

COUNCIL COMMENT

In line with the regulated period for the 2021 Local Government Elections, which commenced at 6.00pm on 25 October, the 'From the Mayor's Desk' from Milton Quigley will now be replaced with 'Council Comment' - a temporary column from General Manager, Gary Woodman, to keep the community informed. The regulated period remains in place until the Local Government Elections, which will be held on Saturday, 4 December 2021.

With some major art projects underway across the Shire (more about these below), Council is looking for community members to fill the three vacant positions on the Warren Public Arts Committee. Hurry, nominations in writing close tomorrow (Thursday, 4 November) at 4.00pm.

Council considered the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30 June 2021 at the October Council Meeting and am pleased to report that Council received an unqualified Audit Report from the NSW Auditor General on 7 October 2021.

Finally, as we head into November, a reminder that the Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held in Macquarie Park from 10.45am for 11.00am on Thursday, 11 November - a chance for the community to come together to remember those who have served our country.

Gary Woodman
GENERAL MANAGER



PAINT THE SHIRE



Mural progress on Stafford Street Water Tower

The Mural Program for Warren Shire is coming to life with artist Bastian Allfrey from Paint the Town Murals commencing artwork for the Stafford Street Water Tower Mural. This is the first in a series of murals for the Shire and is on schedule to be completed by 30 November 2021.

There have also been some great community ideas for the Nevertire Water Reservoir Mural and Public Art on Private Property Mural Project, with many locals joining the community consultation evenings in October.

There is still time to submit your ideas, with the community consultation period closing at 4.00pm on Thursday, 11 November. Submit your feedback via:

- Email: council@warren.nsw.gov.au
- Post: PO Box 6, Warren NSW 2824
- In-Person: Written submissions can also be provided in-person to Council's Administration Office at 115 Dubbo Street, Warren NSW 2824.
- Nevertire Water Tower mural online feedback: <https://form.jotform.com/212648506384056>
- Warren Public Art on Private Property murals online feedback: <https://form.jotform.com/212767139193058>

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FUN DAY

Ghosts, vampires and zombies filled the Warren Youth Centre, with over 250 people joining in the Halloween fun on Sunday, 31 October. The Shire community donned their scariest outfits to enjoy the Halloween Family Fun Day, which had a haunted house, jumping castle, sausage sizzle and of course, lots of lollies.

The day was a real community effort with help from many locals, Warren SES crew, Warren Fire & Rescue, Warren Ambulance, Warren Police and Warren Shire Council.

"These types of family activities really bring communities together and although Halloween is not traditionally celebrated in Australia, the Warren community certainly showed their festive spirit and contributed to making it a wonderful afternoon full of family fun. The feedback we have received has been amazing, with everyone in support of making this an annual event," says Kelly Sinclair, Executive Officer for the Warren Youth Foundation.



Images sourced from Facebook, Kelly Sinclair

GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SHIRE IMPROVEMENTS



Image credit: Steven Christian

Applications to the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program: Large Grants have been submitted for three projects aimed to improve Shire waterways.

The projects include \$1,800,000 for investigation and design work to upgrade the Bryan Egan Weir (Lower Warren Weir), which includes preparation work for an appropriate fish passage. An application for \$504,000 to ensure water supply to the Tiger Bay Wetlands, including

the installation of an Ultraviolet Disinfection System and pipeline from the New Sewerage Treatment Plant, and construction of a reed bed system at Tiger Bay Wetlands. The third application is for \$1,720,000 to install 25 Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices (SQIDs) at stormwater outlet locations across Warren that impact the Macquarie River and Gunningbar Creek.

In line with the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct including Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool Draft Masterplan, Council has also submitted two grant applications to the NSW Government's Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund 2021/22 Round 2 to improve the Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool. The applications include \$990,000 for upgrades to the amenities, kiosk, office and entry and \$350,000 for the construction of a Swimming Clubhouse.

ROADS, REHAB AND A ROLLER



Council recently purchased a new 22.5 tonne rubber-tyred roller. The Council-owned roller features the latest technology which enables work to be completed more efficiently and reduces the need to hire this type of machinery. A new front-mounted mower is now also available, replacing an older unit, and will allow Council to cover the landscape faster and more effectively.

After a successful application to the Fixing Local Roads Round 3, the \$1,719,813 construction for Ellengerah Road (Segments 22, 24 and 26) is underway. This work is funded with \$698,771 from the Fixing Local Roads - Round 2, Council contribution of \$174,693, \$211,587 from

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2 and \$634,762 from Fixing Local Roads Round 3.

Through another successful application to the Fixing Local Roads Round 3, the \$1,679,947 construction of Old Warren Road (Segments 26 and 28) has also commenced. This work is funded with \$1,259,960 from the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 3, \$296,147 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2 and \$123,840 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3.

The following maintenance is scheduled for November and December. This schedule is subject to wet weather.

Maintenance grade scheduled for November:

- Mannix Road
- Catons Lane
- Oakley Road
- Pleasant View Lane
- Yungundi Road

Maintenance grade scheduled for December:

- Booka Road
- Billybingbone Road

WOMEN OF WARREN SHIRE

Judy Ridley was born in Nevertire and as the name suggests, she never tires. Having organised 42 Debutante Balls, acting as a committee member to numerous community committees and affectionately known as the 'unofficial town planner', Judy is passionate about contributing to the Warren Shire community.

Judy's love of sport and dedication to the community has seen her as the recipient of the Prime Ministerial Women in Sport Award, Citizen of the Year and a Community Service Award in the Warren Shire Australia Day Awards, twice.



Read Judy's profile here:
<https://bit.ly/WOWSJudyRidley>

To nominate a Warren Shire woman to be featured in this series, email media@warren.nsw.gov.au

LET'S LIGHT UP WARREN SHIRE

Dust off those old Christmas decorations and bring on the Christmas cheer, the Santa Street competition is on again!

This Shire Christmas tradition will find the street with the most impressive decorations and light show displays. The winning street will have the Santa Street sign erected to proudly announce that it is the most Christmassy street in the Shire.

Judging of Santa Street will start anytime from Friday, 17 December to Sunday, 19 December 2021 with the winning street announced on Monday, 20 December 2021.

Who will have the coveted Santa Street sign proudly displayed in 2022?

REGISTER WITH VENDORPANEL

Warren Shire Council has implemented a new Request for Quotation (RFQ) platform in partnership with VendorPanel. The new system invites local suppliers to quote on the provision of goods and services for Council.

VendorPanel Marketplace is free for suppliers and once registered your business profile will be visible to buyers searching for the products/services you provide.

VendorPanel simplifies the quotation process, and increases transparency and compliance in quote-based purchasing, while also ensuring purchasing activities that result in the best value for our community.

Register today with VendorPanel Marketplace to ensure your business receives quotation requests from Warren Shire Council, visit: www.vendorpanel.com.au/marketplace

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