



**RATEPAYERS  
INFORMATION  
2025/2026**

# **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 2024-2027**

#### **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	Maryanne Stephens

### **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 2025/2026 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 2024/2025 the Council has largely been focused on rehabilitating our road network following the significant flood damage that occurred particularly in the second half of 2022 and the damage associated with subsequent rain events this year that have interrupted definitive road restoration. Nonetheless, significant progress has been made. Reconstruction work has been completed on RR7515 Warren Road (to Coonamble), SR73 Udora Road and RR202 Marthaguy Road. Flood restoration work that includes pothole patching, shoulder grading of our sealed roads and the grading and gravelling of many of our unsealed roads continues under an extensive flood restoration program. Routine road maintenance will proceed on our roads in line with the Council's planned works program alongside the flood damage restoration work.

Roadworks will continue to form a big part of our operations in 2025/2026. Early in the new financial year Council will be undertaking asphaltic concreting work on the SH11 Oxley Highway rail crossing near Australian Food and Fibre, the rail crossing on SR58 Nevertire-Bogan Road and the approaches of the Boothaguy Creek Bridge on SH11 Oxley Highway. Further work is planned for RR202 Marthaguy Road between SH11 Oxley Highway and its intersection with RR7515 Warren Road. Work will be completed shortly on the replacement and widening of the Tenandra Bridge across Marthaguy Creek and Newe Park Bridge across Merrigal Creek on RR7515 Warren Road.

The Council will also be undertaking an extensive Urban, Shire and Regional Road bitumen reseal program, an extensive Urban and Shire Roads gravel resheeting program, further rehabilitation works in Bundemar Street, Warren an extensive kerb and gutter renewal/replacement program and continuation of the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund on RR333 Carinda Road and RR7515 Warren Road together with the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program on RR202 Marthaguy Road and RR333 Carinda Road, flood damage restoration works on the Ewenmar Waste Depot Access Road and Signage Disaster Readiness works on Stoney Creek Crossing and Reddenville Break.

The 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 December 2025. This project is a total 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.

The Council will also continue an extensive program of improvements to its Water and Sewer assets such as sewer main refurbishment works, sewer pump station hatch cover replacement, Thornton Avenue pump station refurbishment, water supply pump station motor control centre replacement, water valve replacement, Gillendoon Street sewer pump station restoration and decommissioning of the old sewage treatment plant. 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 soccer fields at Carter Oval will be top dressed, we will complete the final stage of the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct irrigation program, further shade structures will be installed over three (3) tables and chairs at the Splash Park, the Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct building will be fitted out, at least 250 new chairs will be purchased for the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre, at least 100 new chairs and tables will be purchased for the Warren Showground Racecourse GBS Falkiner Lounge and the Warren Sporting and Culture Centre gym equipment replacement program will be continued.

For Economic Development and Visitation, Council is expected to complete its Discover Warren website, prepare and finalise the Discover Macquarie Marshes website and social media program and undertake an extensive Drought Resilience Planning Program Implementation Project relating to economic development and tourism.

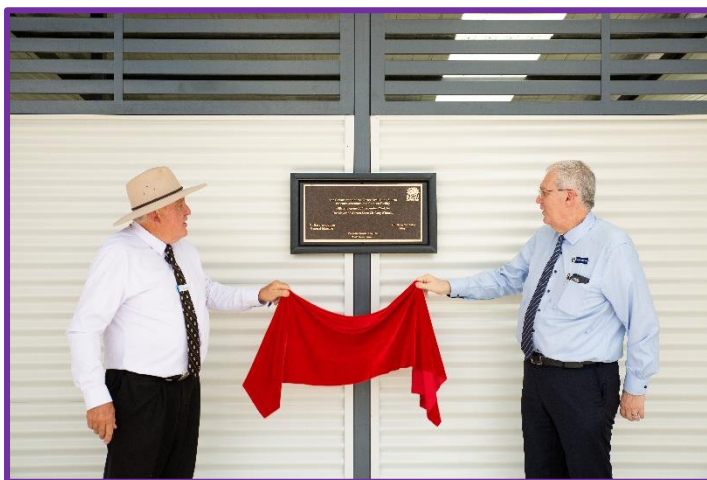
Subject to a grant or land sales Council is hoping to commence Gunningba Estate Stage 3 Development. Subject to additional grant funding received, Council is also hoping to upgrade the Warren Airport including extending the exclusion fencing.

The 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**



Official Opening of the  
Carter Oval Youth Sports Precinct Amenities Building –  
Mayor Greg Whiteley and General Manager Gary Woodman.



Australia Day 2025 - Ms Judy  
Ridley and Ms Alexandra Moore.

# GRANTS SUMMARY – WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL 2025/2026

## Active Grants

Grant name	Details/Sub-projects	Grant Value (\$)	Council Co-contribution (\$)
Regional Leakage Reduction Program	Various Local Water Utilities Projects.	20,619	0
Local Road & Community Infrastructure Grant – Phase 4 (A and B)	Saunders Park – Replacement of Picnic Shelter. Warren Shire Library – Landscaping Improvements. Macquarie Park – Playgrounds and Skate Parks, softfall installation. Warren Cemetery – Seating Covering. Warren CCTV System – installation. Oxley Park – Replacement of picnic shelter and BBQ. Ravenswood Park – Softfall installation. Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool – solar panel installation. Victoria Park – Permanent Scoreboard. Trailer mounted scoreboard. Warren Sporting & Cultural Centre – Retaining Wall Stage 2. Windows on the Wetlands Centre Precinct – EV Charging Station. Bore Flat/Depot Parking Area – Reseal. Ebert Park – U Turn Bay Area Reseal. Warren Cemetery – Access Road Reseal. Victoria Oval and Park – Roadway Bitumen Reseal. Macquarie Park – Roadway Bitumen Reseal. Buddabadah Road – Gravel road re-sheeting. Monkeygar Creek – Bird viewing platform contribution. Carter Oval – Secondary carpark refurbishment works for reseals.	1,033,225	0
Toward Zero Safer Roads Program	Carinda Road Shoulder Widening – segment 62 to 70 Marthaguy Road Safety Improvements – segment 12 to 20	4,142,973 4,777,592	450,000 450,000
Floodplain Management Program	Warren Town Flood Study	226,308	0
Regional Emergency Roads Repair Program	Carinda Road Widening, Warren Road Heavy Patching, Bullagreen Road Shoulder Widening, Nevertire Bogan Road Rehabilitation, Tottenham Road Rehabilitation, Gillendoon Street Heavy Patching, Cobb Lane Heavy Patching.	3,386,576	0
Replacement of Newe Park and Tenandra Bridges  Fixing Country Roads 2022 (\$1,126,800) + Bridges Renewal Program (\$3,883,200)	Bridge replacement works including approaches on Warren Road.	5,010,000	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
<b>Total of all grants:</b>		<b>25,697,293</b>	<b>900,000</b>





Showground/Racecourse Disability Access Ramp to GBS Falkiner Lounge



Victoria Park Female Friendly Amenities



Showground Racecourse Exclusion Fencing



Splash Park Fencing

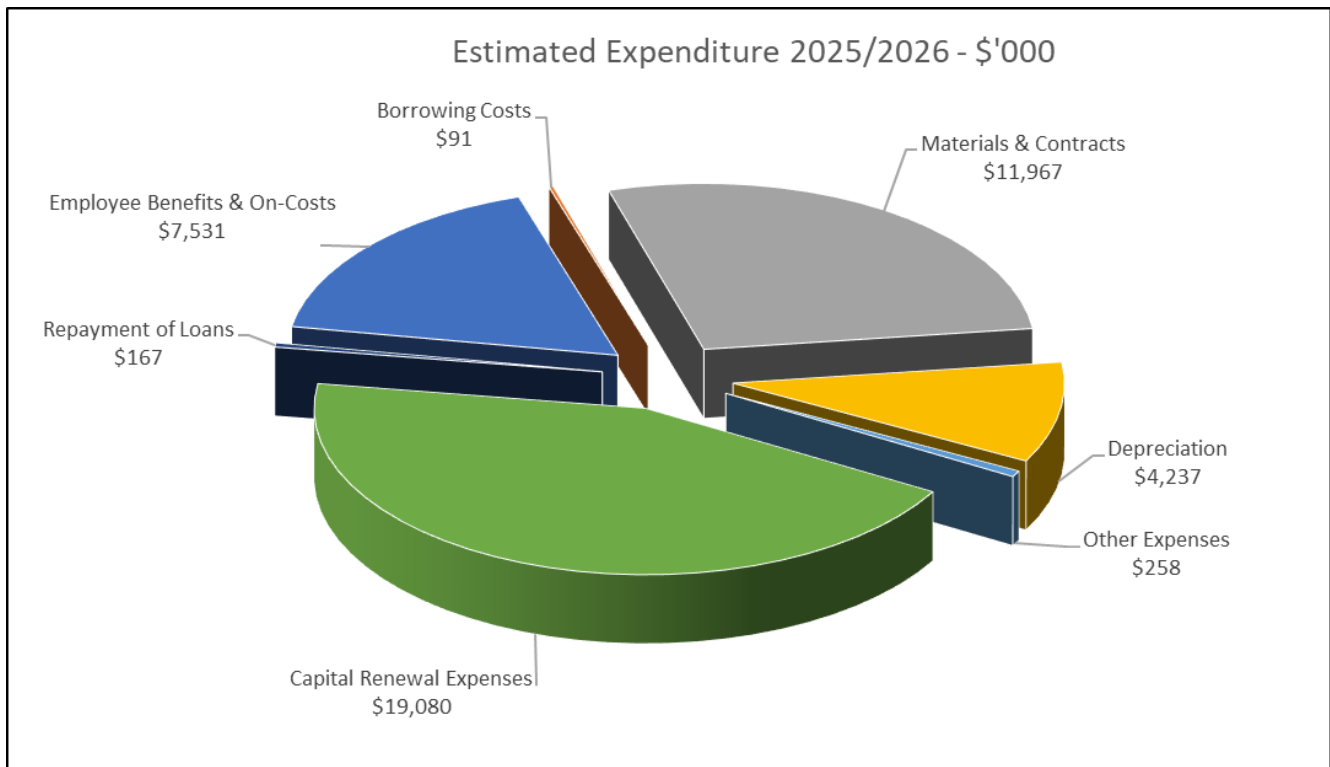
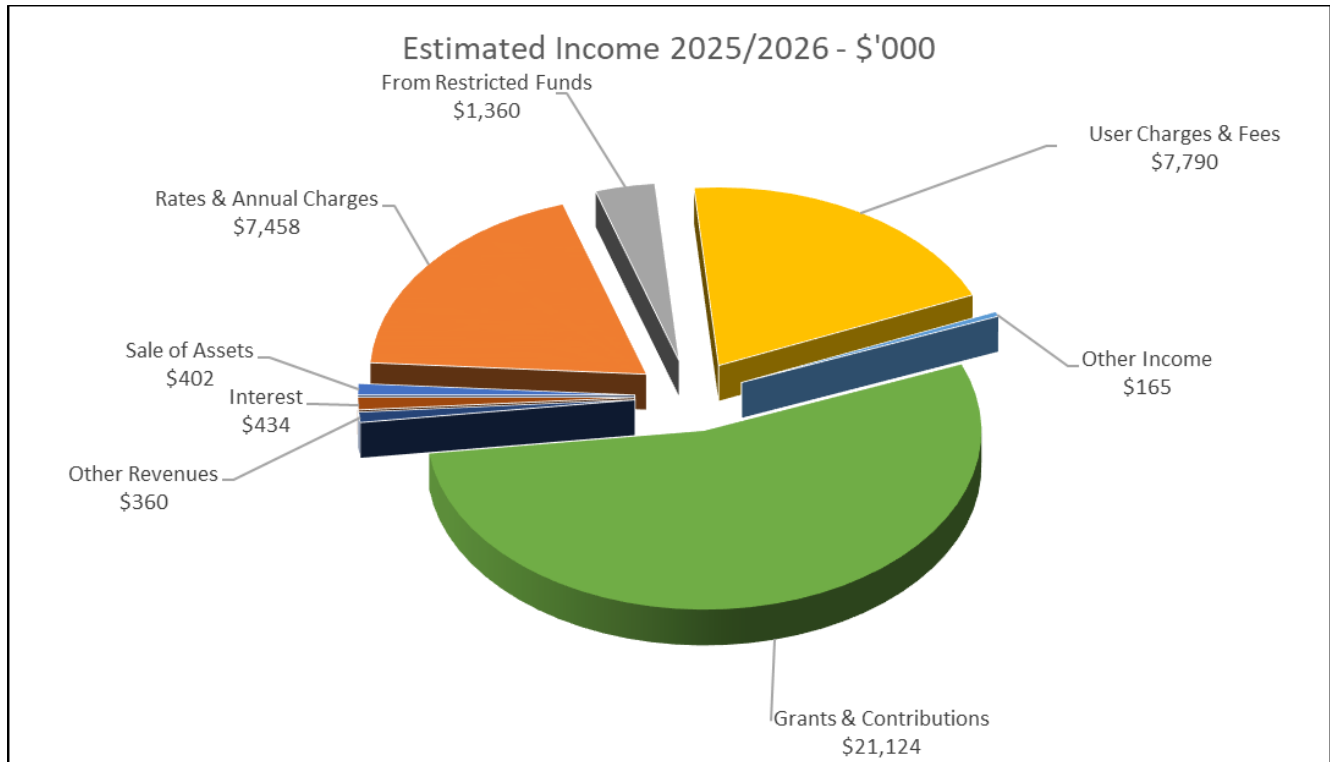


Racecourse Mounting Yard Fencing



# 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 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 is summarised as follows:

Rate Type	Category	Subcategory	Ad Valorem Cents in \$	Minimum Rate	Min Rate % of Total Rate	Rate Yield \$
Ordinary	Residential	Warren	3.756651	620.00	35.32%	585,003.62
Ordinary	Residential	Nevertire	0.506457	257.00	100%	17,998.89
Ordinary	Residential	Collie	1.368496	257.00	90.06%	18,843.68
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.522108	334.00	5.66%	176,997.09
Ordinary	Farmland		0.248926	334.00	0.47%	4,876,811.33
Ordinary	Business		7.724971	620.00	1.74%	235,955.50
Ordinary	Business	Other (Warren)	0.564095	334.00	34.02%	15,718.27
Ordinary	Business	Nevertire	1.720300	334.00	19.44%	8,592.50
Ordinary	Business	Airport Area	0.543024	334.00	52.27%	12,786.30
					<b>Total</b>	<b>5,948,687.18</b>

The above calculations are based on a 4.1% increase in the general rates, this equates to an approximate increase of \$234,285.47 on the actual 2024/2025 rates levied.

The annual December 2024 CPI was 2.4%. 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 2.4%.

### **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 2025/2026 interest rate adopted by Council is 10.50%.

### **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 web site 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 web site. 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.

<b>Warren Water supply</b>	Availability charge	\$590/year (levied on rate notice)	
<b>Warren Bore Water</b>	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b>	
	First Step up to 450kL per annum	\$1.64/kL	
	Second Step (over 450kL)	\$2.49/kL	
<b>Warren River Water</b>	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b>	
	First Step up to 450kL per annum	\$0.60/kL	
	Second Step (over 450kL)	\$1.05/kL	
<b>Nevertire Bore Water</b>	Availability charge	\$781/year (levied on rate notice)	
	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b>	
	First Step up to 450kL per annum	\$0.95/kL	
	Second Step (over 450kL)	\$1.38/kL	
<b>Collie Bore Water</b>	Availability charge	\$597/year (levied on rate notice)	
	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b>	
	First Step up to 450kL per annum	\$1.95/kL	
	Second Step (over 450kL)	\$2.99/kL	
<b>Warren Airport Bore Water</b>	Availability charge	\$197/year (levied on rate notice)	
	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b>	
	First Step up to 450kL per annum	\$1.64/kL	
	Second Step (over 450kL)	\$2.49/kL	
<b>Non-Residential Sewer Charge</b>	Availability charge	\$677/year (levied on rate notice)	
	Usage charges	<b>(Account sent each quarter)</b> \$2.49/kL	
<b>Sewerage Charges</b>	<b>Occupied</b>	<b>Unoccupied</b>	
	Warren	\$737.00	\$737.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Nevertire	\$772.00	\$295.00 (levied on rate notice)
<b>Garbage Charges</b>	<b>Occupied</b>	<b>Unoccupied</b>	
	Warren	\$369.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Nevertire	\$369.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Collie	\$369.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
<b>Waste Depot Access Charge</b>	<b>Occupied</b>	<b>Unoccupied</b>	
	Residential – Rural	\$132.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Business – Other (Warren)	\$132.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Business – Other (Airport Area)	\$132.00	\$ 62.00 (levied on rate notice)
	Farmland	\$11.00	\$11.00 (levied on rate notice)

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:

<b>REGIONAL ROADS -</b>	<b>ROAD LENGTH</b>	<b>SEALED</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>328KM</b>
		<b>UNSEALED</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28KM</b>
		<b>BRIDGES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19</b>

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. 2025/2026 estimated expenditure less depreciation **\$2,994,576.**

<b>LOCAL ROADS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>ROAD LENGTH</b>	<b>SEALED</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>333KM</b>
			<b>UNSEALED</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>606KM</b>
			<b>BRIDGES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>

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. 2025/2026 estimated expenditure less depreciation **\$7,004,311.**

## **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.





SH 11 Oxley Highway Roadworks



Ravenswood Park Soffall



New Rollers



Oxley Park BBQ Area



New 5 tonne Forklift



EV Charging Station at the Window on the Wetlands Centre (WoW)



## 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.

<p><b>COUNCIL CHAMBERS &amp; ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</b></p> <p>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</p>	
<p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p>Enquiries/Cashier: 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday</p> <p>Service NSW: 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday</p>	<p><b>AFTER HOURS</b></p> <p>Emergencies: (02) 6847 6600. (Please be patient to allow time for number to divert during after hours)</p>
<p><b>LIBRARY</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>Hours of Business: 10.00 am to 4.45 pm Tuesday to Friday</p> <p>10.00 am to 12.45 pm Saturday</p>	<p><b>WARREN AND MACQUARIE MARSHES VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)</b></p> <p>Window on the Wetlands Centre          Oxley Highway, WARREN NSW 2824</p> <p>Phone: (02) 6847 6665          E-mail: council@warren.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Opening hours: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday</p> <p>10.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday &amp; Sunday</p>
<p><b>WARREN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL</b></p> <p>Opening hours/dates are October to March:          Weekdays – 6am-8am &amp; 1pm-7pm daily.          Weekends – 12noon – 8pm          School Holidays – 12noon – 8pm</p> <p>Contact phone: (02) 6847 6675</p>	<p><b>WARREN SPORTING &amp; CULTURAL CENTRE</b></p> <p>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</p>