



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Media Release

Funding boost extends opening hours at Council swimming pools

Central Darling Shire Council is pleased to advise communities that the opening hours for town swimming pools is being extended over the summer holidays. It comes after the Royal Life Saving Society Australia – NSW Branch provided a \$10,000 grant to extend the opening times.

The Council operates four community swimming pools at Ivanhoe, Menindee, Wilcannia and White Cliffs. The Council engages a local business, Cultural Solutions, to manage the pools during opening times, employing local people in doing so.

Central Darling Shire is extremely grateful for the funding from the Royal Life Saving Society Australia – NSW Branch. Special thanks also goes to the local State Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, for all his work in helping secure this valuable support.

Our town swimming pools are vital for our communities. Not only do residents face very hot summers in the state's far west, but because the towns are small and remote there is not the same access to school holiday activities and entertainment infrastructure that is commonly available in larger towns. The town swimming pools provide an important avenue for socialising, entertainment and health and wellbeing for children during the school holidays.

Council has previously received requests to extend the swimming pool opening hours however, until now has not been in a financial position to be able to afford to do so.

The new operating hours will come into effect from Sunday 22 December to 9 February 2025. During this summer school holiday period the new hours will be as follows:

Supervised 1pm – 7pm (seven days a week).

Unsupervised 10am – 7.30pm (seven days a week).

All pools will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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