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# COUNCIL NEWS AUGUST EDITION

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Quite a number of Warren Shire road and infrastructure projects have progressed over the last month.

Repairs to the flood damaged Oxley Highway just to the north of Warren have been completed by external contractors on behalf of Transport NSW. Our own staff have been busy repairing flood damage to the Udora Rd and the Marthaguy Rd amongst others.

More than 60.000 tonnes of gravel at the Toucan Pit is currently being pushed up to enable us to continue road reconstruction in the midst of a widespread materials shortage.

Council will also soon enter into negotiations with its preferred contractor for the construction of the new Warren Airport Terminal Building, albeit with a reduced scope for the project.

I have written to the CEO of the National Australia Bank (NAB) stating that I believe that their decision to close the Warren branch of the NAB on 22nd August is short sighted given our vibrant agriculturally based community.



The reply I have received is however, not encouraging.

As a result, we are now making a final decision as to if Council will transfer its banking facilities to another bank that continues to support our residents by having a branch presence in Warren.

We will provide further details once a decision has been reached.

Clr Milton Quigley **MAYOR** 



#### JOIN OUR TEAM

Council currently has a number of vacancies, including **Assets and Projects Manager**, **Roads Infrastructure Manager and Tourism Information Officer**.

Come and join our friendly team, and enjoy a number of great benefits, flexible work options and opportunities for career progression.

Find out more or apply now on Council's website.

#### MARRA FIELD DAY BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

It was great to see so many people joining in on the fun at the Marra Field Day event on Saturday 22 July 2023. In fact, it was the biggest one ever, with around 500 people coming through the gates!

Council was pleased to be part of this fantastic event, and our Councillors particularly enjoyed the opportunity to have a chat with community members. A big 'thank you' to the event organisers for coordinating such a brilliant day.

See more pictures on Council's Facebook page.





#### VARREN WINS IN GREAT DUNNY HUNT

Warren Shire's Macquarie Park toilet block was recently awarded the title of 'Most Colourful Public Toilet' in the Continence Foundation of Australia's 'Great Dunny Hunt'.

The stunning ANZAC tribute mural was painted by talented artist, Bastian Allfrey.

Check out the National Public Toilet Map to find the best toilets across Australia, including the most colourful, the most accessible, and which are in the quirkiest locations: <u>www.toiletmap.gov.au</u>

#### REPAIRING OUR ROAD NETWORK

Despite recent rainfall dampening our road reconstruction materials, we're forging ahead to get the job done.

With the help of a D10T dozer, Batterline Earthmoving is pushing up and mixing at least 60,000 tonnes of pavement material for roads around the Shire, as we work to reconstruct our local road network following last year's floods.

On the bright side, the sun is set to be shining in the coming weeks, which will hopefully see works back on track in no time.





10am, Sunday 6 August 2023 Warren Golf Club

# WORKS IN WARREN SHIRE

A number of infrastructure improvement projects have been underway across our Shire recently, including reconstruction and flood restoration works on Marthaguy Road, Warren Road, Nevertire-Bogan Road and Wambianna Road, and new concreting works for the GBS Falkiner Lounge entrance.

G&C Concrete and Brouff Earthmoving have worked together to pour an impressive new slab at the Warren Showground/Racecourse (pictured).

See more works in Warren Shire on Council's Facebook page.





# PAINT THE TOWN

In the latest public art news, progress has been made on the 2.4m high wrap-around mural to feature on the new amenities being constructed at the Showground/Racecourse.

Designed by Paint the Town Murals, several panels are now finished, with two more images yet to be completed.

This project utilised remaining funds from the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Round 3 Grants Program, with the Horse Committee also donating \$10,000 toward the cost of the mural.

See more images on Council's Facebook page.

# VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Warren Shire Council is actively recruiting volunteers for its Visitor Information Centre, due to changes in centre operations and an increase in visitation to the area. Council is hoping to have a full team of volunteers in place, prior to the Spring 2023 tourist season.

For anyone interested in volunteering at the Centre, please get in touch with Council's Economic Development & Visitation Manager, Susan Balogh on 6847 6600 or visit <u>Council's website</u>.





#### PROTECT, DON'T DISCONNECT

In recent years, there have been several instances of people suffering a fatal electric shock while handling water sources.

Council is protecting community health and safety by educating residents about the dangers of water meter disconnection.

You MUST report any water meter issues to Council. Self-disconnection can result in electrocution, serious injury or death.

Find out more at <u>warren.nsw.gov.au/watermetersafety</u>.

# **MEET THE TEAM - ASAD SATTI**

Recently commencing as Council's Flood Restoration and Special Projects Manager, Asad Satti is a skilled engineer with over eight years of industry experience.

Asad's new role is of utmost importance given the challenges our region has faced due to recent flood events, and he will be an invaluable asset in our ongoing efforts to mitigate the impact of floods and restore affected areas.



Find out more about Asad on <u>Council's website</u>.



#### ON THE ROADS

Crews are continuing to make progress on damage repairs and standard maintenance works across the Shire. Recent works include construction and sealing, floodways clean up, grading, patching, signs and guide posting, bridge deck and guard rail works, floodworks, gravel resheeting and slashing.

In addition, upcoming maintenance and rehabilitation works include: Marthaguy Road, Carinda Road, Oxley Highway, Warren Road, Pleasant View Lane, Pine Clump Soldiers Road, Booka Road and Billybingbone Road, Dubbo Street AC works and Dragon Cowal causeway.

Read the full Road Report on Council's website.

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