

# Central Darling Shire Council

## Flood Recovery



Hay Road from Ivanhoe



Ivanhoe Road.

## More machinery & road workers needed

Dear Residents,

As things slowly start to dry out we are getting a much clearer picture of the extent of the damage and the massive task ahead to fix our roads.

At moment there is a shortage of machinery and operators, so we are asking for everyone's patience. We have eight grader crews and more are needed once ground conditions start to dry out.

Throughout the Shire thousands of tonnes of fill material and road base is needed to fill in all the holes and repair the road network across entire shire.

Many roads are still too wet for heavy vehicles which is not good for freight and livestock transport. This will improve in time as the ground starts to dry out more.

Council is mindful of the softness of many road surfaces. Work is being prioritised with this in mind to avoid further damage.

The several sealed and unsealed roads around Menindee are still

closed, and are only accessible to local residential traffic.

Work is continuing on the **Menindee Road (east side)** to make the road accessible for local traffic, this will remain closed for public use for an extended period. A dozer has been used too as part of works to fill in large potholes and a grader has graded road access for local traffic.

The **West Wilcannia Road** remains open for local traffic only, however is not suitable for traffic on the entire road length as ground conditions are still too wet near Culpaulin Station. A full grading crew is expected to start soon on the **Menindee Wilcannia Road (west side)**. Then it will be able to be opened up to traffic.

The **Pooncarie Road** is currently open to local traffic only. Widening of the road at **Yampoola crossing** is soon to be completed and the road will be reopened to all traffic.

About 4000 tonnes of road base is being sent by train to the **Tronox rail siding at Ivanhoe**. It will be carted onto **Ivanhoe Balranald (Wooltrack Road)** to

reopen the road under restricted conditions.

Transport for NSW advise the **Cobb Highway** remains closed, but is accessible for local traffic only.

The **Ivanhoe Menindee Road** remains closed due to significant damage at the Menindee end of the road. The road is open to local traffic only. Access is only available from Ivanhoe.

Council anticipates another grader crew will be starting work on the **Tilpa Road (West)** in coming days. There is significant damage on this road and detours in place divert around water, on private property.

The **Wilcannia Tilpa Road (east side)** road is open for local traffic only and a grading crew is currently working on the road.

Latest road reports are on the Council website.  
<https://www.centraldarwin.nsw.gov.au/Services/Road-conditions>

Kind regards  
Greg Hill



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### Contact Council is you require help with Flood Recovery works

#### Menindee Rubbish Tip

Rubbish is continuing to be collected where access is available to properties. This is being taken to the Menindee tip. Heavy machinery will be increasing the size of the pit to accommodate any excess rubbish.

#### Pump Out & Drainage

Work is being done as it presents. This is being handled at the local brigade level. There are approximately five jobs which have been/are being dealt with. Still some issues with access regards

drying out of low lying areas.

#### Septic Tanks

Approximately six jobs are all nearly completed this is subject to ready access.

#### Power Reconnection

People are reminded that if there are any signs of issues with water before power can be returned an electrical safety inspection is required.

Contact Council if you need help with Flood Recovery including rubbish removal and pumping of septic tanks.



*This image was taken February 16, 2023. The ground is still very wet in places making repairs and clean-up challenging.*



*This image was taken on February 4, 2023. The extent of the damage is widespread in the Shire and the work ahead will take time.*

#### Mental Health Support

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

[health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealthhelp](https://health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealthhelp)

**\$75,000 primary producer Special Disaster Grants open**

Rural Assistance Authority



NSW GOVERNMENT

#### 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>

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