



Nevertire Community Park

RATEPAYERS INFORMATION

2026 / 2027

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 Delivery Program 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 final year of the Delivery Program 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 2024-2028

A WARD

Pauline Serdity
Noel Kinsey
Greg Whiteley (Mayor)

C WARD

David Cleasby
Mark Kelly
Ros Jackson

B WARD

Sarah Derrett (Deputy Mayor)
Penny Heuston
Bob McKay

D WARD

Andrew Brewer
Dirk McCloskey
Tony Wass

MANAGEMENT TEAM

General Manager	Gary Woodman
Divisional Manager Finance & Administration	Bradley Pascoe
Divisional Manager Engineering Services	Sylvester Otieno
Manager Health & Development Services	Vacant

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 newspaper and social media. 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 Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor.

MAYOR'S FOREWORD

It is my hope that you will find the information contained in the 2026/2027 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.

In 2025/2026 Council has continued to be focused on rehabilitating our road network following the significant flood damage that occurred particularly in the second half of 2022. Reconstruction road safety work on RR333 Carinda Road, reconstruction and rehabilitation work on RR7515 Warren Road, replacement and widening of the Tenandra Bridge across Marthaguy Creek and Newe Park Bridge across Merrigal Creek, rail crossing approach rehabilitation work on SR58 Nevertire – Bogan Road, Boothaguy Creek Bridge on SH 11 Oxley Highway, asphaltic concrete work on the Warren Roundabout, traffic improvement works in Bundemar Street Warren, a major Kerb and Gutter Renewal/Replacement Program, Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund rehabilitation works on RR333 Carinda Road, Ewenmar Waste Depot Access Road reconstruction, Electronic Signage under the Disaster Readiness Fund on Stoney Creek Crossing and Reddenville Break and extensive Urban, Shire and Regional Roads Bitumen Reseal Programs have been completed.

The Towards Zero Safer Roads Program on RR202 Marthaguy Road has also been partly completed during the year with expected finalisation in early 2026/2027.

Routine road maintenance will proceed on our roads in line with the Council's planned works program alongside the flood damage restoration work.

Council will continue to undertake an extensive Urban, Shire and Regional Road Bitumen Reseal Program, an extensive Urban and Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting Program, rehabilitation works on SR27 Bullagreen Road under the Regional Emergency Roads REPAIR Program, SR5 Buckiinguy Road rehabilitation under the Roads to Recovery Program, Road Safety Works on SR66 Wambianna Road under the Australian Government Black Spot Program.

Council will continue an extensive plant replacement program to support its works on roads and town services.

It is expected that completion of the Warren Town Levee Rehabilitation Works will be completed by September 2026. This project has a total cost of \$7.1 million, which is fully funded by both the Commonwealth Government and NSW Government. The project includes the purchase of large electric pumps and generators, diesel pumps and associated pipe work and replacement of all flood gate structures around the levee.

Council will also continue an extensive program of improvements to its Water and Sewer assets such as sewer main refurbishment works, spare sewer pump program, spare water pumps program, a water valve replacement program, decommissioning of Council's old Sewerage Treatment Plant, Gillendoon Street Sewer Pumps Station restoration and Gunningba Estate Sewer Pump Station safety improvements. Council has also engaged the Public Works Authority to complete its Water and Sewer Strategic Planning/ Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan which will provide Council with a major planning tool for these important assets and services for the next 30 years.

In regards to our parks and facilities, the cricket pitch at Victoria Oval will be removed, new gas hot water systems will be installed at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre, three (3) new shade structures will be installed over the tables and chairs at the Splash Park, the Macquarie Part Cenotaph base slab will be improved and further parks and facilities CCTV installations will be arranged. It is also expected that the exclusion fencing at the Warren Airport will be further improved.

Following the analysis of the result of the Recycling Services Survey 2026, Council will progress kerbside recycling in 2026/2027 for each parcel of occupied rateable land (not vacant land) in the garbage collection areas of Warren, Nevertire and Collie with the provision of one (1) 240 litre recycling bin. This program is expected to commence on Wednesday, 7th October 2026 and include a major communication strategy program in relation to appropriate recycling processes.

For Economic Development and Visitation, Council will complete its Discover Warren website along with the Discover Macquarie Marshes website. A social media program will commence when these websites come online. Council will also be undertaking a further Country Heartline Project.

Subject to a grant or land sales Council is hoping to commence Gunningba Estate Stage 3 Development. Council will also undertake the development and implementation of a Warren Shire Future Housing Strategy that will see the creation of an appropriate Housing Improvement Program to help cater for the needs within the community.

Council will continue undertaking major ordered works as a contractor for Transport NSW on SH11 Oxley Highway under the Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC).

Much has been completed, and much more will be achieved as the year progresses to make the Warren Shire an enviable place in which to live.

In closing, may the season continue to be with us, so that our economy based on agriculture is able to continue to thrive.

Clr Greg Whiteley
Mayor



GRANTS SUMMARY – WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL 2026/2027

Active Grants continuing

Grant name	Details/Sub-projects	Grant Value (\$)	Council Co-contribution (\$)
Toward Zero Safer Roads Program	Marthaguy Road Safety Improvements – segment 12 to 20	4,777,592	450,000
Floodplain Management Program	Warren Town Flood Study	176,742	29,458
Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund	Bullagreen Road Shoulder Widening, Gillendoon Street Heavy Patching, Cobb Lane Heavy Patching.	1,338,347	0
Warren Levee Rehabilitation Commonwealth Funding (\$5,325,000 + NSW Government Funding (\$887,500) + OLG Funding (\$887,500 expected)	Rehabilitation of 160m section near Lions Park. Refurbishment of flood gates. Purchase of pumps and associated items. Purchase of generators.	7,100,000	0
Total of all grants:		13,392,681	479,458



Warren Town Levee Rehabilitation Works



Roy Butler MP, Peter Mackay and Mayor Greg Whiteley at the Official Opening of the Victoria Park Female-Friendly Amenities



Carter Oval Turf Laid



Warren and Macquarie Marshes Visitor Information Centre EV Charging Station



Working on the RR202 Marthaguy Road as part of the Towards Zero Safety Roads Program.



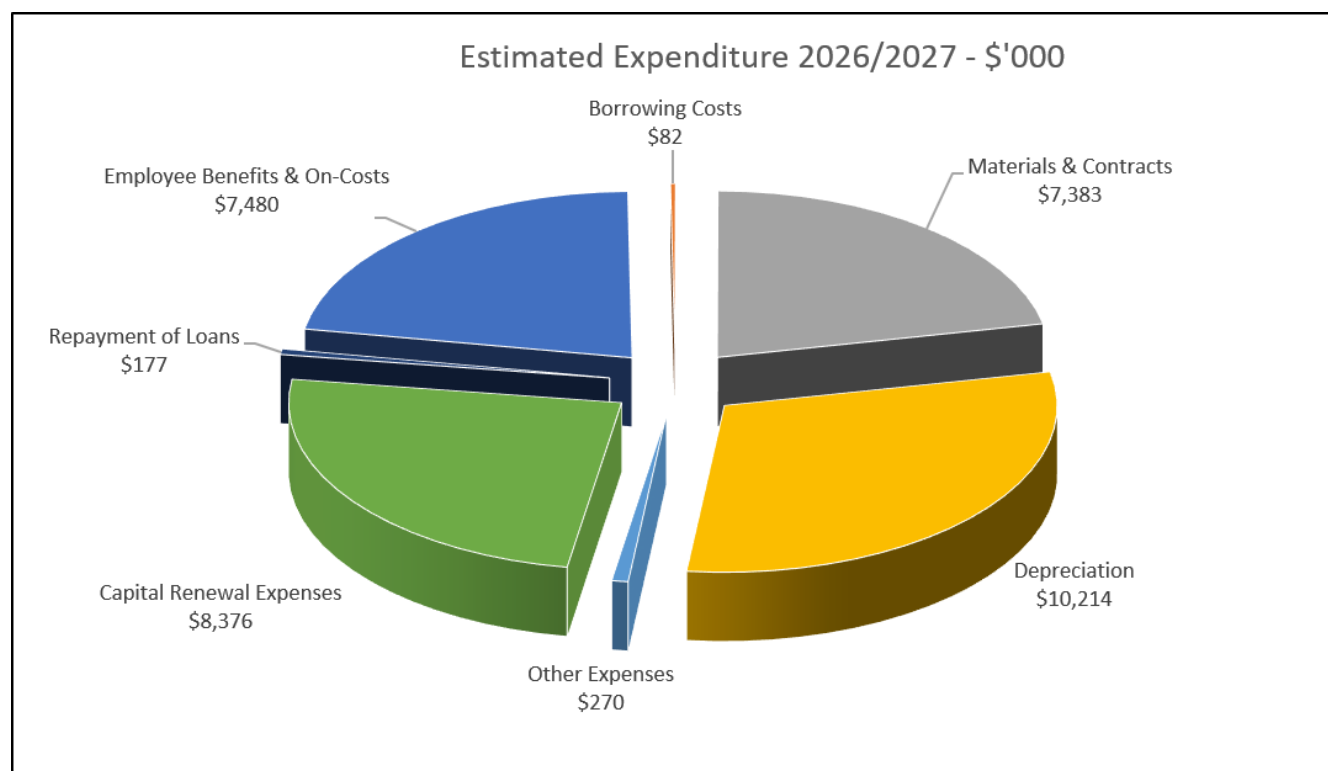
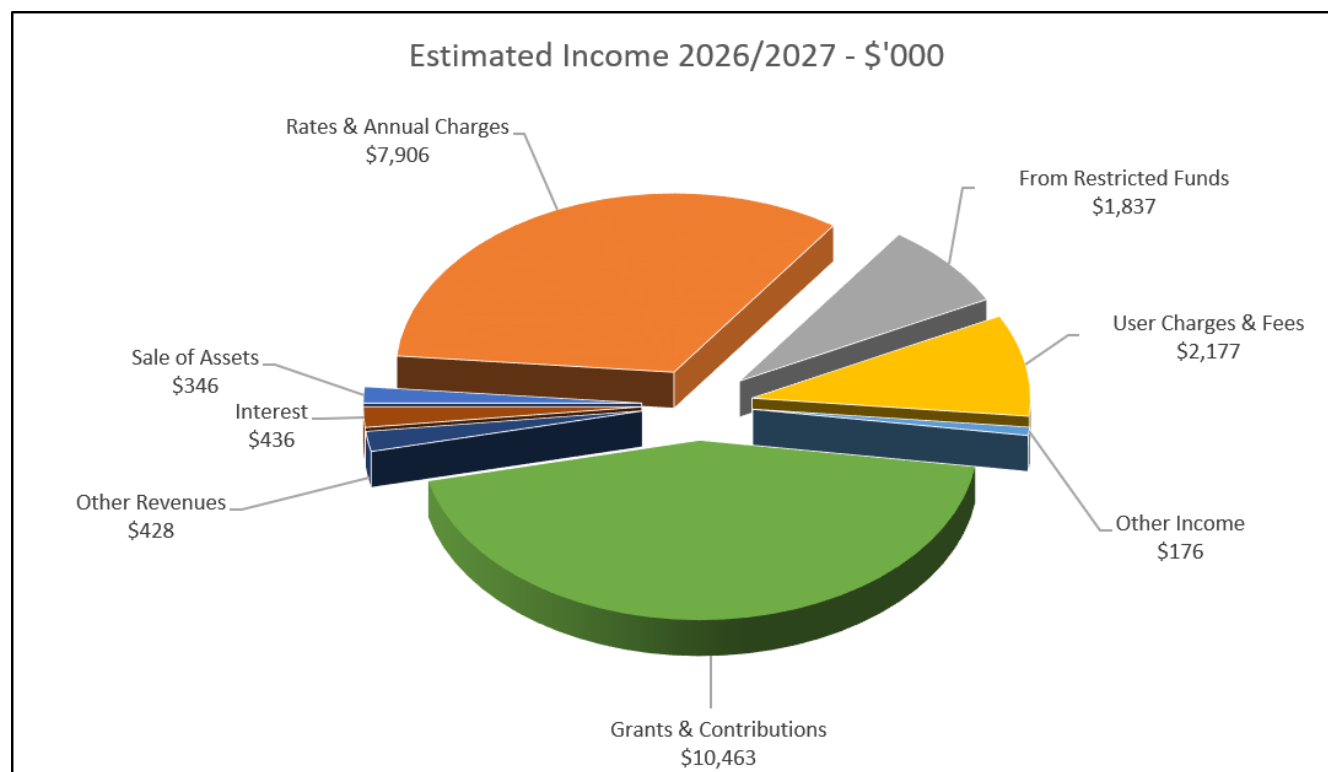
Carter Oval EV Charging Station



Variable Message Boards Wambianna Road

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 2026/2027 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 01/07/2024. 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 2026/2027 is summarised as follows:

Rate Type	Category	Sub Category	Ad Valorem Cents in \$	Minimum Rate	Min Rate % of Total Rate	Rate Yield \$
Ordinary	Residential	Warren	3.891897	642.00	33.87%	606,978.34
Ordinary	Residential	Nevertire	0.524686	266.00	98.43%	18,646.85
Ordinary	Residential	Collie	1.417762	266.00	89.93%	19,522.05
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.540904	346.00	5.66%	183,348.27
Ordinary	Farmland		0.257887	346.00	0.52%	5,051,106.67
Ordinary	Business	Warren	8.003071	642.00	1.86%	227,675.45
Ordinary	Business	Other (Warren)	0.584403	346.00	35.32%	17,630.71
Ordinary	Business	Nevertire	1.782234	346.00	19.43%	8,901.83
Ordinary	Business	Airport Area	0.562572	346.00	52.24%	13,246.61
					Total	6,147,056.78

The above calculations are based on a 3.6% increase in the general rates, this equates to an approximate increase of \$213,604.29 on the actual 2025/2026 rates levied.

The annual December 2025 CPI was 3.8%. All water and sewer charges have been increased by 5.0% in line with the Warren Shire Council Long Term Financial Plan. Other fees and charges have been increased by at least 3.8%.

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. The 2026/2027 interest rate adopted by Council is 9.50%.

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, 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.

COUNCIL POLICIES

Council has several policies on its website 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 website. 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 charge based Policy in accordance with State Government guidelines.

Warren Water supply	Availability charge	\$611/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) \$1.72/kL \$2.61/kL
Warren River Water	Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	(Account sent each quarter) \$0.63/kL \$1.10/kL
Nevertire Bore Water	Availability charge Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	\$809/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$1.00/kL \$1.45/kL
Collie Bore Water	Availability charge Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	\$618/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$2.05/kL \$3.14/kL
Warren Airport Bore Water	Availability charge Usage charges First Step up to 450kL per annum Second Step (over 450kL)	\$205/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$1.72/kL \$2.61/kL
Non-Residential Sewer Charge	Availability charge Usage charges	\$710/year (levied on rate notice) (Account sent each quarter) \$2.61/kL
Sewerage Charges	Occupied	Unoccupied
Warren	\$764.00	\$764.00 (levied on rate notice)
Nevertire	\$800.00	\$309.00 (levied on rate notice)
Garbage Charges	Occupied	Unoccupied
Warren	\$415.00	\$ 70.00 (levied on rate notice)
Nevertire	\$415.00	\$ 70.00 (levied on rate notice)
Collie	\$415.00	\$ 70.00 (levied on rate notice)
Recycling Charges		
Domestic Recycling Charge	\$150.00 per service	
Non-Domestic Recycling Charge	\$150.00 per service	
Waste Depot Access Charge		
Residential – Rural	\$155.00	
Business – Other (Warren)	\$155.00	
Business – Other (Airport Area)	\$155.00	
Farmland	\$12.00	

People wishing to pay their rate instalments are invited to use Council **BPAY** facility as the preferred option, where rate payers may refer to their Rates, Water Billing or Debtors invoice for the details required.

All rate payers are invited to contact Council finance staff to discuss alternate options that may be available, should **BPAY** not be a preferred option.

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 two classifications of road and a brief explanation on their status is as follows:

REGIONAL ROADS -	ROAD LENGTH	SEALED	-	328KM
		UNSEALED	-	28KM
		BRIDGES	-	19

The Regional Road network in New South Wales has been determined by the State Government, under the Roads Act 1993, to be Council owned. Transport for NSW provides the funding for maintenance and improvements.

LOCAL ROADS	-	ROAD LENGTH	SEALED	-	331KM
			UNSEALED	-	609KM
			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.

LIBRARY

The Library has continued to provide a diverse and customer friendly service to the community. It is open five 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, e-books, e-magazines) , IndyReads and Story Box Library. Photocopying, laminating and public access to Internet services by way of public access PC's 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> or by the North Western Library App.

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.



2025/2026 Fish Release



Heavy Patch Work on
SH 11 Oxley Highway



Water Mains Repairs and
Maintenance



Ewenmar Waste Depot
Access Road



Shoulder Grade on
SR 65 Old Warren Road



Warren Road Rehabilitation



RR202 Marthaguy Road
Safety Wire Ropes



Guardrail Replacement on Ginghet Swamp Bridges on
RR333 Carinda Road



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 (02) 6847 6670 to make a booking or to enquire about what's on at the moment.

WARREN AND MACQUARIE VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE

The Warren and Macquarie Marshes Visitors Information Centre (VIC) offers an important community service, providing information on things to see and do, where to stay, shop and eat to visitors to the Shire. The service is also available for residents of Warren in need of information about our town or area.

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 4.45 pm Tuesday to Friday 10.00 am to 12.45 pm Saturday	WARREN AND MACQUARIE MARSHES VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC) Window on the Wetlands Centre Oxley Highway, WARREN NSW 2824 Phone: (02) 6847 6665 E-mail: council@warren.nsw.gov.au Opening hours: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday & Sunday
WARREN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL Opening hours/dates are October to March: Weekdays – 6am-8am & 1pm-7pm daily. Weekends – 12noon – 8pm School Holidays – 12noon – 8pm Contact phone: (02) 6847 6675	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



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