestos.nsw.gov.au>

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.

As a result of flood waters entering homes and businesses it is possible that **household chemicals, bulk chemicals and dangerous goods** may have travelled large distances from their location. If these have been damaged and their contents spilled or released, people and the environment may be at risk of harm. Please use protective equipment, particularly gloves, when handling dangerous chemicals.

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

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

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