

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It's been another busy month for Warren Shire Council. The Council administration building renovations are nearing completion, and we are all busy preparing for the new financial year.

Council has adopted its 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Estimates, following a 28-day public exhibition period. The plan outlines a robust Capital Works program which includes upgrades to the Warren Memorial Swimming Pool, Warren Cemetery extensions, and urban and regional road rehabilitation, construction and resealing.

To support our program of road upgrades, Council will also be applying to Round 3 of the Fixing Local Roads Program, to fund the following local road priorities:

- Completion of Ellengerah Road Construction to the Shire boundary;
- Bitumen Reseal Program on priority local roads;
- Rehabilitation of Nevertire - Bogan Road Segments 4 & 6;
- Gravel Resheeting Program on priority local roads;
- Construction of Tyrie Road;
- Construction of Old Warren Road Segment 26 and 28;
- Upgrade of Gradgery Lane Bridges; and
- Construction of Gibson Way.



I recently attended the General Meeting of the NSW Country Mayors' Association and was heartened to see the overwhelming response to continue advocating for better health services for regional areas like ours.

In other news, Council will be hosting a stand at the Warren Youth Foundation's GROW - Services Expo. Visitors to the Expo can meet with Council staff to hear about current and future projects planned for the Warren Shire community. The GROW - Services Expo is in collaboration with the Royal Flying Doctor Service and will be held at the TAFE grounds on 7 July.

We are ending the month with new COVID-19 restrictions across NSW, and as we continue to navigate the evolving situation, I want to thank Warren Shire residents for helping to keep our community safe during these times.

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR

WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE



Earlier this month we launched our Women of Warren Shire series. The series will profile one local woman each month to share her story, provide insights into life in Warren and highlight her impact on the shire community.

Launching the series is renowned violinist and Artistic Director of this year's inaugural Warren Chamber Music Festival, Frances Evans. Frances was a member of the Australian Youth Orchestra, has regularly performed for international dignitaries at Parliament House and has shared her love of music as an educator in Dubbo and Melbourne, prior to returning home to Warren Shire to raise her young family. Read her interview here:

<https://bit.ly/FrancesEvans>

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

COMMUNITY UPGRADE PROJECTS

Nevertire Reservoir Refurbishment

The \$750,000 Nevertire Reservoir Refurbishment Program is underway, with Council currently installing a temporary water supply to cover the duration of the project.

The refurbishment will take place over the next few months, with engineering works and repainting of the internal and external surfaces of the 21-metre-high mild steel reservoir.

These upgrades will improve longevity, reduce the possibility of water quality issues, and improve safety when working on the reservoir.

Several water supply shutdowns may be required while this work is undertaken however these will be planned to cause as least disruption as possible.

Further updates will be provided throughout the duration of the project works. Please contact Council on 6847 6600 if you are having issues with your water supply.



Warren Netball Courts

The \$30,000 netball court upgrade works to install irrigation and hydro turf is now complete. The courts are now in use and the hydro turf is starting to grow successfully. This project was funded through the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program - Extension.

NATURE MATTERS

On track for Tiger Bay Wetlands Walkways

Bird watchers, school groups, visitors and local residents will enjoy a complete circuit around the Tiger Bay Wetlands Walkways thanks to a recent grant from the Central West Councils' Environment & Waterways Alliance.

The Tiger Bay Wetlands Walk offers visitors a view of many waterbird and woodland bird species including Plum-headed Finches, Spotted Bowerbird, various egret and heron species, ducks, crakes and ibis.

The \$10,000 project is funded by a \$5,000 grant from Central West Councils' Environment & Waterways Alliance, with grants given for projects that will contribute positive environmental outcomes, and Warren Shire Council contributing an additional financial and in-kind amount of \$5,000.



Hollow homes

Central West Councils' Environment & Waterways Alliance have received a \$100k grant from the NSW Environmental Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation grants program.

The funds will go towards creating 500 chainsaw hollows across the central west region as part of the Creating Homes for Threatened Species project. Qualified arborists will cut artificial tree hollows to create new homes for a range of bats, birds and gliders.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS MOVE ONLINE

The NSW Government's Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has mandated the use of the NSW Planning Portal for all Councils across the state from 1 July 2021.

From this date, development applications and other certificates need to be lodged by the portal.

To support this transition, with assistance from the NSW Government's \$50,000 grant, Council has developed a consultation office with staff available to assist residents in using the online portal to lodge applications.



- To lodge an application, go to: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>
- To book a session, call Council on 02 6847 6600
- For more information, visit Council's website <https://bit.ly/planningportalWSC>

ROAD UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE

Works on the following shire roads in July:

- Buddabadah Road - Maintenance grade
- Booka Road - Maintenance grade
- Pleasant View Lane - Maintenance grade
- Castlebar Road - Maintenance grade
- Mullengudgerly Road - Maintenance grade (July/August)

Works on the following shire roads in August:

- Elsinore Road - Maintenance grade
- Mannix Road - Maintenance grade
- Bundemar Road - Maintenance grade
- Wonbobbie Road - Maintenance grade

The following road maintenance and construction is scheduled for July to August:

- For additional safety measures, flashing lights/signs are being installed at the Industrial Access Rd/Carinda Rd/Dubbo St intersection.

Works on the following regional roads:

- Collie Trangie Road - Rehabilitation (July)
- Billybingbone Road - Maintenance grade (July/August)

MEET EOIN CLOHESY



Eoin Clohesy recently joined the NSW Government's Department of Regional NSW as Business Development Facilitator. Eoin will be working closely with Warren Shire, so we caught up to hear about this new role.

Can you tell us about your new role as Business Development Facilitator for the Department of Regional NSW?

My role is a joint initiative between the NSW Government and the Commonwealth Government. The role was created to have a dedicated focus on both the Warren and Walgett Local Government Areas to identify and facilitate economic growth opportunities within the region, liaise with community stakeholders and develop a long-term strategic plan to sustainably grow the respective areas.

What excites you about this new role?

The opportunity to meet and work with the people of the community, in short. There are a tremendous amount of passionate community members and the chance to work with, and harness the ideas that are within the region is invigorating. There are some challenges facing each LGA, however I am very confident the opportunities far outweigh the trials. My task is to identify and facilitate opportunities that make the community even more proud to be a part of, this focus will inherently attract new visitors and residents to experience what the areas have to offer. It is a role I am very excited to take on and look forward to seeing what I can do.

Favourite Warren Shire place to visit?

There's always a new thing to do each time I travel to or through the area so it's hard to narrow it to one. However, the first thing I think of when I'm heading into town is grabbing a coffee at Bow & Beans, a particular favourite of mine.

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