

COUNCIL COMMENT

As the year comes to an end, I reflect on the last 12 months - as a community we have gone from drought, COVID-19 to floods. It has been a huge year but we have come together and shown our resilience. We were quick to have one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates in NSW and these recent weather events once again were a display of the Warren Shire community spirit. I am proud to be part of such a caring community.

Don't forget that our Australia Day Award nominations are open, it's your chance to recognise an unsung Shire hero - more information below.

With the festive season around the corner, Council's Administration Office, Service NSW Agency, Library and Works Depot will close at the end of business on Friday, 24 December 2021 and reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

On behalf on Council and residents, we thank the current Councillors for their service to the Warren Shire community and wish them every success in all future endeavours.

We wish everyone in the Shire a happy and safe festive break and wonderful 2022.

Gary Woodman
GENERAL MANAGER



Image credit: Steven Christian

Stafford Street Water Tower Mural

The Stafford Street Water Tower Mural was officially unveiled on Thursday, 2 December with a community event to mark the occasion.

The mural's sporting theme is reflective of activities at the Carter Oval Sporting Precinct and Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool, near which the water tower is located.

Designs for the mural were developed by renowned artist Sam Brooks and brought to life on the water tower by Paint The Town Murals artist Bastian Allfrey.

The mural has created an eye-catching landmark for Warren and is the first in a series of murals planned for the Shire.

OFFICIAL UNVEILING CELEBRATIONS



Image credit: Jo Lincoln Images

Those who attended the unveiling of the mural were excited to see the impressive 3D sports-themed images and agree it will be an 'insta worthy' attraction for people visiting Warren.

Community Room and Administration Centre

The official opening of the Warren Shire Community Room and renovations of Council's Administration Centre was also held on 2 December, followed by an afternoon tea for the community to celebrate our Shire.



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CHRISTMAS SPARKLE FOR THE SHIRE

Christmas spirit is spreading across Warren Shire with a community Christmas tree and Santa display shining bright in front of the new Warren Community Room.

The display was a real community effort with the picket fence built by the Warren Men's Shed and contributions from Warren Shire Council, Warren Chamber of Commerce, Ryan Mason Engineering, Allaglow Electrical, Splat Plumbing Services, Warren IGA and Warren Rotary Club. Read the full details here:

<https://bit.ly/WarrenShireChristmasTree>

Add your sparkle...The Santa Street competition to find the street with the most impressive decorations and light show displays is here. The winning street will have the Santa Street sign erected to proudly announce that it is the most 'Christmassy' street in the Shire.

Santa Street judging will start anytime from Friday, 17 December to Sunday, 19 December 2021 with the winning street announced on Monday, 20 December 2021.



Image credit: Zheng Fu Photography

UPGRADE UPDATES



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A number of improvement projects across the Shire are nearing completion.

Despite challenges of drought and wet weather conditions over the last 12 months, and the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the new Warren Sewerage Treatment Works is now complete and awaiting an EPA licence.

This \$6.1M project was 50% funded through Infrastructure NSW's Restart program.

As part of the wider Warren Airport upgrade project, final work is underway for the construction of a new terminal building and the remaining drainage structures. The \$2.28M project included resurfacing of the two runways, additional refuelling facilities and improvements for the overall safety

and comfort for pilots, passengers, the Royal Flying Doctor and Air Ambulance services.

The Warren Airport Upgrade is funded through the NSW Government's Drought Stimulus Package.

Construction of new amenities for Warren CBD and Lions Park will soon be underway to ensure the community has access to safe, clean and convenient facilities in these areas.

The Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre is receiving a 'roof-lift' with work underway to replace flashing and guttering to prevent water ingress during extensive rain events in the future.

Lastly, work is continuing to improve town services across the Shire with several projects underway. This includes installation of telemetry to all water extraction point meters to comply with Water NSW requirements. Ryan Mason Engineering is carrying out upgrades to the Oxley Park River Water Pumping Station and Xylem Water Technologies are completing works to upgrade the Gunningbar Estate and Nevertire Sewerage Pumping Stations.

FEEDBACK IS IN

The public exhibition period has now closed for the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct including the Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool Masterplan, with feedback from community submissions now being reviewed and actioned.

The masterplan is designed to bring the community together through a sporting and recreational precinct that incorporates state-of-the-art facilities and activities.

As part of the wider improvements, work is underway to develop the Carter Oval soccer fields and installation of modern fast-ball cricket lighting. Contractor REES Electrical has been engaged to design, supply and install LED lighting



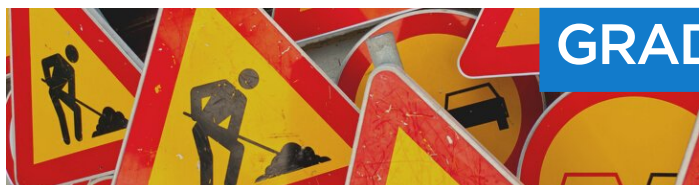
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at Carter Oval to improve facilities for cricket.

The lighting project is funded through the Australian Government's Drought Communities Extension Program and Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program Round 3.

The new lighting will allow sporting teams to extend training into the winter months and, a first for Carter Oval, begin hosting night-time cricket.

GRADING AND GUTTERS



Council is undertaking kerb and gutter replacement work across Nevertire, commencing on Mitchell Highway near the Nevertire Hotel, and sections of Clyde Street and Narromine Street. Due to the recent heavy rainfall, these works are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The following works are scheduled for December 2021 and January 2022. This schedule is subject to wet weather.

Maintenance grade scheduled for December:

- Mannix Road
- Billybingbone Road
- Oakley Road
- Booka Road

Construction scheduled:

- Old Warren Road - Dec
- Ellengerah Road - Dec/Jan
- Collie-Trangie Road - Dec/Jan

WHAT'S ON

With the summer holidays just around the corner, the Warren Shire Library has a variety of activities planned for all ages.

This month marks the start of the Summer Reading Challenge which runs until 28 February 2022. Visit

<https://northwesternlibrary.beanstack.com/>

Throughout January, the library is hosting a series of events:

- Leather Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Lego Workshop
- Holiday Musical Story Time
- 1000 Books Before School

Follow [Warren Shire Library's Facebook page](#) for more details.

Our Australia Day Award nominations are now open. Here's your chance to recognise members of our community for their contribution and commitment to making a positive impact in Warren Shire.

Nominations are open for:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service Award
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Achiever of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Business House of the Year

Nominations will close on Friday, 14 January 2022

For more information and nomination forms, visit Council's website: <https://bit.ly/WSCAustraliaDayAwards>

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