



**RATEPAYERS
INFORMATION
2020**

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

The Ratepayers Report has been produced to provide a snapshot of Warren Shire Council's performance over the past twelve-month period and to identify our achievements in meeting the direction set under the Community Strategic Plan and our four-year Delivery Plan as approved by the community. This information also contains advice on Council, its staff, the budgets for various reporting areas and our contact details.

The information in this summary relates to the third year of the four-year plan (Delivery Plan) and allows the community to measure our progress against the performance targets. The full annual report identifies the ways that we have worked with the community and it also provides advice on how we work internally to grow and develop our staff to meet the current social and community needs.

WHO WE ARE?

ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2016-2021 – (Additional Year due to COVID-19)

A WARD

Sarah Derrett
Heather Druce
Pauline Serdity

C WARD

Ron Higgins
Kevin Taylor
Katrina Walker

B WARD

Mark Beach
Milton Quigley (Mayor)
Rex Wilson OAM (resigned 17/4/19)

D WARD

Andrew Brewer
Karlene Irving
Brett Williamson (Deputy Mayor)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

General Manager

Divisional Manager Finance & Administration

Divisional Manager Engineering Services

Manager Health & Development

Glenn Wilcox

Darren Arthur

Rolly Lawford

Maryanne Stephens

COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

The Council holds Ordinary meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month with no meeting in November and the December meeting being the first Thursday unless there is a change required. Such changes are advertised in the local newspapers. The meetings commence at 8.30 am. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. Council welcomes meetings with individuals and groups from the community.

All senior officers are available for interview; however, it is suggested that an appointment be made to ensure that time is made available and any information required may be obtained.

The Mayor is available for interviews at the Shire Chambers by appointment, which can be made by contacting the General Manager's Executive Assistant.

MAYOR'S FORWARD

It is my hope that you will find the information contained in the 2020 Ratepayers Booklet both useful and informative.

It outlines Council's structure, budget and areas of service provision. The latter includes roads, water and sewerage, waste disposal, the library and significant sporting and recreational facilities.

Council has focused during 2019/2020 on the continual improvement of infrastructure and services for all Shire residents. This will continue during 2020/2021.

We have been fortunate in being the beneficiaries of just under \$20 million dollars in grant funding in the last 18 months. To put that in perspective, our annual rate income is in the order of \$5 million dollars. This means that many projects that would have been unachievable had we been reliant purely on rate income have now been achieved or are underway. It is also testament to the good sense of having ten-year plans for all areas of Council's operations that mean we have projects "shovel ready". In turn we can apply immediately as specific grant opportunities become available.

With the turnaround in the season roads have again become a major focus and will continue to be during 2020/2021. Improved soil moisture conditions now make it possible to achieve the standard of road work that leads to longer lasting results. A local roads update is featured in Council's July 2020 newsletter.

In closing, may the season continue to be with us now and for a number of years and may the coronavirus pandemic be as short lived as one can hope for.

Clr Milton Quigley
Mayor

GRANTS SUMMARY – WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL 2019/20

Active Grants

Grant name	Details/Sub-projects	Grant Value (\$)	Council Co-contribution (\$)
Village enhancements for Warren, Nevertire and Collie	The project will implement the Village Enhancement Plans for Warren, Nevertire and Collie. These Plans are a result of the community's request of Council through the IP&R process to ensure that the villages, footpaths, roads, parks and gardens and the overall appeal of the villages is maintained and enhanced.	742,966 (amount requested was 1,142,296)	306,250 (Included in 2018/19 Estimates in March 2018 to seal streets in Nevertire & Collie)
Upgrade Warren Swimming Pool	The Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool is an essential sporting and leisure asset for the community. The pool is in desperate need of renewal upgrades to meet future needs of the community. Upgrades include updates to filtration system.	742,966	750,000 (proposed loan funds)
Warren Splash Park	A Splash Park will be constructed at the Carter Oval Recreation Precinct. A free facility for the whole community.	608,000	0
Enhancing Western Plains Equestrian Centre (EWPEC1)	Redevelopment of Warren Showground and Racecourse including: - Undercover arena - 42m x 80m. - Polocrosse fields upgrade and irrigation. - Hospitality areas upgrade. - Construction of building for Campdraft office/canteen. - Pavilion building. - Perimeter fencing rebuild. - Upgrade to toilets and showers. - Landscaping, signage and entrance upgrades.	1,755,231	198,000 (Council/User groups in-kind contribution)
Drought Communities Programme Extension (DCPE) – Round 2	Warren CBD Toilet, Netball courts – turf surrounds, Warren tennis courts upgrade, Carter Oval – LED lights, Skate Park Shade, Swimming Pool Shade, Warren Cemetery Upgrade - Toilet, Drought relief events funding, Walkway Structures and CBD Murals planning.	1,000,000	0
Nevertire Hall Upgrade	Air-conditioning (heating and cooling) and painting of cultural facility.	48,509	5,884 (Nevertire Hall Trust contribution)
Improve Regional Structures to Facilitate Economic Development	The project will develop critical infrastructure across the region. The infrastructure that will be developed is outlined in the Village Enhancement Plans for Warren, Nevertire and Collie. Projects utilising this funding include the construction of the Warren Skate Park.	3,521,588	0
Warren Airport Upgrade	Warren Airport to be developed to a higher level and ensure that the Royal Flying Doctor, Air Ambulance, Rescue helicopters and general users have a safe facility to operate from. Works include: - Installation of RNAV and an Automatic Weather Station. - Repair and resurfacing of the main runway, taxiways and aprons. - Installation of Aircraft (AvGas) Fuelling Station (User Pays.) - Construction of helicopter landing pad for Air Ambulance and emergency helicopters. - Grading, repairs and resurfacing to the clay runway.	2,370,000	911,000 (Council contribution from works already undertaken, water supply installation, land subdivision and taxiway "C" upgrade)

Active Grants Continued

Grant name	Details/Sub-projects	Grant Value (\$)	Council Co-contribution (\$)
Groundwater Augmentation Project	Water trunk main and three cross connections. Maintaining firefighting services during times of drought.	1,000,000	0
Wonbobbie Bridge Replacement	Funded via the NSW Government Fixing Country Roads grant programme. Construction of a new bridge over the Marthaguy Creek on the Wonbobbie Road.	898,500	300,000
New Sewerage Treatment Plant	Construction of new sewerage treatment works in Warren.	3,000,000	3,000,000 (Partial loan funds)
Help grassroots cricket grow in Warren region	Installation of cricket practice nets and construct turf wicket at the Carter Oval Recreation Precinct.	125,000	0
Ewenmar Waste Facility Transfer Station	Construction of a delivery receival platform to enable the greater segregation of waste.	155,658	92,750
Collie-Trangie Rd (RR347)	Funded by REPAIR grant from NSW Transport. Rehabilitate Segment 14 of Collie-Trangie Road.	400,000	400,000 (Regional Road Block Grant)
Ellengerah Rd (SR64)	Funded via the NSW Government Fixing Local Roads grant programme. Rehabilitate Segment 20 of Ellengerah Road.	324,150	108,050 (LR&CIP Funding)
Old Warren Rd (SR65)	Funded via the NSW Government Fixing Local Roads grant programme. Rehabilitate Segment 22 and 24 of Old Warren Road.	534,300	178,100 (LR&CIP Funding)
Nevertire-Bogan Rd (SR58)	Funded via the NSW Government Fixing Local Roads grant programme. Rehabilitate Segment 2 of Nevertire-Bogan Road.	445,300	165,100 (LR&CIP Funding)
Skate Park Shade	Funded via the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Programme. Installation of shade sails at Warren Skate Park.	15,469	15,469
Restore Warren War Memorial	Will restore the Warren War Memorial and install three flag poles in Warren Memorial Park.	12,000	0
Making Warren Swimming Pool More Accessible	Installation of access lift at the Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool.	10,000	1,000



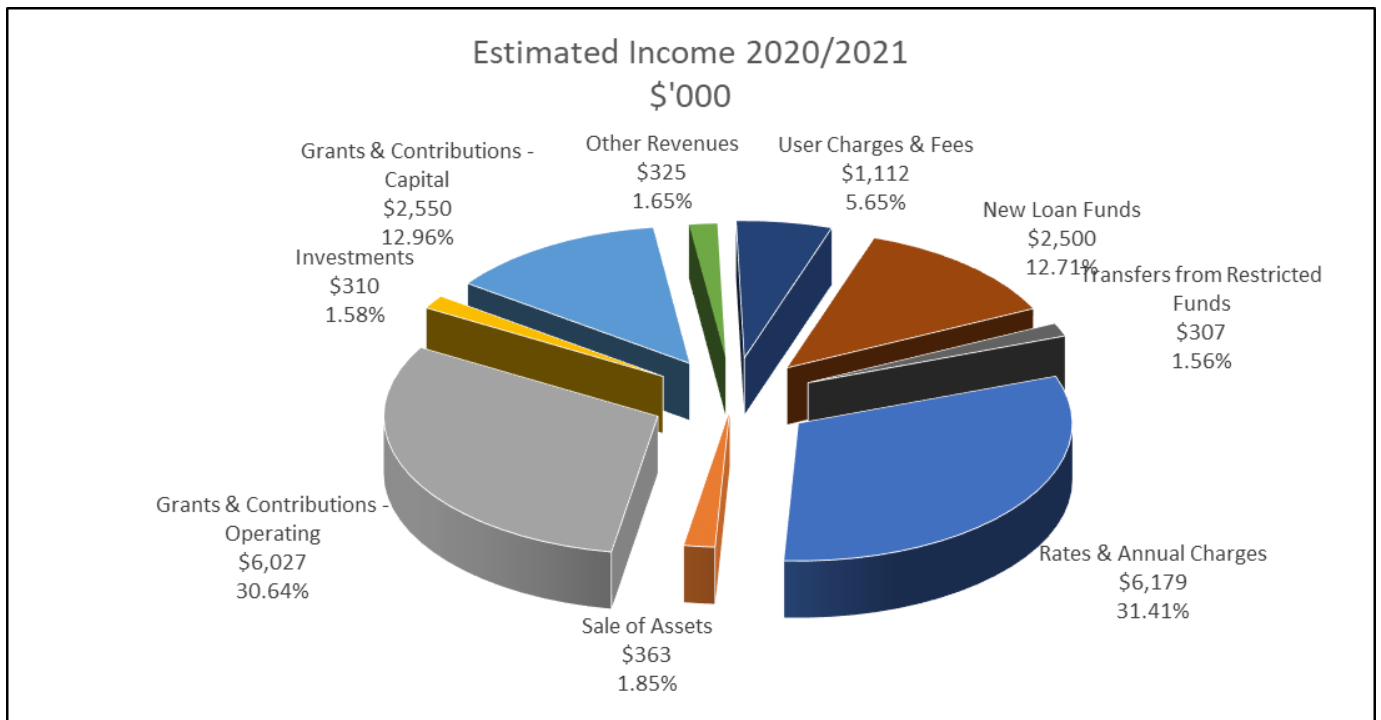
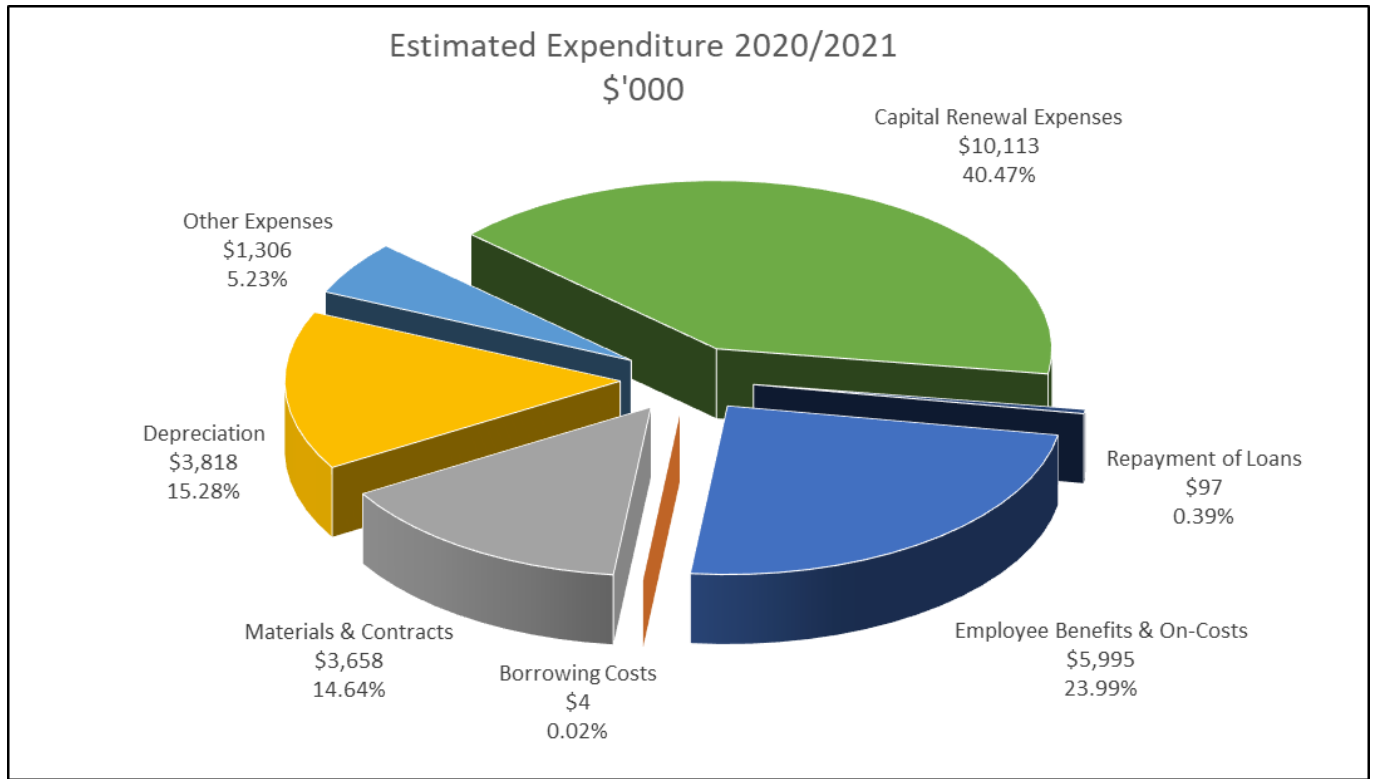
Completed Grants in 2019/20

Grant name	Details/Sub-projects	Grant Value (\$)	Council Co-contribution (\$)
Macquarie Park Revitalisation	New playground equipment, landscaping, park furniture and pathways.	238,242	0
Walkways and Cycleways	Walkways and cycleways including those connecting CBD with hospital and Victoria Oval precinct.	568,870	0
Outdoor netball courts and basketball court	Two synthetic netball courts and half basketball court at Victoria Oval sporting precinct.	226,674	91,000
Emergency generator - Sporting and Cultural Centre	New emergency generator at Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre.	29,812	0
Drought Communities Programme Extension (DCPE)	Fencing Warren Airport, Fencing at Warren Library, Water Main Extension to Warren Airport and Industrial Area, Drought Protection Measures Collie Village, Events Funding at Warren, Nevertire, Collie, Marra, Marthaguy, Infrastructure Funding - Halls - Warren CWA Hall, Endeavour Hall, Marra Hall, Marthaguy Hall, Nevertire Hall, Collie CWA Hall, Bowling Green Development Project.	1,000,000	0
Storage Shed at Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre	External storage for community groups utilising the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre.	35,750	35,750
Warren/Nevertire War Memorial	Funded a condition assessment report to be completed for the Warren and Nevertire War Memorials.	5,893	487
Total of all grants:		19,814,878	6,736,940



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councils are funded from Rates and charges and from Grant funds from both the Federal and State Governments. The charts below provide a visual overview of how Council receives its income and provides advice on our estimated areas of major expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year.



RATES AND FINANCE

Councils levy rates under the Local Government Act 1993. General rates are based on land values as determined by the Valuer General every three years. Council is using a base date of valuation of 01/07/2019. The total revenue raised is capped each year by the State Government's Rate Pegging legislation and the percentage increase is determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of NSW.

Warren Shire Council's revenue policy as applied to actual rates levied in 2020/2021 is summarised as follows:

Rate Type	Category	Sub Category	Ad Valorem Cents in \$	Minimum Rate	Min Rate % of Total Rate	Rate Yield \$	No. of Assess.
Ordinary	Residential	Warren	4.266000	525.00	33.72	495,069.26	744
Ordinary	Residential	Nevertire	0.678947	217.00	98.26	14,797.00	68
Ordinary	Residential	Collie	1.852140	217.00	89.99	16,397.00	73
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.669380	283.00	5.69	144,201.56	183
Ordinary	Farmland		0.328677	283.00	0.38	4,131,292.56	701
Ordinary	Business		8.183489	525.00	0.52	201,254.96	84
Ordinary	Business	Other (Warren)	0.594110	283.00	33.98	13,324.99	30
Ordinary	Business	Nevertire	1.477570	283.00	16.65	6,797.00	11
Ordinary	Business	Airport Area	0.614170	283.00	52.87	10,704.80	29
					Total	5,033,839.13	1,923

The above calculations have been based on a 2.6% increase in the general rate yield, which is the permissible rate increase for 2020/2021 this equates to an approximate increase of \$133,227.00 on the actual 2019/2020 rate levy.

PAYMENT OF RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES (SECTION 562 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

If you wish to pay the annual rates and charges in one payment, please pay the total amount shown on the notice by 31 August. If you prefer to pay by quarterly instalments, the first instalment is payable by 31 August. The remaining instalments are due by 30 November, 28 February and 31 May. You will be sent a reminder notice for the remaining instalments at least 30 days prior to the due date.

ACCRUAL OF INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES (SECTION 566 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

Any instalment not paid by the due date becomes overdue and is subject to interest. Interest accrues daily, on all rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable.

UNDER SECTION 564 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

Council may accept periodical payments of rates and charges in accordance with an agreement made with the person liable for those rates and charges.

HARDSHIP PROVISIONS

Council understands that people can fall on hard times due to drought, changes in relationships and other personal factors. We can help you through these events if you come and talk to our Rates staff and enter into a payment plan that allows you to make payments. Talk to us early and we may reduce some of the personal stress that occurs at these times.

COUNCIL POLICIES

Council has several policies on its web site to assist the community understand our finance, rating and general governance areas. If you are dealing with Council as a supplier, a rate payer who needs assistance or as an interested resident, take a look at our web site. We are happy to discuss any policy items with you.

WATER, SEWERAGE AND GARBAGE

Water, sewerage and garbage are separate individual funds and the revenue policy is a user based policy in accordance with State Government guidelines.

Warren Water supply	Availability charge	\$453/year (levied on rate notice)
Warren Bore Water	Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	(Account sent each quarter) \$1.26/kls \$1.91/kls
Warren River Water	Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	(Account sent each quarter) \$0.46/kls \$0.81/kls
Nevertire Bore Water	Availability charge Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	\$600/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$0.72/kls \$1.06/kls
Collie Bore Water	Availability charge Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	\$459/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$1.55/kls \$2.36/kls
Non-Residential Sewer Charge	Availability charge Usage charges	\$520/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$1.91/kL
Sewerage Charges	Occupied	Unoccupied
Warren	\$567.00	\$567.00 (levied on rate notice)
Nevertire	\$593.00	\$226.00 (levied on rate notice)
Garbage Charges	Occupied	Unoccupied
Warren	\$292.00	\$ 49.00 (levied on rate notice)
Nevertire	\$292.00	\$ 49.00 (levied on rate notice)
Collie	\$292.00	----
Waste Depot Access Charge	Occupied	Unoccupied
Residential – Rural	\$75.00	\$ 49.00 (levied on rate notice)
Business – Other (Warren)	\$75.00	\$ 49.00 (levied on rate notice)
Business – Other (Airport Area)	\$75.00	\$ 49.00 (levied on rate notice)

People wishing to pay their rate instalments by **DIRECT DEPOSIT, INTERNET BANKING OR BPAY** may do so provided they supply their payment reference applicable to each payment amount with their transaction.

Council's banking details for deposits are:

Account Name:	Warren Shire Council
NAB – BSB No:	082 897
Account No:	50 999 8723

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Council has a dedicated road network and has always considered its road network as its major core activity and the provision of a reliable road network is imperative to enable our food and fibre producers to deliver their product to market. Council has three classifications of road and a brief explanation on their status is as follows:

REGIONAL ROADS -	ROAD LENGTH	SEALED	-	329KM
		UNSEALED	-	32KM
		BRIDGES	-	19

The Regional Road network in New South Wales has been determined by the State Government, although under the Roads Act 1993, Council has been given ownership. The RMS provides the funding for maintenance and improvements. 2020/21 estimated expenditure less depreciation **\$1,583,000.**

LOCAL ROADS	-	ROAD LENGTH	SEALED	-	341KM
			UNSEALED	-	608KM
			BRIDGES	-	34

The Local Road network is fully controlled by Council and as a result, is the responsibility of Council to fund and maintain. The works program is made up of maintenance and improvement and forms part of Council's management strategy. 2020/21 estimated expenditure less depreciation **\$2,757,596.**

LIBRARY

The Library has continued to provide a diverse and people friendly service to the community. It is open six days per week and provides print material (fiction, non-fiction, large print, young adult and junior) DVD's, toys, talking books, and magazines. Electronic resources are available by way of Borrow Box (e-audio and e-books), Zinio (e-magazines) and Tumble Books (e-books for children). Photocopying, laminating and public access to Internet services by way of public access PC's and Ipads are available as well as public Wi-Fi for people to use on their personal devices.

Warren is also a member and administrator of the North Western Library which incorporates the Shires of Bogan, Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warren. With the automated SPYDUS system in place transfers are now more efficient and the public reap the benefits of the rotation of materials between these four libraries. Many 24/7 services are available such as reservations, renewals and full access to the library database. You can access all the library services at <http://www.northwesternlibrary.com.au>

SERVICE NSW

Warren Shire Council acts as an agent for Service NSW and offers full Motor Registry facilities and other NSW Government services at Council's office.

WARREN SPORTING AND CULTURAL CENTRE

The Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre is open 7 days per week for all sports, both indoors and outdoors. The Centre is also a great venue for parties, weddings or entertaining. Council has recently updated the gym equipment and new members are welcome. Please phone the Centre Manager on 6847 6670 to make a booking or to inquire about what's on at the moment.

The below opening times and days are subject to change in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS & ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Address: 115 Dubbo Street, WARREN NSW 2824 Postal Address: PO Box 6, WARREN NSW 2824 E-mail: council@warren.nsw.gov.au Web: www.warren.nsw.gov.au Phone: (02) 6847 6600	
OFFICE HOURS Enquiries/Cashier: 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday Service NSW: 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday	AFTER HOURS Emergencies: (02) 6847 6600. (Please be patient to allow time for number to divert during after hours)
LIBRARY Address: 69 Dubbo Street, WARREN NSW 2824 Postal Address: PO Box 6, WARREN NSW 2824 Phone: (02) 6847 6656 E-mail: library@warren.nsw.gov.au Hours of Business: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday; 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturday	WARREN SPORTING & CULTURAL CENTRE Address: Udora Road, WARREN NSW 2824 Postal Address: PO Box 6, WARREN NSW 2824 Phone: (02) 6847 6670 E-mail: warrensc@warren.nsw.gov.au
WARREN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL Opening hours are: 12 noon to 6.00pm daily. (During Summer months only) Contact phone: 6847 6675.	VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE Located in Burton Street, Warren (next to the Post Office). Opening hours: 10.00am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.30 am to 12 noon Saturday. For information please phone 6847 6665.