

Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta 2027

INFORMATION BOOKLET



Overview

The Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta 2027 is a community-led boat-building and racing event presented by the Carnarvon Litter Legends volunteer group, led by Wayne & Jeanette Taylor, with support from the Shire of Carnarvon, Keep Australia Beautiful Council, local businesses, organisations and community volunteers.

The Regatta encourages the community to think differently about litter and waste by transforming discarded and second-hand materials into creative, functional boats. Families, schools, workplaces, sporting clubs and groups of friends are invited to collect reusable materials from clean-ups, homes, schools and workplaces, then design and build a boat or raft capable of completing the race course on the Fascine.

Leading up to the Regatta, community clean-ups and boat-building activities will help participants collect materials, develop ideas and get involved. On Regatta Day, boats will undergo a safety and eligibility inspection before taking part in races and judging, with cash and other prizes up for grabs, alongside family-friendly activities, food and entertainment.

The event promotes waste reduction, reuse and responsible disposal, with participants required to remove their boats and materials from the site following the event so that no waste is left behind.

The Regatta celebrates Carnarvon's practical, creative and community-minded spirit — build it, race it and see if it floats!

Saturday 16 January 2027
10am-1pm at Town beach Carnarvon

STAY IN THE LOOP!

The best way to stay informed on Regatta updates is by following the Facebook event page!

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EVENT RUN SHEET

8:00am: Boat inspection

9:00–10:00am:

Repairs/adjustments

10:00am: Final safety sign-off

10am: Event Opens

**Food vans, bouncy castles,
music & more!**

10:30am: Racing begins

12:30pm: Final scheduled race

1pm: Judging, prizes and site
clean-up

Registration and Race Rules

Registrations open Saturday 15 August 2026 and close Friday 1 January 2027.

Entry fee: FREE TO ENTER

Registrations can be lodged and paid:

- In person at Telomac Tackle & Camping, Cuppa & Crumb or Toyworld
- Online via Shire of Carnarvon Eventbrite

Please note:

- Maximum 4 people per boat
- Each boat may enter one category only

RACE CATEGORIES

There are three race categories. Race distances may vary between categories. The Kids Race will have a shorter course.

- Kids: 6–16 years
- Adults: 17 years and over
- Family: A mix of adults and kids

WHO CAN ENTER?

- Open to anyone aged 6 years and over.
- Participants under 16 must have a parent or guardian complete and sign the consent form on the day.
- Each team can have up to four crew members.
- Participants can only compete in one team per race category.

BOAT & RACE RULES

To keep things safe and fair:

- Boats must be powered by the crew only.
- Homemade paddles, hands and other homemade propulsion devices are allowed.
- Flippers, fins and performance swimming gloves are not permitted.
- Every boat must pass a pre-race safety inspection.
- All crew members must wear an approved life jacket while racing.
- A maximum of five boats can race at one time.
- Organisers can remove any boat considered unsafe.

RACE HEATS

10:30am – Race 1
11:00am – Race 2
11:30am – Race 3
12:00pm – Race 4
12:30pm – Race 5

Feel welcome to give your boat a stoic, fun, literal, sweet or hilarious name – just keep it family-friendly. No offensive language, please!

Judging + Prizes

Race prizes

There are three race categories: Adults, Kids and Family. The top three boats in Adults & Family category will receive a cash prize. Kids Race: Prizes will be sponsored as Toyworld vouchers rather than cash.

-  1st Place – \$500
-  2nd Place – \$300
-  3rd Place – \$200

HOW ARE THE RACE WINNERS DECIDED?

The overall winners are decided on speed.

- Each race can have a maximum of five boats. Depending on the number of entries, some boats may race one at a time.
- Every boat will be timed.
- The fastest times determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the day.

Protests

Judges' decisions are final. Any race protest must be lodged with organisers within ten (10) minutes of the completion of the relevant race. Organisers reserve the right to resolve disputes at their discretion.

Not all boats have to be seaworthy. And you don't have to be the fastest boat to win a prize!

If your boat doesn't pass the safety inspection, don't worry! It may not be able to race, but it can still go on display and be judged for its creativity, appearance and ingenuity.

All boats will go on show during the event – and there will be plenty of other ways to win prizes, including a special judging purely on appearance:

-  Distance Prize – for the boat that travels the furthest
-  Spot Prizes – surprise prizes awarded during the event.
-  Innovation & Creativity – for clever, creative and inventive boats.
-  Best & Worst Looking Boat
-  Special Judge's Prizes – for boats, moments or efforts that stand out.

The Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta working group are actively fundraising! Additional prizes will also be awarded throughout the day.

Boat Materials

The challenge: Turn litter and unwanted materials into something creative, clever and hopefully seaworthy! Before buying anything new, look around your home, workplace, school, shed or community for materials that could be given a second life.

✓ Boats and rafts may be constructed using:

- Found litter collected during community clean-ups
- Recyclable containers and unwanted packaging
- Household, workplace or business waste materials
- Other discarded or reusable materials
- Chicken wire, Rope, Cable ties, Silicone/sealant, Duct Tape
- Homemade paddles

New materials must only be purchased where needed to safely join, secure or support your recycled and reused materials – such as rope, cable ties, sealant or duct tape.

Please be aware that if you use containers for change in constructing your boat - we have been advised they will no longer eligible for refund. As such organisers suggest no 10cent containers used - as this is a 'solved system' for recycling!

⊘ PROHIBITED MATERIALS

For safety and environmental reasons, the following are not permitted:

- Exposed polystyrene or foam products that may break apart or enter the water
- Timber or wood used as structural components, except for a broom handle or similar item used as part of a paddle.
- Motors or mechanical propulsion systems not permitted
- Any material considered unsafe by the Boat Inspection Team or event organisers:
 - heavy or ballast materials
 - sharp/exposed materials
 - hazardous materials
 - materials likely to break apart in water
 - anything creating an entanglement hazard

Marine clean-ups and events

MORE THAN JUST A GREAT DAY OUT!

Of course, we're here to have an awesome day in Carnarvon – but there's an important purpose behind the fun! The Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta is about reducing litter, tackling marine debris and finding creative ways to reuse waste. As part of the project, we invite our community to collect litter and unwanted materials and give them a new life by turning them into boats!



JOIN US FOR MARINE CLEAN-UPS

Come along, get involved and help clean up some of Carnarvon's beautiful waterways and coastline.

- 9 October – Town Beach
- 16 October – Small Boat Harbour
- 23 October – Oyster Creek
- 30 October – Massey Bay
- 6 November – Dwyers Leap
- 13 November – Miaboolya Beach
- 20 November – Chinasman Pool & Tuckers Pump
- PLUS: A special group excursion to the Quobba Coastline!

BOAT BUILDING WORKSHOP - 9 October – 10am-12pm at Town Beach

Kicking off the marine clean ups is a boat building workshop for kids during the October School Holiday Program. Kids can get hands-on and start turning collected and unwanted materials into something that might just float!

Hit GOING on the Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta facebook event listing (Shire of Carnarvon Facebook page) for upcoming events, workshops and ways to get involved!

Safety first!

Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta is a water-based community event, and safety comes first. All boats will be inspected and approved before racing.

Safety support will include:

- **Planning Committee:** Oversees overall event safety and coordination
- **Boat Inspection Team:** Checks boats before racing.
- **Marine Safety Team:** Two safety dinghies and one jet ski monitor the water and respond to incidents - and lifeguard.
- **St John First Aid:** Provides first aid and emergency assistance.
- **MC:** Keeps participants and spectators updated with instructions and safety announcements over the PA.
- **Race Coordination:** Ensuring races don't go until all above parties give the all-clear.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

Safety teams will be ready to respond quickly.

- Races can be stopped immediately if there is a safety concern or someone needs assistance.
- Two safety dinghies will monitor the race area, with two people and rescue equipment on each vessel.
- The jet ski can assist with rescue and getting people safely back to shore.
- St John will provide first aid and escalate to emergency services where required.
- The MC will provide important safety announcements and instructions.
- Organisers may modify, pause or cancel activities if conditions unsafe.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Water-based activities involve inherent risks, and participants take part at their own risk. Participants must:

- Ensure they are able to safely participate in the race and follow instructions.
- Follow all safety instructions and directions.
- Follow event rules and listen to safety personnel and officials

Anyone who does not follow safety instructions may be removed from the event.

Boat inspection

Boat inspection is a key safety control and must occur before any boat enters the water.

Initial Inspection – 8:00am

All boats are to be delivered to Town Beach and presented to the Boat Inspection Team on arrival.

The Boat Inspection Team will:

- Inspect each boat against the checklist.
- Sign off boats that are suitable for racing.
- Identify and support any required modifications.
- Allow teams time to make adjustments between approximately 9:00am and 10:00am.
- Where a boat is fabulous but not seaworthy, it can be set aside for exhibition and judging.

REPAIR KIT

Repair kit includes: Cable ties, duct tape, ropes, "bits-and-bobs", tools

Final Sign-Off – 10:00am

- Boats requiring modifications are inspected again.
- Approved boats are signed off.
- Approved boats are transferred to the Race Coordinator.
- Only approved boats may proceed to racing.

Inspection & Pre-Race Checklist

- ☐ Life jackets are available and correctly fitted.
- ☐ No prohibited materials.
- ☐ No heavy items that could cause the boat or person to become anchored.
- ☐ No sharp or dangerous exposed materials.
- ☐ Construction is secure.
- ☐ Boat is reasonably stable.
- ☐ No obvious entanglement hazards.
- ☐ No motor or mechanical propulsion.
- ☐ Boat does not present an obvious environmental risk.
- ☐ Any required modifications have been completed.

Environmental responsibility

The Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta is about turning waste into something useful, creative and fun. Environmental responsibility is built into the event from boat construction through to pack-down, with a focus on reuse, waste reduction and protecting the marine environment.

Participants must:

- Use waste, recovered or reusable materials wherever possible.
- Secure boat materials to minimise the risk of debris entering the water.
- Remove all boat materials and waste from the beach and surrounding area after the event.
- Dismantle and recycle or reuse materials wherever possible.
- Dispose of any remaining waste appropriately.
- Leave the event site and surrounding marine environment clean and free from debris.

Waste & Marine Debris

- Skip bins will be available on site for boats and materials that cannot be reused or recycled — the Litter Legends' last hoorah!
- Containers for Change collection facilities will be available.
- Litter Legends volunteers will be on site to monitor and manage waste throughout the event.
- Where safe to do so, marine support vessels may assist with the recovery of floating debris from the race area.
- Floating containment netting may be used if considered appropriate and safe by marine safety personnel and local marine stakeholders.

Clean-up

A full site clean-up will take place following the event, with materials sorted for reuse, recycling or appropriate disposal. A final site check will confirm that no boat materials, rubbish or hazards have been left behind.

And given this event is being led by the Carnarvon Litter Legends, we'll be working hard to make sure nothing is left behind.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS, PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

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