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CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we reach the end of the 2024–25 financial year, it's a good time to reflect on what has been achieved and what lies ahead for our community. Over the past 12 months, we've made significant progress across a number of areas, from improvements in infrastructure and community spaces, to renewed partnerships and meaningful engagement with our residents.

These achievements are a credit to the hard work of our Council, Shire staff, community groups and volunteers, who continue to show what's possible when we work together.

While we're proud of what's been delivered so far, there is much more on the horizon. I'm pleased to share that the Shire of Carnarvon has secured over \$15 million in funding to support major projects across the region. This investment will play a critical role in delivering long-term improvements to our infrastructure, community services, and economic development, all aimed at ensuring Carnarvon and the wider Shire continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in shaping our community. I look forward to working with you all as we step into a new financial year with optimism, focus, and a shared commitment to the future of the Shire of Carnarvon.

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

The Shire President looks forward to meeting with you.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

15
JULY

COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

Agenda Forum

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

15
JULY

COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

Special Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

22
JULY

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

Ordinary Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

22
JULY

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

Major Projects Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

CARNARVON WELCOMES THE SRI CHINMOY ONENESS-HOME PEACE RUN

On Saturday 14 June, Shire President Eddie Smith and CEO Mandy Dexter warmly welcomed the international runners of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run during their visit to Carnarvon.

The Peace Run, a global torch relay that promotes international friendship and understanding, carries a flaming torch symbolising humanity's universal aspiration for peace. The runners, who come from around the world, are volunteers who share a simple but powerful message: peace begins with each one of us.

During their visit to the Shire, the team shared stories from their journey and invited President Smith to hold the torch and add their wishes for peace to the relay. It was a meaningful exchange, highlighting the values of unity, goodwill and community spirit that resonate deeply in our region.

The Shire of Carnarvon thanks the Peace Run team for including us in their journey and commends their dedication to building a better world—one step, one conversation, and one community at a time.



SHIRE UPDATES

MEET THE TEAM

EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY, STEFAN LOUW

Since arriving in May 2021, Stefan Louw has quickly become a familiar and valued face in Carnarvon, both around town and within the Shire. Originally from South Africa, Stefan began his career as a Town Planner with the City of Cape Town before moving to Australia with his wife in search of a better life and greater opportunities.

Drawn by the warm climate and the promise of remote adventures, Stefan was captivated by Carnarvon's natural beauty and sense of space. He says what he enjoys most is the remoteness and being able to enjoy a beach or campsite all to yourself.

Professionally, Stefan joined the Shire as Planning and Building Operational Manager and steadily took on more responsibility, leading to his recent appointment as Executive Manager Community Planning and Sustainability. His role is broad and dynamic, from overseeing planning approvals and environmental health to managing ranger services, emergency management, waste facilities, and key assets like the Fascine and beaches.

Stefan's team is currently driving projects such as the revitalisation of the Fascine precinct through the Carnarvon Futures project, mosquito and mesquite control, bushfire mitigation, and a new dog de-sexing program. He is particularly proud of how closely his team works with the community, noting that positive collaboration makes a big difference.

Looking ahead, Stefan is passionate about building long-term partnerships that support sustainable growth for Carnarvon. He believes every project should contribute to a shared and successful future for the region.

When he is not working, Stefan enjoys exploring the coastline and encourages newcomers to get involved in local sport and social clubs, and to support local businesses. His story is one of professional passion, community connection, and a shared vision for a thriving Carnarvon.





NGALA'S OFFICE GETS A COLOURFUL NEW LOOK

Ngala's Carnarvon office has been transformed with vibrant new window artwork, celebrating community connection and creativity. The project was a collaboration between Ngala, the Community Art Hub and the Shire of Carnarvon, with funding from the Department of Communities' Women's Grants for a Stronger Future program.

Designed by local artist Karen Ryan, the artwork reflects Ngala's deep ties to the families they support. It's a bright, beautiful reminder of the care and trust that defines their work.



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK 2025 – RESPECTING OUR PAST, PROTECTING OUR FUTURE

From 16 to 22 June, the Carnarvon community came together to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Week with a series of heartfelt and joyful events that honoured our older generations. The theme, Respecting Our Past, Protecting Our Future, guided the week's activities and reminded us of the importance of standing together to support and protect our elders.

Morning at Bumbak's

Our seniors were warmly welcomed at Bumbak's, where they enjoyed a homemade morning tea, freshly brewed coffee, and thoughtful gift bags. The atmosphere was one of genuine care and community spirit, with thanks to the Bumbak's team for creating such a special experience.

A Day of Fun at the Senior Citizens Hall

This event began with cuppas and shared stories before games and laughter filled the room. Guests were treated to beautiful performances by the Seaside Dancers and a delicious roast lunch. The afternoon continued with face masks and manicures, adding a relaxing and pampering end to the day.



Wooramel River Retreat Outing

Despite some early rain, the day at Wooramel River Retreat was filled with quiet reflection, shared meals, and warm conversation. The peaceful setting made it a memorable trip focused on connection and support.

Bites and Big Screen

The week concluded with a shared lunch at the Civic Centre, followed by a screening of A Man Called Otto. The film's message of compassion and community resonated deeply and provided a fitting end to a week of reflection and respect.

Special thanks to the Department of Communities for supporting these events, and to our volunteers, community partners, and seniors for making it all possible.

CELEBRATING THE TEAM BEHIND CARNARVON'S GREEN SPACES

Have you noticed how great our main street is looking lately? From the neatly trimmed hedges to the freshly mowed lawns and cared-for greenery, it's clear that our Parks and Gardens team loves what they do.



Their day-to-day work includes mowing, hedge trimming, rubbish removal, and maintaining the plants that brighten our public spaces. It's not just the big things that make a real difference, keeping our town tidy, welcoming, and something we can all take pride in.

Next time you're walking through town, take a moment to appreciate the work that goes into it and if you see one of the crew, give them a nod of thanks. They're out there doing the quiet work that helps Carnarvon shine.



Love seeing our streets clean and beautiful? Looking for some gentle exercise followed by a social coffee? Come lend a hand for 30 minutes on Friday at gam!



PUBLIC NOTICE ADOPTION OF 2025/2026 FEES AND CHARGES

In accordance with Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), the Shire of Carnarvon hereby gives public notice that Council adopted the 2025/2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 June 2025.

The new fees and charges will come into effect on Monday, 15 July 2025.
A copy of the adopted schedule is available:

- On the Shire's website at www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au
- At the Shire Administration Office, 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

For further information, please contact the Shire on (08) 9941 0000.



RANGER UPDATE

RANGERS NOW CERTIFIED TO MICROCHIP PETS

The Shire of Carnarvon is pleased to share a positive step forward in local animal management. Two members of our Ranger team, Anthony Willis and Tahlia Cotton, have successfully completed their certification in Microchip Implantation for Dogs and Cats through TAFE WA – Northam Regional Campus.

This training will enhance the Shire's capacity to care for animals during impoundments and investigations, allowing for a more streamlined and responsive process. With Anthony and Tahlia now certified, the team will be able to microchip animals directly, reducing the time pets spend in care and easing the process for owners retrieving their animals.

The improved capability is part of the Shire's ongoing efforts to strengthen responsible pet management while maintaining strong partnerships with local veterinary professionals. With microchipping equipment expected to arrive shortly, this new service is scheduled to begin from 30 July 2025.

Congratulations to our Rangers for this achievement, which reflects their dedication to improving animal welfare and delivering effective, compassionate service.

MOSQUITO ACTIVITY UPDATE – KEEPING CARNARVON PROTECTED

The Shire of Carnarvon is aware of the recent increase in mosquito activity across the region and is taking proactive steps to manage the issue.

Our Environmental Health Team is closely monitoring known hotspots and applying targeted larvicide treatments. This method focuses on controlling mosquitoes at the source and is considered more effective and environmentally sustainable than general fogging.

Mosquito numbers are expected to reduce naturally over the coming weeks, but we encourage all residents to take simple precautions to protect themselves and their families:

- **Be Prepared** – Stay informed about local mosquito conditions
- **Cover Up** – Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing
- **Use Repellent** – Apply insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin
- **Protect Your Home** – Check fly screens, empty standing water from containers, and consider using outdoor barrier sprays

Together, we can help reduce the impact of mosquito activity in our community. Let's all do our part to Fight the Bite.



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, 9:00am–4:00pm.

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



YOUTH UPDATE

MAYU-MIA YOUTH HUB GETS A COLOURFUL NEW LOOK

There's a fresh burst of colour and creativity at the MAYU-MIA Youth Hub, thanks to a vibrant new makeover delivered through The Future is Me project. Funded by the Department of Justice, this inspiring project brought young people together with talented artist Branden to transform the space into a true reflection of youth pride, identity and community.

From the very beginning, this was a youth-led initiative. Local young people took part in planning sessions, contributed their ideas, and worked side by side with Branden to bring their creative vision to life. The result is a revitalised space that feels welcoming, inclusive and proudly theirs.

The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to support programs that empower young people and provide platforms for creative expression. Projects like this show the power of art and collaboration in building positive connections and celebrating local identity.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SATURDAY 5TH JULY - SUNDAY 20TH JULY

📍 MAYU-MIA YOUTH HUB HAS MOVED TO THE JIM RICHARDS PAVILION ON THE TOWN OVAL

MONDAY 7 TH	TUESDAY 8 TH	WEDNESDAY 9 TH	THURSDAY 10 TH	FRIDAY 11 TH	SATURDAY 12 TH	SUNDAY 13 TH
NAIDOC OPENING CEREMONY 11AM - 1PM GWONWARDU MIA BASKETBALL 3PM - 5PM FESTIVAL GROUNDS	DODGY BROS DODGE BALL 10:30AM - 1:30PM TOWN OVAL HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 4PM \$5 CAMEL LANE CINEMA	NAIDOC ART AT THE HUB 10AM - 11AM COMMUNITY ART HUB <small>CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT</small> BASKETBALL 12PM - 3PM FESTIVAL GROUNDS	PLAYGROUP 9AM - 11AM 9 BUTCHER ST <small>FT. ANDY JONES COMEDY</small> GOLF 9AM - 12PM GOLF COURSE AGE 12+ ANDY JONES COMEDY SHOW CAMEL LANE THEATRE 1PM THE BIG JOKE SHOW 2PM AFTERNOON TEA 2:30PM THE RAP N RHYME SHOW	NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY 10:30AM - 2:30PM BAXTER PARK 	FAERIAL CIRCUS. CAMEL LANE THEATRE 11AM-12:30PM AGE 4-7 1PM - 2:30PM AGE 8+ <small>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL *ENTER VIA THE BACK DOOR</small>	FAERIAL CIRCUS CAMEL LANE THEATRE 11AM-12:30PM AGE 4-7 1PM - 2:30PM AGE 8+ <small>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL *ENTER VIA THE BACK DOOR</small>
MONDAY 14TH FAERIAL CIRCUS DROP IN & PLAY 10AM - 12PM AGE 7+ MAYU-MIA YOUTH HUB FISHING 1PM - 4PM TOWN BEACH	TUESDAY 15TH THE JELLY KELLY SHOW 10:30AM - 12PM PCYC WHALEBONE SHOW 12PM - 1PM \$5 CAMEL LANE CINEMA RAC IGNITE BUILD WEEK 2PM - 4PM PUMP TRACK	WEDNESDAY 16TH RESIN WORKSHOP 10AM - 1PM 231 ROBSON ST AGE 13+ <small>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</small> SOFTBALL 11AM - 2PM TOWN OVAL RAC IGNITE BUILD WEEK 2PM - 4PM PUMP TRACK	THURSDAY 17TH GOLF 9AM - 12PM GOLF COURSE AGE 12+ UWA EYECARE PROGRAM 9AM - 1PM <small>*REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL*</small> RAC IGNITE BUILD WEEK 2PM - 4PM PUMP TRACK	FRIDAY 18TH ELIO 12:30PM \$5 CAMEL LANE CINEMA RAC IGNITE LAUNCH PARTY 2PM - 4PM PUMP TRACK	SATURDAY 19TH FREESTYLE NOW WORKSHOPS 1PM-5PM PUMP TRACK BMX & SKATE <small>*SKATEBOARDS PROVIDED</small>	SUNDAY 20TH FREESTYLE NOW WORKSHOPS 10AM-2PM PUMP TRACK BMX & SKATE <small>*SKATEBOARDS PROVIDED</small>

THIS PROGRAM IS PROUDLY FUNDED BY



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries







STAY UP TO DATE & REGISTER TO SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS.

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FOR MORE INFO CALL THE SHIRE ON (08) 9941 0000 OR FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE SHIRE OF CARNARVON

YOUTH PRECINCT STREET MAKEOVER WITH RAC IGNITE

The Carnarvon Youth Precinct Street Makeover Project is officially underway, and the first workshop was bursting with creativity and energy. Delivered by the Shire of Carnarvon in partnership with RAC Ignite, the session invited local young people aged 15 to 24 to help reimagine the space as a welcoming and exciting hub for youth.

Participants shared bold and imaginative ideas – from street pianos and chill-out lounge areas to fairy lights, murals and colourful planter boxes. Their vision is clear: a space that feels safe, vibrant, and uniquely theirs.

Now it's time to bring those ideas to life. As part of the School Holiday Program, young people will roll up their sleeves for Build Week from 15–17 July, 2pm to 4pm, followed by a Celebration Party on 18 July, 2pm to 4pm.

It's an exciting moment for youth-led creativity in Carnarvon and a powerful reminder of the value of designing spaces with and for our young people.





THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

2025 CARNARVON NAIDOC WEEK PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MONDAY 7TH OPENING MARCH & CEREMONY 10:30AM TOWN BEACH 10:45AM Walk to Gwoonwardu Mia Flag Raising Ceremony, Traditional Lunch & Entertainment provided. *Limited chairs available BYO chair or picnic blanket.	TUESDAY 8TH NAIDOC ART AT THE HUB 10AM - 2PM COMMUNITY ART HUB Drop in to create your own NAIDOC poster, try your hand at rock painting, and practise weaving with us. *Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.	WEDNESDAY 9TH TRADITIONAL LUNCH & ACTIVITIES 10:30AM - 1:30PM GASCOYNE OUTREACH SERVICES	THURSDAY 10TH YMAC ELDERS MORNING TEA 10AM - 12PM COMMUNITY ART HUB. Prizes and Giftbags available. RSVP Essential at rcapewell@ymac.org.au	FRIDAY 11TH FAMILY FUN DAY 10:30AM - 2:30PM BAXTER PARK Bouncy Castles Activities Comedy Live Performance by Z@r0 Circus + more BLACK COMEDY NIGHT WITH 'OI YOU FULLAS' 7PM - 11PM \$10 TROPICANA TAVERN *Tickets available at Ngala Teagan Conway & Luke Beeson DJ Keno
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THE NAIDOC BALL
 WILL BE HELD LATER
 IN THE YEAR.
 PLEASE KEEP AN EYE
 OUT ON THE
 NAIDOC FACEBOOK
 PAGE FOR UPDATES



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BY THE CARNARVON
NAIDOC WORKING
GROUP



Thank you to our sponsors and supporters:















July

Bumper Book & Clothes Sale
Saturday 5th July
8.00-11.30am
Civic Centre Car Park



Lilo & Stitch
Saturday 5th July
12.00pm
Civic Centre



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



How to Train your Dragon
Tuesday 8th July
4.00pm
Civic Centre



Tradies Day
Friday 11th July
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



The Big Clay Carnival 2025
11th - 13th July
Carnarvon & Districts Shooting Sports Association Inc



Boardgame Club
Saturday 12th July
10.00-11.30am
Library & Art Gallery



Whalebone Show
Tuesday 15th July
1.30-2.30pm
Civic Centre



Dolly Parton Drag Show
Friday 25th July
7.00-8.30pm
Civic Centre



Carnarvon Fun Fair
25th-26th July
4.00pm
Town Oval



Carnarvon Pride March
Saturday 26th July
12.00pm
Visitor Centre



Let's Talk! Language Club
Saturday 26th July
10.00am
Library & Art Gallery



Events



Rap'n'Rhyme Show
Thursday 10th July
9.30-10.30am
Butcher Street Playgroup



Big Joke Show
Thursday 10th July
1.00-3.30pm
Civic Centre



What's the Joke
Friday 11th July
11.00am-12.00pm
Baxter Park



Litter Legends
Friday 11th July
9.00am
Carnarvon Community College



Elio
Friday 18th July
12.30pm
Civic Centre



60's & 70's
Saturday 19th June
6.00pm
Carnarvon Bowling Club



Family Day
Sunday 20th July
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



Drag Makeup Demo
Thursday 24th July
6.00pm
Community Hub



Carnarvon long Table Lunch
Saturday 26th July
12.00-4.00pm
North Plantations, 329 N River Road



Feast and Groove
Sunday 27th July
12.00pm
Carnarvon Fascine



Feast Around the Firepit
Wednesday 30th July
5.30pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



Prawns & Pimms Race Day
Thursday 1st August
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



For more Information visit our website
www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/community/events

Community

PHIL YOUD'S LEGACY AT CARNARVON'S SPACE MUSEUM

In 2012, Carnarvon's small yet significant Space and Technology Museum received a launch of astronomical proportions — Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, flew in to cut the ribbon. Behind the scenes of this momentous event was Phil Youd, founder of the museum and its driving force for over a decade.

Though Phil admits inviting Aldrin was “a bit embarrassing” at the time, it proved to be the catalyst the museum needed to grow into the thriving destination it is today. “We started small, but now the museum attracts almost 30,000 visitors a year and is the number one tourist site in Carnarvon,” he says.

Phil's passion began when, travelling back and forth for work at his Carnarvon radio station, he'd often look up at the big satellite dish and wonder about its story. That curiosity became a mission — to share Carnarvon's important role in NASA's Gemini, Apollo and Skylab programs, and the broader history of communications in Australia.

Since opening, the museum has hosted astronauts including Andy Thomas and Gene Cernan, and now includes interactive exhibits, a movie theatre, and a full-sized rocket. Its popularity spans generations — from kids fascinated by space to older visitors who remember the moon landing.



CYCLING FOR A CAUSE: GERMAN TRAVELLER'S EPIC JOURNEY AROUND AUSTRALIA

After pedalling thousands of kilometres across Australia, German cyclist Anton and his friend and support driver Sonja made a memorable stop in Carnarvon as part of a powerful journey with a purpose, raising awareness and funds for children with cancer.

Originally planning a cycling adventure across Russia, Anton shifted his focus to Australia due to the war in Ukraine. What followed was a five-month, nearly 16,000 km journey across the country, with Sonja supporting him by car. From the vast outback to lush banana plantations, the pair experienced everything from extreme heat and crocodile sightings to warm hospitality from strangers.

Anton's motivation came not only from a love of cycling but also from a desire to help others. His past health challenges and experiences in hospitals inspired him to turn his tours into fundraising missions for children battling cancer.

Despite setbacks, including two accidents, intense weather, and flat tyres in remote regions, their spirits remained high. Anton was deeply moved by Australia's unique landscapes and the kindness of the people, especially in regional areas like Carnarvon, which he described as an "idyllic place" where he found peace and connection.

The journey is a reminder of resilience, community, and the power of turning personal dreams into something meaningful for others.



CORAL BAY ANNUAL AUCTION – SUPPORTING OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

The much-loved Coral Bay Annual Auction returns on Wednesday 6 August at Bill's Tavern (doors open from 6pm), raising vital funds for St John Ambulance and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Now in its 30-plus year tradition, this community event supports our local emergency services — and your donations make it possible. Raffle and auction items of any size are welcome, with donors acknowledged online, in town signage, and during the auction night.

To donate, contact Natalie Manks on 0438 297 800 or drop items at 1 Banksia Drive, Coral Bay. Perth-based collections can be arranged.



YOUNG RIDERS SHINE AT CARNARVON MOTORCYCLE CLUB COACHING DAY

The Carnarvon Motorcycle Club hosted another successful Coaching Day on 22 June, welcoming riders aged 5 to 17 for a fun and skill-building session.

Local rider-turned-coach Mark Richards led the day, guiding young participants through throttle and clutch control, cornering, overtaking, and confidence-building challenges. Annie Van Bloomenstein added a gymkhana-style session, helping riders improve their balance and bike control.

With strong support from families, volunteers, and club members, the day was a celebration of community, mentoring, and youth development in motorsport.

New members and volunteers are always welcome — follow the club on Facebook for upcoming events.



A WHALE OF A WELCOME AT THE HERITAGE PRECINCT

The Carnarvon Heritage Precinct has welcomed a striking new addition – the skeleton of a young humpback whale, now on display alongside a historic whaling harpoon.

Donated by Robbie Westcott and relocated with help from Ben Robbins, the bones came from a whale estimated to be around two years old, found washed ashore south of Teggs Channel. The skeleton is a reminder of the annual humpback migration and the species' remarkable recovery since whaling ended in Carnarvon in 1963.

Also on display is a harpoon cannon from the Nor-West Whaling Company, once based just south of the current site. Together, the whale and harpoon offer a powerful glimpse into Carnarvon's maritime past and a hopeful look at conservation today. This new display is a proud addition to the precinct, with more enhancements still to come.





Long Table Lunch
Photo Credit: Sophia Alston

Around the Firepit

Feast & Groove

Prawns & Pimms Race Day

GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL RETURNS: FLAVOUR, FUN, AND FESTIVITIES AWAIT

Carnarvon is preparing to host the signature opening events of the 2025 Gascoyne Food Festival, with a mouth-watering program that showcases the region's rich produce, stunning landscapes, and creative flair.

Long Table Lunch – Saturday 26 July

Set beneath the palms of a working banana plantation, this iconic dining experience is led by former NOMA head chef Ben Ing. Guests will enjoy a carefully curated menu of ocean-fresh seafood, local beef, and innovative desserts, all paired with regional wines and cocktails. Live jazz, stunning surrounds, and exceptional food make this a not-to-be-missed culinary celebration.

The Great Carnarvon Feast & Groove – Sunday 27 July

This free family-friendly event on the Fascine foreshore features a wide range of Gascoyne-inspired food stalls, live music, and a sunset fire show. Bring a rug, bring the family, and get ready to feast and groove.

Around the Firepit – Wednesday 30 July at Gwoonwardu Mia

An immersive evening of native flavours and food theatre, featuring fire-cooked delicacies, storytelling, and creative dishes like kangaroo pies and wattleseed tiramisu.

Prawns & Pimms Race Day – Friday 1 August

Celebrate fashion, racing, and food at Massey Bay Racecourse. Enter the Fresh Produce Fashion Challenge and enjoy local prawns, Pimms cocktails, and birthday cake for the horses.



For tickets and more info, scan
QR Code or visit
gascoynefoodfestival.com.au



A SAFER SPACE FOR LITTLE LOCALS: BUTCHER STREET UPGRADES COMPLETE

Security upgrades at the Butcher Street building, home to Carnarvon Playgroup and Toy Library, are already making a positive difference for local families.

In response to several break-ins in 2024, the Shire installed new security screens and alarm systems to better protect this much-loved community space. Volunteers have reported a noticeable drop in anti-social behaviour and say the improvements have brought real peace of mind.

The Shire remains committed to supporting safe, welcoming environments where families can connect, learn and play.

New families are always welcome! If you have little ones and are looking for a fun, supportive space to meet other parents, come along to Carnarvon Playgroup and explore the fantastic range of toys at the Toy Library. It's a great way to get involved, share stories, and make new friends.

WHEELS OF CHANGE: BIKE EDUCATION EMPOWERS

CARNARVON STUDENTS

Students at Carnarvon Community College recently took part in a hands-on bike education program delivered by WestCycle, with support from the Shire of Carnarvon, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), and the Clontarf Foundation.

The program taught students essential bike maintenance skills, helping them learn how to fix flat tyres, adjust brakes, and keep bikes in good working condition. Refurbished bikes, donated by the community and the Shire, were repaired by the students and gifted back to them for daily use.

The initiative provided practical transport solutions and boosted student confidence, giving them the independence to ride to school, training, or around town. The program is part of a broader effort to empower regional youth with life skills and is expected to expand into more communities in the future.



CARNARVON GROWERS MARKETS – EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

Start your weekend with the flavours and creativity of Carnarvon at the weekly Growers Markets, held every Saturday from 8.30am at the Civic Centre.

This much-loved community event brings together local growers, makers and producers offering everything from fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables to handmade crafts, gifts and baked treats. Whether you're stocking up for the week, searching for the perfect gift, or just want to enjoy a relaxed morning out, the Growers Markets are a great place to connect with local stallholders and support small businesses.

Come down, say hello, and enjoy the best of what Carnarvon has to offer – straight from our community to you.



LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURE

GASCOYNE TRADERS

A New Chapter with a Familiar Heart

Carnarvon's long-standing furniture and flooring store has a fresh new name and a passionate new team at the helm. Barry Evans Furniture & Floor is now Gascoyne Traders, under the ownership of a couple who are no strangers to the region or to hard work.

After managing cattle stations across the Northern Territory, North Queensland and the Kimberley, the pair returned to Carnarvon, a place they had previously called home for seven years, in search of more time with their family and a business they could call their own. When the opportunity to take over Barry and Diane Evans' well-loved store arose, they couldn't let it slip by.

"It was a big decision, but we knew this business mattered to the community. What Barry and Diane built over 30 years deserves to continue," they shared.

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While the name has changed, the commitment to great service and quality products remains the same. "We're not here to reinvent the wheel. We want to maintain the high standard locals are used to and continue offering everything from furniture to homewares and flooring."

The choice of the name Gascoyne Traders pays homage to the building's early days and deep roots in the region. Having already received overwhelming community support, the couple looks forward to giving back through sponsorships and local engagement. "We're here to stay. This community is one of a kind, generous, welcoming, and truly special."

Keep an eye out for new signage later this year as they fully transition into Gascoyne Traders — a new name, but the same heart for Carnarvon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEICHHARDT ON NEW APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERSHIP WITH PROGRAMMED



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A big congratulations to Leichhardt in Carnarvon for securing an exciting new partnership with Programmed, opening doors for local apprenticeship opportunities right here in our region.

Through this collaboration, Leichhardt is now offering full-time apprenticeships in Electrical, Mobile Plant, and Boilermaking – providing enthusiastic and committed locals with the chance to kickstart a rewarding trade career without having to leave town.

This partnership reflects Leichhardt's strong commitment to developing future talent through hands-on training and professional support, all while contributing to the growth of our skilled workforce in the Gascoyne.

Congratulations again to the Leichhardt team for creating real opportunities and helping shape a stronger future for young people in Carnarvon.

WHY SHOPPING LOCAL MATTERS: BACKING CARNARVON'S BUSINESSES

Behind every shopfront in Carnarvon is a story — of dedication, resilience, and community pride. From cafés brewing your morning coffee to family-run stores that know your name, our local businesses are the heart of our economy and the soul of our town.

When you shop local, you're not just making a purchase. You're investing in local jobs, supporting school fundraisers, helping sports teams get uniforms, and ensuring vital services stay close to home.

Over the past year, we've seen Carnarvon businesses adapt, grow, and innovate — from new owners breathing life into established ventures to bold ideas shaping the future of our region.

Next time you're about to click "buy now" online, consider popping into a local store instead. Let's celebrate and support the people who show up for Carnarvon every day.

If you're a business owner with an exciting update or story to share, we'd love to feature you in an upcoming newsletter. Reach out to us at media@carnarvon.wa.gov.au.



LIBRARY

CARNARVON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPLORE THE LIBRARY

On Friday 20 June 2025, the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery was buzzing with curiosity and excitement as Year 5 and 6 students from Carnarvon Community College paid a special visit.

The session introduced students to the important role public libraries play in supporting the community, as well as the wide range of free services available through library membership. Students participated in small group activities, completing a fun scavenger-hunt-style challenge designed to help them explore and understand the library's resources.

To wrap up their visit, the students were set a Local History challenge to complete before returning in Term 3. Each student will interview an elder or adult to collect a special memory about Carnarvon, helping to preserve local stories and strengthen community connection.



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.

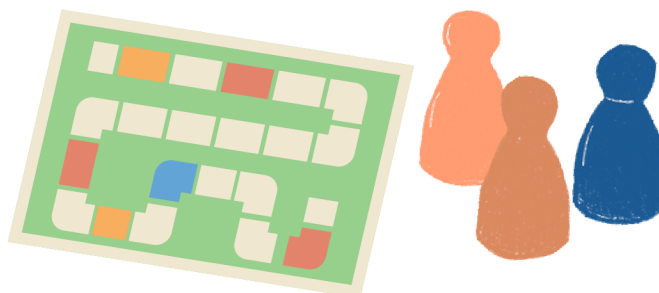
When: 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10-11.30am

Where: Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

Free entry | Ages 18+ |

Join our mailing list: bit.ly/48GLRvK



THE MAKERS' HUB RETURNS: ART FOR WELLBEING

Term 2 marked the exciting return of the Makers' Hub at the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery — a creative space dedicated to supporting teen wellbeing through art.

Led by local artist Joanna Schapel from *wildeandprecious*, the eight-week program welcomed young people aged 12 to 16 to explore self-expression and mindfulness through hands-on artmaking. Each week, participants worked with a wide range of materials including paint, clay, natural and found objects, collage, and weaving.

A huge thank you to Jo for delivering such an inspiring and supportive program, and to all the young artists who took part with such enthusiasm.



CARNARVON COMES TOGETHER FOR AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING HIGH TEA

The Library and Art Gallery was filled with warmth, laughter and community spirit during this year's Australia's Biggest Morning High Tea. Locals gathered over delicious homemade treats and bottomless cups of tea, sharing stories and raising funds in support of the Cancer Council.

This heartwarming event brought together friends, neighbours and volunteers for a morning of meaningful conversation and connection. Tea Trivia brought the fun, while lucky door prizes and a generous raffle added plenty of excitement.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, more than \$500 was raised to support vital cancer research, prevention programs and support services.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, baked or lent a helping hand. You made it a truly special morning.



ART GALLERY

JUBILEE HALL CRAFTS EXHIBITION SHOWCASES LOCAL CREATIVE SPIRIT

Step into a vibrant showcase of colour and craftsmanship at the Jubilee Hall Crafts Exhibition, now on display at the Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery.

This beautifully curated exhibition features an array of quilts and ceramics handcrafted by the talented artisans of the Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe. Each quilt is a testament to precision and creativity, while the ceramic works reflect the care and dedication of their makers. Together, they offer a rich and inspiring glimpse into the local creative spirit.

Whether you are an art lover, craft enthusiast, or simply curious, this exhibition is sure to captivate. Some quilts are even available for purchase, giving visitors the chance to take home a piece of this beautiful display.



To see more of the artisans' work, you can also visit the Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe at 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon (next to the Shire offices), open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

We invite you to enjoy this celebration of local talent and creativity at the Library and Art Gallery, running from 28 June to 26 July 2025.

Exhibition Hours – Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery:
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

CALLING ALL REGIONAL ARTISTS: RADICAL FUTURES EXHIBITION

What does the future look like in your hands?

The Shire of Carnarvon is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for regional Western Australian artists to participate in the upcoming Radical Futures exhibition, part of the Regional Arts Triennial.

Exhibition Opportunities

Selected works will be exhibited at the prestigious John Curtin Gallery, providing regional artists with significant exposure and professional recognition.

Artist Call-Out

We are seeking artists who are ready to dream big, challenge conventions, and inspire others through their creative work. Whether you have a fully formed concept or just the beginning of an idea, we encourage you to apply.

Expression of Interest

The EOI application period has been extended, giving artists more time to submit their proposals. This is an exceptional opportunity to exhibit your work and receive compensation for your artistic contribution.

Support available the Gallery team is available to assist regional artists in developing and refining their concepts. No "perfect" idea is required - just bring your creative spark.

How to Apply

- Email: library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au
- Phone: (08) 9941 3388
- Online: Visit the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery website
- In Person: Speak with the Art Gallery team

For more information, scan the QR code or contact the Gallery directly.

REGIONAL ARTS TRIENNIAL

RADICAL FUTURES

CALLING GASCOYNE ARTISTS

IMAGINE, CREATE, AND SHAPE OUR REGION'S FUTURE THROUGH ART!

OPPORTUNITY: • Artists are paid \$800 • Exhibition at Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery • Selected works at John Curtin Gallery, Perth

KEY DATES: EOI Opens: 5 May 2025 • EOI Closes: 29 June 2025
Exhibition Opening: 29 August 2025

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery website or scan the QR code below

QUESTIONS?
Call: (08) 99413727
Email: library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

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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



Browns Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday

7.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday

8.00am - 2.00pm

Closed Saturday & Public Holidays



COMMUNITY MEETING

YOUR VOICE MATTERS - LET'S
SHAPE OUR COMMUNITY
TOGETHER!



Tuesday
30 September, 2025



Start From
05:30 pm



Camel Lane Theatre
1 Camel Ln, Carnarvon



Got something you'd like more
information on?
Submit your topics of interest by Friday,
26 September 2025



**SCAN QR CODE
TO SUBMIT**



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Share Your Story!

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



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Closed Public Holidays

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Saturday
9.30am - 12.30pm

Closed Monday, Sunday & Public Holidays

 (08) 9941 3727

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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

Civic Centre

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

 (08) 9941 1146

 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

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