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## Opportunities to develop vacant land

Recent growth in the number of people seeking to move to regional and rural areas means that now is an ideal time for landowners to consider taking opportunities to sell and develop vacant land across the region.

"The impacts of COVID-19 and increased ability for NSW residents to work from home and leave metropolitan areas has seen an increase in demand for rental properties as well as vacant land for people to build their dream homes on," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "Council is encouraging the community and current landowners to assist with this growth of our communities and local economy by developing or selling vacant residential land."

As the Warrumbungle region grows and develops, there is an opportunity for owners of vacant residential land in the towns and villages across the region to consider their options. "Developing or selling could assist with population growth, a positive economic shift and creating sustainable communities right across the Shire," Cr Doolan explained.

"Warrumbungle Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is a perfect location for a tree-change and many are now taking up this opportunity to relocate. Our LGA is surrounded by national parks and state forests, wide-open spaces, a rural lifestyle and a currently booming agricultural industry is a draw card for most," said Cr Doolan.

Residents who do own vacant blocks and are interested in selling are encouraged to start the conversation of with local real estate agents in the region.

If residents are planning on purchasing and building on vacant land, it is important to consult with Council's planning and development staff prior to the lodgment of a development application. This can ensure that all legislative and local requirements are met.

"It is an exciting time for the Warrumbungle region, and Council encourages this positive change and development," Cr Doolan concluded.

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