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Stronger Flood Protection on the Way for Warren Shire

Warren Shire Council appoints contractor to deliver \$7.1M Levee Rehabilitation Project

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Warren Shire Council's \$7.1 million Levee Bank Rehabilitation and Riverbank Rock Armouring Project has reached a major milestone in protecting the community from future flood events, with [MGN Civil Pty Ltd](#) endorsed as the preferred contractor at the April Council Meeting.

Jointly funded by all three levels of Governments, Commonwealth, New South Wales Government and Office of Local Government, the project forms a key part of Council's long-term flood mitigation strategy. It is facilitated by NSW Reconstruction Authority under the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program, with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) administering the funds on behalf of NSW Reconstruction Authority.

Warren Shire Mayor, Greg Whiteley, said, "We're grateful to receive funding from the Commonwealth under the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program, and the NSW Government."

Once complete, the Project will deliver significant upgrades to Warren's flood protection system, including:

- Strong rock revetments to stabilise and reinforce the levee bank,
- Modernised floodgates designed to better manage water flow, and
- Diesel-powered pumps to safeguard homes, roads, and essential community assets during high-water events.

Mayor Whiteley said the project will bring real benefits to the community, not only in infrastructure, but in security and peace of mind.



"This isn't just about engineering. It's about protecting people's homes, local farms, community facilities, and businesses. We're investing in the future of Warren Shire and our community's safety, making sure we're ready to weather the storms ahead," the Mayor said.

Council's Infrastructure Projects Manager, Joe Joseph, said, "This is a technically complex project involving rock revetments, new floodgates, and pump infrastructure that will allow us to respond more efficiently and effectively during emergency situations."

"MGN Civil brings the specialist capability and experience required to work in the riverine environment and deliver a more robust, reliable defence against flooding. We're pleased to be moving into the construction phase," he added.

With final approvals of the project work plan now in place and a contract awarded, construction is expected to commence in the coming months. Works will be staged to minimise disruption to the community.

Residents can stay informed by visiting the [Warren Shire Council website](#), follow Council on [Facebook](#), and [subscribe to Council's email newsletter](#).

"As the project progresses, we encourage residents to stay engaged, connected and informed as we build a more resilient future for Warren Shire," Mayor Greg Whiteley said.

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Project Background

Warren Shire Council's Levee Bank Rehabilitation and Riverbank Rock Armouring Project is a \$7.1 million initiative designed to strengthen flood protection for the township of Warren.

In 2022, Council was awarded \$5.325 million from the Commonwealth Government under the 2021–22 National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program (2021-22-NFMIP-005), along with \$887,500 through a program administered by NSW Reconstruction Authority. The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is administering these funds on behalf of NSW Reconstruction Authority under a formal Memorandum of Understanding. An additional \$887,500 was provided by the Office of Local Government under the Local Government Recovery Grants Program (ARGN 1025).

This investment supports the rehabilitation of the Warren levee system as part of Council's broader, long-term flood mitigation strategy. The levee plays a critical role in protecting Warren township—on both the western and eastern sides of the Macquarie River—during high-water events.

The project aims to:

- Ensure the levee can withstand future floods up to its design capacity, reducing reliance on Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements;
- Improve insurance affordability for residents and Council by reducing exposure to flood risks;
- Strengthen community confidence in the structural integrity and long-term performance of the levee.