

General Manager Greg Hill to leave Central Darling

In October the Central Darling Shire Council General Manager Greg Hill, pictured, tendered his resignation. Mr Hill has served as General Manager since April 2018, leading the organisation through a period of significant transformation, investment, and community engagement.



Mr Hill’s last day with Central Darling Shire Council will be November 28. The Council Administrator, Bob Stewart, said that Mr Hill could be rightly proud of his time at Council and the significant achievements in rebuilding the organisation and record investment in community infrastructure across the Shire. An Interim General Manager has been appointed until the commencement of the new General Manager, which is expected to be in January/ February next year. The Interim General Manager is Robert Hunt. He will be starting on Monday the 17th of November. Mr Hunt is familiar with our Shire. He was the acting General Manager a couple of years ago when Mr Hill took annual leave. The Council wishes Mr Hill all the best for his future in NSW Local Government as he takes up a position as General Manager at Coonamble Shire Council.

Town pools open



Wilcannia, Menindee and White Cliffs swimming pools opened on Saturday 1 November. The Ivanhoe pool opening was delayed because of a chlorine issue. However it is set to impress this season with a new shade sail over the baby pool, pictured above. The main pool also has a new shade sail with the previous one being replaced.

CDSC Swimming Pools Operating Hours (11/2025-4/2026)		
	Unsupervised	Supervised
Ivanhoe	Monday to Sunday 10am to 7.30pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday (incl. Public Holidays) 3.00pm to 7.00pm
White Cliffs	Monday to Sunday 10am to 7.30pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday (incl. Public Holidays) 3.00pm to 7.00pm
Wilcannia	Monday to Sunday 10am to 7.30pm	Monday to Friday 3:30pm to 6:30pm Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays 3:00pm to 7:00pm
Menindee	Monday to Sunday 10am to 7.30pm	Monday to Friday 3:30pm to 6:30pm Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays 3:00pm to 7:00pm

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Central Darling Shire Council

Congratulations to Councillors Elect

Central Darling Shire will have its first Council in 12 years. Following the election for the Council’s three wards the successful candidates are::

- [Peter Sullivan](#) elected to Ward A.
- [Max Bradley](#) elected to Ward B.
- [Daniel Fusi](#) elected uncontested in Ward C.

The NSW Local Government Minister, Ron Hoenig MP has announced the three appointed Councillors for Central Darling Shire.

- [Robert \(Bob\) Stewart](#) who has served as the Council Administrator since 2019 will be the Council Chairperson.
- [Fiona Kelly](#), a proud Barkindji/Ngiyampaa woman and Executive Principal of Menindee Central School.
- [The Hon. Barbara Perry](#) who is a former Auburn Councillor and also served 13 years in NSW Parliament including being Minister for Local Government from 2008-2011.

Congratulations to all the incoming Councillors. ...More information inside.



Council update

The first Council Meeting for Central Darling Shire with the six new Councillors will be held on Thursday 4 December starting at 10.30am. The meeting will be held at the Wilcannia Council Chambers. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

The new Rural and Remote Council model will enable the Council to draw on a wide range of expertise to ensure that it can address the challenges of service provision in a remote location. Central Darling will have an equal



mix of elected and appointed councillors to ensure strong local representation while maintaining stable governance. This new model was introduced by the Minns Labor Government to address the unique challenges of larger remote councils and to provide a pathway back to democratic representation for Central Darling Shire after 12 years

of administration. The three appointed councillors were determined by the Minister after the election results were declared, to ensure their skills and experience will complement those of the elected councillors. The Council Administrator Bob Stewart will be the Chairperson for the new Council and will continue to provide strategic direction for the Council. The Council can elect a Deputy Chair at its first meeting in December. Councillors will undergo an induction program to ensure they are ready and equipped to serve the people of Central Darling.

Road Sealing works



White Cliffs is looking good with Johnston Street and the Blocks Road, White Cliffs, recently undergoing road sealing works. It's all about aiming to reduce dust and noise and provide a safer road for all users. The work was funded by the Federally funded Roads to Recovery program.



Ivanhoe road sealing works aim to improve drainage at Columbus Street. The recently completed work is part of the Columbus Street drainage upgrade project which also included new pipes, pits and kerb and gutter. It was funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, phase 4.

News in brief

White Cliffs moved from Level 3 water restrictions to Level 4 restrictions on Monday 27 October 2025. This is because of drought conditions, limited above ground storage and minimal rainfall expected. People are asked to minimise their water usage.

Urban and Rural Addressing

A reminder to residents that Council has moved to the new legal addresses. This means these addresses are on people's rate notices. Residents need to change their address to the correct address with government agencies and service providers.

Resident Newsletter

This will be the last Resident Newsletter for 2025 delivered by unaddressed mail. In December Australia Post is not providing an unaddressed mail service in the lead up to the busy Christmas mail period. However, there will be a December newsletter available, with news from the first Council meeting, this will be via Council offices, local distribution and the Council website.



The Ivanhoe playground equipment, next to the town pool, now has shade covering.