

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Mayoral Minute
to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at the
Council Community Room, Warren, on Thursday 27th August 2026

ITEM 1 GENERAL MATTERS CONCERNING WARREN SHIRE (C14-4, H2-1, D8-1)

RECOMMENDATION that:

1. The information be received and noted; and
2. Council provide a \$3,000 donation under Section 356 Local Government Act, 1993 for financial assistance for traffic control costs for the Dusty Langby Little Wings Walk Fundraising Project.

PURPOSE

Is to inform the Council and the community of Warren Shire of various matters happening around the Shire.

BACKGROUND

A report to provide details of general matters concerning Warren Shire Council for Council's information together with the consideration of a special donation request.

REPORT

1. Chief Executive Officer Local Government NSW David Reynolds – Meeting 23rd July, 2026 – Commonwealth Disaster Relief Framework, Federal Assistance Grants, Law and Order Matters – NSW Attorney General, Code of Meeting Practice Matters.
2. NSW Police Force Assistant Commissioner – Western Region Andrew Holland PSM - Meeting 5th August, 2026 – Youth crime, repeat offenders and bail, criteria and boundaries relating to the classification of “Remote” and “Special Remote” locations within the NSW Police Force, Rural Crime Prevention Team (Detectives), Drug-related issues within Warren, attraction of community-minded Police Officers to Warren, staffing challenges, computer system incorporating Council CCTV capabilities for operational use.
3. Member for Parkes Jamie Chaffey MP – Meeting 29th July, 2026 – General matters concerning the Seat of Parkes, National Party Policy discussions, Federal Assistance Grants, Commonwealth Disaster Relief Framework, Warren Shire Council priorities.
4. Chief Executive Officer Royal Flying Doctor Service South East Greg Sam – Meeting 13th August, 2026 – General health industry matters, organisation priorities, General Practices Provision, Warren staffing.
5. Former Councillor Les Grindrod Passing – Served as a Councillor for almost 11 years, September 1980 to September 1991, including six (6) years as Deputy Shire President.
6. Request for Financial Assistance toward Traffic Control Costs – Dusty Langby, Walk Warren to Canberra on behalf of Little Wings – see the attached email.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

With consideration of a donation of up to \$3,000 towards the Dusty Langby traffic control costs, Council's Budget for Section 356 donation is just unaffected. No other extra donations will be able to be afforded within the budget.

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 356 Local Government Act, 1993. Matters concerning health are contained within Council's Strategic Plans and thus a donation is allowable without advertising.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

It is appropriate that our community is informed in regard to various matters happening around the Shire.

OPTIONS

Council does not necessarily need to provide a donation to the traffic control for the Dusty Langby Little Wings Walk Fundraising Project.

CONCLUSION

That the information contained within the report be noted and Council consider providing an appropriate donation towards traffic control costs for the Dusty Langby Little Wings Fundraising Project.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1.1.2 Improve health services within the community.
- 1.1.6 Recognise and support our wide range of local community groups.
- 1.2.3 Encourage volunteerism within the community.
- 5.1.1 Undertake regular community engagement activities as per the Community Engagement Strategy.
- 5.1.3 Promote Warren Shire Council to wide audiences both within the Shire and externally.
- 5.3.2 Create a productive and cooperative working environment for Councillors to support their governance responsibilities. (Provide timely, accurate and relevant reporting and information to Councillors to enable informed decision making).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION /ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Email sent by Sarah Langby 18 August, 2026 – Request for Financial Assistance for Traffic Control for the Dusty Langby Little Wings Fundraising Project.

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Attachment 1 - Email sent by Sarah Langby 18 August, 2026 – Request for Financial Assistance for Traffic Control for the Dusty Langby Little Wings Fundraising Project.

Gary Woodman

From: Gary Woodman
Sent: Sunday, 23 August 2026 10:21 AM
To: Gary Woodman
Subject: FW: Request for Funding Assistance – Traffic Control Costs for 12 year old Dusty Walking from Warren to Canberrarr Little Wings

From: Sarah Webb [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 August 2026 12:31 PM
To: Council Calendar <council@warren.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Request for Funding Assistance – Traffic Control Costs for 12 year old Dusty Walking from Warren to Canberrarr Little Wings

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Att: Engineering Department

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Sarah Langby, and I am writing to respectfully request financial assistance from Warren Council towards the traffic-control costs associated with my 12-year-old son Dusty's upcoming fundraising journey in support of Little Wings.

Dusty is a 12-year-old boy from Warren, NSW, who has taken on an extraordinary challenge. On 30 August, he will set out on foot to walk approximately 500 kilometres from Warren to Canberra, with the goal of arriving at Parliament House on 14 September and raising \$1 million for Little Wings.

Little Wings is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free ground and air transport for seriously ill children living in rural and remote communities. They also assist by flying paediatricians from major cities to regional communities and providing regular clinics, helping country children access vital medical care closer to home.

Dusty has already raised more than \$125,000, and his determination has inspired communities across regional NSW to come together behind his mission. What began as a 12-year-old boy wanting to help other children has grown into a journey that is bringing significant attention to the needs of rural and remote families.

As part of organising Dusty's journey and ensuring the safety of Dusty, his support team, volunteers and members of the public who will be involved along the route, we have now received a traffic-control quotation of approximately \$19,000.

This is a significant and unexpected financial burden for a community-led fundraising initiative. Every dollar we raise has the potential to go directly towards supporting Little Wings and the children and families who rely on their services. Having to allocate \$19,000 towards traffic management would therefore have a substantial impact on the amount we are ultimately able to contribute to Little Wings.

We are respectfully asking Warren Council if you would consider providing funding assistance toward the \$19,000 traffic-control cost to help Dusty stay safe on his epic journey to help the rural Kids.

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We believe this is an opportunity for Council to support not only Dusty's fundraising effort, but also a broader message about the strength of regional communities.

Dusty's journey represents courage, compassion and community spirit. He is showing that age is no barrier to making a difference. His decision to walk from Warren to Canberra to raise money for more paediatric clinics has already captured the attention and support of people across regional Australia.

Dusty has also been invited to meet with the Prime Minister at Parliament House on 15 September following his arrival in Canberra, which provides an incredible opportunity to shine a national spotlight on his fundraising campaign and the important work of Little Wings.

We would be extremely grateful if Warren Council could consider supporting Dusty by helping us meet the \$19,000 traffic-control requirement.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Council representatives to discuss the journey, the traffic-management requirements and how Council may be able to assist.

Thank you sincerely for considering our request and for supporting the efforts of a local family and community who are simply trying to make a difference for seriously ill children living in rural and remote Australia.

If you would like to follow Dusty's journey so far, you can search "**Dollar for Dusty**" on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok.

Dusty Poster

<https://canva.link/cj0wtgfy7w3cezw>

Info about Dusty's fundraiser

<https://www.littlewings.org.au/dollar-for-dusty/>

Donation Page

<https://www.givenow.com.au/dollar-for-dusty>

Dollar For Dusty Video

<https://youtu.be/tsrekO2IA3I>

Kind regards,

Sarah Langby (Dusty's Mum)

On behalf of Dusty Langby and the Dusty's Journey for Little Wings team