

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

February was a full month of committee meetings for Council, with Councillors being elected to vacant Chairperson positions. The meetings provided thorough updates on a vast number of initiatives happening across the Shire - from infrastructure upgrades to public art.

While on public art, I'm pleased to share that the concept designs for the Nevertire Water Reservoir mural and Public Art on Private Property murals are in the final stages and will go to public exhibition for your feedback throughout March. Keep an eye on [Council's website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for more details.

I hope to see many of you across the Shire for Clean up Australia Day on Sunday, 6 March. If you would like to get involved, register at www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



or call 1800 282 329, then pick up your bags from the Warren Shire Council Administration Building.

One hour of your time can make a huge positive impact for our community.

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR



WARREN SHIRE 2035

HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE

As we plan for the current and future priorities and needs of our community, Warren Shire residents, Councillors, staff and stakeholders are encouraged to attend the upcoming community workshop to share ideas.

Community Planning Workshop

Thursday, 17 March 2022 from 6pm - 7.30pm.

Warren Shire Community Room, 115 Dubbo Street, Warren.

For all the details and to register for the workshop, visit Council's website:

<https://bit.ly/WarrenShire2035>

What do you want the future of Warren Shire to look like?

We're currently undertaking a review of our Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and other planning documents, which will help us to shape our Shire's future, and take a long-term view of planning for our Local Government Area.

RIDING INTO WARREN SHIRE

The Toyota Tour de OROC is riding into Warren on 25 March. To welcome the cyclists and to raise money for Macquarie Home Stay, we are hosting a charity dinner and auction. Check [Council's website](#) for full details and to RSVP. Run by the Rotary Club of Dubbo South, the Toyota Tour de OROC is a challenging six-day biennial bicycle ride created to raise funds for the Macquarie Home Stay.



The Macquarie Home Stay is a home away from home when coming to Dubbo to seek medical treatment at Dubbo Hospital. It was established for one purpose - to provide patients and their partner or carer with accommodation while preparing for or post treatment at Dubbo Hospital.



Image credit: Warren Shire Library

Warren Shire Library is continuing its customer-focused approach to bring the joy of books to more of the community. The services include an outreach program to Warren preschools and schools, pop-up libraries for pre-schoolers and Calara House and weekly online storytime through the library's [YouTube channel](#).

The Library also recently provided residents at Calara House with individual Brain Training Packs which included an activity book, mindfulness colouring book, pen and colouring

THE JOY OF READING REACHES MANY

pencils, large print playing cards and instructions, and jellybeans.

UPCOMING AT WARREN SHIRE LIBRARY

- April - Local History workshop
- May - National Simultaneous Storytime. This annual event by ALIA is designed to promote the values of reading, literacy and the fun of books in libraries, schools and homes all over Australia and around the world. The title for the 2022 is Family Tree written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronjojoy Ghosh.
- July - North Western Stock Rotation
- August - Leather workshop
- 1,000 Books Before School

To find out more details on these events, follow Warren Shire Library's [Facebook page](#).



WARREN
COMMUNITY
TRIATHLON

27 MARCH 2022

Registration forms (Event Flyer) available on Council's website, applications due by 23 March.

UPGRADE UPDATES

These projects will all contribute to improving facilities across the Shire for our community.

Warren Levee Rehabilitation

Following the 2016 flood and subsequent droughts, the Warren Levee has been impacted by severe slumping of the riverbank. Despite continued maintenance, Council has continued to advocate for substantial funding to ensure rehabilitation work can take place.

Through funding from Resilience NSW, Council has already completed emergency temporary work by installing 1,200 tonnes of Mt Foster Quarry rock.

Council has also submitted an application to the Commonwealth National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program for \$7.1M to complete the required levee rehabilitation works and will be meeting with the NSW Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, The Hon. Steph Cooke MP, to request the NSW Government's assistance with its 25% contribution.

Council has endorsed funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 3 Grant to be allocated to several community infrastructure projects, which include:

- \$95,944 for final improvements to the Equestrian Arena;
- \$72,000 for solar panels on Council's Works Depot and \$53,000 for solar panels on Council's Administration Centre to improve environmental sustainability and reduce building operations costs;
- \$40,000 for an accessible toilet upstairs in the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre;
- \$40,000 for improvements to the retaining wall, second/third tier replacement and accessible concrete paths at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre; and
- \$9,572 for a sound mixer system and external speakers at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre.

ROADS, RESTORATION AND RECLASSIFICATIONS

Regional Road Reclassification

Warren Shire Council is championing to have a number of Shire roads reclassified to be included for review as part of the NSW Government's road classification framework. This reclassification aims to see these roads transferred back to the NSW Government to ensure increased funding for maintenance and improvements.

With the NSW Government handing over Regional Roads to Council's in 1995, the limited funding and access to grants has meant this road network has been difficult to maintain.

Council is looking to reverse this situation to improve our Regional Roads across the Shire with a focus on the Inland Flatland Route which consists of SR91 Industrial Access Road, part of SR58 Nevertire - Bogan Road and SR59 Tottenham Road reclassified as Regional Roads and transferred back to the ownership of the NSW Government together with our existing six Regional Roads RR202 Marthaguy Road, RR333 Carinda Road, RR347 Collie-Trangie Road, RR424 Marra Road, RR7515 Warren Road and RR7516 Billybingbone Road.

Flood and Storm Damage Restoration

Following the floods in early 2021, Council's March 2021 Flood and Storm Damage Roads Emergency Works Program has been approved by Transport for NSW. The program amounts to just under \$462,000 and Council is hoping to soon be reimbursed its costs for these works, minus the required \$35,370 Council contribution.

The further draft of the March 2021 Flood and Storm Damage



Full Roads Restoration Program has been developed by Built Environment Collective (BEC) with work estimated just over \$5,051,000. BEC is reviewing the plan to ensure all works have been included, then an application will be lodged with Transport NSW for consideration.

In addition, Council has undertaken a complete inspection of its road network and from this has commenced emergency road restoration works from the November/December 2021 Flood and Storm Damage event. An assessment is also underway to determine the required Full Roads Restoration Program from the floods late last year.

Council is also submitting an application to the Public Works Advisory for reimbursement of Council's emergency works costs on non-road assets affected by these floods, such as the Warren Levee and stormwater systems. The application will claim \$196,337, minus the \$36,330 as Council's contribution.

Upcoming road construction and maintenance

Construction for Ellengerah Road will take place throughout March and April.

Grader crews will be carrying out emergency flood and storm damage repair works until the end of April. There are an initial 20 roads listed for emergency works, to view these, visit [Council's website](#).



To nominate a Warren Shire woman to be featured in this series, email media@warren.nsw.gov.au

WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE

After 22 years serving as a Councillor for Warren Shire Council, Pauline Serdity has made a valued contribution to Warren Shire.

As a great proponent of the arts, health and Warren Shire Library, Pauline's dedication to ensure residents have access to social activities and health services has been a driving force, both as her time as Councillor and as an active member of many committees.

Read Pauline's profile here:

<https://bit.ly/WoWSPaulineSerdity>



WORK WITH US

Three roles are currently open to work with Council - Divisional Manager Engineering Services, Asset Technical Officer - Roads and Heavy Diesel Mechanic. For more information or to apply, visit [Council's website](#)

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