

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In line with NSW Health advice, Council's playgrounds, skate park, Administration Building, library, gym and sporting fields remain open for public access.

However, with the recent tightening of COVID-19 restrictions around 'higher risk' activities in NSW, Council would like to remind the community to remain attentive to social distancing and take your own precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Also, with the recent recommencement of community sport activities, it is essential that guidelines are followed. Ensure that all rules are followed for hygiene and safety and physical distancing to keep yourselves and our community safe.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

All residents are reminded that the district and surrounds are still in a drought declared zone.

Therefore, water restrictions are still in force and are likely to continue for some time. Level 3 water restrictions means that you may water your gardens and lawn each day of the week but only between the hours of 7:00am to 10:00am.

These restrictions will be enforced by Council staff and may result in a fine if you water outside of this allocated time.

EVENTS

TBC

Warren Campdraft Weekend

November 8th

Cotton Cup Horse Race Meeting

SKATE PARK UPDATE

The Skate Park now has shade following the installation of shade sails during the period 20 – 23 July.

There are three shade sails that cover the entire skating area. There are also cantilevered sails for the three picnic tables and BBQ area.

The new shade sails have been funded by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Programme Round 2 and the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Programme.



EQUESTRIAN CENTRE UPDATE

The Equestrian Arena preparatory work is well underway with the construction of storm water pipework and collection wells and the construction of the Equestrian Arena floor/pad. So far this has seen some:

- 3,200 square metres of Geotextile,
- 850 cubic metres of stone,
- 3,200 square metres of Biax Geo Grid,
- 1,800 cubic metres of road base material, and
- 2,000 tonnes of sand laid.

The footings for the Arena are expected to be installed by August 2020. Following a 2 to 3 week curing time for the concrete in these footings, construction will commence on the 80m x 42m wide Arena roof.

ROADS UPDATE

Council maintains a total length of approximately 1,280km of rural roads and approximately 28km of urban roads (streets). The 1,280km of rural road includes 60 bridges.

The 1,280km of rural roads is made up of 640km of bitumen sealed road and 640km of unsealed roads. The 28km of urban roads is made up of 25km sealed and 3km of unsealed road.

Warren like most other rural councils in NSW have a full range of road types from arterial roads to unformed local access roads, but their physical characteristics vary substantially. Council as part of its asset management of roads has classified them in accordance with established criteria based on road and vehicle usage. Future upgrades, maintenance and repairs will be undertaken based on use and vehicle numbers.

In accordance with the above road hierarchy and functional road classification Council has applied for a number of grants to assist with the ongoing rehabilitation of its' roads, especially the arterial roads which are used by larger number of vehicles, large and small, local and passers by.

Recently, Council has been advised of successful grants for a number of road rehabilitation works. Council is required to make a contribution towards these grants.

- **TfNSW REPAIR Grant**
 - Collie to Trangie Road (RR347)
 - Segment 14
 - \$800, 000
 - 50% Council Contribution
- **Fixing Local Roads Grant**
 - Ellengerah Road (SR64)
 - Segment 20
 - \$432, 200
 - 25% Council Contribution
- **Fixing Local Roads Grant**
 - Old Warren Road (SR65)
 - Part Segment 22 & Segment 24
 - \$712, 400
 - 25% Council Contribution
- **Fixing Local Roads Grant**
 - Nevertire-Bogan Road (SR58)
 - Segment 2
 - \$610, 400
 - 25% Council Contribution

In addition to the above Council will within the next two to three weeks be heavily involved with the construction of a new bridge over the Marthaguy Creek on the Wonbobbie Road. In conjunction with the construction Council will be upgrading the bridge road approaches from the Oxley Highway junction to a distance approximately 300m north of the bridge. A total length of 400m. It is expected that the bridge will be complete prior to harvest.

Council is currently preparing a number of additional road grant applications.



LIBRARY UPDATE

The Warren Shire Library is currently running an Outreach program with visits to: **Little Possums and Warren Preschool and Kindergarten.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

