

FROM THE MAYOR

We have prepared this update for Warren Shire residents to report on several urgent matters that impact our community.

In the absence of any local newspaper publication, it is more important than ever for Council to keep residents informed and updated about the issues that affect our lives.

Please review the information below and for the latest updates visit [Council's website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Clr Milton Quigley
MAYOR



FLOOD UPDATE

Ongoing rainfall combined with releases from the Burrendong Dam have resulted in renewed and prolonged flooding along the Macquarie River.

The Macquarie River at Warren Town is currently at 8.96 metres and is likely to remain around the moderate flood level (8.50 metres) for at least 2-3 weeks, with further rises possible.

Be assured, Council and the NSW SES have everything in place to mitigate the effects of further river rises and prepare for more reasonable rainfall including water carts, pumps and a roster system, and we continue to monitor the short and long-term weather forecasts.

Thank you again to everyone who has donated tractors to assist with our flood mitigation efforts. We ask that all residents be aware of any weather changes and drive to the current road conditions.

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the **NSW State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500**. In life-threatening situations call triple zero (000) immediately.

See the [Central West NSW SES Facebook page](#) or the [NSW SES website](#) for the latest updates and flood bulletins.

CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS

Due to the ongoing wet weather conditions, all unsealed roads within Warren Shire have just today reopened to vehicles WITH CAUTION. A number of sealed roads remain closed at this time.

Thank you for your patience while we work to repair all roads damaged by the ongoing inclement weather. This level of continued rainfall presents unprecedented circumstances for the condition of our road network and we appreciate your cooperation during this time.

We remind all residents that driving on roads closed by Council is illegal and any insurances or accident cover will not take effect, should you get into trouble in these locations. Driving on closed roads may also result in substantial fines and penalties.

We ask that you don't drive on closed roads to protect yourself, others and the road surface from further damage and take care even when driving on recently opened roads to avoid further closures in these areas.

Never drive, walk or play in floodwaters. Floodwater may be deep, fast flowing and may contain hidden snags and debris.

Please check [Council's website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for a full list of road closures and the latest conditions updated daily.



CHANGES TO SHIRE HEALTH SERVICES



Image credit: RaRMS Warren

RaRMS Health will discontinue its *Rural and Remote Medical Services Program* at the Warren Family Health Centre from Friday 30 September 2022 due to financial constraints.

Council has been actively investigating alternative providers to take over the provision of a community health service in Warren Shire and is currently in discussions with 5 interested parties to assume the provision of these services.

Council has sought support and advice to secure a best practice service provider through discussions with local MPs, neighbouring councils, current practitioners, management and staff, CEO of the NSW Western Local Health District, Regional Manager – Western NSW – NSW Rural Doctors Network, and the Warren Health Action Committee.

Council has obtained a commitment from RaRMS Health that all medical records and equipment will be handed over to either Council or a new service provider, as well as a commitment that if Council is in serious negotiations with an interested party, RaRMS will extend the provision of its general practice service until the new service provider has commenced.

Council is doing everything in its power to secure a suitable health service for the Warren Shire community and will share further developments on this issue with all residents as negotiations progress.

For more information visit ruralandremotehealth.org.au

CHANGES TO BIN COLLECTION DAYS

Please be aware a change to your bin collection day is coming!

All properties *south* of Dubbo Street (including both sides of Dubbo Street, the rear lanes of Dubbo Street, and the village of Nevertire) will have their bins collected on a **TUESDAY**. This will commence on **Tuesday 6 September 2022**.

All properties *north* of Dubbo Street, as well as the town of Collie, will have their bins collected on a **FRIDAY**, commencing on **Friday 9 September 2022**.

You must put your bin out for collection on the correct day or it will be missed! For further details visit [Council's website](#) or contact Council on 6847 6600.



Your bin day may be changing!

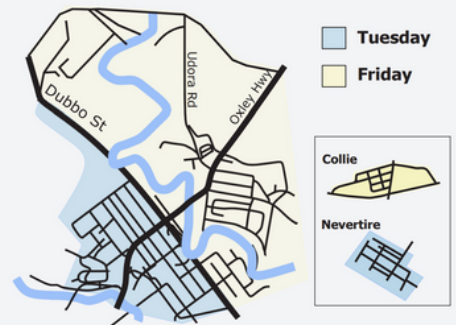
From the week beginning **Monday 5th September**, your garbage bin collection days may change

Tuesday collection day:

All properties south of Dubbo Street (including both sides of Dubbo Street) and the village of Nevertire.

Friday collection day:

All properties north of Dubbo Street (excluding properties on Dubbo Street) and the town of Collie.



For further details visit the Council website or contact Council on 68476600.

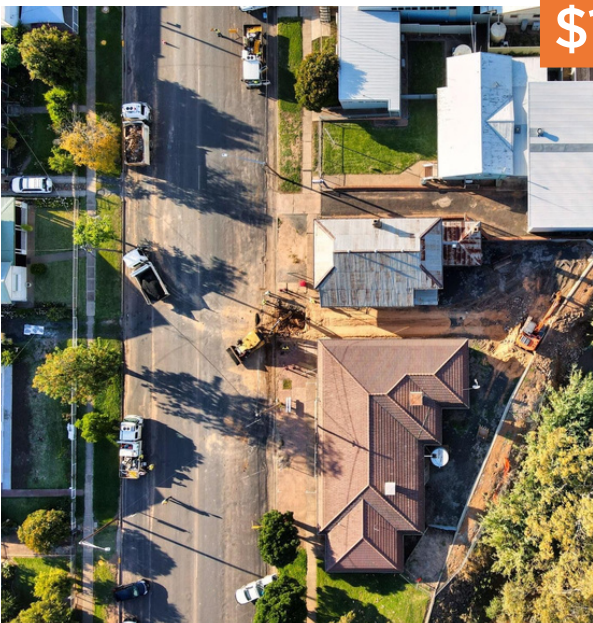


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\$1.87M IN DISASTER FUNDING

Council will receive \$1,871,785.83 for restoration of 23 roads in Warren Shire that sustained storm and flood damage in early 2021, under Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

This represents Essential Public Asset Upper Limit funding for Package 1, with a Package 2 claim of approximately \$350,000 currently being prepared by Council. We are further finalising a \$1.4M claim for flood and storm damage that occurred in November 2021.

Equipment is in place to commence these restoration works, which must be completed by 30 June 2023 to receive this funding. Due to the extent of damage across NSW caused by this flood event, the TfNSW payments will be spread over two financial years (22/23 and 23/24).

Council has to date received \$425,348 and \$681,207 for emergency works undertaken in the March and November 2021 flooding events. In addition, consultants have been engaged to inspect the damage sustained in June and August 2022, to support the preparation of further claims for these extreme weather events.