

COUNCIL NEWS

MARCH
2020

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

Council has implemented changes required by the Federal Government and NSW Health Departments to reduce the face to face public contact in an attempt to slow and stop the spread of this virus.


Council has closed its office in Dubbo street, including the Warren Service NSW Agency. We ask the public to contact staff by phone on (02) 6847 6600 or email council@warren.nsw.gov.au to ask questions or to report matters for attention. Council has been required to close its Library, swimming

pool, gym, sports centre and some park areas.

Council's Library is making changes to improve online book, video and other borrowing, and to its drop off and pick up services.

The Health Departments advice is rapidly changing and Council will undertake to reduce public contact for our older volunteers and for all our staff.

We will try and keep you informed of our changes through social media, our website and through the local newspaper.



Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this premises is closed to public access

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WHAT'S ON

MARCH

14 & 15: Golden Ibis "Denis Hunt Memorial" Shoot (Western Zone Trap Carnival)

YOUR LIBRARY

Borrow now! The best titles without the wait available during March and April for all North Western Library members on [Borrow Box website >](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

- 2020/2021 Budget Documents
- Draft Community Participation Plan
- Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

[Read online](#)
www.warren.nsw.gov.au

MAYOR WRITES TO MINISTER PAVEY

Council has been in regular communication with Minister Melinda Pavey (Minister for Water, Property and Housing) to discuss water issues in the Macquarie Valley and especially around water storage and supplies to the Warren Shire community for town water supply, firefighting and irrigation.

The need for general network upgrades has also been raised.

The main points in the correspondence were:

- The raising of Burrendong Dam to hold a storage level of 120%

- The proposed water pipeline network between Burrendong and Nyngan and the use of river and bore water for the security of town supplies at Bogan and Cobar Shires,
- The proposed new regulator at Gin Gin and the need for improved river management of irrigation and environmental flows.

The Mayor thanked the Minister for the support and improving consultation with the department and invited the Minister to visit Warren.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Council Road Resealing

Council throughout March has undertaken the resealing of 42km of rural roads and in the Villages of Nevertire and Collie. This has occurred as part of Council's 2019/20 annual budget (Council Road Resealing) of \$1,123,879.

Oxley Highway Upgrades

Council has been working with

Transport for NSW (RMS) to develop a program for the repair of the Oxley Highway west of Collie Village. The speed limit in this section of Highway has been reduced due to pavement failure. Council has submitted proposals for consideration that should allow Council to undertake some of the repair works and to work towards further repairs along this section of highway.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Wonbobbie Bridge Replacement

Council has recently gone to tender for the construction of a new bridge over the Marthaguy Creek at Wonbobbie Lane to bring it up to a higher loading capacity and for widening to allow trucks and agricultural machinery to cross safely.

This project is in excess of \$1 million. Tenders have been placed on Tenderlink an Australia wide tendering service and closed on 12th March. The tenders went to Council for approval. This project has been jointly funded by Council and a NSW Government grant of \$673,500.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Warren Racecourse Grant Funded Projects

Council and the user groups of the Warren Showground and Racecourse have been working steadily to develop the area as a premier show and equestrian area. Through a grant of \$1.75 million received from the NSW Government the users will develop the following projects

- Update Polocrosse ground (Works in progress by Polocrosse Club)
- Update Polocrosse canteen – (Building ordered)
- New Show Shed (Completed)
- Cross Country course upgrades (Design completed)

As noted above these projects have been completed or commenced to ensure that users are benefiting from the upgrades as we work through all areas.

Council approved the recommendation of the Sub-committee to order the Equestrian Arena this month, which is the centre piece of the project. This Arena is 42m wide by 80m long.

Future upgrades including, toilets, landscaping and facilities improvements will ensure that the Warren community has a functional facility that can be used for State and National events.

[Visit Council's website for more >](#)

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water Restrictions Update

Council wishes to advise that the water restrictions due to recent rain and the onset of cooler months will be relaxed.

The Mayor advised that the need to ensure that residential use is limited should continue, because Burrendong Dam is far from full capacity and future flows are still likely to be reduced.

The new watering times for garden and lawn irrigation are Monday to Sunday between 7am to 10am. The Odds and Evens System has been removed to allow all properties to water each day if needed. The watering times reflect the changes in daylight hours.

Council may have to reinstate water restrictions and the Odds and Evens System if river water is not available.

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