

### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy 2022! We start the new year with a new Council, and I am both honoured and humbled to be representing our community as Mayor for another term. I welcome Sarah Derrett as our new Deputy Mayor, and a warm welcome to our new and returning Councillors. We have an exciting term in front of us where we will continue to deliver infrastructure and services that positively benefit our Shire community. This includes improving local roads, with a particular focus on those damaged by recent flooding, lobbying for improved health services, as well as completion of the many infrastructure projects that are already well underway throughout the Shire.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Councillors for their valuable contribution to our community.

On 26 January, we announced our annual Australia Day Awards with a ceremony for the community to come together and celebrate our citizens.



Huge congratulations go to all of our Australia Day Award winners and nominees, it was wonderful to recognise your achievements and positive impact on our Shire.

I look forward to working together with our community in 2022 and wish everyone a fantastic year ahead.

Clr Milton Quigley  
**MAYOR**



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS RECOGNISE OUTSTANDING SHIRE CITIZENS

- Community Service Award: Warren Young Life Volunteers - William & Annabelle Cant
- Sportsperson of the Year: Warren Rugby Club Pumarettes
- Young Sportsperson of the Year: Joey Walker
- Community Event of the Year: Warren Chamber Music Festival

Congratulations to all our wonderful Australia Day Award winners and nominees.

Warren Shire recognised the contribution of several outstanding citizens, with the presentation of the 2022 Australia Day Awards on Wednesday, 26 January.

Taking out the prestigious 2022 Citizen of the Year Award was Frances Evans for her invaluable contribution to the Warren Community bringing musical events, such as the Warren Chamber Music Festival, to our Shire and creating opportunities for young people to develop their musical talents.

Award winners across all categories who were recognised for their significant community contributions included:

- Citizen of the Year: Frances Evans
- Young Citizen of the Year: Hayley Hall
- Young Achiever of the Year: Sophie Hopkin
- Business House of the Year: RaRMS Health Warren



#### Patricia Irving OAM

Patricia Irving has been recognised for her service to our community by being included on the Australia Day 2022 Honours List with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Congratulations and thank you to Patricia for all your valued contributions to Warren Shire.

#### Citizenship Ceremony

A warm Warren Shire welcome to our new citizens father and daughter duo Normilito and Nathalie Soriano, and father and son, Markus and Conrad Markgraaff.



Image credit: Hayley Altmann

With the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct including Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool Masterplan underway, a number of projects are kicking goals.

## LIGHTS, FIELDS, ACTION

Development of the soccer fields and cricket field are progressing with work to install LED lighting commencing in December 2021. The lighting project is funded through the Australian Government's Drought Communities Extension Program and Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program Round 3.

These projects are another addition toward creating a state-of-the-art sports precinct for our community.

*Go Beyond*

#### Have you seen our Go Beyond campaign?

Throughout summer we launched a campaign to promote Warren Shire as a summer holiday destination. The campaign features many of the wonderful assets our town has to offer. Check out Council's [Facebook page](#) to see our Go Beyond campaign in action.

# UPGRADE UPDATES



Funding has now been secured within Council to complete several improvement projects across the Shire. These projects include:

- Construction and fit-out of the new terminal building and finalisation of drainage structures at Warren Airport;
- Upgrades to the roof and guttering at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre;
- Construction of the Lion's Park unisex ambulant amenities with additional fund contributions from Aubrey Dinsdale's bequeath to Council, the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development - Improvement of Regional Structures Grant and the Warren Lions Club; and

- Construction of the Warren CBD amenities facility.

Village enhancements across the Shire are continuing, with nearly all the kerb, guttering and footpath works in Nevertire complete. The Nevertire community will also enjoy improvements to the Noel Waters Oval with construction of a new amenities block, a new electric BBQ and play equipment for the Nevertire Community Park soon to be installed. Further kerb, guttering and footpath works are scheduled for Warren in the coming months.

Following the recent heavy rainfall, emergency works at the Warren Levee to install 1,200 tonnes of Mt Foster Quarry rock is now complete. Council is continuing to pursue funding to enable additional rehabilitation work and recently met with a National Recovery and Resilience representative to review levee repairs and improved disaster preparation.

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to our 2021 Santa Street winner - Frawley Street.

Thank you to everyone who helped spread festive cheer with amazing light displays across the Shire. Special mentions to 10 Pittman Parade, 80 Chester Street, 82 Chester Street, 22 Garden Avenue for the wonderful displays.

**THE FAMOUS SANTA STREET SIGN IS NOW PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN FRAWLEY STREET**



Image credit: Steven Christian

More projects are off and racing as work continues to upgrade the Warren Showground Racecourse facilities.

Funded through the NSW Government's Showground Stimulus Funding Program, Phase 2C a number of improvement projects commenced in January, including the installation of a new septic tank for the Main Pavilion amenities, renovation to the men's amenities in the Main Pavilion and installation of a new septic

## THE HOME STRETCH

tank with a grease trap for the canteen waste in the Centre Arena.

Other projects also underway include refurbishment of the Grandstand including painting, new ceiling tiles, construction of a unisex disabled access toilet and full renovation of the male and female toilets in the GBS Falkiner Lounge. New floor tiles and carpet have also been ordered for the lounge area. These upgrades are funded through the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program - Round 3.

These projects continue to improve the Warren Showground Racecourse for the many groups who use the facilities and create a wonderful asset for the Warren Shire community.

## GRADING AND GUTTERS



The Warren kerb and gutter improvement program is underway with works scheduled to be carried out by the end of April. The program includes:

- Chester and Readford Street intersection
- Bundemar and Readford Street intersection
- Zora and Readford Street intersection
- Orchard St (short section)

The following works are scheduled for February and March. This schedule is subject to wet weather.

### Upcoming road construction and maintenance includes:

- Rehabilitation work for Collie - Trangie Road Segments 14 and 16 throughout January and February
- Rehabilitation work for Ellengerah Road Segment 22, 24 and 26 throughout February and March
- Maintenance grading for Oakley Road, Booka Road and Radnedge Road throughout January and February.

## REGISTER WITH VENDORPANEL

Warren Shire Council has implemented a new Request for Quotation (RFQ) platform in partnership with VendorPanel. The new system invites local suppliers to quote on the provision of goods and services for Council.

VendorPanel Marketplace is free for suppliers and once registered your business profile will be visible to buyers searching for the products/services you provide.

VendorPanel simplifies the quotation process, and increases transparency and compliance in quote-based purchasing, while also ensuring purchasing activities that result in the best value for our community.

Register today with VendorPanel Marketplace to ensure your business receives quotation requests from Warren Shire Council, visit: [www.vendorpanel.com.au/marketplace](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/marketplace)

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