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## **Hazardous overgrown and untidy blocks**

Now we are in Spring and with warmer weather heading our way, it is the time to ensure blocks are cleared and well-maintained to minimise risks.

“Overgrown blocks are a common issue reported to Council, particularly during the spring and summer months,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “Overgrown vegetation on blocks of land can pose an increased risk of harboring vermin and heighten the possibility of fire within our towns.”

“With recent and ongoing wet weather and warmer seasons approaching, conditions are excellent for vegetation to grow extremely quickly. Residents and property owners are encouraged to keep their yards free from overgrown vegetation to make our residential streets more appealing and protect the community from these potential risks,” said Cr Doolan.

“With the bushfire season now here, it is also important for residents to ensure vegetation around homes is maintained and gutters are cleared from debris,” said Cr Doolan.

“I would urge residents to look out for themselves and their neighbours and clear their properties of rubbish, debris and large volumes of growth before we get to the peak fire season,” concluded Cr Doolan.

If you have concerns about a property with overgrown vegetation that you believe may be in an unsafe or unhealthy condition, please contact Council’s Compliance Officers to report.

If you believe a property to be a fire hazard, you may wish to seek advice from NSW Rural Fire Service.

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