



Justice **Reinvestment**

CARNARVON SUMMARY



2023
2024



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country across the land the Commission operates, as well as across the nation. We celebrate the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Yinggarda, Baiyungu, Malgana, Thudgari and Thalanyji Ancestors have walked this Country and we acknowledge their special and unique contribution to our shared histories, culture, and languages. We recognise the collective contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians to the economic and social development of the Gascoyne.



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OVERVIEW

The Carnarvon Justice Reinvestment (JR) project is about supporting our community to work together to find solutions to build a safer, stronger future for everyone. Together, we're working with government and other organisations to ensure that families and young people get the support they need, all shaped by the values, knowledge, and vision of our community.

The Carnarvon JR project is a community-driven approach that aims to strengthen Carnarvon from the ground up, addressing what matters most to us. Our families, young people, and culture are at the heart of this project, and the insights of Aboriginal-led groups and local people guide us in building solutions that truly work for our community.

Through prevention, support, and rehabilitation, this project aims to boost community well-being and public safety in Carnarvon. We're dedicated to working closely with our community and partners to create lasting, positive changes that will benefit our people now and into the future.



CARNARVON JR COMMUNITY GROUP

The Carnarvon Justice Reinvestment Group is comprised of dedicated individuals from various sectors, including grassroots community members, youth and Elders. These committed leaders are at the forefront of driving a community-led, placed-based project with a grassroots vision for improving outcomes and creating better coordinated support for their kids and families through the true empowerment of the local Aboriginal community. They meet regularly to develop and refine a strategic approach, ensuring that the needs and voices of the community are at the heart of the project.



**Current JR Community
group members include:**

- Buffy Kempton
- Sharon Crowe
- Elizabeth Graham
- Tayunna Cook
- John Oxenham
- John Dale
- Naomi McMahon
- Bernie Ryder
- Lynda Ryder
- Paige Ryan
- Elviston Graham
- Tracey Tonga
- Davina Wainwright
- Sahneemah Moncrieff
- Kay Mongoo
- Denice Cotterill
- Karene Bellotti
- Barry Bellotti
- Neil Slater
- Tate Barker
- Bella Slater



OUR STAKEHOLDERS



CARNARVON
JUSTICE
REINVESTMENT
COMMUNITY
GROUP



ELDERS &
TRADITIONAL
OWNERS



ABORIGINAL
COMMUNITY
CONTROLLED
ORGANISATIONS



SERVICE
PROVIDERS,
GOVERNMENT
& NGOS

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

- Carnarvon Community Mens Group
Aboriginal Corporation
- Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal
Corporation
- Carnarvon Trustees Aboriginal Corporation
- Yinggarda Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Mungullah Community Aboriginal
Corporation
- Gascoyne Community Services Aboriginal
Corporation



SERVICE PROVIDERS, GOVERNMENT & NGOS

Gascoyne Development Commission
Social Reinvestment WA
Shire of Carnarvon
Gwoonwardu Mia, Western Australian Museum
Department of Communities
Department of Health
Department of Education
Department of Justice
Western Australian Police Force
Central Regional TAFE
Department of Local Government, Sport, and
Cultural Industries
Ngala
Mission Australia
Carnarvon Family Support Services
Real Futures
PCYC
Helping Minds
Regional Alliance West
Aboriginal Family Legal Services
AVIVO
Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Michael Foundation
Clontarf Foundation
Shooting Stars

2023/2024 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

2022

- Carnarvon social issues sparked media attention
- Community wanted to come together to address social issues.
- Research into what other communities across Australia were doing to address anti-social behaviours.

2023

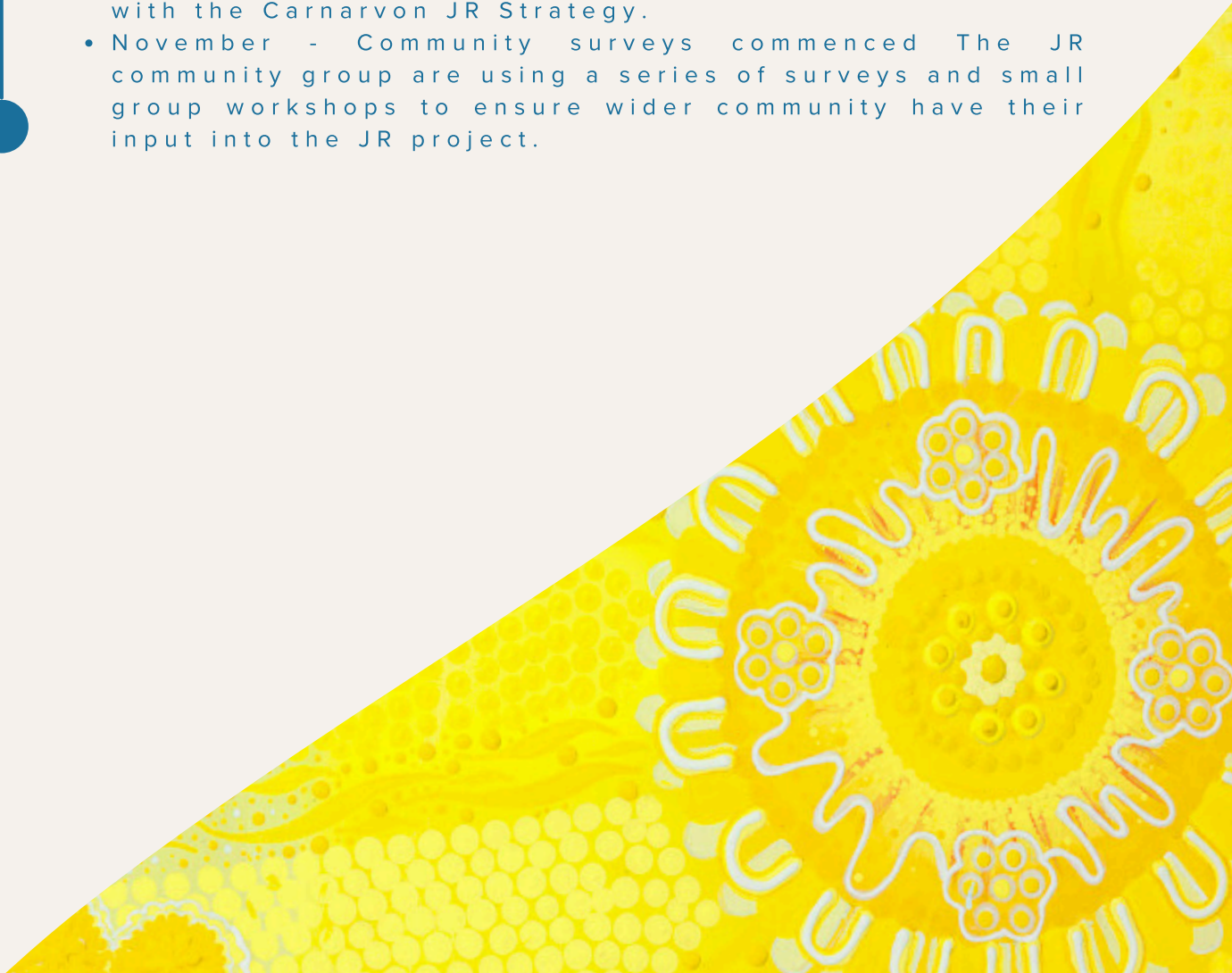
- Discovered the JR model and started making contacts in the JR space.
- Started initial conversations with community members and service providers – investigating how it may look for Carnarvon.
- Community members attended the Perth JR Forum in September.
- Establishment of grass roots community group – they have been building and supporting the community for last 12 months.
- Started mapping services in Carnarvon.

2024

- Initial application to PeopleWA to progress a Carnarvon specific Data collection framework to enable data-based decision making.
- JR as a standing agenda item on service provider working groups.
- Visit from Social Reinvestment WA – week long workshops ending with a whole of community forum.
- Collated community feedback and distributed.
- JR Community group started working on circuit breaker initiatives that could be progressed using existing assets and required little to no funding including:
 - Carnarvon community healing project
 - Through care project for youth in Banksia
 - Youth workshop – bloodbeats - 15K funded by GDC
 - Establishment of a Youth group
 - On-country day trips for at-risk families and youth - 50K funded by NIAA

2024

- JR grant application with the Commonwealth was successful
- 4 community members visited Bourke, NSW, to learn from the Maranguka JR Journey.
- Hosted a whole community forum. 55 community members attended to have input on next steps, activity plan and working groups.
- 6 community members visited 2024 SRWA forum in Perth with the Carnarvon JR group presenting the Carnarvon journey to date to Forum participants from all over Australia.
- Smaller working groups established in August to progress circuit breaker initiatives - a Throughcare project for youth in detention, Family/On-Country day trips, Youth hub.
- A small working group established to design the overall structure and governance of the project to include traditional Aboriginal ways of working.
- Shire/ Department of Communities/ GDC propose changes to the Carnarvon Sub DLG Committee meetings to align with the Carnarvon JR Strategy.
- November - Community surveys commenced The JR community group are using a series of surveys and small group workshops to ensure wider community have their input into the JR project.



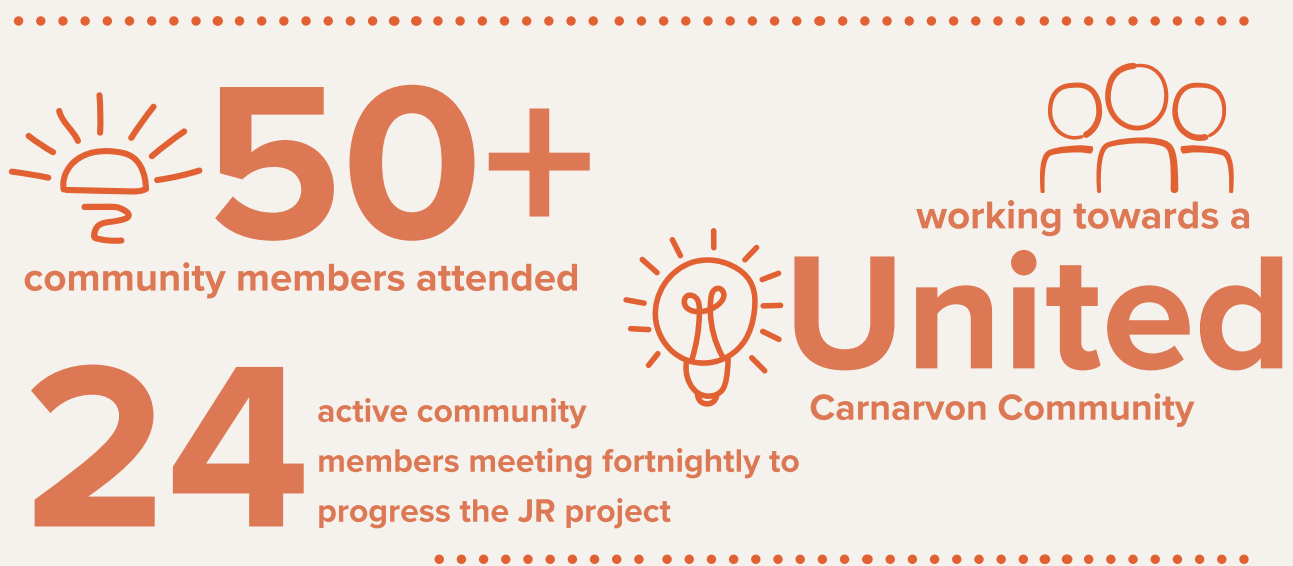
2024 WHOLE COMMUNITY FORUM

The 2024 July Community Forum Carnarvon brought together 55 stakeholders, including community members, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), government representatives, and NGOs.

This forum served as a vital platform to update the community on the ongoing Justice Reinvestment process in Carnarvon.

Attendees engaged in meaningful discussions about the challenges facing the community, explored potential solutions, and identified new opportunities for collaboration.

The event highlighted the collective commitment to addressing the root causes of crime and building a safer, more resilient community through a shared vision and partnership.





NEXT STEPS - CARNARVON JR ACTIVITIES

The community forum outlined the following next steps for the Carnarvon Justice Reinvestment Strategy.



CO-DESIGNED JR STRATEGY OUTLINING PRIORITY ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES

Overall JR vision for Carnarvon community

Formalise Carnarvon's JR strategy - Action Plan

Strengths/ assets

Issues/ challenges/ barriers

Gaps analysis

Possible solutions to root causes
(prioritised)

Possible circuit breakers (prioritised)



IDENTIFY A COMMUNITY AGREED ACCO

Community consultation to determine
'best fit' ACCO to run day-to-day
operations and deliver the JR action plan



GOVERNANCE / STRUCTURE

Governance - ways of working together
and making decisions

Cultural protocols / authority

Code of conduct

Structure of day-to-day operations

Working Groups



DESIGN A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP MODEL FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Role of service providers

Active service mapping

Active funding mapping

Development of 'new way of working'
principles

Development of collaboration agreements

Accountability framework



PLACE-BASED DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

Determine key data required

Application to Government agencies for
place-based data

System to collect community data and
record

Data analysts to hold data sets and present
via community dashboard

Develop evaluation framework



TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE BACKBONE COORDINATION ROLE

Leadership & mentoring

Capacity building

Governance training

Employment opportunities

PREVIOUS REPORTS & CONSULTATIONS

(OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS)

The Carnarvon JR project builds on local community's positive engagement and strong advocacy over many years with a variety of state and local government initiatives. The expertise, wisdom and lived experience shared within the below reports form the 'start point' from which the Carnarvon JR journey begins.



SUMMARY OF REPORTS & CONSULTATIONS

(OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS)

A review of eight community consultations and plans have identified the primary concerns of the Carnarvon community. These concerns have been summarised into four key pillars which include: health, education, justice, and community. The community have highlighted a number of key priorities within these pillars. A copy of full summary available through GDC.

HEALTH - 277 MENTIONS

- MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELLING
- ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES
- ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

JUSTICE - 87 MENTIONS

- YOUTH CRIME
- FAMILY VIOLENCE
- REHABILITATION

EDUCATION - 179 MENTIONS

- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
- OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS
- CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY - 182 MENTIONS

- STRONG FAMILY UNITS AND TIES
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING AVAILABILITY
- SERVICE PROVIDER ACCESS
- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- CONNECTION TO COUNTRY

