





Welcome to Warren.

where the spirit of the Australian countryside beckons you to unwind, explore, and embrace the true essence of rural life.

In these pages you will embark on a visual journey through a town that epitomises the very essence of rural Australia.

Warren captivates visitors with its magical landscapes and serene vistas.

But it's not just the natural beauty that sets Warren apart – It's the warmth and hospitality of our people.

In every photograph, you will glimpse the rich tapestry of life in Warren. Each image tells a story of community spirit and a deep connection to the land.

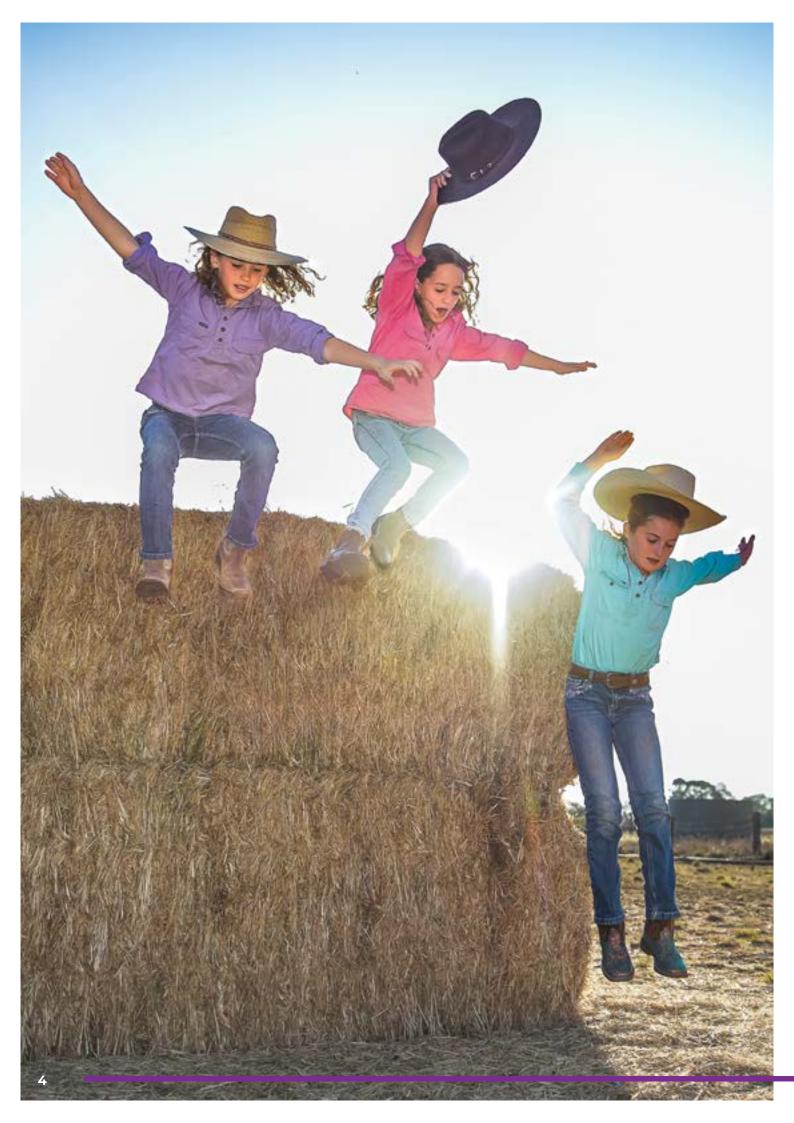
Whether you are a nature enthusiast, a history buff, or simply seeking a tranquil escape, Warren has something to offer everyone, from the solo traveller, to those with a wanderlust and time to explore, to an adventure with all the family.

So come, explore, and discover the hidden treasures of this enchanting town. Your next adventure awaits in Warren – where unforgettable memories are waiting to be made.

Warren Shire is a meeting place for the nations of the traditional custodians of this land, the Wayilwan people. The history, traditions, and culture are recognised as an important part of this Shire's history.

Where's Warren?

536km NW of Sydney of Dubbo 126km NW 85km W of Gilgandra 79km E of Nyngan **Population** 1365 (2021 Census) Postcode 2824 Elevation 198 metres **LGA** Warren Shire State Electorate Barwon Federal Division Parkes



Acknowledgement of Contributors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors who have played a crucial role in bringing our new tourism brochure to life. Your dedication, creativity, and passion have transformed mere words and images into a captivating showcase of everything our town is, and has to offer.

From the talented photographers who captured the beauty of our landscapes to the local businesses who shared their stories and offerings, each contribution has added a depth and authenticity to our brochure. Together, we have crafted a valuable resource that will inspire visitors to explore, experience, and fall in love with our wonderful town.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to promoting the charm and allure of Warren Shire. Your efforts are truly appreciated and will undoubtably make a difference in attracting visitors from near and far. Here's to continued collaboration and success in showcasing the best of our beloved community.

To our principal photographer, Belinda Dimarzio–Bryan, our heartfelt appreciation for sharing our vision and this brochure is as much your photographic love letter to Warren as it is for the Tourism office. Thank you for loaning us your talent and keen eye, and for trusting us with the custodianship of your wonderful photographs.

The Team at The Warren and Macquarie Marshes Visitor Information Centre



Belinda Dimarzio-Bryan

Talented Architect, Photographer, Mum, Wife of a Grazier with a thirst for adventure and a love of the Warren region.

You can see more of Belinda's stunning photographs on Instagram.com/bee_bcreative



Mathew Spillard

Matt is a talented amateur photographer and intrepid traveller, trying to capture big shots on a small budget. Thank you for the wonderful shots of the birdlife around Tiger Bay.

You can see Mat's photographs on Instagram.com/Mats_shots



Bron Powell

Fearless tour guide and photographer, thank you Bron for your amazing Kayak Photo contribution of the Macquarie Marshes.

See more of Bron's shots on Facebook.com/Macquarie Marshes Kayak Tours.





Start your Adverture

Nestled amongst the picturesque gardens of the Window on the Wetlands Centre, the Warren and Macquarie Marshes Visitor Information Centre is a must stop for every traveller to the region.

Whether you are planning to stay for a week, a day or only hours, this is the ideal place to start your journey to our amazing Shire including the majestic Macquarie Marshes.

Our team are ready to assist you in planning your stay or getting the most out of your visit. We are here to tell you everything and anything you could possibly want to know about our welcoming town.

DISCOVER NATURE'S WONDERS AT THE WOW CENTRE

After you call into the Visitor's Centre, leave enough time during your visit to include a walk around the Window on the Wetlands Centre and immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of Warren's natural landscapes and wetlands.

Whether you come to learn, explore or simply relax in the gardens with a picnic or barbeque lunch, the WOW Precinct offers a unique and enriching experience that highlights the importance of preserving our natural heritage. The Centre's educational exhibits are designed to engage visitors of all ages, where you can learn about the complex wetland and river ecosystems, Warren's history or the internationally recognised Marshes.

Come and see the historic church within the grounds and enjoy a coffee or treat from the café located inside.

Adjacent to the wonderful Tiger Bay Wetlands, the WOW Precinct is a wonderful stopover point for your travels to Warren.

Take a break, stretch your legs, take a self-guided audio walk of the Tiger Bay Wetlands, do a spot of bird-watching, or bring out your camera for some amazing photos.

You will be so happy you came by!







127yr old catholic church moved here in 2014 from the original site.



Pine clump school moved 50km here in July of 1980, now home to the Warren and the Macquarie Marshes Visitor Information Centre.







Tiger Bay Wetlands is a natural haven where bird and wildlife thrives.

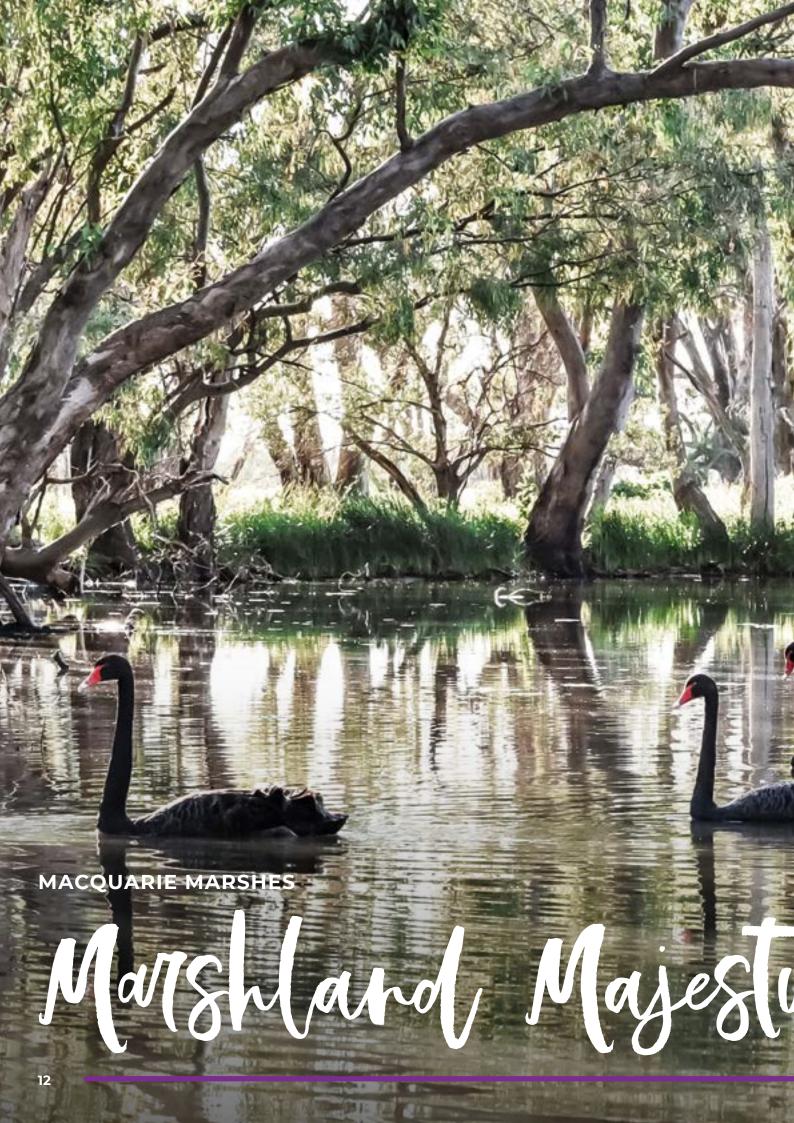
This breathtaking ecosystem is a treasure trove of biodiversity, offering a sanctuary for nature lovers, bird watchers, and eco-tourists alike. Located just a short drive from the heart of town, Tiger Bay feels like a world apart. Visitors can explore the wetlands with a walk on the trail, perhaps take an audio tour, or for those keen on learning about its ecological and cultural significance, why not consider organising a guided tour. Whether you are seeking a peaceful retreat to enjoy nature's untouched beauty or an education experience, Tiger Bay offers an enriching experience.

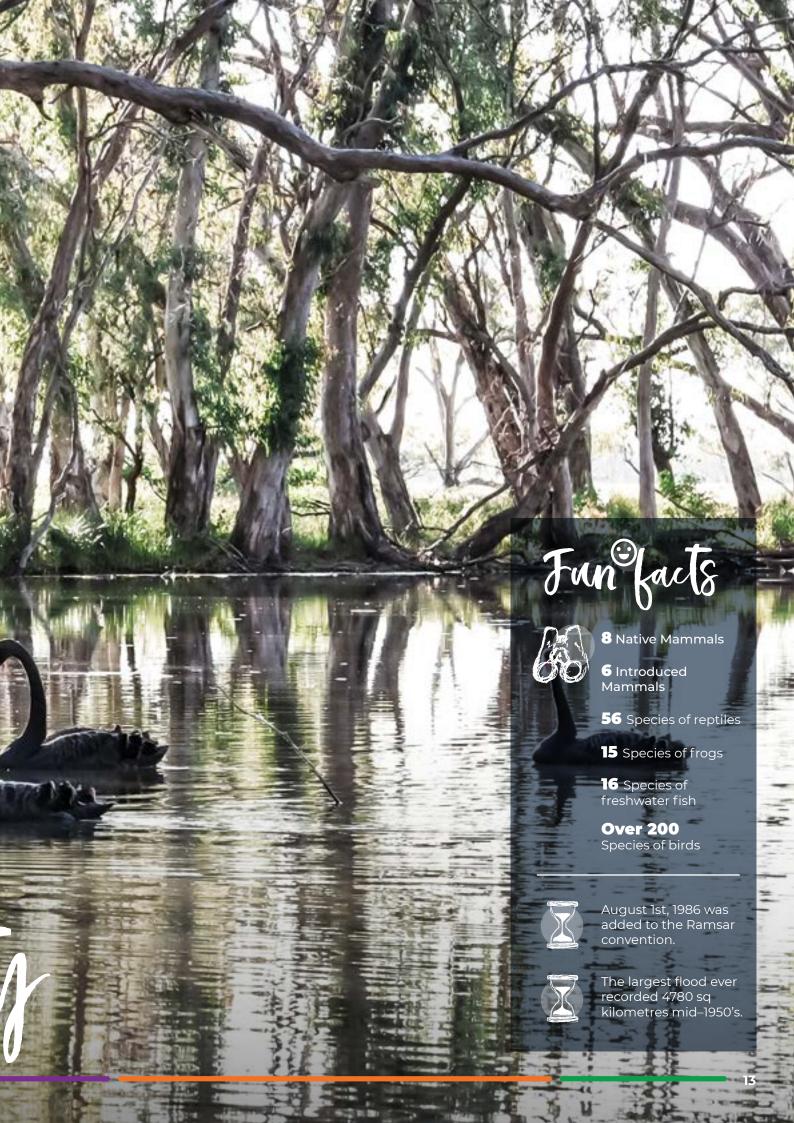
Come and witness the remarkable interplay of life in one of Warren's most natural settings.







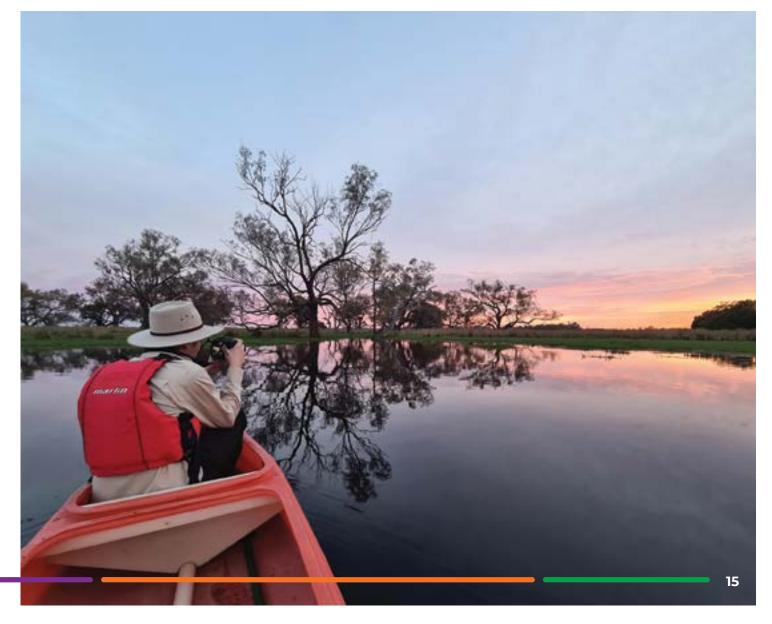
















BURRIMA BOARDWALK

Nestled in the Macquarie Marshes, is the Burrima Boardwalk, built and managed with the aim of restoring and conserving wetland and floodplain habitat.

Delight in a leisurely 2km stroll amidst river red gums and reeds, accompanied by an exceptional observation tower offering a breathtaking view over the expansive northern reedbed. This intriguing tourist destination highlights the Macquarie Marshes, providing visitors with an accessible, up-close and immersive experience of this unique natural location.

An ephemeral wetland environment where you may see and hear a wide range of diverse plant and animal species. An up close and personal experience you will not forget.

Burrima Boardwalk is accessible for mobility scooters, walkers and wheelchairs.

Bring a picnic to enjoy, al fresco style, under the trees or covered tables, view the magnificent wetlands from the heights of the bird viewing platform, and soak in all the sights and sounds of this extraordinary natural landscape.

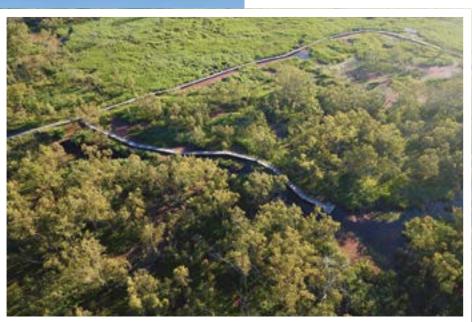
If you were any closer to the Macquarie Marshes.... You would be wadding in it!











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Warren is a stargazer's paradise, just waiting for you to discover.

Far from the city lights, and blessed with clear, unpolluted skies, our charming town offers some of the best night sky views in Australia!

Imagine standing under a canopy of shimmering stars, the Milky Way stretching across the night sky in all of its majesty. Our pristine dark skies provide an unparalleled opportunity to witness the magic of the cosmos as it comes alive with brilliance and wonder.

Whether you are a seasoned astronomer or simply a

lover of natural beauty, our starlit nights are sure to captivate you.

Set up your telescope or lay back on a blanket, and watch the universe unfold before your eyes. The Southern Cross, Orion, and countless other constellations are all there, waiting to be discovered.

As the sun sets, and the stars start to glow, the night sky in Warren transforms into something truly magical, perfect for both quiet reflection and exciting discovery.

Before embarking on your stargazing adventure, make sure you equip yourself with all the essentials. Bring a telescope or binoculars, a camera, star map, and a comfortable chair or blanket. Don't forget warm clothing as the nights can get chilly. And of course, pack some snacks and hot chocolate to keep you cozy as you gaze into the infinite expanse above.

So why wait?

Come for the stars, stay for the serenity, and leave with some magical memories. Let the stars capture your imagination and heart.

The universe is calling – are you ready to answer?



History has a Home

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of our region as you explore captivating exhibits that showcase both historical treasures and contemporary masterpieces.

From Indigenous art to local history, our museum offers a fascinating journey through time. Whether you are a history enthusiast, an art connoisseur, or simply seeking inspiration, Warren Museum and Art Gallery promises an enriching experience for all visitors.

Discover the stories that shape our community and ignite your sense of wonder at The WAM where even the building has a story to tell!





The WAM is an interactive Museum and Art gallery opened in March 2023 it is run by volunteers.

















Maahla aho (hello) Mada Maha-y (welcome)

Translated as River Arts Place, Warraan Widji Arts is a bespoke organisation where First Nations voices are heard and listened to!

With a vision of reawakening the Wayilwan Language, WWA strives to create spaces which invite inclusivity and diverse expressions of artistic creativity.

Through inspirational art, dance, music, song and performance, Warraan Widji Arts is reclaiming Wayilwan cultural heritage while building a sustainable and meaningful future for our youth.



The Warraan Widji Arts Centre was previously the Mechanics Institute/ Shire Library and was built in 1876.



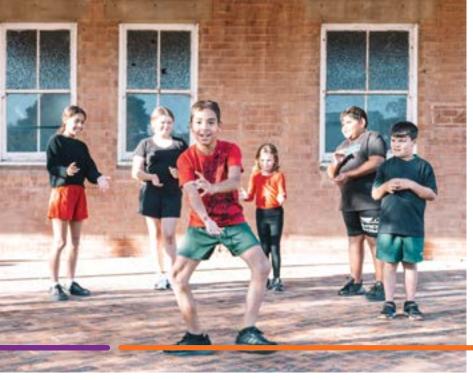
Warraan Widji Arts Centre was established in October 2021, founded on respect for our Elders and our Wayilwan ancestors.



The Building was gifted to Warraan Widji Arts from members of the community.











One of Warren's two villages, Nevertire is a must stop along the Mitchell Highway if you are travelling through Warren to Nyngan or beyond, or the other way round.

With a charming family friendly pub and delightful rural shopping and eats, the village offers a welcome revival stop for the weary traveller.

The newly restored historic community hall has played host to many events and concerts

including performances by Keith Podger (The Seekers) and Warren's own SING choir.

For the history buffs, the Nevertire Cemetery holds a lifetime of history and the stories of resident's long since past.

And for thrillseekers, you cannot miss the annual Nevertire Rodeo where the rugged essence of Australian bush culture and spirit of competition is celebrated.

Never tire of Nevertire!



Fun facts



Town destroyed on the 28th of December 1896 due to a tornado.



Henry Lawson described Nevertire as the edge of the great grey plains.



Originally known as Warren Pond



The Nevertire hotel site was originally the spot where the railway hotel was built in 1887.



The Nevertire Rodeo is held every year in October.





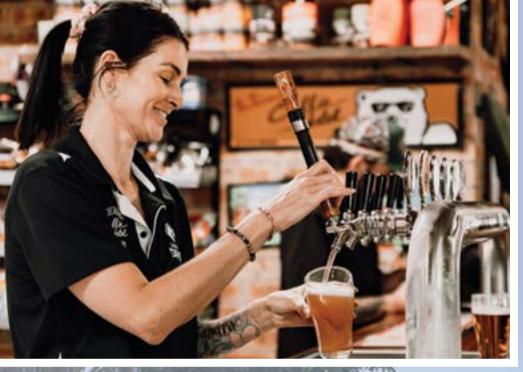
WHOEVER SAID

"it is not about the destination... It is about the journey..."



Has clearly never been to Warren or the Macquarie Marshes!









Meet the Iscals

Nestled halfway between Warren and Gilgandra, on the Oxley Highway, is the village of Collie.

Home of the well known Collie Hotel, the village is a welcome stop for seeking a rest from travels.

Collie's vibrant community spirit is the jewel in its crown. Visitors are greeted with smiles and stories, making everyone feel like a part of the village from the moment they arrive. The small historic community hall has hosted international musicians as part of the esteemed Warren Chamber Music Festival and continues to be a gathering place for locals.

The Collie Rodeo is a must on your go to list.... Work up a thirst watching the riders cling to a bucking bull, chasing after glory!

And at the end of the day, enjoy a great feed, a cold beverage and recap the day with storytime with the locals.





Surrounded by sheep and cattle stations along with irrigated and dryland crops.



Home of "Eurobla" where the famous artist George Lambert visited and inspired many of his works.



Proclaimed a village in 1893.



2024 marks 100 years of the County Women's Association in Collie.



1872 Collie was the halfway stop for the Cobb n Co mail run between Gilgandra and Quambone.



Are we there yet!

Travelling with the kids? Fun and adventure awaits the whole family here in Warren. Bring your kids along for an unforgettable journey filled with excitement and discovery.

Explore our family-friendly attractions, from the tranquil parks and playgrounds to the thrilling outdoor attractions, adventures and nature reserves.

Have fun at the Splash Park, dive into the refreshing waters of our swimming pool, ride the Skate Park, tackle the Flying Fox at Macquarie Park or become a farmer for day and help out with the chores on one of our local farms.

Discover with the kids the rich history and culture of the region with interactive museums and educational tours tailored for young explorers, or have a quieter moment at the Warren Library filled with wonderful stories and activities.

With a range of accommodation options catering to families and an array of dining choices to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters, Warren is the perfect destination for your next family getaway.

Start planning your unforgettable family adventure in Warren, where every moment is filled with joy and wonder!

Don't forget to stop by the Visitors Centre to pick up one of our kids activity packs – full of enriching Warren based puzzles, games and activities.



CARTER OVAL



With a splash park, skate park cricket oval, soccer field and athletics track the Carter oval precinct is perfect for the kids.



MACQUARIE PARK

Macquarie Park is a great place to unwind cook a BBQ and let the kids run wild.















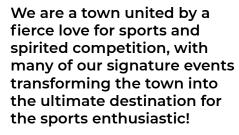








Events to thrill



Thrill from the thunder of hooves and experience the exhilaration of the racecourse, known as the Randwick of the West, at great race days such as the Cotton Cup. Ride, swim, and run the annual triathlon. Cowboy up at the Nevertire and Collie rodeos or grab a fishing rod and join in the fun at the annual carp muster.

Need more than sporting thrills? Warren promises cultural festivities, artistic explorations, historic journeys and musical encounters.

Every event is an opportunity to connect, celebrate and create memories that last a lifetime. Whether you are seeking the thrill of competition, the beauty of art or the joy of music, we welcome you with open arms and festive spirit.

Pack you bags for an eventful journey. Come for the event and stay for the fun!

Discover our event calendar at discoverwarrennsw.com.au







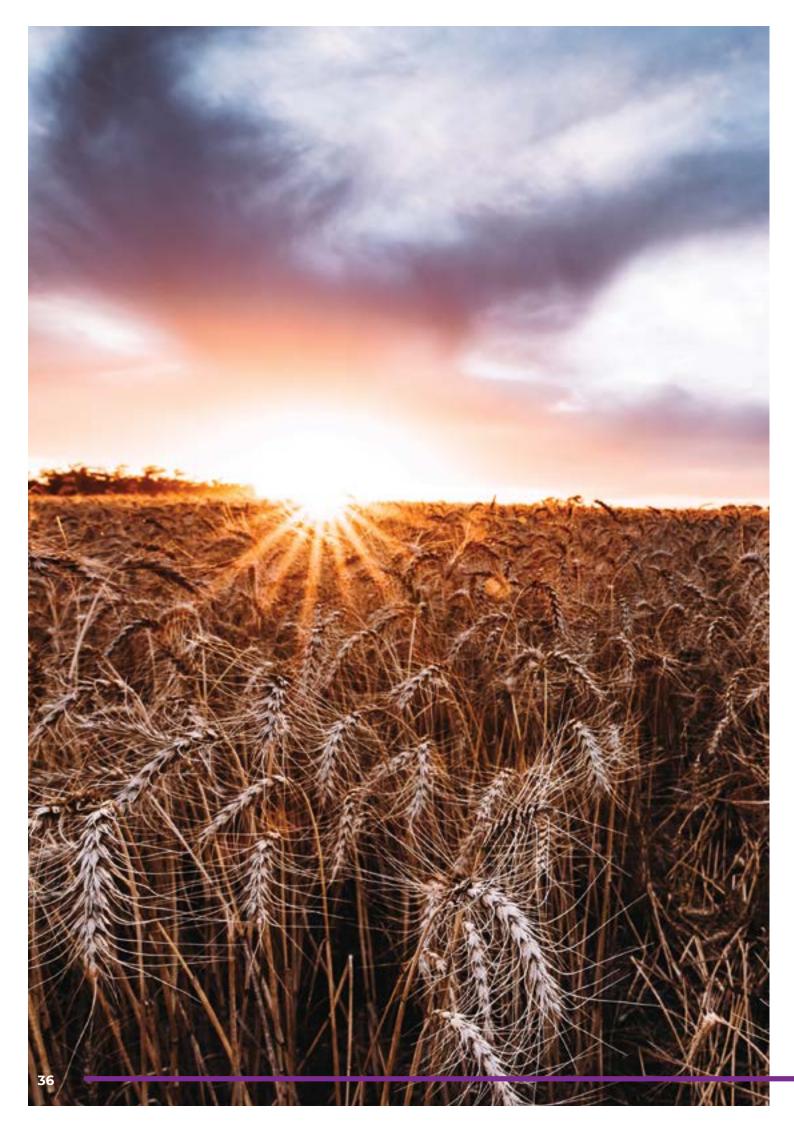
Home of "the Randwick of the west" with 4 major race meetings throughout the year.



The Warren show has been a staple in the events calendar since 1880.



The Warren Triathlon is held every March.



Where Art and Nature Collide

Warren, where art and nature blend seamlessly to create a picturesque retreat for creatives and art lovers alike.

Surrounded by natural beauty, Warren provides the perfect inspiration for artists, photographers, and writers.

Relax, rejuvenate and reconnect with your creative side.

Take a leisurely stroll through the town and walk your way around our many murals, sculptures, and watertower art. View the exhibitions and discover the talents of our artists at the Art Gallery. Marvel at Indigenous artworks and the woodcraft of our locals.

Come find your muse in Warren, where every visit paints a beautiful memory.



Larger than life murals depict the wildlife, people, farm animals and landscapes of our region throughout the township of Warren and the villages of Nevertire and Collie.



Movie posters adorn the outer walls of the old Federal picture theatre built in 1938.

















Rich, Musical Heritage



The hills are alive with the sound of music!

While there are not any actual hills in Warren, there is Music! Our town strikes a chord with a rich musical heritage from country to classical, proud indigenous voices, and the musicality of the bush itself, always alive with the sounds of birds and rustling of the trees.

With a strong community choir that amplifies the musical voice of the town, to the renowned Warren Chamber Music Festival (heralded as an international standard event featuring world class musicians and performances), Warren is well and truly a great stop on the musical map!

And although Warren is not home to the Golden Guitar Country Awards, we have won our fair share of the golden statues through our wonderful Storer family.

Feel free to bring out your ukulele, guitar or keyboard, sit under the bluest of skies or a myriad of stars and compose yourself a musical masterpiece backed by the orchestra of sounds that is Warren!

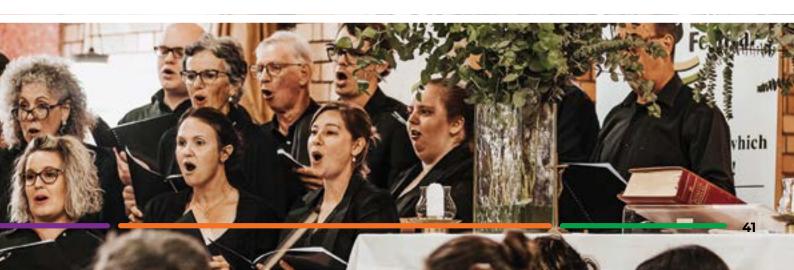




The Warren Chamber of Music festival is held every 2 years in May.



The golden guitar winning country music group "Dust music" calls the Bulla Green Lane of Warren home.

















The township of Warren was gazetted in June 1861 as a farming settlement and quickly became known for its lush landscapes and fertile soil, ideal for agriculture.

As you drive around Warren, you will see its agricultural roots continuing to grow in the sprawling fields and paddocks dotted in the landscape.

Visit our historic main street or local Library where stories and photos will tell a story of the town's evolution from a modest farming community to a thriving small town.

The Warren Historical and Family History Society holds a vast collection of books, maps, cds and dvds (including the Julie Dern Collection), photographs, and documentation for those interested in researching their connections to our town.

An old garage building has been converted into a museum offering a glimpse into Warren's industrious past, and hosting artifacts that illustrate the daily lives of our early settlers.

A visit to Warren is a step back in time to experience the warmth and charm of rural life.

Our town may be small, but its heart and history are as vast as the countryside that surrounds it.

Discover more history at discoverwarrennsw.com.au







WARREN HISTORY TIMELINE

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1828	Charles Sturt and his party explore the region.
1830s	The first settlers move into the area.
1846	Thomas Mitchell and his party explore the region.
1847	The first race meeting held about 6kms east of Warren.
1861	Warren proclaimed as a town.
1880	The first Warren show was held on 3rd May.
1882	Railway line from Dubbo to Nevertire opened.
1885	Nevertire proclaimed a village.
1896	The Nevertire Cyclone destroyed most of Nevertire.
1898	Railway from Nevertire to Warren opened. There were two trains in and out of Warren six days a week.
1899	The Great fire destroyed two thirds of Warren.
1901	The population of Warren was 1006 of which 13% were Chinese.
1914–1918	300 men and 2 women served in the First World War, 41 did not return.
1920–1982	Aboriginal families lived at the Beemunnel Reserve.
1939–1945	307 men and 16 women served in the Second World War, 21 did not return.
1950–1953	3 men served in the Korean war. All returned.
1951	The most destructive bushfire experienced in the district occurred.
1955	Record flood of 10 metres.
1957	Warren Shire formed with the amalgamation of Marthaguy and Warren Shires.
1962–1975	10 men served in the Vietnam war. All returned.
1988	Tiger Bay Wetlands opened in Warren.
2011	Celebrations for the 150 year anniversary of Warren.
2016	Beemunnel gazetted as 'an Aboriginal Place" and enhancement works commence.

Tucket Time

Indulge your taste buds in our vibrant town, where culinary delights await at every corner.

From cozy cafés serving great artisanal coffee and yummy treats to our busy restaurants, clubs and pubs dishing out tasty international cuisine. Our diverse food scene caters to all palettes.

Whether it's a juicy steak, great parma schnitzel or something more international like Thai, Chinese, Indian or tasty pizzas, Warren has something to satisfy your hunger!

Or fancy cooking your own?..... With a great local butcher and well stocked supermarkets..... you will not go hungry in our town!

No bbq? No worries! ... Our parks have you covered with easy to use amenities.

Discover where to eat **discoverwarrennsw.com.au**



















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Buy in the Bush!

Explore the Best of Bush shopping with shops brimming with treasures waiting to be uncovered.

Immerse yourself in the creativity of local artisans, craftsman and artists as you peruse handmade goods, one of a kind artworks, handcrafted jewellery, homewares and clothing.

From bohemian chic to classic country styles, there is something to suit every taste and occasion From unique gifts to everyday essentials, shopping in the bush is a great experience.

So, whether you are stocking up on local produce, or simply stretching your legs with a stroll through town, we invite you to shop 'til you drop in the heart of the bush!'.

And for the perfect souvenir of your stay, pop into the Visitor Information Centre to pick up some great gifts to remember your stay or send to the relatives to make them envious of your travels!

Discover where to shop discoverwarrennsw.com.au





How's the Generally?

Discover comfort and charm in Warren:- Your perfect stay awaits!

A delightful array of accommodation is on offer to suit every traveller's needs and where you can embrace the tranquility of rural living.

Whether you are seeking a cozy retreat, a family friendly motel, or a rustic camping experience to connect with the great outdoors, Warren has something special for you.

No matter where you choose to stay in Warren, you will find yourself enchanted by the town's friendly atmosphere, stunning natural surroundings and rich cultural heritage.

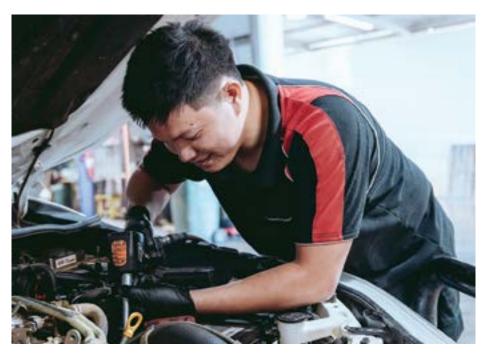
From homestays, bed and breakfasts, motel style rooms, caravan park or free camping options, plan your stay today and enjoy Warren's renowned hospitality.

Warren, where both relaxation and adventure await.

Discover where to stay discoverwarrennsw.com.au



















Helpful ocals

Warren is ready to meet all of your travelling needs, making it a highly convenient and welcoming stop.

Our charming town boasts an array of services. Visitors will find well–stocked supermarkets, boutique shops and amenities, alongside medical services including a hospital.

Banking, post office, veterinary clinic, hardware, motor mechanics, fuel, pharmacy, dental, NRMA, tyres and library are among the services available in town.

And for travellers with a caravan or camper, there is an RV Dump Point and Potable Water site available.

Warren also provides ample parking and is known for its safety and cleanliness, ensuring a worry-free stay for travellers.

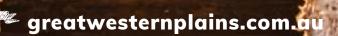
And if it is a wee break you are after...... Warren's public amenities are second to none...... with one even winning "Australia's Most Colourful Toilet" award!



Welcome to the Great Western
Plains. Filling the central region
of the state, the Great Western
Plains strikes the perfect balance
between blissful relaxation,
heart pumping adrenaline and
everything else in between.



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Visit us

Welcome to the Warren and Macquarie Marshes Visitor Information Centre. When you step through our doors, you'll be greeted with the warmth and hospitality that our town is known for. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are passionate about sharing the best of what Warren and the surrounding Macquarie Marshes have to offer.

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or a deeper understanding of our unique local environment, our team is here to help. We provide detailed information on the best attractions, local events, and hidden gems, ensuring that your visit is both enjoyable and memorable. From maps and brochures to personal recommendations and insider tips, we have everything you need to make the most of your stay.

Our hospitality extends beyond just providing information. We are committed to making you feel welcome and at home. Enjoy a chat with our staff, who are always eager to share stories about the rich history and vibrant culture of our community. And don't hesitate to ask questions – we're here to ensure your visit to Warren is nothing short of fantastic.

Come and experience the genuine warmth and enthusiasm of our team. Your unforgettable adventure in Warren begins here!



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