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Renewed Mozzie Buzz As Weather Warms

Despite recent drier conditions, Warren Shire Council is reminding residents to remain vigilant in protecting themselves against mosquitoes coming into the warmer months ahead.

It's a known trend for mosquito season to kick off early in Western NSW, with warmer temperatures in our climate creating the perfect habitat for mozzies to thrive.

While the buzz around mosquito borne illnesses may have died down, mosquitoes continue to pose a real risk to our community, particularly with Spring right around the corner.

Warren Shire Council General Manager, Gary Woodman, urges residents not to become complacent in their protection measures.

"Now is not the time for people to let their guard down," says Mr Woodman.

"Although it's considerably drier than it was earlier this year, we know for a fact that mosquitoes will start to become more active again now that it's getting warmer.

"We highly encourage all residents to take the necessary precautions to avoid mosquito borne illnesses, such as wearing repellent, avoiding being outside during peak activity times, and of course, getting vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis (JEV)."

Luckily for Warren Shire residents, Council has implemented several initiatives to protect the community, including the [Buzz Off](#) awareness campaign, installation of mozzie zappers around the Shire and provision of free mosquito repellent.

Warren Shire Council Town Services Manager, Raymond Burns, says the Buzz Off campaign is an important educational resource developed in line with key messaging from NSW Health.

"The campaign focuses on three key action areas identified by NSW Health, which are bite prevention, mosquito reduction and vaccination," says Mr Burns.

"By staying consistent with this advice, we can ensure that the information we're sharing is not only accurate, but it is clear, simple and easy to follow."

For more information about keeping yourself safe from mosquitoes, visit: www.warren.nsw.gov.au/buzzoff

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