

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As the COVID-19 restrictions continue throughout NSW, I want to thank our community for following the guidelines and keeping everyone safe.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the NSW Government has announced a new date for the Local Government Elections. These have now been postponed from 4 September to Saturday, 4 December 2021. The new date means current Warren Shire Councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until Council Elections are held in December. You can read the full details on our Warren Shire Council website.

June has been a busy month for grant applications with a number of submissions for road upgrades and additional improvements for the Warren Showground Racecourse and Carter Oval Sporting Precinct.



Council has also been assisting with applications to the Regional Tourism Activation Fund Program for better road accessibility and improvements to the Burrima Walkway and the Window on the Wetlands Centre.

These grants will all go towards helping to improve infrastructure across the Shire to benefit our community.

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR

\$1.5 MILLION ECONOMIC BOOST FOR WARREN

Earlier this month, Minister for Resources and Water, Keith Pitt, and Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, announced \$1.5 million in funding from the Federal Government for four community projects.

The projects are funded under Round 3 of the Coalition Government's Economic Development Program and include:

- \$500,000 for the Carter Oval Sports Lighting Project
- \$500,000 for the Monkeygar Creek Macquarie Marshes Bird Viewing Project



L-R: WSC MAYOR MILTON QUIGLEY, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARKES MARK COULTON, MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND WATER KEITH PITT AND WSC GENERAL MANAGER GARY WOODMAN

- \$250,000 for water reservoirs and grain silos murals
- \$250,000 for the Warren Showground Racecourse Improvement Program.

These projects will enhance tourism to Warren by attracting more visitors and increasing sporting opportunities which will provide an economic boost to the Shire.



Image credit: Steven Christian

The NSW Government will provide \$841,500 for upgrades to the Warren Showground in the latest round of the COVID-19 Showground Stimulus Program.

SHOWGROUND STIMULUS

NSW Upper House MP Sam Faraway announced the funding, which is part of \$16.7 million being distributed statewide.

A works program is now being developed for the \$841,500 upgrades to re-fence the perimeter, re-level all concrete and asphalt floors, replace toilets in the cattleman's and horse sports camping area, renovate men's toilets in the main pavilion and toilets in the centre arena, install a new septic tank for the main pavilion toilets and a new septic tank with grease trap for the canteen waste in the centre arena.



Image credit: Steven Christian

Final concept design plans are nearing completion for the \$1.2 million upgrade of Carter Oval and surrounding areas, with works funded under the Improvement of Regional Structures Grant. Follow Warren Shire Council's Facebook page for more project updates and the community consultation program.

COMMUNITY UPGRADE PROJECTS

With stage one of the Central Business District (CBD) upgrade now complete, Council is finalising plans for stage two. This will include further improvements to the main street bitumen surface and a roundabout upgrade. Development of toilet amenities is currently underway.

Stage two will also include beautification of the CBD with street furniture, greenery and the potential for street art murals on empty walls.



SAVE THE DATE

Western NSW Local Health District will have a COVID-19 Vaccination clinic in Warren on 4 and 26 August. To book, call 1800684423 and leave a message.

LIBRARY TO YOU



The Library is also reaching more children through new online storytime sessions, which are filmed and uploaded to the Warren Shire Library YouTube Channel each Monday. The online storytime sessions are part of a North Western Libraries pilot scheme managed by the Australian Library and Information Association.

Additional e-resources are now available with the launch of Hoopla Digital, providing access to a great range of film, music books, audiobooks and graphic novels. Hoopla Digital is available to download through the North Western App and website.

Follow Warren Shire Library's Facebook page to keep up to date with all the events and happenings.

HEYWIRE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU(TH)

Do you have a story to tell? The ABC's Heywire competition is calling for stories from young people, aged 16-22, living in regional Australia. It's a chance to show the rest of Australia what life is like in your neck of the woods and to be in the centre of conversations that shape your communities.

Winners will get to work with ABC producers to share their story on the ABC and an all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra.



Enter your story by 16 September!
<https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>



THE \$1.15M UPGRADE TO WONBOBBIE BRIDGE, WONBOBBIE ROAD ON MARTHAGUY CREEK IS NOW COMPLETE Image credit: Steven Christian

GRADING, GRAVEL AND GRANTS

To continue to improve our local and regional roads, a number of grant applications were submitted in July, including:

- \$9,193 for remarking of 40km school zones
- \$846,349 for Ellengerah Road Construction
- \$1,333,000 for the bitumen reseal program on priority local roads
- \$1,727,243 for Nevertire-Bogan Road (Segment 4 and Segment 6) rehabilitation
- \$1,333,000 for the gravel resheeting program on priority local roads
- \$621,234 for Tyrie Road construction
- \$1,679,946 for Old Warren Road (Segments 26 & 28) construction
- \$2,177,001 for Gradgery Lane Bridges upgrades
- \$1,691,389 for Gibson Way construction
- \$800,000 for Collie - Trangie Road (Segment 16) Regional Road 347

Emergency Repairs and Restoration

Through the Flood and Storm Damage Natural Disaster Declaration, Council is working with Built Environment Collective (BEC) to assess the road damage from the March 2021 storms and flooding.

Council will commence any urgent emergency works from these storm events, such as formation grading and shoulder repairs, as soon as weather and scheduling permits.

The full restoration program will allow Council to fix the extensive damage caused to our infrastructure by this weather event.

The following maintenance is scheduled for August and September. This schedule may be subject to change with the continued wet weather and the need to commence emergency flood and storm damage restoration works.

Maintenance grade scheduled for August:

- Elsinore Road
- Mannix Road
- Wonbobbie Road
- Cullemburrawang Road
- Carinda Road - shoulders
- Nevertire-Bogan Road - shoulders

Construction on Ellengerah Road in August and September.

Maintenance grade scheduled for September:

- Heatherbrae Road
- Pigeonbah Road
- Cremorne Road
- Hatton Lane
- Catons Road
- Carinda Road - shoulders

WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE

This month, we profile Helen Murray.

Helen is a Collie local who is dedicated to the community. She is involved in the Collie Country Women's Association (CWA), President of the Collie Rural Fire Service and leads the Collie ANZAC Day Service, just to mention a few. Helen is most renowned for her support and guidance to the younger women in Warren Shire.

Read Helen's interview here: <https://bit.ly/HelenMurray>



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

You're invited...

To celebrate Local Government Week, Council is hosting a sausage sizzle for the community to showcase the current and future projects planned for Warren Shire.

Come along to meet Council staff between 10am - 2pm on 6 August in front of the new Community Room at the Administration Centre, 115 Dubbo Street, Warren.

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