

## WELCOME TO WARREN SHIRE

Thank you for considering Warren Shire as a place to **do business**.

Warren Shire is a thriving community that welcomes visitors and new community members with open hospitality.

Ideally located, Warren Shire is intersected by the Newell and Mitchell highways. Warren is 6 hours drive from Sydney, 5 hours drive from Newcastle, an 11 hour drive from Melbourne and Brisbane and just one hour from the regional centre of Dubbo.

In Warren Shire it is possible to find the right balance between doing business and spending time with family and friends. Forget about long commutes and frustrating traffic. In Warren Shire you can get from A to B quickly, leaving more time for the important things to you, your business and your family.

In this information pack you will find a series of factsheets on:

- Business Networks
- Childcare and Education
- Country Lifestyle
- Employment and Investment
- Infrastructure
- Population and Income

Further information can be found at the Warren Shire Council website – [www.warren.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warren.nsw.gov.au) or by visiting the Economic Development Team located next door to the Warren Shire Council at 115 Dubbo Street, Warren.

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We look forward to providing you with any additional information you require or answering any queries that you may have about making the move to Warren Shire.

***Emma Welsh and Sarah Derrett  
Warren Shire Council Economic Development Team***

## BUSINESS NETWORKS

Business is well supported by local and regional organisations set up to provide support and facilitate growth in Warren Shire and the wider region.

### **Warren Shire Council**

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Warren Shire Council established an Economic Development Team in 2011. The Economic Development Team aims to support the growth and development of Warren Shire.

Key activities include - facilitating business training and town improvements, applying for grant funding and assisting new and existing businesses with information that they want or need.

### **Warren Chamber of Commerce**

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The Warren Chamber of Commerce was established in 2007.

The Chamber is an association that represents the interests of the Warren business community.

Members range from local café owners to the local dentist and veterinarian and agricultural machinery suppliers.

Key activities include business development activities including networking, the Shop Local campaign and the welcome to Warren initiative.

### **Orana Business Enterprise Centre (BEC)**

Located in Dubbo, but servicing the Orana region, including Warren, the Orana Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) has experienced business facilitators who can advise on business start-up, growth and development.

The BEC offers business information and advice, mentoring, networking events, regional programs, business development workshops, resources and training.

P 6884 8155

W [www.bec.net.au](http://www.bec.net.au)

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## **Regional Development Australia**

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a partnership between Australian, State, Territory and local governments to strengthen regional communities.

RDA consists of a national network of 55 committees which volunteer their time to work with government, business and community groups to deliver better services to their regions. The committees work with their communities to find ways to deal with the economic, social and environmental issues affecting them.

RDA is an Australian Government initiative that brings together all levels of government to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regions. A national network of RDA committees has been established to achieve this objective.

RDA Orana has an office located in Dubbo.

P (02) 6885 1488

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## **NSW Trade and Investment**

NSW Trade and Investment drives sustainable economic growth in New South Wales – by working with and supporting businesses and industries across NSW to advance investment, innovation, activity, and improvements across all industry sectors.

### **Key areas:**

- Trade, business and investment
- Primary industries, food and water
- Mineral resources and energy
- Tourism, major events, hospitality, racing and arts.

P (02) 6883 3100

## CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION

Warren Shire's child care and education network caters for children as young as six weeks through to tertiary level training in adulthood.

Education is also well supported by the facilities available at the Warren Shire Council's branch of the North Western Library. The library is free to join and offers a wide range of material including books,

DVD's, CD's, free wireless internet, magazines, local history and talking books in a range of different formats to suit all learning needs. Visit the North Western Library website for further information - <http://www.northwesternlibrary.com.au/>



*Warren*

### **Child Care and Educational Facilities in Warren Shire include:**

- Little Possums Child Care and Early Learning Centre
- Warren Preschool and Kindergarten Inc
- St Mary's Primary School
- Warren Central School (Primary and Secondary)
- TAFE NSW Warren College

Additionally, there are a number of playgroups that operate in the Warren Shire to support socialisation and learning from a young age.

### **Playgroups in Warren Shire include:**

- Bogan Bush Mobile
- Rugarats Playgroup
- Mackillop Rural Community Services Playgroup

With the regional centre of Dubbo only one hour's drive from Warren Shire, there is further access to a wide range of quality higher education, development opportunities and training.

### **Tertiary and Vocational Education Institutes in the region include:**

- Charles Sturt University
- School of Rural Health (The University of Sydney)
- TAFE NSW Western Institute
- Western College of Adult Education

These institutions provide ready access to qualified skilled labour for employers.

## COUNTRY LIFESTYLE

Warren Shire is not just a place for business, it is a place for living!

Warren has plenty of benefits on offer including: affordable land and housing; great environmental attractions including the Macquarie Marshes, Macquarie River and Tiger Bay Wetlands on your doorstep; a safe and clean environment and plenty of time and facilities for recreation and relaxation.

### **Services locally and regionally**

Warren boasts the following local services/attractions:

- Excellent health services – Warren Multi-Purpose Health Service (hospital), medical centre, dentist, aged care facility and baby health.
- Good education facilities – Child care centre and preschool, two primary schools, high school, TAFE NSW - Western Institute (Warren College).
- Warren town has a reliable water supply.
- Affordable land and housing.
- Passenger transport via coach and train to Sydney 11 times per week (7 services from Nevertire and 4 services from Warren).
- Extensive community services and facilities – Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre, Warren Showground and Racecourse Complex, Warren Golf Course, Macquarie Park and Victoria Park.
- Great environmental attractions - Macquarie Marshes, Macquarie River and Tiger Bay Wetlands.

Warren Shire is also located in close proximity to Dubbo – the regional centre of the Orana region. In Dubbo it is possible to access essential services like health, education and government departments. In addition Dubbo provides a wide range of retail, cultural, transport (rail and air links to Sydney) and recreational options that are in easy reach of the Warren Shire.



*Warren's main street*

## EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT

Warren Shire offers rewarding employment and investment opportunities and has a diverse business sector. There are many different types of jobs available including seasonal, casual, part time and full time employment

Agriculture is the largest employment sector followed by health care and social assistance, the retail sector, public administration and safety and education and training.

### General Employment Guides

SEEK

[www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)

My Career

[www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au)

Career One

[www.careerone.com.au](http://www.careerone.com.au)

Gumtree

<http://www.gumtree.com.au>

### Employment services in Warren Shire

Joblink Plus –

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*Cotton bales ready for ginning*

# INFRASTRUCTURE

## **Transport**

Warren Shire has a prime location half way between the state capitals of Melbourne and Brisbane – an ideal location for manufacturing, freight and transport business.

In addition there is major road infrastructure within the Shire – the Oxley Highway connects the country to the coast (Nevertire to Port Macquarie) and the Mitchell Highway connects NSW to rural Queensland (from Nevertire to Central Western Queensland).

## **Telecommunications and technology**

At the 2011 Census, 56.53% of households in Warren Shire indicated that they had access to the Internet at home. Of these households Broadband (90%) was by far the most common type of Internet access.

With the regional centre of Dubbo being included in the next phase of the National Broadband Network rollout (work to commence from June 2013 in phases with the last work scheduled to commence in March 2014) it is hoped that Warren Shire will soon follow.

## **Industrial land**

Industrial property – there is land available at Warren airport, Warren Silo and Nevertire. Contact the Warren Shire Council for more information or alternatively the local Real Estate agents for details of other commercial/industrial real estate opportunities:

- Landmark Wilson Russ  
143 Dubbo Street  
Warren NSW 2824  
Phone: (02) 6847 4702
- Town and Country Real Estate and Stock  
11 Burton Street  
Warren NSW 2824  
Phone: (02) 6847 3831
- Tower and General Real Estate  
134 Dubbo Street  
Warren NSW 2824  
Phone: 0416 167 603

## **Water**

Warren has a reliable water supply from both bore and river sources.

## **Major Shire projects**

Warren Family Health Centre – A state of the art medical centre was completed in Warren during 2011 and opened in March 2012.

## POPULATION AND INCOME

### Population

Warren Shire's population gradually declined during the 1970s and 1980s. The population continued to decline from the early 1990s, falling from about 3,600 in 1991 to under 2,700 in 2006.

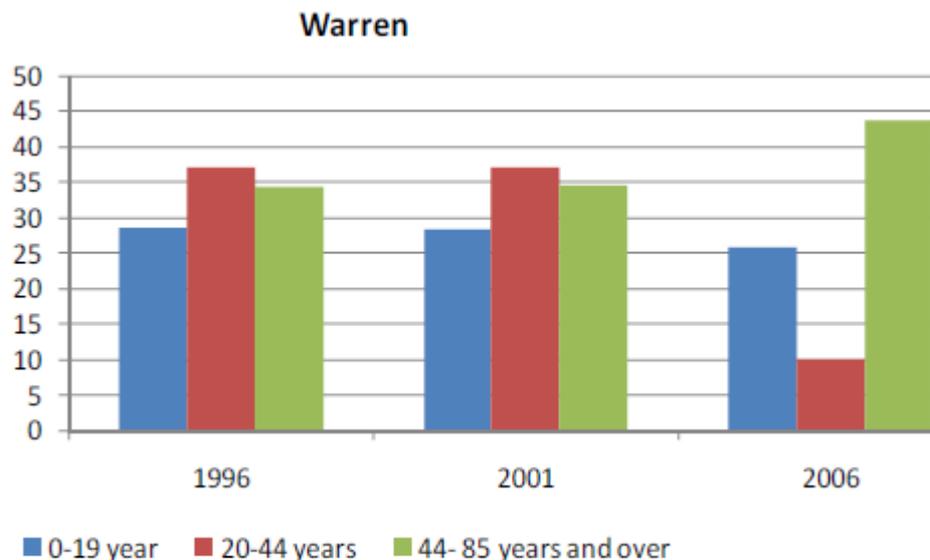
However, in the most recent ABS Census data the population has increased again to a population level of 2,758 people (ABS Census 2011). The median age is 42.

As of 2006, the major differences between the age structure of Warren Shire and New South Wales were:

- A larger percentage of 5 to 11 year olds (11.7% compared to 9.3%);
- A larger percentage of 60 to 69 year olds (11.1% compared to 8.7%);
- A smaller percentage of 12 to 17 year olds (4.8% compared to 8.2%), and;
- A smaller percentage of 18 to 24 year olds (6.1% compared to 9.2%)

(ABS, 2006, Census of Population and Housing).

### Population distribution by age, for 1996, 2001 and 2006



The above graph indicates that as of 2006 the 44-85 years and over age group made up the largest proportion of the population in Warren.

As of 2011 the most common family type in Warren – is a couple without children (43%) followed by couples with children (39.1%).

## **Income - 2011**

Median total personal income (\$/weekly) - \$498

Median weekly household income (\$/weekly) - \$874

(ABS, 2011, Census of Population and Housing)

Compared to the NSW State Average Warren Shire has a lower median weekly household income. In NSW the median household income was \$1,237 per week, whereas in Warren it was \$874.

Although income levels are below the State average in Warren Shire, housing prices and rent levels are affordable meaning that the level of disposable income is higher.

	<b>Warren Shire</b>	<b>New South Wales</b>
Median weekly rent	\$110	\$300
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$900	\$1,993
Average house price	\$121,000	\$668,170 (Sydney)

### **Sources:**

ABS, 2011, Census of Population and Housing – Median weekly rent and median monthly mortgage repayments.

[www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au) – Average house price Warren.

[www.rpdata.com](http://www.rpdata.com) – Average house price Sydney, 30 June 2012.