



Showcasing the wonders and talents of Warren Shire

This beautiful image of sunset on the Warren/Collie Road was captured by 11-year-old Bindi Kilgour and featured in our Warren Wednesday series. You can see more amazing images like this by following our Warren Shire Council Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WarrenShireCouncil) or our new LinkedIn profile (www.linkedin.com/company/warren-shire-council-nsw).

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



It's been a month of celebrating our community starting with ANZAC services in Collie and Warren and most recently the 141st Warren Show (read more about both below). May also saw the very first Warren Chamber Music Festival which was a stellar event over three days. It is wonderful to see the community come together at events like these and create such a strong sense of pride.

Advocating for better access to health services continues to remain a priority for Council, with Councillor Druce and I presenting at the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW. Council in consultation with the Warren Health Action Committee (WHAC), identified five areas of concern regarding the provision of health services in Warren:

1. Provision of GP services;
2. Recruitment, training and upskilling of health staff particularly in relation to the Multi-Purpose Service;
3. Aged Care, including the need for a Dementia Specific Unit;

4. Community education and information relating to the range of Allied Health Services available in Warren; and
5. More consistent delivery and accessibility to Allied Health Services.

We will continue our work in this area to push for better health outcomes for our community.

We are also continuing with a number of infrastructure upgrades across the Shire and Our Region NSW have recently featured films of both the Airport upgrade and the new Water Park - watch these on the WSC Facebook page. We are grateful for the NSW Government's assistance in funding both these important projects for our Warren Shire community.

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR



Photo credit: Julie Lincoln

On Sunday 25 April, we honoured our service men and women with ANZAC Day Services in Warren and Collie.

The Collie ANZAC Day commemoration was a close community service, led by Councillor Irving, and facilitated by Helen Murray, Secretary of the Collie CWA.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

In Warren, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, and Federal Member for Parkes, The Hon. Mark Coulton MP, along with his wife Robyn joined the many residents who attended the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, Macquarie Park.

The ANZAC Day March commenced from the Warren Services Club with veterans, representatives from Emergency Services, Warren Central School, St Mary's School, Warren Preschool, Pony Club and locals all marching to Macquarie Park before taking part in the 11am Commemorative Service.

Warren Shire Council is proud to have supported this special day and thanks to all community volunteers and Council staff who were involved.

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



writing and recording memoirs. Library Technician, Rebecca Moors, and Lianne Clark held a workshop on researching family and local history through library resources and external sources such as Ancestry.com.

Local residents have recently enjoyed a host of workshops and activities at Warren Shire Library, with a program of events designed to offer the community interactive ways to engage with learning, literacy and local history.

Published author and memoir writing teacher, Kim Hodges, held an interactive session on how to start

The library also hosted an intergalactic event for kids, participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year's book 'Give Me Some Space!' by Philip Bunting was read live by NASA Astronaut Shannon Walker, directly from the International Space Station.

To keep up to date on all the happenings at Warren Shire Library visit the library's Facebook page facebook.com/warrenshirelibrary

SHOWGROUND/RACECOURSE HOSTS WARREN SHOW

The Warren Showground/Racecourse was host to the 141st annual Warren Show. In preparation for the show, a number of projects were completed as part of the \$1.4M Showground/Racecourse upgrade including the water and electrical facilities at Showie's camping and the opening of the Ron McCalman Pavilion.

The Warren Pastoral and Agricultural Association's Warren Show was a fantastic day for the community to come together and celebrate the talents of our people, along with promoting agriculture and produce from the region. Councillors were able to meet with members



of the community throughout the day at the Council Stall and share information on the current and future infrastructure projects planned for the shire.

Work will now commence on the electrical facilities upgrade for the Cattleman's Camping Area and the Warren Jockey Club has secured a grant for \$40,000 from the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program to upgrade the judging and camera towers.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Council has been successful in a grant of \$765,000 from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands Showground Stimulus Funding Program Phase 2, for further upgrades to the Showground/Racecourse including improved amenities, pavilion flooring, and Showground perimeter fencing.

Other key infrastructure projects are progressing, with 80% of the new Sewerage Treatment Works now complete, preparation for construction of the new Airport terminal building underway, and the \$1.5M Wonbobbie Bridge upgrade completed at the end of May.

Council is continuing with a rolling schedule of planned road maintenance and construction. Scheduled works for the coming months include:

Regional roads

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

Maintenance grading will also occur on the following shire roads:

June

- Ringorah Road
- Mullengudgery Road
- Old Warren Road
- Killaloo Lane
- Pleasant View Lane
- Castlebar Road
- Booka Road (June/July)

July

- Buddabadah Road
- Bundemar Road
- Elsinore Road (July/August)
- Wonbobbie Road (July/August)

MEET THE WSC TEAM

Scott Hosking has recently joined Warren Shire Council as the new Work Health Safety/Risk Co-ordinator. We hear from Scott on this new appointment.

What does your role as Work Health Safety/Risk Co-ordinator involve?

The Work Health Safety/Risk Co-ordinator is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring Council's Work Health Safety and Risk Management Strategies. This includes insurance portfolio management, compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and assisting Council employees with claims, injury management and return to work programs. It's about keeping our community and council staff safe, something I am very passionate about.

You bring a great mix of technical and operational expertise, what were your previous roles?

Over the years I have enjoyed several roles that cover both



technical administration and outdoor operational work. These include working with Cobar Shire Council as Noxious Weeds Inspector and as Catchment Officer - Native Vegetation at the Central West Catchment Authority. Most recently I have been working in Auscott in a variety of roles including Work Health Safety Environment & Training Co-ordinator, Acting Warehouse Manager and Operations Supervisor.

What do you enjoy most about calling Warren home?

My family and I moved to Warren in the mid-1990s and love being part of such a welcoming community. These days, my wife and I appreciate the serenity of our home - a small rural block where we run cattle and enjoy time with our two grandchildren.

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