



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Media Release

Ivanhoe Post Office update

Central Darling Shire Council has welcomed news from Australia Post that it will be providing the necessary financial help to enable Council to continue to ensure that a Licensed Post Office will continue in Ivanhoe.

The remote township of Ivanhoe is home to approximately 196 people. The town's Post Office has been for sale for the past two years and unfortunately no buyer has been found. Australia Post has subsequently been in discussions with Council to provide the service once the post office closes its doors.

Council was not in a position to enter into a contractual agreement with Australia Post to retain Postal services unless financial assistance was provided to implement minor infrastructure and security requirements needed to fulfil the contract. This assistance has now been assured by Australia Post.

The Ivanhoe Licensed Post Office will be operated from the Council office, utilising existing facilities and staff. It was not viable for Council to purchase an additional building to host the postal services, as this would incur additional costs in building operations and maintenance.

There will be no interruption to mail services or delivery at Ivanhoe during the changeover. The services provided will include banking via Bank@Post, bill payment, postage and mail delivery services. There may be a minor delay in providing electronic over the counter transactions during the transition phase as security will need to be upgraded.

The postal service will commence from the Ivanhoe Council building on Wednesday, 9 October, 2024.

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