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Hazardous overgrown blocks

With this season set to be particularly dry and hot, now is the time to ensure blocks of land and residences are cleared and well-maintained to minimise risks.

“Overgrown blocks are a common issue reported to Council, particularly during the spring and summer months, as there is an increased risk of harbouring vermin and heighten the possibility of fire within our towns,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “This season is set to be particularly hot and dry so residents are reminded to make sure their properties are tidy and maintained to minimise these risks.”

“It’s not only the immediate risk to the property owners but also their surrounding neighbours that community members need to be mindful of. 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.

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

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

“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.

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