



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Update on Wilcannia and White Cliffs Caravan Parks

White Cliffs Caravan Park is currently going through an Expressions of Interest process to appoint a new caretaker and will introduce an online booking system. While Wilcannia's Victory Caravan Park is showing good results since last year's introduction of online booking. A report to the July Council meeting provided an update on the two Council owned caravan parks.

Victory Caravan Park is a popular location in the Shire for travellers. The new amenities block is also receiving good feedback from visitors. For the last financial year, the park had an income of \$70,465.58. Close to double the amount from the previous years, and more than recent years.

It is worth noting that the park was closed between December and February for the past two years because of flooding in 22/23 and amenities upgrades in 23/24.

In September last year Council went to an online booking system. Travellers book and pay for their site before arrival. In some instances, campers that don't have access to the online booking have paid their camping fees at the Wilcannia Office during opening hours.

Recently, at Victory Caravan Park, there have been reports of attempted break-ins to vehicles. Police are aware of these incidents and have increased nightly patrols through the caravan park. Council is investigating the installation and cost of CCTV at the park to increase security. A report will be provided to Council once investigations have been completed and found to be a viable proposition to undertake.

White Cliffs Caravan Park is Council owned and managed by the White Cliffs Community Association on behalf of Council. The current caretaker's contract will be expiring in late August and Expression of Interest have recently closed. The White Cliffs Caravan Park will be introducing an online booking system, to reduce costs. The Expression of Interest for the caravan park role is focussed on cleaning and maintenance of amenities for a period of 12 months, with a possible extension of another 12 months.

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