

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The gateway to the Macquarie Marshes recently received a major upgrade, with the Burrima Boardwalk Access Road seal now officially complete. These works will have widespread benefits for our Shire, providing both a comfortable all-access road for residents and improved access to one of the most recognisable tourist attractions in our region.

In further upgrade news, Warren Shire's latest amenities are now open to the public in the Warren CBD and Lions Park, with the accompanying murals also expected for completion in July.

Recently, Council has been engaging with relevant stakeholders in light of the recent announcement of the closure of the local NAB bank branch. Myself and the General Manager have made contact with local MPs and the Shadow



Minister for Regional NSW in hopes of retaining some form of banking services in Warren.

Finally, we were pleased to host Local Government NSW President, Cr Darriea Turley, and Chief Executive, Scott Phillips, on their recent visit to discuss matters of concern for our Shire.

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR

LOCAL ROADS ON THE MEND



The Burrima Boardwalk Access Road seal is officially complete and ready to welcome residents and tourists through the gates to the Macquarie Marshes.

This essential infrastructure upgrade will help to improve accessibility to one of our Shire's most iconic natural assets and visitor attractions, creating further tourism opportunities for our region.

The 2.6km stretch of road was completed as a private project for, and funded by the Macquarie Wetlands Association, providing an improved, smooth and comfortable all-access road.

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

Image Credit: Macquarie Wetlands Association

UPGRADE UPDATE

The new CBD and Lions Park toilet amenities constructed by Exeloo Pty. Ltd. are now open to the public.

With mural designs derived from image submissions from our community, the Warren Shire and Macquarie River themed collage vinyl wraps are also expected to be installed in the coming weeks.

Watch this space to see our Shire's latest highly anticipated murals come to life.



Warren CBD toilet amenities

DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Have your say



The draft Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2025 is now on public exhibition until 4pm, Thursday 6 July, 2023.

The draft Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2025 has been developed to progress, evaluate, monitor and report on the progress of economic development opportunities for Warren Shire.

For feedback and submissions, visit [Council's website](#).

NAB BRANCH CLOSURE

Following the recent announcement of several NAB bank branch closures in Warren, Gilgandra and Wellington, Council is exploring several avenues to discuss possibilities for retaining local banking services.

Discussions are underway with affected Councils and local MPs, with affected stakeholders encouraged to send a letter to the NAB CEO asking for reconsideration of the closure.



Image credit: Google Maps





WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE

A 13-year resident of Warren Shire, Taryn Stephens has been known to support local and surrounding communities, including fundraising for flood victims from Eugowra and Forbes.

Taryn's career in education has seen her change the lives of students for the better, both in our Shire and internationally. As the Principal of St Mary's Parish School, she is a voice for local youth and a passionate advocate for quality rural education.

Read Taryn's full profile on [Council's website](#).

Nominate a Warren Shire woman to be featured in this series: media@warren.nsw.gov.au

WARREN SHOW 2023

On Saturday 3 June 2023 we celebrated another successful Warren Show.

There was an abundance of local talent on display across each event and exhibition, and it was fantastic to see our community come out and enjoy all aspects of our Show.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making this event happen each year and to everyone in attendance for your ongoing support.



BUZZ OFF!

Did you get your hands on any of our new Buzz Off merchandise at the Warren Show? We want to see your pictures!

Council is promoting awareness about how to keep yourself safe from mosquito borne diseases, and we need your help spreading the word across our Shire.

Snap a picture with any of your merchandise and tag us on Facebook (or send it to media@warren.nsw.gov.au) for the chance to feature on Council's Facebook page.

Find out more at warren.nsw.gov.au/buzzoff.

LGNSW DISCUSS COUNCIL CONCERNS

Council was honoured to be joined by Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President, Cr Darriea Turley, and Chief Executive, Scott Phillips, on their recent trip to Warren.

Meeting with a number of Councillors and staff, discussions involved several current matters of concern for our Shire, including increases in the Emergency Services Levy, progress on the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy and difficulties in obtaining insurance after floods.

Thank you to LGNSW for taking the time to meet with Orana and Central West Councils to hear first-hand about issues impacting our local communities.



MEET THE TEAM - MARYANNE STEPHENS

A respected, long-time member of the Warren Shire Council team, Maryanne Stephens is dedicated to providing quality services to the community as Council's Manager Health & Development Services.

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

ON THE ROADS

Crews are continuing to make progress on damage repairs and standard maintenance works across the Shire. Recent works include grading, signage, floodwork, patching and slashing.

In addition, upcoming maintenance and rehabilitation works include: **Marthaguy Road, Carinda Road, Oxley Highway, Warren Road, Oxley Road, Pleasant View Lane, Pine Clump Soldiers Road, Booka Road and Billybingbone Road.**

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



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