



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Media Release

Shire Flood Mapping information now available

Flood Mapping information for Central Darling Shire is now available on Council's website. The flood mapping takes in the section of the Darling River located between the towns of Louth and Menindee.

The Darling River Flood Mapping Study is the first step of the floodplain risk management process consisting of identifying general flood behaviour and areas most at risk.

The objective of the work was to improve understanding of flood behaviour/impacts, and to better inform management of flood risk in the study area (Tilpa, Wilcannia and Menindee).

Study results allow the identification of main flooding areas, key infrastructure impacted by flooding and road closures around the towns. It was found that several main roads and railways, including the Barrier Highway, Wilcannia Menindee Road, East and West Tilpa Road, and Orange Broken Hill Railway, are cut off at various locations during all modelled flood events.

More information about the study findings can be found on Council's website:

<https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/Planning/Central-Darling-Shire-Flood-Mapping>

The findings will inform Council of the flood behaviour and flood risk along the section of the river to guide decision-making on development and land use into the future assisting with planning and building related matters. The information will also be invaluable for Emergency Services.

The study results can also inform decision making for investing in the floodplain; managing flood risk through prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities; pricing insurance, and informing and educating the community on flood risk and response to floods.

Council received funding from the Department of Planning and Environment to complete the flood mapping exercise. Manly Hydraulic Laboratory and Public Works Advisory were engaged by Council, to undertake the study.

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