

## 15 March 2024

## Three Years of Achievement for Warren Shire Council

Warren Shire Council is today celebrating the three-year anniversary of General Manager, Gary Woodman, and is reflecting on the achievements of the past three years, while looking ahead to the priorities of 2024.

Mayor of Warren Shire, Councillor Milton Quigley, says although the past three years has presented challenges ranging from COVID-19 to excessive rainfall and flooding, many achievements have been realised during this time.

"The past three years have been a challenging time for the Warren Shire community, but Gary Woodman has led the operations of our Council with a steady and focused presence, and we are all very grateful for his strong and dedicated leadership during this time," says Mayor Quigley.

"Gary was instrumental in the management of the continuous flooding of the Macquarie River and creeks throughout the area in 2022 and has been a driving force in the completion of the restoration and rehabilitation programs across our road and infrastructure network since then.

"The past three years has seen the completion of our \$1.275M state-of-the-art Western Plains Equestrian Centre, completion of the \$6.5M Warren Sewerage Treatment Works, refurbishment of the Nevertire Water Reservoir, recommencement of a 15-year Plant Replacement Program, and completion of our Warren Shire Mural Program.

"We have also taken back the Routine Maintenance Councils Contract (RMCC) for the State Highway 11 Oxley Highway within Warren Shire, overseen a change of management for the Warren Family Health Centre General Practice services to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and celebrated many community and cultural events including the Warren Shire Street Christmas Party, which won Community Event of the Year in 2022.

"On behalf of Warren Shire Council and our broader community, I thank Gary for his invaluable contribution to all that we have achieved together these past three years."

Mr Woodman says he is proud of everything Council has achieved during his tenure so far and is now focusing on the priorities for 2024.

"I'm very proud of what we have achieved together for the Warren Shire community, despite the challenges of the past few years," says Mr Woodman.

"I would like to thank my wonderful staff and committed Councillors for their dedication and expertise in working to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Warren Shire. Together we have realised some fantastic achievements for our community.

"In looking to what lies ahead in 2024, we will be focusing on the completion of significant infrastructure projects including the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct and the commencement of the \$7.1M Warren Town Levee Rehabilitation Project to help future-proof our community.

"We will continue undertaking major works under various flood and storm damage restoration programs across our expansive road network, with in excess of \$13M worth of restoration works soon to be



commenced, together with heavy patching and reconstruction works on State Highway 11 Oxley Highway within Warren Shire, and the improvement of our major water and sewer assets.

"I look forward to what the future holds and to continuing our work to achieve the very best for the people of Warren Shire."

<u>View Warren Shire Council's major achievements March 2021- March 2024, as well as a full list of Council's 2024 priorities.</u>

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