

### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of 2022, we now turn our focus to the opportunities ahead for Warren Shire in 2023. We hope to realise completion of many of our major infrastructure projects and continue rehabilitation of our road network following the recent rainfall and flooding events.

We began this year by recognising worthy Shire citizens in the 2023 Australia Day Awards and welcoming a new citizen to our Shire community with an Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. I trust you will join me in congratulating these individuals on their contributions to our community as we collectively look



forward to another year of growth and prosperity in the wonderful Warren Shire.

Clr Milton Quigley  
**MAYOR**

### A YEAR IN REVIEW AND A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY



2022 was a remarkable year. From the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 to extreme weather events, the people of Warren Shire faced the year with such a strong community spirit. 2022 has shown our resilience and commitment to our Shire.

2023 is an exciting year of opportunity that will see the completion of major road and infrastructure upgrades, new tourism opportunities, future flood proofing, new plans and strategies and a continuation of the community spirit for which our Shire is renowned.

Read the full list of 2022/2023 opportunities and achievements on [Council's website](#).

### WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE

As the founder of online marketplace 'Buy From The Bush', Grace Brennan has become a household name not only in Warren Shire, but Australia-wide.

The 'Buy From The Bush' campaign helped to revitalise local economies in the midst of the worst drought on record in 2019, and has continued to revolutionise the way small businesses operate in rural communities.

Read Grace's full profile on [Council's website](#).



Nominate a Warren Shire woman to be featured in this series: [media@warren.nsw.gov.au](mailto:media@warren.nsw.gov.au)

### SHIRE CITIZENS CELEBRATED



Citizen of the Year John Burke with fellow nominees and Keith Potger AO.

The 2023 Australia Day Awards Ceremony saw worthy Shire citizens recognised for their contributions to the community. These included:

- 2023 Business House of the Year - The Rural Trader (Kat Montgomery)
- 2023 Young Sportsperson of the Year - Nicholas Christian
- 2023 Sportsperson of the Year - Tim Whiteley and Jo Noonan (joint nomination)
- 2023 Young Achiever of the Year - Bianca Fuller
- 2023 Community Event of the Year - Warren Street Christmas Party
- 2023 Community Services of the Year - Warren Golf Club volunteers
- 2023 Young Citizen of the Year - Daisy McKay
- 2023 Citizen of the Year - Dr. John Burke

Read the full details on award winners on [Council's website](#).



New citizen Lennart Veskimagi with Roy Butler MP, Mark Coulton MP, Mayor Milton Quigley and Keith Potger AO.

Australia Day Ambassador, The Seekers' Keith Potger AO, delivered an address around the theme of 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate' and a Citizenship Ceremony was held following to welcome a new Warren Shire citizen, Lennart Veskimagi.





## POSITIONS VACANT

Visit [warren.nsw.gov.au/council/employment](http://warren.nsw.gov.au/council/employment) for more details.

## JOIN THE WARREN PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

Do you want to be involved in undertaking work relating to murals, sculptures, and future strategic planning for public art in Warren Shire?

Council is now accepting nominations for one community member to join the Warren Public Arts Committee. Submit your nomination in writing by 4pm, Thursday 2 March 2023.

Find out more on [Council's website](#).



## WELCOME SUSAN BALOGH!



We are excited to welcome Susan Balogh to the Warren Shire Council team in the new role of Economic Development and Visitation Manager.

In her new role, Susan will be responsible for promoting and facilitating Warren Shire's economic development, visitation and tourism projects, inclusive of the operation and management of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and its associated volunteer program.

Susan will be a valuable asset to Council's team and the wider Warren Shire community.

## VOLUNTEER AT THE VIC

We're seeking volunteers to support the operation of our Visitor Information Centre at the Window on the Wetlands Precinct.

Don't miss your chance to meet new people, develop new skills and gain valuable experience while making a difference in your community!

For further information, or to express your interest, please contact Susan Balogh on 02 6847 6600, call into the Visitors Information Centre or visit [Council's website](#).



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## MEET THE TEAM - PAMELA KELLY

Credited with establishing the Warren Shire Library as a vital and vibrant hub for residents and visitors alike, Pam Kelly is dedicated to creating a current and welcoming community space that supports and enriches the lives of its customers.

You can read Pamela's full profile on [Council's website](#).



## GRANT FUNDING TO MAKE A SPLASH



Warren Shire Council has been successful in obtaining \$856,903 in funding from the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 (SCCFR5) for upgrades to amenities, change rooms, kiosk and clubroom facilities at the Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool.

The Hon. Sam Faraway MLC paid a visit to Warren on Sunday 15 January 2023 to meet with Mayor Milton Quigley and community members to celebrate the application's success.

## ON THE ROADS

With water receding and a number of roads reopening to traffic across the Shire, crews have been able to make progress on damage repairs and standard maintenance works. Recent works include various flood damage works, shoulder grading, ripping and shaping, patching, spraying and guideposting, signs and slashing.

In addition, upcoming maintenance and rehabilitation works include: **Gradgery Lane, Duffity Lane, Old Warren Road, Ellengerah Road, Wonbobbie Lane, Cullenburrawang Road, Gibson Way and Carinda Road.**

Read the full Road Report on [Council's website](#).



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