WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL Delegates Report by Councillor P Serdity to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 115 Dubbo Street, Warren on Thursday 24th October 2019

ITEM 3 OUTBACK ARTS INC. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE ON COONAMBLE SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2019 (C17-2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

I attended the official opening of the new Creative Arts Centre at Coonamble on Saturday, 12th October 2019.

The CEO of Arts NSW, Elizabeth Rogers was in attendance to open the new building. As previously reported this facility was possible through the hard work and dedication of our office staff and in particular Jamie Lee Trindell our EO. Jamie Lee was successful in her grant application to Clubs Australia in securing a \$300,000 grant and was also able to source the top up grant money needed to finalise the complete project.

Various craft activities and entertainment was provided on the day and was well received by all in attendance and I am happy to report there was an excellent presence by the local community and those from further afield.

The winners of the Outback Archies were also presented on the day and I am very happy to report that there were several of our local Warren artists represented at this event in the various categories with some receiving awards for their work. A complete list will be available on the website shortly.

This building has been opened to the public for the past 12 months and has been well received by all who visit it on a daily basis. Exhibitions and arts and crafts are constantly changing with pieces being purchased on a regular basis.

I encourage my fellow Councillors, should they be passing through Coonamble, to take the time to call in for a visit and enjoy the quality of the many items on display.

Clr Pauline Serdity Warren Shire Council Delegate