# **COUNCIL NEWS**

**MAY** 2020



Recently the NSW Premier has made announcements about the reopening of businesses and facilities for community use. Her announcement also came with a warning for everyone to social distance, to respect the

# **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

ensure that you do not come in contact required by NSW Government advice with others who have a potential to spread this virus.

Council would like to take a cautious approach to reopening our facilities as the Warren Shire Community has been very fortunate to only have one (1) reported case of COVID-19 and we would like to ensure that the health and safety of our community is at the forefront in all our decisions when we reopen our facilities.

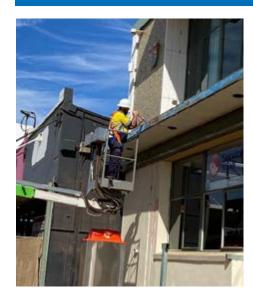
We are aware that some of the closures have impacted on our community such as the Service NSW Agency and some of our sporting or recreational

number limits placed on venues and to facilities. These have been closed as as to staff and community protection and in time these will reopen, but under a controlled process to assist with social distancing.

> Council has reopened its Office, the Showground/Racecourse to equestrian users, Macquarie Park, and Victoria Park for passive use and the outdoor gym.

> Council will continue to open other parks based on NSW Health advice. We ask that the community be patient, remain attentive to social distancing and take your own precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE**



Council approved the construction of the additions to the Council Administration building at its April meetina.

At this stage, the following works have been undertaken:

- Security fencing has been erected to allow the start of building and demolition works at the Council Administration Building.
- The existing awning has been removed from the Administration Building frontage.
- The existing balcony has been removed.

- · The Engineering offices have been lifted by crane and trucked to the depot, where they have been re-erected and Council's Engineering department has moved in.
- · Concrete works have commenced with the new ramp and stairs complete and concrete piers installed.

The construction works being completed now (during COVID-19 restrictions) are undertaken in this order to help reduce the impact on the public when Council can re-open its doors from the 1st of June.

#### **ROAD UPDATES**

Maintenance work is being undertaken on all Rural Roads. including the Carinda Road (RR333).

Grading works have also been completed or are currently being undertaken on the following roads:

- · Elsinore Road (SR 61)
- · Old Warren Road (SR 65)

- · Pigeonbah Road (SR 31)
- · Pineclump Soldiers Road (SR 75)
- · Colane Road (SR 98)
- Sullivans Road (SR 4)
- · Drungalear Road (SR 26)
- Kianga-Marebone (SR 97)
- Marra Road (RR 424)

- · Booka Road (SR 9)
- · Hatton Lane (SR 24)
- · Pleasant View Lane (SR 34)

Council slashers are also currently working on Marthaguy Road (RR 202) and when this slashing is finished on this road they will move to Nevertire Bogan Road (SR 58).



#### WASTE DEPOT ACCESS CHARGE EXPLAINED

Council resolved at the 26th March 2020 Meeting the following:

- 1. That Council progressively increase the Waste Depot Access Charge on all assessments categorised as Rural Residential, Business Other and Business Airport outside the current waste collection area to align with the same portion of the Warren Residential Domestic Waste Management Charge for the operational cost of the Ewenmar Waste Depot.
- 2. That the 2020/2021 Waste Depot Access Charge for all occupied land categorised as Rural Residential, Business Other and Business Airport outside the current waste collection area be set at \$75.00.
- 3. That all vacant land categorised as Rural Residential, Business Other and Business Airport outside the current waste collection area be charged the 2020/2021 Warren Domestic Waste Vacant charge of \$49.00.

The rationale in determining the Waste Depot Access Charge is to establish a fair and equitable system to ratepayers toward the cost of operating the Ewenmar Waste Depot.

Currently the ratepayers of Warren, Nevertire & Collie of occupied land are charged an Annual Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$278.00 each year that includes components for both the collection of waste and the operating expenses of the Ewenmar Waste Depot. All other residential & business vacant land are charged a Warren Domestic Waste Vacant charge of \$46.00.

The proposed 2020/2021 Waste Depot Access Charge of \$75.00 for all occupied land categorised as Rural Residential, Business – Other and Business - Airport outside the current waste collection area was determined to more fairly share the cost of operating the Ewenmar Waste Depot across users of the facility.

The proposed 2020/2021 Warren Domestic Waste Vacant charge of \$49.00 on all vacant land categorised as Rural Residential, Business – Other and Business - Airport outside the current waste collection area is to bring those properties in line with the same charge that already occurs on vacant land in the towns and villages.

# SPLASH PARK GRANT SUCCESSFUL

Council has successfully obtained NSW Government funds via the Stronger Country Community Fund Round 3 to develop a Splash Park at the Carter Oval precinct.

Warren Shire Mayor, Councillor Milton Quigley said that the Water Park will be another wonderful facility for the Warren community to enjoy.

"This project will add significantly to the planned and partly completed redevelopment of the Carter Oval Sporting and Recreational precinct," Mr Quigley said.

National Party Duty MLC Sam Farraway (who visited Warren earlier this year to open other successfully implemented infrastructure) commented that "I can't wait to get back to Warren, hopefully in the summer months, and see the splash that this water park will make. Congratulations to all involved."

#### **COUNCIL WARDS**



The NSW Government has delayed the September 2020 Council elections for up to 12 months. Who are your elected members of Council and which Ward are they in?

#### A Ward

Sarah Derrett Heather Druce Pauline Serdity

#### **B Ward**

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

## C Ward

Ron Higgins Kevin Taylor Katrina Walker

#### **D** Ward

Andrew Brewer Karlene Irving Brett Williamson (Deputy Mayor)

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