



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Funding to progress important Storm Water improvement project

Central Darling Shire Council has welcomed a \$100,000 grant to undertake a comprehensive survey and planning and design work at the Sunset Strip for important and necessary storm water mitigation works.

The funding comes from the NSW Government Local & Regional Risk Reduction Stream of the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund.

The need for improvements to the stormwater network in The Sunset Strip is identified in the Central Darling Shire's draft 'Sunset Strip and District Improvement Plan 2022 – 2032'.

The Sunset Strip is located on the northern shore of Lake Menindee, 100 kilometres east of Broken Hill and is prone to localised flooding through storm events.

While the region has only recently been through a severe and prolonged drought, it has recently experienced several flood events and with the impact of climate change causing further uncertainty, increased rainfall in the Menindee Lakes system and its catchment area could lead to more frequent and more impactful flood events. Currently the Menindee Lakes system is at capacity with more flood waters arriving from significant rain events in northern NSW and southern Queensland.

The current stormwater infrastructure at the Sunset Strip is inadequately designed to cope with stormwater impacts and results in localised flooding and stormwater damage to residences and community infrastructure, particularly resulting in significant erosion issues.

This grant will make a big difference in getting the project started because without significant floodwater mitigation works the problems associated with flooding will continue to impact the homes and infrastructure of the community. Once the management plan has been done this will assist Council in seeking future funding for the infrastructure.

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