



NSW Police Force

MEDIA ADVISORY

Experts join community leaders for town hall at Menindee following fish kill

Issued at 10.30am, Tuesday 21 March 2023

Police, experts and community leaders will address the media following a town hall to outline multi-agency operations in response to fish kills in the lower Darling-Baaka River.

An Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated at Menindee in the state's far west at the weekend to ensure fresh and clean water supply is maintained to the township and surrounding properties, as well as to coordinate the removal and disposal of as many of the dead fish as possible.

The EOC is coordinating agencies in support the emergency response by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, NSW Department of Primary Industries, WaterNSW and Central Darling Shire Council.

A town hall will be hosted for community members at 11am today (Tuesday 21 March 2023) at the Civic Hall Menindee, where they will be provided the most up-to-date information and the opportunity to speak with experts about the current situation.

As the purpose of the town hall is to speak with the community and address their concerns, experts will address the media afterward.

There is no need for community concern as the initial assessment has determined multiple viable solutions to maintain water supply to the Menindee township and surrounds. The frequency of water quality testing has been increased to ensure it continues to meet the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Essential Water can confirm the quality of drinking water for customers had not been impacted by event.

WHEN: Following the conclusion of the town hall, TODAY (Tuesday 21 March 2023)

WHERE: Outside the Civic Hall Menindee
Yartla Street, MENINDEE

WHO: Superintendent David Cooper
Barrier Police District Commander


Inspector Andrew Mensforth
Menindee EOC

Mr Bob Stewart
Central Darling Shire Council Administrator

Mr Graham Attenborough
Chief Operating Officer, Water Group, NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Mr Ben Coffey
WaterNSW, General Manager Regional Operations South

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NSW Department of Primary Industries, Director Freshwater Environment

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