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Warrumbungle Community Care – Award Finalists

Warrumbungle Community Care has been chosen as a finalist in this year's NSW Local Government Excellence Awards for their innovative meal voucher program, 'Rise and Shine it's Time to Dine Meal Vouchers'.

"The meal voucher program has been chosen as a finalist in the category Community Development – Population under 150,000," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "The winners will be announced at an awards night in Sydney on 1 June 2023."

The Community Development award recognises leadership in community services as evidenced by way of corporate process improvements; a particular project initiative; innovation in management and leadership practices; or demonstrated practicality and resourcefulness.

The meal voucher program sees Warrumbungle Community Care partner with almost 40 food vendors in the local government area to supply eligible clients with vouchers to access meals at a discounted rate, while supporting local businesses.

"The program gives clients access and choice offering the vouchers alongside the regular hot and frozen meals and breakfast packs that are available from Warrumbungle Community Care. Since the inception of the program during the Covid-19 pandemic, both the number of vouchers and participating food vendors has more than doubled. The vouchers are available at a variety of cafes, bakeries, pubs, clubs and restaurants so there really is something for everyone," said Cr Doolan.

"Warrumbungle Community Care is leading the way in community initiatives with their meal voucher program also winning the NSW Meals on Wheels 'Innovation Award' in 2022 and shortlisted for the prestigious Alison Meighan Award with an Honorary Finalist Service Excellence Award in 2022."

"Warrumbungle Community Care have been making continual improvements to both the services and initiatives they deliver and anticipate the meal voucher program to keep growing into the future, allowing them to further assist our community," concluded Cr Doolan.

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A happy client using a meal voucher at a local cafe