

# Community update for Menindee and Lower Darling-Baaka

## Menindee Old Town Weir removal – river access restricted

Work has begun to remove the remaining sections of the Menindee Old Town Weir and there are several access restrictions now in place until the works are complete.

To maintain a safe and secure work site, access to the public area on the downstream side of the railway crossing on Maiden Street is fenced off. Boating access along the Darling-Baaka River is also restricted by three yellow coloured silt barriers as shown in Figure 1. There will also be buoys in place indicating restrictions for boat traffic.

The works are expected to take a further two weeks to complete if water flows remain suitable and weather permits. Earthmoving equipment (e.g., excavators and dump trucks) will be used to deconstruct and remove the remaining sections of the old weir to the target level. A community update with more detail on the works was issued on 12 July 2024.



Figure 1: Yellow silt barrier crossing the span of the river.

## Additional information

- To notify the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water of potential blackwater events email: [waterqualitydata@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:waterqualitydata@dpie.nsw.gov.au)
- To view community updates issued, visit [Community updates and frequently asked questions | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- To report dead fish, fish struggling or gasping at the water surface, or crayfish leaving the water please call the **NSW DPI Fisheries Phonenumber 1800 043 536** or fill in a fish kill protocol and report form at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/threats/fish-kills-2019-2020/info-sheet>
- Information on recent fish deaths is available at: [Fish kills in NSW](#). When reporting, please include the name of the river/waterbody, location and date of your observation and provide photographs. If possible, please also record what species are affected and an estimate of number of each species observed.
- Further information on blackwater events can be found at the DCCEE Water website at: [Hypoxic blackwater | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- Additional information is also available on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority website at: <https://www.mdba.gov.au/climate-and-river-health/water-quality/fish-deaths>  
<https://www.mdba.gov.au/water-management/infrastructure/menindee-lakes>
- Operational updates are available at: [WaterInsights - WaterNSW](#)
- Water quality data collected after the fish deaths at Menindee is available on the Environment Protection Authority web page at: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/community-engagement/updates-on-issues/menindee-fish-kill>