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# FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a big few weeks here in Carnarvon, with our community once again showing why this region is such a fantastic place to live.

The annual Carnar-Fin Fishing Competition was a standout event, with 222 participants taking part. It was well-run, well-attended, and continues to grow in popularity each year. It was great to see so many locals and visitors enjoying our incredible coastline and strong community spirit.

The Carnarvon Speedway also saw plenty of action, proudly hosting the Westralia Cup. After Damon Lyall brought the title home last year, it was exciting to watch him return and take out second place in another thrilling race.

Meanwhile, the Carnarvon Race Club's Ladies Day delivered a fantastic day of fashion, racing, and celebration. A big congratulations to all involved for making it such a success.

These events are a wonderful reflection of the energy and pride in our community. Thank you to all the volunteers, organisers, and supporters who continue to bring these moments to life.

Thank you,



President, Shire of Carnarvon



## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MANTRA

STABILISE OUR  
FINANCIAL  
POSITION



IMPROVE OUR  
TOWN AND  
SURROUNDS  
AMENITY



FIX WHAT WE GOT!

## MEET THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Do you have a Shire issue that you wish to discuss or may have a great idea for Carnarvon? The Shire President extends an invitation to members of the public to meet with him to discuss your issues or ideas. Please note that these meetings will be by appointment only. The Shire President will be available every Friday between the hours of 9.00am to 12 noon. If you would like to catch up with the Shire President please contact Dannielle Hill at the Shire Office on 99410050 or by email at [hill.d@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:hill.d@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

The Shire President looks forward to meeting with you.







## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

### AGENDA FORUM

Tuesday 17 June 2025  
Council Chambers  
Stuart Street, Carnarvon  
Commencing at 8.30am

### COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday 24 June 2025  
Camel Lane Theatre  
1 Camel Lane, Carnarvon  
Commencing at 5.30pm

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 27 June 2025  
Council Chambers  
Stuart Street, Carnarvon  
Commencing at 9.00am

## COUNCIL MEETS IN CORAL BAY, TOURS RESORT REDEVELOPMENT

The Shire of Carnarvon recently held its Ordinary Council Meeting in Coral Bay, offering Councillors a valuable chance to engage with the local community and better understand regional priorities.



During the visit, Councillors and staff toured the RAC Ningaloo Reef Resort, which is currently undergoing a major redevelopment. The site visit highlighted the scale of investment being made to boost Coral Bay's tourism infrastructure and support its growing popularity as a top WA destination.

The Shire thanks RAC Parks & Resorts for the informative site briefing and looks forward to continued collaboration as this exciting project progresses.





# SHIRE UPDATES

## MEET THE TEAM

### EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE, AMANDA LEIGHTON

For Amanda Leighton, Carnarvon has always felt like home. She officially moved here in Year 7 to be closer to her grandparents, who ran Collins Cabs, a well-known local business for over 40 years. Amanda fondly remembers school holidays spent in Carnarvon, enjoying PCYC programs and visiting the old Hubble Street store for lollies with her sister.

Professionally, Amanda began her career with Rio Tinto in Work Health, Safety and Environment, before moving into maintenance planning. She then joined Water Corporation and later worked with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, where she gained valuable insight into the operations and responsibilities of local government.

Amanda joined the Shire of Carnarvon as a Human Resources Business Partner, later becoming Manager People, Culture and Systems. In 2025, she stepped into her current role as Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Performance, overseeing Finance, Governance, IT, Customer Service, People and Culture and Workplace Health and Safety.

She finds her work deeply rewarding, especially seeing projects come to life in the community she loves. One of her proudest moments was helping lead a staff wellbeing program that earned the 2023 Warlang Award for Workplace Wellbeing.

Amanda is also a long-time volunteer in local sport and values the town's strong community spirit. "Carnarvon has a relaxed rhythm, a friendly heart, and a way of reminding you what's important," she says. "I feel lucky to be a part of it." She adds with a smile, "I also enjoy a bit of fishing – though I'm not handing out secret spots... mostly because I'm still waiting to catch something worth bragging about!"







## BLOWHOLES CAMPING RESERVE GETS A REFRESH

Great news for visitors and locals alike! The Shire Works Crew has been hard at work getting the Blowholes Camping Reserve ready for the new season!

Over the past few weeks, the team has completed a series of upgrades and clean-up tasks to improve the site's appearance and functionality:

- Cleared boardwalks for safer access
- Reinstalled dump points;
- Removed outdated signage;
- Installed new signs for designated camping spots; and
- Completed a general site clean-up

These improvements are part of preparations for the new access system launching on 22 May 2025, aimed at preserving this iconic location while enhancing the visitor experience.



## WHAT A NIGHT! NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS GALA 2025

On Saturday 24 May, Carnarvon lit up with celebration as the community gathered for the 2025 National Volunteer Week Awards Gala Night, a spectacular evening dedicated to honouring the volunteers who make our region shine.

From dazzling outfits and heartfelt speeches to a packed dance floor and endless smiles, the energy was electric and the atmosphere unforgettable. It was a night of connection, recognition, and community spirit. Seventy-four volunteers attended the event, a testament to the strong spirit of giving that runs through our town.

A huge thank you to our fabulous MC, the one and only Famous Sharron, for keeping us laughing and sparkling throughout the night, and to M8 Mewsic for the tunes that had us dancing into the evening. Special thanks to the Carnarvon Yacht Club for the delicious catering that helped fuel the celebration!



This event was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors: Gascoyne Development Commission, Centacare Carnarvon, Carnarvon Mitre 10, Volunteering WA, and LotteryWest. Your support made this night truly memorable.

Congratulations to our 2025 Award Winners:

- ★ Volunteer Group of the Year: Carnarvon Christmas Street Party
- ★ Community Volunteer of the Year: Mary Geyer
- ★ Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering: Geoff Rodier & Margaret Moore
- ★ Young Volunteer of the Year: Jack Hanson



## FRUITY FUN ON ROBINSON STREET!

Robinson Street just got a little brighter and a whole lot more fun! In April, the Shire of Carnarvon welcomed renowned placemaking expert David Engwicht to launch a pilot program aimed at revitalising our main street. By working with local businesses and artists, the initiative is already bringing new life and colour to town.



One standout example is the vibrant fruity-themed hopscotch created by local artist Sadie James, located right outside Toyworld. Inspired by the Gascoyne's iconic produce, this playful artwork celebrates our region's identity while adding a splash of joy to the streetscape.

This project is more than just fun and games, it's part of a broader push to activate shopfronts, boost foot traffic, and create welcoming spaces for all ages. We're proud to be ticking off many of the actions identified during David's visit, with plenty more in the pipeline.

Next time you're strolling Robinson Street, take a moment to hop, skip, and smile your way through Sadie's colourful creation and stay tuned for more creative surprises to come!



## MORGANTOWN REKERBING PROJECT ENTERS FINAL STAGE

Great news for Morgantown residents, the rekerbing project is now in its final stage, with Shire crews backfilling verges where kerbs were recently refurbished.

This upgrade is part of our ongoing efforts to improve local infrastructure and ensure safer, more attractive streets for our community. The new kerbing not only enhances the appearance of our neighbourhoods but also improves stormwater management and road durability. We'd like to thank residents for their patience and support throughout the project. Your understanding has helped us carry out these important works with minimal disruption.





# RANGER UPDATE



## RANGER RESCUES BABY GOAT WITH A HAPPY ENDING

On Sunday, 18 May, the Shire's Ranger team responded to a call from a concerned tourist who had rescued a baby goat found in distress. The young goat was severely dehydrated on arrival but, thanks to quick action and care, is now doing well and on the road to recovery.



The Ranger was able to contact the owners, who have kindly agreed to rehoming the goat. A big thank you to the caring visitor who made the call and to our Ranger for stepping in to help give this little one a second chance.

## NEED A RANGER

For urgent matters such as dog attacks or snake removal, you can contact the Shire Rangers on 9941 0019 during business hours.

After hours, call 9941 0000 and your call will be directed to a support centre for assistance.

Please remember, this service is for urgent issues only. If your matter can wait, contact the Shire during office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am–5:00pm.

**Snake Alert:** For snake-related emergencies after hours, contact local snake catcher Rob Newman directly on 0477 038 738.

## MESQUITE CONTROL UNDERWAY IN CARNARVON

If you have passed by the Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre recently, you may have spotted local contractors hard at work, not just tidying up, but helping tackle one of Carnarvon's most stubborn invaders: Mesquite.



With the support of the Shire of Carnarvon, the team has been removing large infestations of this aggressive woody weed as part of the Lower Gascoyne Mesquite Management Project. This long-term land rehabilitation effort aims to restore native vegetation and reduce the risks mesquite poses to ecosystems, access routes, and community spaces.

Mesquite (*Prosopis* spp.), originally from Mexico, is now a declared weed in Western Australia and one of national significance. Known for its deep taproot, rapid spread, and vicious thorns, mesquite can dominate landscapes, restrict wildlife access to water, and make areas unsafe for public use.

While work on public land is progressing, we need your help too. Property owners are encouraged to check for mesquite on their land and assist with its removal. Together, we can make a meaningful impact.

The Shire is also working closely with state government agencies that manage land in the project area to build a coordinated approach towards eradication and long-term control.

# SUNSET, SONGS AND SMILES AT BAXTER PARK

Baxter Park came alive with music, colour and community spirit on Sunday 25 May as locals gathered for Sunset & Tunes, a free event headlined by the incredible Toby Beard. Set against the glow of a Carnarvon sunset, Toby wowed the crowd with her powerful vocals, raw emotion and engaging stage presence.

More than a performance, Toby delivered an experience. She blended storytelling, rhythm and heart in a way that connected deeply with the audience. From toe tapping singalongs to moving ballads, the evening was a true celebration of community, creativity and connection.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the night so special. Events like Sunset & Tunes remind us why Carnarvon is such a vibrant and welcoming place to live, where music, people and place come together in all the best ways.



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPOSE DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, in its budget for the year ending 30 June 2026, the Shire of Carnarvon intends to impose the following differential rates and minimum payments.

DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORY	MINIMUM PAYMENT PROPOSED	RATE IN THE DOLLAR (\$) PROPOSED
GRV Residential	\$1,454	10.7975 cents
GRV Commercial/Industrial	\$1,454	12.0515 cents
GRV Special Use/Rural	\$1,454	11.9510 cents
UV Pastoral	\$1,454	13.8130 cents
UV Mining	\$1,454	28.1070 cents
UV – Intensive Horticulture	\$1,454	2.8743 cents

The figures shown are estimates and may change as part of the Council's deliberations after considering any submissions received.

A statement of the objects and reasons for the proposed Differential Rate Categories is available at the Shire Administration Centre, 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and on the Shire of Carnarvon website [www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au](http://www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au).

Written submissions from electors and ratepayers on the proposed differential rates and the minimum payments are to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Carnarvon, PO Box 459, Carnarvon WA 6701 or emailed to [shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au).

No submissions will be considered after **4pm, Thursday, 19 June 2025**.

For further details contact the Finance Manager, Sarah Driscoll, on 08 9941 0000

Amanda Dexter  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Carnarvon



## CARNARVON TO HOST 2026 WA TOURISM CONFERENCE

Great news for our region, Carnarvon has been confirmed as the host town for the 2026 WA Tourism Conference!

Set to take place from 25–27 May 2026, the event will bring over 250 tourism professionals to town, creating fantastic opportunities to showcase our region and support local businesses.

Shire President Eddie Smith said "It's a major win for Carnarvon, boosting our profile and supporting local jobs and economic growth."

We look forward to welcoming delegates and sharing everything that makes Carnarvon so special, from our coastline and culture to our fresh local produce.



## SHIRE ENDORSES DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION



At its May Council Meeting in Coral Bay, the Shire of Carnarvon endorsed the draft Local Planning Strategy (LPS) for public consultation, marking an important step in shaping the region's future growth and development.

The LPS is a vital long-term planning document that sets the strategic direction for land use, infrastructure, and development across the Shire. It ensures future decisions are aligned with community values, state planning policies, and emerging opportunities for economic and population growth.

The draft strategy was informed by extensive early engagement, including community drop-in sessions, stakeholder workshops, and surveys. This feedback has helped shape a clear vision that reflects the aspirations of Carnarvon, Coral Bay, and surrounding areas.

Now endorsed for consultation, the draft will be submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission for certification before being advertised to the wider public. Community input will again be a key part of the process, with all feedback to be considered before final adoption.

This is a great opportunity for residents, businesses, and landowners to have a say in the Shire's long-term future. Keep an eye out for public consultation dates and help guide the future of land use and development in our region.



# June

**Pottery Workshop**  
 Wednesday 11th June  
 1.00 - 3.00pm  
 Rear of Jubilee Hall

**\$80.00 PER PERSON** INCLUDES CLAY, TOOLS, GLAZES AND FIRING

INTRODUCTION TO POTTERY  
 NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED



FRI 6TH JUNE - 5.30PM OR  
 WED 11TH JUNE - 4PM OR  
 SAT 21ST JUNE - 10 AM

REAR OF JUBILEE HALL - FRANCES ST SOUTH CARNARVON

ONLY 8 SPACES PER SESSION  
 PHONE VANESSA TO BOOK ON 0434 777 336

**Bingo**  
 Wednesday 11th June  
 6.00-8.00pm  
 3 George Street



**BeConnected Tech Workshop**  
 Thursday 12th June  
 1.00-2.00pm  
 Library & Art Gallery

**Be Connected Technology Workshops**

Acquire the knowledge and skills you need to use technology with confidence and keep safer online!

FREE ~ Ages 50+  
 RSVP (08) 9941 3727  
 Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

The next workshop topic will be:

**HOW TO USE SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY**

1-2pm Thursday 12 June



**Annual Bowling Carnival**  
 21th - 18th June  
 9.30am  
 Carnarvon Bowling Club



**StrokeSafe Community Talk**  
 Friday 13th June  
 10.00am  
 Library & Art Gallery

**StrokeSafe Community Talk**

Prevent stroke. Save lives. Enhance recovery.  
**10am Friday 13th June**

RSVP (08) 9941 3727  
 or scan the QR code below




SHIRE OF CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART GALLERY

**Carnarvon Races**  
 Friday 13th June  
 12.00pm  
 Carnarvon Race Club



**Litter Legends**  
 Friday 13th June  
 9.00am  
 BP



**Boardgame Club**  
 Saturday 14th June  
 10.00am  
 Library & Art Gallery

**BOARDGAMES CLUB**

10-11.30AM  
 MEETS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
 LIBRARY LOUNGE  
 FREE ~ AGES 18+  
 JOIN THE MAILING LIST TODAY:  
[bit.ly/48GLRvK](https://bit.ly/48GLRvK)



**Club Points / Burnouts / Sponsors**  
 Saturday 14th June  
 4.00pm  
 Carnarvon Speedway



**Peace Torch Relay**  
 Saturday 14th June  
 4.00-5.00pm  
 Carnarvon Fascine



**Bumbak's Morning Tea**  
 Monday 16th June  
 9.30 - 11.00am  
 Bumbaks

**OPSA**  
 Older Persons' Shareholders' Authority



**World Elder Abuse Awareness Week**

Let's raise awareness and protect our seniors from abuse.  
 #WEAAD #OPSA

**Cuppa & Coffee**  
 Tuesday 17th June  
 9.00 - 11.30am  
 Senior Citizen Hall

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# Events



Plate & Pamper  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
12.00 - 2.00pm  
Senior Citizen Hall




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Wooramel Wind Down  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
8.30am - 3.00pm  
Bus from the Visitor Centre




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Pool Comp  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
7pm  
Dalmacija Club 8-Ball Tournament



Bites & Big Screen  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
12.00 - 3.30pm  
Civic Centre




**World Elder Abuse Awareness Week**

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Boardgame Club  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
9am  
Woolworths



Pottery Workshop  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
10am  
Rear of Jubilee Hall

**\$80.00 PER PERSON** INCLUDES CLAY, TOOLS, GLAZES AND FIRING

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
10am - 12pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Bingo  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
6-8pm  
3 George Street



RAC Ignite Workshop  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
3 - 4pm  
Community Art Hub

**CARNARVON YOUTH PRECINCT STREET MAKEOVER**

WORKSHOP 1  
WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE  
3PM TO 4PM  
COMMUNITY ART HUB



Carnarvon Races  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
12pm  
Carnarvon Race Club



Charlie Mezza  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
6-7.30  
Krestrel Cafe

**CHARLIE MEZZA** 50's & 60's Rock & Roll and Great Country Tunes



Jubilee Hall Craft  
28 June - 26 July  
Opening Day: Saturday 28 June, 10am-12pm  
Library & Art Gallery

**Jubilee Hall Crafts EXHIBITION**




For more Information visit our website  
[www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/community/events](http://www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/community/events)



# Community

## CARNAR-FIN 2025: ANOTHER BIG CATCH FOR CARNARVON

The Shire of Carnarvon congratulates the Carnarvon Fishing Club on another successful Carnar-Fin Fishing Event. With more than 220 anglers taking part including visitors from across WA and even Victoria, the event once again proved why it's a favourite on the local calendar.

This year's comp saw big catches across 18 categories, with prizes handed out for both the largest fish and runner-up in each. From Snapper to Trevally, the weigh-ins didn't disappoint.

Events like Carnar-Fin aren't just great fun they also deliver real benefits for our town. Accommodation, retail and hospitality businesses all get a boost, and it's a great way to show off what Carnarvon has to offer.



Photo Credit:  
Carnar-Fin Fishing Event

A big thank you to the Fishing Club, volunteers, and sponsors for making it all happen. The Shire is proud to support events that bring the community together and back our local economy.

## A SPECTACULAR LADIES DAY AT THE RACES

Ladies Day 2025 at the Carnarvon Race Club was an absolute standout filled with style, celebration, and strong community spirit. Despite a busy week of local events, the crowds turned out in full force, bringing colour, excitement, and plenty of glamour to one of Carnarvon's favourite days on the calendar.

Fashion on the Field was a major highlight, with participants lighting up the lawn with their creativity and elegance. Congratulations to Jess Andreoli for taking out the top honour, Belynda Dixon as runner-up, and Stephanie Condo for winning Best Millinery. Thank you to our guest judges Jacqueline Black, Barry Bellotti, and Colleen Mills for the care and thought they brought to the judging process.

Our fabulous MC Lisa Ladhams kept the event flowing with warmth and energy, helping to create a welcoming and festive atmosphere.

On the track, Southern Scandal took out the Ladies Bracelet, trained by Graeme Hammarquist and presented by LeeAnne Daly. Best Presented Horse went to Peter Daly's team, with LeeAnne accepting on his behalf.





# CARNARVON SPEEDWAY SHINES AT THE 2025 NORWEST CHAMPS

The roar of engines and the cheers of excited spectators filled the air as Carnarvon Speedway delivered another thrilling weekend with the 2025 Norwest Championships and Westralia Cup. With an impressive 81 cars competing, the event drew big crowds and serious excitement. After taking home the title last year, local favourite Damon Lyall returned to the track with style and speed, securing second place in a hard-fought race that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats.

This event wasn't just about the racing. As always, the iFuels Carnarvon Speedway team made sure the weekend was a full community experience, blending high-speed action with great hospitality and camaraderie. Drivers, officials, crews, and fans came together after the races to enjoy dinner, share stories, and celebrate the weekend's wins, capturing exactly what makes speedway such a beloved part of Carnarvon's sporting life.

The atmosphere was electric, with the clubrooms buzzing, the canteen and bar busy, and fans cheering loud for their favourite drivers. Huge thanks go to the volunteers, club members, sponsors, and visiting teams who helped bring the event to life. Your efforts make the magic happen.

To relive the action, check out photos by Jon Gall Photography, weekend updates from Dirt Track Nutters, and full race coverage available on Clay-Per-View.

Congratulations to Ellenbrook Speedway, who now take home the Westralia Cup, but Carnarvon certainly gave them a run to remember.



Photo Credit: iFuels Carnarvon Speedway

# CARNARVON JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION – GROWING THE GAME LOCALLY

The Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association (CJSA) is a vibrant local club dedicated to developing young soccer talent and fostering a love for the game in a fun, inclusive environment. Based in Carnarvon, the club welcomes boys and girls of all skill levels, with age divisions ranging from Minis to U16s.

CJSA is run by a passionate team of volunteers and parents, committed to creating a positive sporting experience for all participants. The club focuses on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship, providing kids with a great foundation both on and off the field.

Training and matches are held weekly throughout the season, with opportunities to compete in regional carnivals and build friendships that last well beyond the pitch.

To get involved, support, or find out more, visit [www.cjsa6701.com](http://www.cjsa6701.com) or follow Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association on Facebook.





# BRIGHTENING BROCKMAN: SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE LIGHTS THE WAY

The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to share the successful completion of the Safe Streets Initiative, delivered in partnership with Horizon Power and WAPOL, to enhance safety and community wellbeing in the Brockman area.

This collaborative project saw the installation of brand-new street lighting and upgrades to existing infrastructure to help combat anti-social behaviour and create a safer environment for residents, visitors, and first responders alike.

The initiative is already making a positive impact, contributing to a greater sense of security in public spaces. The Shire thanks Horizon Power and WAPOL for their ongoing support and commitment to the Carnarvon community.

Together, we're lighting the path to a safer and stronger Carnarvon.



## CARNARVON GEARS UP FOR THE RETURN OF THE GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL

There's a buzz in the air as Carnarvon prepares to welcome the Gascoyne Food Festival 2025 and locals couldn't be more excited to see the flavours, fun, and festivities return to our town.

As the heart of the Gascoyne's food bowl, Carnarvon is once again where the journey begins. The much-loved Long Table Lunch on Saturday, 26 July will showcase our region's best, from ocean-fresh prawns and pink snapper to premium beef and local produce, all brought to life by world-renowned chefs led by Chef Ben Ing.

But it's not just for the foodies. The whole community is invited to celebrate the next day at The Great Carnarvon Feast and Groove on Sunday, 27 July. Set along the fascine, this family-friendly event is pure Carnarvon charm, live music, picnic vibes, crowd-favourite eats like goat pies and hand-churned ice cream, and a fire show finale to light up the evening sky.

And don't forget the Taste of the Gascoyne Food Trail, where local eateries join the fun with signature dishes and your vote could win prizes! It's a time to celebrate our growers, producers, and community pride. So grab your mates, book your tickets, and get ready for a weekend that's uniquely Carnarvon, where good food meets great company.



Photo Credit: Sophia Alston



## NETBALL SEASON IN FULL SWING!

Carnarvon's netball courts are buzzing with energy as the 2025 season gets underway. With weekly training and games now in full swing, young players aged 5 to 17 are embracing the chance to build skills, stay active and enjoy the thrill of the game.

The Woolworths Net Set Go program for ages 5–10 runs every Thursday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, offering a fun and inclusive introduction to the sport. Juniors aged 11–17 train Thursdays and play on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:15pm.

There's still time to register before the end of Term 2. Head to the Carnarvon Netball Association Facebook page or PlayHQ to sign up and join the netball fun before the season wraps up in early September.



## CARNARVON GROWERS MARKET RETURNS

The Carnarvon Growers Market made a welcome return in May, bringing colour, freshness and community spirit back to the town square. Locals and visitors gathered to browse a vibrant selection of fresh produce, handmade crafts and delicious treats, all just in time for Mother's Day.

With crisp fruit, local vegetables, home-baked goods and unique gift ideas on offer, the market was a celebration of the region's rich agricultural heritage and local creativity. More than just a place to shop, the Growers Market is where locals connect, catch up and share what makes Carnarvon special.

It is great to see the Saturday morning tradition back in full swing and it is only just getting started.





# LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURE

## REJUVENATE THE WELLNESS BOOTH

### *Bringing Wellness to the Heart of Carnarvon*

Carnarvon has a new place to unwind, recharge, and reconnect and it's already making waves. Rejuvenate The Wellness Booth, founded by locals Chris and Candace, is bringing something fresh to the community: a dedicated wellness space offering ice baths, saunas, and wholefoods, all under one calming roof.

The idea was born from Chris and Candace's own journey in health and wellness. After years of personally using saunas and ice baths, they saw the need for a local facility where others could experience the same benefits. Despite considering other locations, their love for Carnarvon led them to stay and launch a pilot project right here at home.



Their goal? To create a welcoming hub where people can focus on wellbeing in a relaxed, non-intimidating setting. And the community response has been outstanding, with plenty of curious first-timers giving the cold plunge a go and walking away with warm smiles.

Looking ahead, Chris and Candace plan to shape the future of Rejuvenate based on community feedback, including exploring after-hours access and additional services. One thing is clear: they're committed to making wellness accessible and sustainable for everyone in Carnarvon.

Whether you're seeking a moment of stillness, a boost in circulation, or simply a new way to feel good, Rejuvenate might just be the place to start.





## CUPPA AND CRUMB OPENS IN TOWN

If you've strolled down the main street lately, you may have noticed the charming new café that's taken over what used to be our local newsagent. That's Cuppa and Crumb, Carnarvon's newest hub for homemade treats, rich coffee, and warm community vibes, run by none other than local baker Bec Western.

Already known for her stunning cake designs and sourdough bread, Bec is no stranger to the local food scene. But with this new venture, she's created a space where locals can gather, catch up, and indulge in a slice of something sweet.

Expect a rotating display of cakes, slices, and pastries, all made from scratch, as well as artisan sourdough toasties, bottled juices, and expertly brewed coffee. Whether you're after a quick takeaway or a slow moment at a window seat, Cuppa and Crumb has you covered.

Three years ago, Bec made the move from busy, bustling Perth to Carnarvon in search of a slower pace of life, and she's never looked back.

"Only having to drive five minutes to work is such a novelty after dealing with city traffic lights and rush hour."

For Bec, the biggest change hasn't been about starting a business, it's been the joy of daily life in a smaller town.

"Life here is just so much more chill, I feel like I actually have time to connect with my family" she says with a smile, pouring a chai latte behind the counter.

Bec's passion for baking started as a home-based business and quickly grew, with custom cake orders and sourdough deliveries, making her a well-known name around town. Opening a bricks-and-mortar café was the next step, and the realisation of a dream that had been simmering for years.

"I've always loved the idea of owning a little place where people can pop in, have a chat, enjoy a good coffee and something sweet," Bec shared.

Next time you're in town, drop by Cuppa and Crumb for a sweet treat, a great coffee, or a cosy spot to relax. You'll likely leave with a full heart and a full cake box.



**NEW CAKE  
ON THE  
BLOCK!**

# LIBRARY

## TIMMY TURTLE'S PICNIC A BIG HIT FOR EARLY YEARS!

The Gascoyne Early Years Network brought colour, stories, and smiles to Baxter Park on Wednesday 21 May with Timmy Turtle's Picnic, a celebration of early childhood learning and the launch of the new Gascoyne Early Years Story Tent.

The event was delivered by the Shire of Carnarvon's Early Years Project Officer, with support from the Better Beginnings Family Literacy Grant and the Australian Early Development Census program.

Held on the same day as National Simultaneous Storytime, children across Australia read *The Truck Cat* together, with Timmy arriving in style on a Pilbara Regiment truck to help tell the story and sing along. With support from early years service providers including Ngala, WACHS, GRAMS, Department of Communities, and local schools and daycare, families enjoyed a morning of fun and learning focused on the five key domains of early childhood development.

A big thank you to everyone involved for creating such a joyful, community-minded event. The Gascoyne Early Years Network looks forward to continuing this important work with children and families throughout the year.



Do you enjoy playing boardgames? Following community feedback from our recent survey, Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery is starting a **Boardgames Club** for ages 18+! Whether you are a gaming beginner or a pro, dive into an exciting boardgame at the library! Bring a favourite game from home, or play one from our in-library collection.

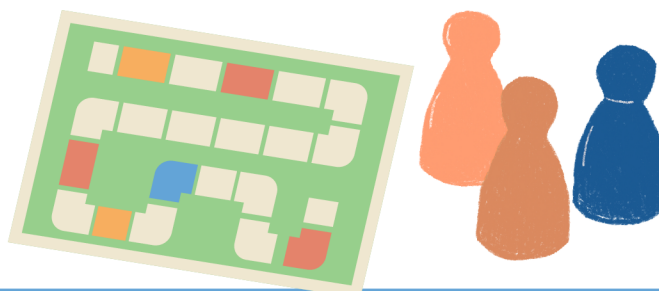
When: 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10-11.30am

Where: Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

Free entry | Ages 18+ |

Join our mailing list: [bit.ly/48GLRvK](https://bit.ly/48GLRvK)





## THE MAKERS HUB: 3D PRINTING

The library's new after-school Makers Hub: 3D Printing workshops for local kids launched in May, giving 8–10-year-olds a chance to try their hand at this fun STEAM activity. Using the free online design program Tinkercad (which many students were familiar with having been introduced to the program at school) our 'tinkerers' had fun during the four-week program bringing their designs to life. We won't be printing parts for the International Space Station anytime soon, but this was a great opportunity to get creative while learning the basics of manipulating shapes with mouse and keyboard, and adjusting their designs so that they could be successfully printed!

In June, it will be the turn of 11-14 year olds to try out their skills. Since the class sizes are only small, if you have an 8-14 year old who missed out on our first lot of workshops, then please head to the library website and register; that way you can be added to our mailing list and be notified when the next series of workshops occurs. Please give the library a call if you have any questions.



## STORYTIME ON COUNTRY AT GWOONWARDU MIA

To honour this year's theme, Bridging Now to Next, the Shire of Carnarvon Library hosted a Special Reconciliation Week Storytime at Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre on Tuesday 27 May.

Organised by the Shire's Library and Young People's Services Officer, Stephanie Kelly, in collaboration with Barry Belotti, Gwoonwardu Mia Regional Manager Business and Strategy, this unique event shifted the library's usual Storytime session outdoors and onto Country, grounding the experience in place and culture.

Jhameika Bradford, Project Officer at Gwoonwardu Mia, captivated children and families with readings of *Baby Business* by Jasmine Seymour and *I Love Me* by Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina. These stories, rich in meaning, celebrated cultural identity and self-love in a way that young children could connect with and enjoy.

The morning concluded with a collaborative art activity, where children added handprints and paint to two large canvases. One artwork will be displayed at the Carnarvon Library, and the other at Gwoonwardu Mia, a lasting symbol of community connection.

The event was attended by a wide cross-section of the community including regular Storytime families, KindiLink participants from Carnarvon Community College, and Carnarvon Play and Connect families. Laughter, learning, and creativity made it a special day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



# NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

## *Bridging Now to Next in Carnarvon*

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to explore how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

It is held each year from 27 May to 3 June, marking two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey:

- The 1967 Referendum, when Australians voted to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Census and allow the Federal Government to make laws for them, and
- The 1992 Mabo decision, when the High Court recognised native title, overturning the false concept of terra nullius, the idea that the land belonged to no one.

The theme for 2025, "Bridging Now to Next", is a reminder that the work of reconciliation is ongoing. It invites all Australians to reflect on the progress made and to commit to meaningful action, building bridges between where we are now and where we need to be in the future.

## **RAP REFERENCE GROUP MEETS TO SHAPE CARNARVON'S INNOVATE RAP**

The Shire of Carnarvon RAP Reference Group, made up of representatives from the Shire, local Aboriginal Corporations, and community members, met on the final day of Reconciliation Week, poignantly, on 3 June, during Reconciliation Week.



This meeting was the first gathering following the recent endorsement by Reconciliation Australia of the Shire of Carnarvon's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2025-2027. This is the Shire's second RAP, building on the foundations of our previous "Reflect" RAP and taking our commitment further. The focus areas for this RAP are cultural learning, building partnerships, developing employment and procurement strategies, and embedding reconciliation in everyday practices. This is a critical phase in our ongoing reconciliation journey, where we focus on building strong relationships, honouring truth-telling, and looking forward with unity and respect.

Shire President Eddie Smith said: "Our Innovate RAP represents a significant step forward in our journey towards reconciliation. It outlines practical actions that we will undertake to promote cultural awareness, celebrate Yinggarda and Baiyungu cultures, and contribute to great outcomes for First Nations peoples. I encourage all members of the Carnarvon community to embrace this initiative and actively participate in its implementation. Together, let us work towards a future where reconciliation with First Nations peoples is a lived reality, one in which the histories, cultures, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are acknowledged and respected, fostering a community where all can thrive and prosper."



**RECONCILIATION EXHIBITION:  
BRIDGING NOW TO NEXT**

Thank you to everyone who joined us on 16 June for the opening of Bridging Now to Next, our 2025 Reconciliation Week exhibition. A heartfelt Welcome to Country by Yinggarda Elder Lucy Bulley set the tone for a powerful night of reflection, connection and celebration of local talent.

Inspired by the National Reconciliation Week theme from Reconciliation Australia, the exhibition invites the community to consider what reconciliation means for our region and how we can move forward together. The theme and artist briefs were shaped in collaboration with local Elders, the Shire's RAP Reference Group and community members through a co-design process with the Community Art Hub.

The result is a truly local effort. With support from the Shire's Art Gallery team, artists received mentorship, materials and help with framing and installation.

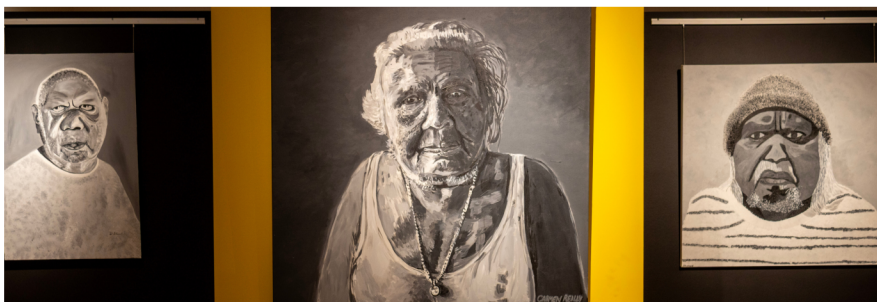
The exhibition features 22 new works and five portraits from the Portraits of Yinggarda Elders series, along with several collaborative pieces from community-led projects. Artists include Raymond Edney, Devinia Wainwright, Naomi McMahon, Lucy Bulley and many more.

Do not miss this inspiring exhibition, open until 14 June at the Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery. It is a tribute to our shared stories and a hopeful step forward on the journey of reconciliation.

**PORTRAITS OF YINGGARDA ELDERS – SECOND EDITION**

Shire of Carnarvon has just announced it is relaunching the Portraits of Yinggarda Elders series. Facilitated by renowned local artist Gosia Taylor of G Stop, This project is commissioned by the Shire as a way to honour Elders and preserve cultural history through portraiture, with Local artists having the honour of painting our Elders. Portraits will be stored within the Shire and Community Art Collection.

If you would like to nominate to be part of this art series, please contact Gosia Taylor: [gosia.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:gosia.taylor@gmail.com)



# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## SAFE BURNING IN THE COOLER MONTHS

As we move into the cooler months, it might feel like fire risks have eased — but it's still vital to practise safe burning when lighting any kind of fire, including burn-offs, campfires, or cooking fires.

While fire permits are only required from 1 October to 30 April in the Shire of Carnarvon, the risk of fires getting out of control doesn't disappear with the heat. Windy days, dry vegetation, or unattended flames can still pose serious dangers to people, property, and the environment.

We remind all residents to:

- 🔥 Check the daily Fire Danger Rating before burning
- 🔥 Avoid lighting fires on windy or dry days
- 🔥 Keep a water source nearby
- 🔥 Clear the area around your fire
- 🔥 Never leave a fire unattended

## APPLY FOR A FIRE PERMIT ONLINE



## CONTACTS INFORMATION

### ALL FIRES OR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES

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#### Gascoyne River Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Captain

0457 700 670

#### Hospital

9941 0555

#### SES

132 500

#### Police

9941 7333/131 444

#### DFES Information Line

13 33 37

#### Community Emergency Services Manager

0448 081 637

#### Shire Office

9941 0000

#### Rangers

9941 0019

#### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

##### Chief Bush Fire Control

0448 081 637





## Rubbish Collection

### Monday

Morgantown / Babbage Island

### Tuesday

South Carnarvon

### Wednesday

Brockman

### Thursday

East Carnarvon / Kingsford / Brown Range

### Wednesday

Plantations - North / South



## Verge Side Collection

**Waste collection may only be placed  
on the verge between  
20 June - 4 July  
to help prevent windblown litter.**

### TO MAKE IT SAFE FOR OUR COLLECTORS:

- Items should not be more than 2m in length, 40kg in weight or 100mm in diameter
- Green waste is separated from building waste and neatly stacked
- Items to be collected are not to obstruct any part of the footpath, driveway or road
- Items are to be placed out the day before or by 6am on the day of collection



## Browns Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday  
7.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday  
8.00am - 2.00pm

Closed Saturday & Public Holidays

If your Rubbish Collection day is:		Your Verge Side Collection will be:	
Friday	27 June	Monday	30 June
Monday	30 June	Tuesday	1 July
Tuesday	1 July	Wednesday	2 July
Wednesday	2 July	Thursday	3 July
Thursday	3 July	Friday	4 July



## Share Your Story!

Have a local event, story, or announcement to share? Email [media@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:media@carnarvon.wa.gov.au) to be featured in our next community newsletter!



## Shire Administration

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Monday - Friday  
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Closed Public Holidays

 Text or call 0427 410 046

 (08) 9941 0000

 [shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

## Library & Art Gallery

18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

Tuesday - Friday  
9.30am - 5.00pm  
Saturday  
9.30am - 12.30pm

Closed Monday, Sunday & Public Holidays

 (08) 9941 3727

 [library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

## Join Our Team!



Exciting career opportunities are now open at the Shire of Carnarvon! Explore current vacancies and take the next step in your career at:

[www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au](http://www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

## Civic Centre

For information relating to the hire of the Woolshed, contact the Visitor Centre

 (08) 9941 1146

 [shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

## Visitor Centre

Cnr Robinson Street/Camel Lane

### May - October

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday  
9.00am - 12.30pm  
Closed Sunday

### November - April

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 3.00pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

 (08) 9941 1146

 [info@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)