

#### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Warren is well on its way to becoming a regional equestrian destination, with the completion of the highly anticipated Western Plains Equestrian Arena this month. This is an exciting milestone for the Showground/Racecourse Improvement Program and guaranteed to be a valuable asset to our community.

In further positive news, our Shire's local roads are set to get a healthy injection of funding, with over \$3.9M announced for the rehabilitation of segments 4-10 of Nevertire-Bogan Road under the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Program and the replacement of Neue Park Bridge and Tenandra Bridge under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Roads Program.

Additionally, we have seen some developments within our Shire's arts and culture scene, with the installation of several new public art sculptures and the realisation of the Warren Heritage Museum and Gallery, set to officially open next month.



I would also like to say a sincere thank you to all of the RiverSmart volunteers who have stepped in to support the operation of our Visitor Information Centre (VIC) during recent times. We appreciate your invaluable contribution to the Warren Shire community and we are very grateful for your time and effort.

Clr Milton Quigley  
**MAYOR**

#### NEW EQUESTRIAN ARENA READY TO IMPRESS



The state-of-the-art Western Plains Equestrian Arena is officially complete, with the \$1,275,000 landmark facility set to enhance Warren Shire's reputation as a regional sporting and recreational hub.

The monumental 80m x 42m arena is a much anticipated development at the Showground/Racecourse Complex and will be well-equipped to host a broad range of national, state, regional and local equestrian sporting events.

Funded by the NSW Government's Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund and Phase 3 of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, this new asset will not only support health and social outcomes for the region as a whole, but will also provide a significant economic boost for our Shire.

See more images on [Council's website](#).

#### SCULPTURE ART SHOWCASES COMMUNITY HEART

Council is pleased to announce the official installation of several new sculptures in our Shire, funded by the Australian Government's Drought Communities Extension Program and earmarked under the Pathways Structures program.

A trail of cockatoo sculptures feature along the Matthew Collins Memorial Walk through Oxley Park and Victoria Park, while a number of sports-themed sculptures have been installed at various locations around Victoria Oval. Find out more on [Council's website](#).



#### YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE HISTORY



Dr John Burke with Mark Coultou MP on his recent visit.

Residents and visitors are invited to the official opening of the Warren Heritage Museum and Gallery on Saturday 4 March 2023. The event will commence at 3pm at 142 Dubbo Street, Warren, with refreshments available and notable local artworks on display. With limited tickets available, get yours now from Council or Ellerslie Lane to avoid missing out.

Spanning over three years from conception to delivery, this project was led by visionary and Warren Shire's 2023 Citizen of the Year, Dr John Burke, supported by a team of volunteers.

After tireless fundraising and a successful grant application in 2020, Dr Burke and his team have restored the former Colliers Tyre Service into a museum and gallery space for people far and wide to enjoy.



**KNOW A WORTHY WOMAN?**

Nominate her for our Women of Warren Shire series: [media@warren.nsw.gov.au](mailto:media@warren.nsw.gov.au)





# LOCAL ROADS ON THE MEND

After months of consistent rain and flooding caused progress delays and damage to local road networks, works on a number of affected roads across Warren Shire have since resumed, including Ellengerah Road and Old Warren Road.

Works were delayed on Ellengerah Road when it sustained flood damage during the construction process, however, the \$1.7M project is now complete following additional repairs. Progress on the \$1.67M extension work on Old Warren Road was also hampered due to the wet weather, however, it is now expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

Find out more on [Council's website](#).



Ellengerah Road



Old Warren Road

## BEWARE OF GREEN CESTRUM



Local residents and landowners are encouraged to be on the lookout for Green Cestrum. This weed is extremely poisonous and can be fatal to people, pets, livestock and native animals, as it causes liver poisoning.

Green Cestrum is a medium-sized perennial shrub growing up to 2-3m. It usually has many light green brittle stems. This weed produces clusters of shiny, black, egg-shaped berries approximately 7-10mm long between summer and autumn. Read more about how to identify and control this weed on [Council's website](#).

## THANK YOU RIVERSMART VOLUNTEERS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the volunteer staff of RiverSmart Australia for their continuous support in providing services at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and Window on the Wetlands Precinct.

The valuable work of these volunteers has allowed the VIC to remain operational while Council is in the process of recruiting dedicated volunteers to fully staff the Centre during the desired hours.

If you'd like to volunteer at the VIC, please contact Susan Balogh on 02 6847 6600, call into the Visitors Information Centre or visit [Council's website](#).



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## FIXING COUNTRY ROADS



Sam Farraway MLC visited the Shire to announce the funding.

Warren Shire has been successful in obtaining over \$3.9M in funding under the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Roads Programs.

It was announced this month that Council has been granted \$2,797,380 for the rehabilitation of segments 4-10 of Nevertire-Bogan Road under the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Program and \$1,126,800 for the replacement of Newe Park Bridge and Tenandra Bridge under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Roads Program.

These upgrades will not only improve critical freight routes, but make our roads safer and more comfortable for all road users.

## MEET THE TEAM - DAVID ARTHUR

David Arthur spends his days ensuring Warren Shire's parks and gardens are looking pristine at all times. With ten years of experience behind him, David is known for keeping our Shire's lush, green. Council lawns looking trimmed and tidy.

You can read David's full profile on [Council's website](#).



## ON THE ROADS



With drier conditions across the Shire, crews have been able to make progress on damage repairs and standard maintenance works. Recent works include grading, highway patching, construction, flood repair, standard patching, clean-up of the former temporary waste facility and slashing.

In addition, upcoming maintenance and rehabilitation works include: **Armatree Road, Christies Lane, Old Warren Road, Collie-Trangie Road, Pigeonbah Road, Merrigal Road, Carinda Road and Gibson Way.**

Read the full Road Report on [Council's website](#).

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