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FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we turned the page on another financial year, July marked a significant chapter for the Shire of Carnarvon, one filled with progress, pride, and purpose.

At the beginning of the month the 2025/26 Annual Budget was adopted, carefully shaped to balance financial responsibility with investment in the future. With more than \$27 million in confirmed external funding, including through the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, we're well positioned to deliver transformative projects across the Shire. From improving local infrastructure to activating community spaces, these investments will have a lasting impact for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

On the ground, we saw community spirit in action. Events like the Gascoyne Food Festival brought the very best of our region's produce to the table. Our streets lit up with colour and inclusion for Queernarvon's Pride Weekend, and dozens of volunteers rolled up their sleeves for National Tree Day, contributing to a greener, healthier future for our town.

We were also pleased to meet with Ministers Hannah Beazley and Jackie Jarvis, as well as stakeholders from Recfishwest, DPIRD, and the Gascoyne Development Commission, to progress plans for the new artificial reef. Set to be deployed off the Carnarvon coast early August, this reef will boost our tourism appeal and recreational fishing opportunities while supporting local businesses.

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

12
AUGUST

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

Special Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

19
AUGUST

COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

Agenda Forum

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

19
AUGUST

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

Corporate Information Session

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

26
AUGUST

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

Ordinary Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

26
AUGUST

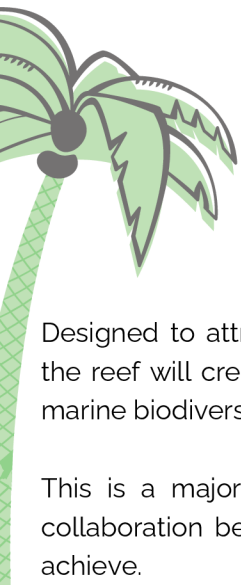
COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

Audit and Risk Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

ARTIFICIAL REEF PROJECT TO BOOST FISHING AND TOURISM IN CARNARVON

On Saturday 26 July, Shire President Eddie Smith, Deputy President Burke Maslen and CEO Mandy Dexter met with Ministers Hon Hannah Beazley and Hon Jackie Jarvis, Recfishwest, Fisheries WA, Tim Bray from the Gascoyne Development Commission, and representatives from Cyan Renewables to discuss the upcoming deployment of Carnarvon's new artificial reef.



Thanks to a \$1.4 million investment from the Cook Government through the Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund, the reef is expected to be installed by the end of August around seven kilometres off Pelican Point. The project has brought together local and State partners, with local business Sweet as Concrete fabricating 300 reef modules that will form a unique underwater habitat.

Designed to attract popular species like cobia, mulloway, and trevally, the reef will create a valuable new recreational fishing hotspot, support marine biodiversity, and help stimulate local tourism and business.

This is a major win for the region and a testament to what strong collaboration between government, community and local industry can achieve.



SHIRE UPDATES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2025

THINKING ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

NOMINATIONS OPEN 28 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER

If you're interested in representing your community, nominate to become a Councillor in the Local Election!

The Shire of Carnarvon will hold elections this October with five Council positions available:

- Town Ward: 2 positions (4-year terms)
- Town Ward: 1 position (2-year term)
- Plantation Ward: 1 position (4-year term)
- Coral Bay Ward: 1 position (4-year term)

We're hosting a Candidate Information Session. Come along to learn more about the nomination process and what it means to serve your community.

20
AUGUST

Information Session
Council Chambers
5.30PM

Nomination packages are available now from the Shire's Customer Service desk.

WHAT DOES A COUNCIL MEMBER DO?

Elected members play a vital role in shaping the future of the community. As part of Council, you will:

- Represent the interests of electors, ratepayers, and residents
- Provide leadership and guidance to the community
- Facilitate communication between the community and the Shire
- Make decisions that guide planning, service delivery, budgeting, and local development



ARE YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

To vote in the upcoming Local Government Election this October, your enrolment details must be correct.



Changed your address, name, or recently turned 18?



Check or update your enrolment now!
www.aec.gov.au

You must be enrolled by 22 August

Your vote matters. This is your opportunity to make a difference — to elect councillors who represent your views and bring your voice to the Council table.

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2025/26

The Shire of Carnarvon has adopted its 2025/26 Annual Budget, setting out a responsible and practical plan to maintain essential services and deliver key projects.

Shire President Eddie Smith said the budget focuses on "getting the basics right while laying the groundwork for long-term improvements."

It includes continued investment in infrastructure, support for community programs, and co-funded capital works. It also backs delivery of the \$15.5 million Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, which features upgrades to Van Dongen Park, the Tramway Walk Trail, a new art and lighting trail, and The Pier apartments.



Did You Catch Us at the Careers Expo?

If you missed our team, don't worry — we're always happy to chat about opportunities at the Shire. Scan the QR code to explore current vacancies and see how you can be part of the team making a difference in Carnarvon.



JUNE COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

The Shire of Carnarvon hosted its June Community Meeting on Tuesday 24 June at Camel Lane Theatre, with a strong turnout of residents and staff.

Key updates included progress on town infrastructure such as the Tramway Bridge, kerbing works, Civic Centre upgrades, and electronic signage for remote roads. The Shire also outlined major 2025–26 priorities, including the airport runway upgrade, floating jetty replacement, and the \$18M capital works program—90% of which is externally funded.

The meeting featured a Q&A session covering concerns around mosquito management, Blowholes camping fees, road maintenance, tourism growth, illicit drug use, and power supply resilience. The community also heard updates on the One Mile Jetty, Van Dongen Park upgrades, and the Pier apartments project.

Council encouraged continued public engagement, emphasising that active community participation is vital to addressing shared challenges and shaping Carnarvon's future.

YOUTH PRECINCT MAKEOVER: SAFER, BRIGHTER AND BUILT BY COMMUNITY

Carnarvon's Youth Precinct has been transformed into a colourful, safer, and more welcoming space thanks to a creative street makeover delivered by the Shire of Carnarvon in partnership with RAC Ignite.

As part of RAC Ignite's Street Makeover program, the project invited local young people, volunteers, and artists to reimagine the space and bring it to life over a week of hands-on activity. Their ideas shaped every element of the upgrade, from design to delivery.

Key features of the makeover include:

- A large sea-themed mural painted on the basketball court, celebrating Carnarvon's coastal identity
- Bright and playful footpath designs to bring joy to the space
- New bike racks to support active transport
- Comfortable seating to encourage relaxation and connection
- Painted planter boxes with fresh greenery, doubling as traffic calming measures to improve safety

This project is a great example of what can be achieved when young people and the wider community are empowered to shape public spaces. The revitalised Youth Precinct now feels brighter, safer, and more inviting — a place where young people can gather, create, and feel proud of what they've helped build.



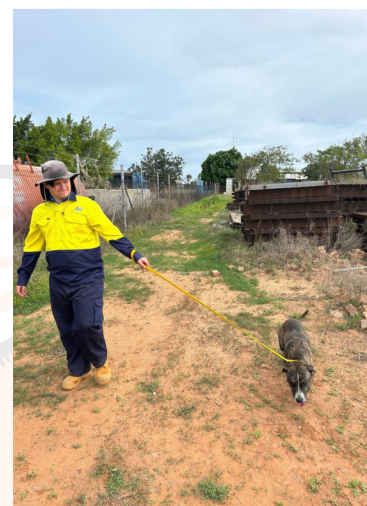
TURNING PASSION INTO PURPOSE – MEET DENNIS! 🐾

Dennis is a proud Carnarvon local with a deep love for animals and now, thanks to a fantastic partnership between the Shire of Carnarvon and Blue Flax Disability Support Services, that passion has become meaningful work.

Through the Shire's Disability Employment Pathways Initiative, a customised role was created for Dennis at our Animal Impound Shelter, where he helps care for dogs and animals in need.

With support from the Shire Rangers and his Blue Flax team, Dennis is learning the ropes and thriving in his role — and we couldn't be prouder to be part of his journey.

Big thanks to Blue Flax for their collaboration, and to Dennis for showing us what community spirit truly looks like.





CARNARVON GETS GROWING FOR NATIONAL TREE DAY

The Shire of Carnarvon proudly celebrated National Tree Day 2025 with two hands-on events bringing together local students, families, and volunteers to green our community and connect with nature.

On Friday 25 July, Schools Tree Day was marked with an enthusiastic planting session at Baxter Park, where Clontarf students worked alongside Shire horticulturalist Kelly. The boys showed strong teamwork, respect, and a clear eye for detail, earning a few quiet nods as potential future depot crew!

The community followed suit on Sunday 27 July, gathering at the Robinson Street Arboretum to plant 300 acacia and coolabah seedlings. Kids, families, and even a few four-legged helpers joined the effort, guided by the knowledgeable team from the Carnarvon Tree Society. With decades of local planting experience, Dave, Kylie, and Les helped make light work of the planting and shared stories about the native flora, including species still awaiting official names. Rumour has it, Les may even have one named in his honour.

The Arboretum, already a favourite for walking dogs and exploring native vegetation, is becoming an even more welcoming space, with fencing upgrades planned to support safe off-leash activity.



CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP IN FULL BLOOM

On Wednesday 30 July, the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery marked International Friendship Day with a colourful celebration of connection and creativity. The event brought community members together for a relaxing afternoon of flower arranging, led by the talented Kara from Outback Floral Designs.

Attendees created their own posy jars to take home, each bouquet a beautiful symbol of friendship and shared joy. The room was filled with laughter, conversation, and the vibrant scent of fresh blooms.



YOUTH UPDATE

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM WRAP-UP

Over two action-packed weeks, the Shire of Carnarvon's School Holiday Program delivered fun, creativity, and connection to local young people — with 26 free activities and an impressive 656 total attendances. Delivered in partnership with Ngala and PCYC, the program was one of our most vibrant and engaging yet.

From creative workshops to high-energy sport, circus skills to comedy shows, there was something for everyone. Here's a glimpse into some of the highlights that lit up July:



MOVEMENT, MOMENTUM & MAYHEM

The school break kicked off with plenty of energy, thanks to classic favourites like basketball and dodgeball. These fast-paced games proved just as popular as ever, offering a chance to burn off energy and build friendships in a supportive space.

Freestyle Now ran two interactive workshops, one at the pump track, and another at the skatepark. Young people got to test their BMX, scooter, and skateboarding skills while learning safety and repair tips. Highlights included a slow race challenge, group tricks, and helping fix broken parts, reinforcing confidence and care for equipment.

CIRCUS FUN & JELLY KELLY WHIMSY

The circus rolled into town with workshops in juggling, acro balance, silks, lyera, and hula hooping. Led by experienced circus artists, these sessions brought out resilience, teamwork and laughter — all while building coordination in a fun and supportive environment.

Jelly Kelly brought the colour and comedy, filling PCYC with bubbles, dress-ups, games, and infectious joy. Her face painting booth and tug-of-war rounds were standouts for the younger crowd.



CREATIVE EXPRESSION THROUGH COMEDY & RHYME

Comedian Andy Jones had kids roaring with laughter in two distinct shows. "The Big Joke Show" had everyone giggling with interactive jokes and stories. In "The Rap n Rhyme Show," kids created their own 20-line songs and performed original jokes, rhymes or poems in small groups. It was a brilliant celebration of language and imagination.



STORYTELLING MEETS TECHNOLOGY IN WHALEBONE

One of the most thought-provoking experiences came in the form of Whalebone, a theatrical blend of storytelling and science fiction. Using computer animations, robotics, quirky contraptions, and flying objects, this show explored what it means to be human in a digital age. Families came away inspired and curious, with plenty to talk about afterwards.

MORE THAN JUST SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

The School Holiday Program was about more than entertainment — it provided safe spaces for young people to try new things, express themselves, and connect with mentors and each other.

A huge thank you to all partners, facilitators, and families who took part, especially Ngala and PCYC for their continued support. And a major thank you to the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport for funding the program.



MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

CARNARVON ACTIVATION PLAN (CAP)

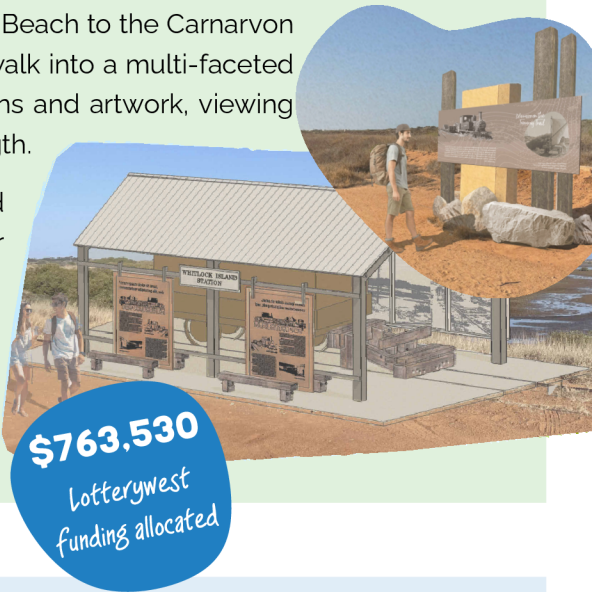
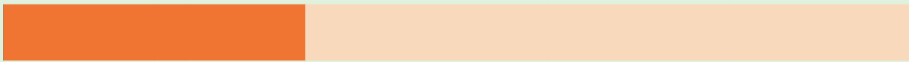
TRAMWAY WALK TRAIL

The Tramway Walk Trail connects the Tramway Bridge on the Fascine Town Beach to the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct. This project is centred on reinforcing the existing ~2.5km walk into a multi-faceted cultural trail with educational significance. Wayfinding signs, interpretive signs and artwork, viewing points, rest nodes and shade shelters are planned to be located along its length.

Status: Community consultation has been undertaken to inform design and educational content, with detailed design now completed. Tender documentation is currently being drafted.

Next steps: Tender is anticipated to be released in October 2025.

Funding Obtained Designed Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction Project Completed



\$763,530
Lotterywest
funding allocated

VAN DONGEN PARK

A destination park focusing on iconic play equipment at an important Carnarvon gateway. Multiple play zones with bespoke equipment and nature plan, public art, turf, trees, BBQ + picnic nodes, public toilets, lighting and parking.

Status: Community consultation has been undertaken, leading to development of the Big Banana Playground concept, with detailed design now complete. Procurement has finalised for fabrication and installation of the Big Banana element. Tender documentation is currently being drafted.

Next steps: Tender for the construction of the park is anticipated to be released in October 2025.

Funding Obtained Designed Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction Project Completed



\$1,807,424
Lotterywest funding
allocated

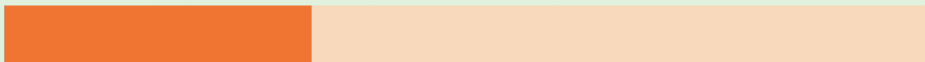
LOCAL CONNECT & CREATE

Activation of key public spaces including a series of public art installations to encourage exploration and an urban screen to showcase local stories and events to complement 'The Hub', a local making & exhibition space.

Status: An expression of interest process has been completed for the engagement of an artist and delivery of the art concepts. Detailed design is now complete. Procurement has been finalised for the supply and installation of a digital screen which is to be located at the Civic Centre to help promote local events and activities. A Request for Quote to support the construction and installation of the individual art pieces is currently being drafted.

Next steps: A Request for Quote is anticipated to be released in October 2025.

Funding Obtained Designed Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction Project Completed



\$786,648
Lotterywest
funding allocated

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS

TRAMWAY BRIDGE RESTORATION

The Shire of Carnarvon is underway to restoring one of the town's most treasured landmarks: the Tramway Bridge. Restoring the bridge not only honours the past but also offers exciting potential for future community use and tourist attraction.

Status: The project is currently in its second stage, with geotechnical investigations recently completed for the Tramway Bridge; a critical step in planning future repairs. The results of these investigations will help to inform the future engineering and structural design of the restoration.

Next steps: Findings of the geotechnical investigations will help to inform a detailed design of the bridge restoration.



FASCINE JETTIES

The installation of three new jetties will soon enhance access to the waterway supporting recreation, tourism, and greater enjoyment of the Fascine.

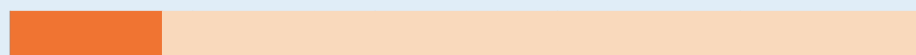
Status: The new jetties have arrived in Carnarvon with installation planned for the coming weeks.



AIRPORT UPGRADES

Runway upgrades will soon strengthen the region's air connectivity, enhancing safety, supporting tourism and essential services, and securing the long-term future of Carnarvon's airport.

Status: The tender has now closed, and the assessment panel is currently reviewing submissions.



\$8M
Department of
Transport Funding

Scan QR Code for more
information on current
& completed projects:



ATTRACTION OF GRANTS AND FUNDING

Thanks to strategic planning and successful funding outcomes, the Shire of Carnarvon continues to deliver a range of transformative projects that enhance liveability, stimulate economic growth, and build a stronger, more resilient future for our community. As part of this momentum, the Shire has secured \$15.5 million through the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (RPPP) for 2025–2026. This funding will support the delivery of several exciting projects, including:

\$15.5M
RPPP Funding

URBAN FOREST / URBAN ORCHARD

This project aims to increase street trees alongside fruiting vines in colourful timber planters and arbors, creating cool, connected canopies and vibrant spaces in Carnarvon's CBD. It will showcase local produce, attract tourists, and offer inviting spots for visitors to relax and enjoy local goods.

FASCINE TO HARBOUR WALK

This project will connect the town centre to the Carnarvon Harbour with a continuous pathway, lined with palms to amplify the town's iconic fascine skyline.

'THE PIER' DEVELOPMENT

A new waterfront development by DG Corp will offer a mix of permanent residences, short-term rentals, hotel, retail, and dining options. Designed to support population growth, the project brings affordable, quality housing to Carnarvon while boosting local lifestyle and economic opportunities.

LOCAL CONNECT AND CREATE

This funding will assist in completing the additional stages of this project, including the public lighting and art installations.

TRAMWAY WALK TRAIL

This funding will assist in completing the additional stages of this project such as the shade shelter and artwork.



RANGER UPDATE



TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PUP? DON'T FORGET THE DOG TRAVEL CHECKLIST!

Planning a road trip with your furry companion? Whether you're heading to Coral Bay, camping along the coast, or visiting friends and family, travelling with your dog can be a fun and rewarding experience — as long as you're prepared.

To make it easier, we've compiled a handy Dog Travel Checklist to help ensure your four-legged friend is safe, comfortable, and happy on the journey. From food and first aid to toys, towels, and travel tags, this list has everything covered.

- ✓ Food & treats
- ✓ First aid & medications
- ✓ Waste bags & grooming gear
- ✓ Comfort items like blankets and toys
- ✓ Leash, collar, ID tags and more



Before you hit the road, download the checklist and tick off each item to avoid any last-minute scrambling. A well-packed pup is a happy traveller!

🐾 Download your copy here:



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.



You spoke, we listened!



More mosquito larvae treatments have now been completed across Carnarvon!

Our Environmental Health team, with the support of a mosquito control specialist, has been working hard to target breeding areas. These larvicide treatments stop mosquito larvae from hatching, helping reduce the number of biting mozzies in our community.

Thanks for your continued feedback and support as we work to keep Carnarvon safe and comfortable for everyone.





August

Bingo
Wednesday 6th August
6.00-8.00pm
Community and Seniors Hall



Queen: It's Kinda Magic
Wednesday 6th August
7.00-9.00pm
Civic Centre



Litter Legends
Friday 8th August
9.00-9.30am
Community and Seniors Hall



Fun Stem Activities
Saturday 9th August
10.00-11.00am
Library & Art Gallery



Bingo
Wednesday 13th August
6.00-8.00pm
Community and Seniors Hall



Night Sky Experience
Thursday 14th August
5.30-7.30pm
Oyster Creek



Wild Portraits
Friday 15th August
5.30-7.30pm
Community Art hub



Litter Legends
Friday 15th July
9.00-9.30am
Visitor Centre



Bingo
Wednesday 20th August
6.00-8.00pm
Community and Seniors Hall



Litter Legends
Friday 22nd July
9.00-9.30am
Pioneer Cemetary



R'n'B Soul Train
Saturday 23rd August
6.30-8.00pm
Kestrel Cafe



Adventure in a Box Party
Saturday 23rd August
10.00am-12.00pm
Library & Art Gallery



Events



Indigenous Playgroups
Tuesday 12th August
11.00am-12.30pm
Carey Street Park

Aboriginal Kids Playgroup on Country

Bring your child's scooter

DISCOVER & EXPLORE WITH SOME FUN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Date: 12th Aug 2025
Time: 11am ~ 12.30pm
Location: Carey St Park

Lunch & Transport provided
Call Ngala 9941 3869

Story Time
Tuesday 12th August
10.00-11.00am
Library & Art Gallery

STORYTIME

Held at 10am on Tuesday mornings during school term. Storytime is a great way to encourage your toddler to continue along the path of reading! Join in on a special Science Week reading!

Suitable for pre-school children aged 2 years and older.

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST

CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART GALLERY
18 EGAN ST, CARNARVON

10AM TO 11AM

Canvas Stretching
Tuesday 12th August
10.00am-12.00pm
Community Art Hub



Insect Identification
Wednesday 13th August
10.00-11.00am
Library & Art Gallery

INSECT IDENTIFICATION

Join us at the Training Ag Site as we get up close with insects through microscope investigation, try your hand at interactive beekeeping, and discover where your food comes from with a hands-on paddock to plate activity. A buzzing mix of science, nature, and tasty learning!

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

TAFE AG SITE
238 SOUTH RIVER ROAD CARNARVON

3PM TO 4PM

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Artisan Cheese Workshop
Saturday 16th August
9.45am
Cuppa & Crumb Cafe

ARTISAN CHEESE WORKSHOP

Learn how to make halloumi, mascarpone & ricotta.

Morning tea/coffee & lunch provided

All ingredients and notes for cheese included

All you need to bring is your apron, pen & containers as well as some cheesy jokes

Cost \$130

To book contact Charlene on 0413 273 246 or call into Cuppa & Crumb Cafe

Elements Unknown Exhibition
Saturday 16th August
10.00am-12.00pm
Library & Art Gallery



Races
Sunday 17th August
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



Aladdin and his Magic Smartwatch
Wednesday 20th August
5.30-6.30am
Camel Lane Theatre



Big Feelings
Thursday 28th August
11.00am-12.30pm
Carnarvon TAFE

About Gen Muir

Connected Parenting founder Gen Muir is a parent educator, author, social worker, grief counsellor and mother of four boys. She is passionate about helping families to connect and thrive amid the many challenges of modern parenting.

Gen has appeared on Sunrise, The Today Show, The Morning Show, The Project, 2Day FM and ABC.

Her recent book, Little People, Big Feelings (2024), and her co-hosted podcast, Beyond the Chats, provide valuable resources for those working with or raising children.

For more information visit: connectedparenting.com.au

Big Feelings & Tricky Behaviours

In this FREE presentation, Gen shares her journey through the highs and lows of parenting, and how understanding the emotional needs of kids can be the key to enjoying parenting more.

This session dives into what's at the heart of challenging behaviours, how to meet the core emotional needs of children, and why it's often so hard to show up in the way we want.

Join us for a chance to reconnect, feel seen, and get the tools you need to manage your child's big feelings – and your own.

Thurs 28 Aug 2025 | 11 - 12.30pm
Carnarvon TAFE, 14 Camel Lane
Light catering & creche provided.

Free Event.
Bookings Essential.
<https://bit.ly/ogenmuir>
stollason@ngala.com.au

Radical Futures Opening Night
Friday 29th August
5.30-7.30pm
Library & Art Gallery

REGIONAL ARTS TRIENNIALS

RADICAL FUTURES

SOLID GROUND

30 AUG 4 OCT 2025

OPENING NIGHT
29 AUGUST, 5:30-7:30PM

FEAT 15 GASCOYNE ARTISTS

Out of Abingdon
Saturday 30th August
6.30-8.00pm
Kestrel Cafe

ABINGDON

Red Dirt and Lounge Room Tour 2025

LIVE AT CARNARVON WA

30 6.30PM - 8PM

Races
Sunday 31st August
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



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

Community

CARNARVON SERVES UP A FEAST AT THE 2025 GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL



Carnarvon lit up with flavour and flair during this year's Gascoyne Food Festival, serving up a full menu of incredible experiences that celebrated local produce and community spirit. It all kicked off with the iconic Long Table Lunch, where guests dined beneath the palms on Carnarvon-grown seafood, beef, and fresh produce, paired with local gin, wine, and craft beer.

Throughout the week, locals and visitors rolled up their sleeves for hands-on workshops including cheese making, kombucha brewing, and sourdough baking, each hosted by passionate local experts.

Around the Fire Pit brought storytelling, native flavours, and food theatre to life under the stars, with everything from crocodile rice paper rolls to kangaroo pies and wattleseed tiramisu.

And to wrap things up in classic Gascoyne style, the Prawns & Pimms Race Day delivered high spirits, local fashion flair, and more delicious food in celebration of the region's vibrant community and produce.

A huge thank you to all event partners, local producers, and attendees for making this year one to remember. Here's to celebrating our region's unique taste, talent, and togetherness!



All photos on this page courtesy of Gascoyne Media.

PRIDE AND SPARKLE IN THE HEART OF CARNARVON

Carnarvon lit up with colour, celebration, and community spirit during Queernarvon's Pride Weekend, held in late July. The three-day festival brought energy, laughter, and a powerful message of inclusion to town, drawing crowds from across the region.

Festivities began Thursday night with a lively Drag Makeup Workshop, giving locals the chance to learn from the best in the business. On Friday, all eyes were on the stage for Welcome to Dollywood, a glamorous drag show headlined by the dazzling Barbie Q and Alexas Armstrong, who wowed the audience with sass, sparkle, and star power.



The weekend wrapped up with a joyful Pride March along the foreshore on Saturday morning, where residents and visitors came together in a colourful display of unity, love, and support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Queernarvon extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined the celebration, your presence made it unforgettable.



CAREERS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT CARNARVON EXPO

On Friday 25 July, the Career Expo hosted by Real Futures brought a wave of opportunity, inspiration, and connection to Carnarvon.

Held with the support of the Gascoyne Development Commission, the event was a great success, showcasing local employment pathways and giving students and jobseekers the chance to connect directly with employers, services, and training providers.

A big thank you goes to Carnarvon Community College and St. Mary Star of the Sea for their participation, and to the many exhibitors who travelled from Geraldton and Perth to support our region.



Real Futures is also to be commended for their outstanding coordination of the expo. The event not only highlighted exciting career options but also helped strengthen collaboration across our community.



CARNARVON SHINES AT MIDWEST GASCOYNE NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the last weekend of July, our Under 16s netball team proudly represented Carnarvon at the Midwest Gascoyne Regional Championships — a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to test their skills, build team spirit, and connect with the wider regional netball community.

A huge thank you goes out to all the generous sponsors who made this trip possible. Your support helped create lasting memories and valuable experience for our players.

A special congratulations to Rae and Ainslee, who were awarded their National C Umpires Badge during the weekend — a well-deserved recognition of their dedication and talent.



BIG CLAY CARNIVAL HITS THE MARK AGAIN IN 2025!

From July 11–13, the Carnarvon & Districts Shooting Sports Association Inc. (CDSSA) hosted another action-packed Big Clay Carnival, a premier event now firmly on the sporting calendar for the North West.

Drawing competitors and supporters from near and far, the carnival combined thrilling clay target shooting with great food, community spirit, and plenty of fun. With over 80 sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and CDSSA members involved, the event highlighted what's possible when the community comes together.

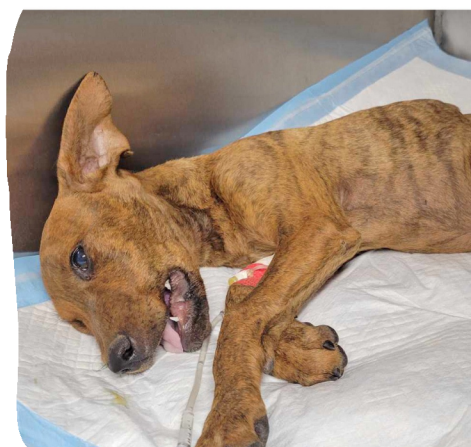
PARVOVIRUS OUTBREAK IN CARNARVON – PROTECT YOUR PETS

Carnarvon is currently experiencing a serious outbreak of canine parvovirus (parvo), a highly contagious and potentially fatal disease affecting dogs, particularly puppies. Our local vet **Coral Coast Veterinary Hospital** has reported a significant increase in cases over recent weeks, with many puppies suffering severe symptoms such as vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and dehydration.

Parvo is preventable through vaccination, yet it remains a major risk for unvaccinated pets. The virus can survive in soil for over 12 months and be spread by shoes, tyres, and clothing – meaning your pet doesn't need to come into direct contact with another dog to become infected.

What you can do:

- Ensure your puppy is fully vaccinated before socialising or visiting public spaces.
- If your pet shows symptoms such as lethargy, vomiting, or diarrhoea, contact your vet immediately.
- If your dog is not fully vaccinated, please stay home and avoid high-risk areas.



Together, we can help protect local dogs and prevent the further spread of this devastating disease. For advice or to check your pet's vaccination status, contact your local veterinary clinic.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE OLD BASTARDS FOR SUPPORTING RFDS

The Old Bastards have once again shown just how much a dedicated group of volunteers can achieve.

In the 2024-25 financial year, the Old Bastards raised an incredible **\$86,800.00** for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, supporting the vital work RFDS does across regional and remote Western Australia.

This tireless group fundraises year-round through raffles, local events, and community support, often with little recognition. Their commitment is unwavering, and their impact is deeply felt by the many lives RFDS continues to touch.

On behalf of the community, thank you for your generosity, your time, and your heart.

REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS AT RAC NINGALOO REEF RESORT

The transformation of RAC Ningaloo Reef Resort in Coral Bay is well underway, with construction continuing smoothly and minimal disruption to the local area. This significant redevelopment project aims to enhance visitor experiences while supporting the long-term sustainability of Coral Bay's tourism economy.



Recent milestones include the completion of concrete columns and ground slabs for the new Clubhouse and Reception building. Over the coming weeks, pre-cast beams and wall panels will be installed, while additional groundwork continues to prepare the site for the arrival of modular accommodation units later this year.

RAC has assured the community that disruptions from truck movements and site works will be limited, and they remain committed to keeping locals informed throughout the process. The project team has also expressed their appreciation for the community's patience and support as they work to bring this refreshed tourism asset to life.

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

CELEBRATING CARNARVON'S CULINARY STARS!



Carnarvon's dining scene has something to celebrate, with three local favourites taking home wins in the 2025 Australian Good Food Guide (AGFG) Readers' Choice Awards!

🏆 **Sails Restaurant** at Hospitality Carnarvon was recognised in the International category, a well-deserved honour for Head Chef Don, Chef Vikas, and their outstanding service team. Known for quality dining and warm hospitality, Sails continues to be a top choice for visitors and locals alike.

🏆 **Miss Fang Café and Restaurant** took out the Fusion category, celebrated for its creative mix of flavours and cultural influences. Their unique menu and vibrant atmosphere make it a standout for adventurous food lovers.

🏆 **Kestrel Café** was awarded in the Café category, offering consistently delicious meals, great coffee, and a relaxed vibe right in the heart of Carnarvon.

These awards are a testament to the talent, hard work, and dedication of Carnarvon's hospitality teams. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our community and visitors who continue to support and vote for our local businesses.

Whether you're in the mood for a relaxed coffee, a bold fusion dish, or a refined international dining experience, Carnarvon has something special on the table.



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CARNARVON CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



WICKED STRATEGIES WORKSHOPS COMING IN AUGUST

We're excited to welcome Wicked Strategies to Carnarvon this August to deliver practical and engaging workshops designed to help your business thrive.

With over 20 years of experience, Wicked Strategies brings deep knowledge in business development, innovation, and digital capability. Known for their relatable, real-world approach, they've worked with businesses of all sizes across regional WA to deliver workshops that are informative, empowering, and easy to action.

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TO COMPLETE
WORKSHOP
SURVEY**



**NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SHAPE WHAT'S DELIVERED —
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS!**

HAVE YOUR SAY!



Evan Hall, CEO of Tourism Council WA, has requested that the Chamber of Commerce alert local businesses to the potential impacts of the State Government's proposed changes to WA Public Holidays. While some changes may offer opportunities to boost regional tourism, there are also serious concerns about negative effects on tourism businesses and destinations.

To ensure regional voices are heard, businesses are encouraged to complete the public holiday survey below so the Tourism Council can present comprehensive feedback to the State Government.





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BOOK YOUR FREE BUSINESS ADVISORY SESSION

Whether you're starting a new venture or growing an existing business, free one-on-one support is available through the Small Business Development Corporation.

Advisors Alison Jenkin and Marita Plozza from IPS Consultants recently visited Carnarvon and are continuing to offer free, confidential online advisory sessions for local businesses.

If you're facing a challenge, exploring an idea, or need guidance on planning, compliance, marketing, or operations, Alison and Marita are here to help.

-  Online sessions available
-  Next in-person visit dates coming soon

Book your free session:

- Alison: alison.jenkin@ipsau.com.au
0477 948 294
- Marita: marita.plozza@ipsau.com.au
0493 891 277

LIBRARY

LET'S READ, TALK, SING, WRITE AND PLAY – BETTER BEGINNINGS KINDY PROGRAM

Over the past month, the Shire of Carnarvon Library has been busy connecting with all schools and their kindergarten-aged children to deliver the Better Beginnings family literacy program.

All Kindy students from Carnarvon Christian School, Carnarvon Community College and St Mary Star of the Sea School enjoyed a fun Storytime with our Library and

Young People's Services Officer, Stephanie, either at their school or during a special visit to the library. At the end of each session, the students received their free reading pack, which included:

- A green library bag; A beautiful Australian children's book; A colouring sheet and crayons; Stickers to go with the colouring sheet and information for parents / caregivers about books and reading.

During these sessions, teachers and parents were also provided with information on how to access a range of other free early learning resources on the Better Beginnings website and e-Resources such as Story Box Library.



**STATE LIBRARY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

RioTinto

Supported by Royalties for Regions and Western Australian Local Governments

Thanks to the Shire of Carnarvon public library for their cost-share contribution, with funding support from the State Government and Rio Tinto.

Adventure in a Box Party
We invite you to create your very own special 'Adventure in a Box' using air dry clay, craft materials, paint, and your imagination!
Between 10am - 12 noon
Saturday 23 August
Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

ENTER OUR COMPETITIONS TO WIN AWESOME CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK™ THEMED PRIZES!

Costume Competition
TUESDAY 19 - SATURDAY 23 AUGUST
AGES 0-16
Bring your favourite book character to life! Visit the library wearing your costume, take your photo in the Adventure Zone, and upload it to our website for your chance to win!

Colour-in Competition
SATURDAY 16 - SATURDAY 30 AUGUST
AGES 0-11
Collect an official Colour-in Poster and show us your colouring skills! Display your completed artwork in the Adventure Zone at the library for your chance to win!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR HEAD TO THE LIBRARY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK™ PROGRAM!

THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON presents

Children's Book week®

Storytime
10-11AM TUESDAY 19 AUGUST
SUITABLE FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 2 - 4 YEARS
Celebrate a fun combination of CBCA Children's Book Week™ themed songs, rhymes, and a craft activity. Light refreshments provided, and feel free to dress up in costume!

Baby Rhyme Time
10AM THURSDAY 21 AUGUST
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 - 2 YEARS OLD
An opportunity for you and your baby to learn new rhymes, bounce, dance, and sing along with fun tunes while celebrating CBCA Children's Book Week™! Light refreshments provided, and feel free to dress up in costume!

JOIN US AT CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART GALLERY FOR OUR SPECIAL STORYTIME EVENTS AS WE CELEBRATE CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK™!

BOOK AN Adventure

Aladdin AND HIS Magic Smartwatch
By A.J. Bailey
A FAMILY FRIENDLY INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE
Aladdin was sick and tired of his boring old lamp, so he traded it for a brand-new Smartwatch! The smartwatch was great, but it came with a very strange Genie who was always getting things wrong. Aladdin wished for a really big HOUSE and got a really big MOUSE...What the? His Mum wasn't happy either. Aladdin hasn't been doing his homework, or his chores. He has become very lazy! Aladdin plans to make the Genie do all the jobs he doesn't want to do...including his homework!
Be careful what you wish for Aladdin!
WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 5.30PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LAUNCHES EARLY LEARNING MATTERS WEEK 2025!

In late 2024, the Shire of Carnarvon was a successful recipient of funding from the *Local Government Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) Grants Program*, which was used to engage an Early Years Project Officer, Gail Law-Davis. She is working alongside the Shire's Library Services and Programs Coordinator, Cheryl Weston, to take the lead on early childhood initiatives, aiming to facilitate stronger early childhood development outcomes for families in the Carnarvon community.



Throughout 2025, Gail has been busily engaging with early years' organisations through the Gascoyne Early Years Network (GEYN) fostering working relationships and sharing details about the AEDC 2024 results. She has participated in several successful collaborative events, including the NAIDOC Week Family Fun Day.

On 30 July, in the lead up to Early Learning Matters Week 2025, Gail held an AEDC Results Workshop with GEYN members, working through the specific data relating to Carnarvon children. Gail led the workshop attendees through the process of understanding the AEDC data (key concepts, data collection, calculating domain and summary indicator results). She also introduced the AEDC Domains, sharing example relevant activities as well as a range of useful resources to support planning and delivery of appropriate programming. The workshop was well-received by all those attending, offering the perfect opportunity for networking and information-sharing.



About the AEDC

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a key national initiative that helps to understand how children are faring in their first year of full-time school – in Western Australia this is Pre-primary.

The AEDC is research-backed tool that tracks the holistic development of young children across Australia. By highlighting strengths and areas for improvement, it provides vital insights that inform policies, programs, and services designed to support children's wellbeing and development.

With data collected every three years, the AEDC gives communities, educators, and governments at all levels the information they need to invest where it matters most, helping all children to thrive.

For further information visit the national AEDC website to:

- Find the latest data for your community as well as trends over time
- Download your Community Profile, tables and maps to access your area's data
- Explore resources to support you to interpret and use the data in early years planning and action
- Find out about the latest AEDC research.

The 2024 AEDC Results are now live and can be accessed from the national website at www.aedc.gov.au. The website hosts publicly available national, state/territory, and community AEDC results plus the AEDC Engagement Kit which includes AEDC resources for leaders and educators and a version for families and communities.



Department of Communities
Department of Education



ART GALLERY



Jubilee Crafts Exhibition a Record-Breaking Success!

The Jubilee Crafts Hall Exhibition has just wrapped up, and it was one of our biggest hits yet!

We kicked off the event with a bustling morning tea, and the excitement was clear from the start, 8 quilts were sold on the very first day.

We welcomed more visitors than ever before, with locals and tourists alike stopping by to admire the beautiful handmade items.

The gorgeous quilts, cozy knits, and wonderful pottery were a huge draw, and we heard so many compliments from visitors. The exhibition was so popular that many of the quilts found happy new homes.

The success of the exhibition shows just how much our community values handmade crafts and the talented local makers who create them.

Missed the Exhibition?

Don't worry! You can still find wonderful handmade items at the Jubilee Crafts Shopp.

The shop is open: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am – 2 pm.

Stop by to browse a unique selection of locally-made gifts.

Exhibition: ELEMENTS UNKNOWN

This series explores the play and dance that nature continues despite all odds it carries on. With elements unknown looking at what we may or may not know or see about this highly sophisticated ecosystem we exist in.

Evolving Exhibition commencing Wednesday 6 August 2025

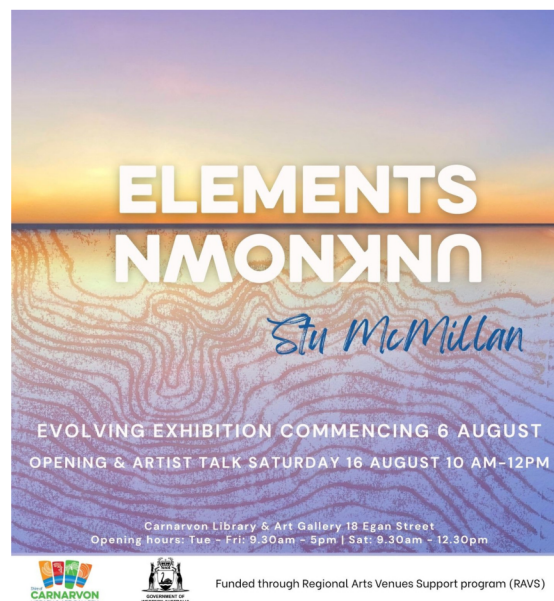
Artist Talk

Go behind the art in a special conversation with **artist Stu McMillan**,
Saturday, 16 August, from 10am to 12pm at the Library and Art Gallery

Based in the Margaret River region, Stu is a multidisciplinary artist whose environmentally conscious practice explores the vital connections between nature, self, and the spaces we share.

Stu is currently in Carnarvon for an Arts Development Residency, where he's offering one-on-one mentoring for local artists throughout July and August at the Art Hub. He also has an exciting line-up of workshops running during August.

Be sure to check the calendar for details!



Funded through Regional Arts Venues Support program (RAVS)

ARTIST OPPORTUNITY: EOI CREATIVE FACILITATORS

About the Exhibition

Exquisite Bodies is a multi-sensory participatory exhibition for people of all ages and abilities, inviting visitors to create large figurative sculptures that morph and change in surprising ways.

Exhibition Dates: 24 October - 28 February

Position Overview

We are seeking Creative Facilitators to support visitors in engaging with the powerful touring exhibition Exquisite Bodies, presented by Art Gallery of WA and Art on the Move.

These are casual positions for small shifts within the Art Gallery on a roster basis. Creative Facilitators will be based in the Gallery to help spark conversation, offer gentle guidance, and support an inclusive and welcoming space.

The Creative Facilitator role is designed to reflect and champion diverse ways of engaging with art.

Key Details

- Five casual roles available during exhibition dates
- Paid positions
- No formal experience required
- All applicants will be invited to a meet and greet session with artists Bruno Booth and Lily Blue on Thursday, 14 August 2025. This informal session includes a casual interview and is a great chance to connect, learn more about the exhibition, and discuss your interest in joining the team.

Application Information

This exhibition strongly encourages and supports people with lived experience of disability and artistic interest to apply.

To express interest:

Please send a short paragraph about yourself, your experience or interest in the arts, and why you'd like to be part of Exquisite Bodies.

Email: lammens.s@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Application Deadline: Friday 8 August 2025



FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CARNARVON CREATIVES COLLECTIVE PROGRAM

Thanks to support from Horizon Power, the Carnarvon Creatives Collective Program has delivered three exciting community workshops — fostering creativity, connection, and cultural growth.

1. Weaving with Devinia Wainwright (Jan–Feb): Multigenerational sessions produced a woven piece exhibited during Bridging Now to Next in March.
2. Watercolour on Country with Raymond Edney (Mar): Evening painting sessions at Miaboolya encouraged creative confidence and storytelling through art.
3. Upcycling with Toni Edney (Apr): Hands-on workshops taught participants how to transform waste into functional art, promoting sustainability.

These projects built skills, supported local artists, and activated inclusive creative spaces. Now it's your turn. Funding is open for community-based creative projects.

To apply email Keely: robertson.k@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

No ABN required, just a strong idea and a plan to share it locally. Let's keep Carnarvon creative!



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

PREPARING FOR FIRE SEASON: STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

As the weather warms up, so does the risk of bushfires across the Shire of Carnarvon. Now is the time for all residents, rural and town, to start preparing properties and reviewing fire safety plans.

From 1 October, the Shire enters its Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods, during which permits are required and fire safety becomes critical.

We encourage everyone to take proactive steps now to reduce fire risk and be ready in case of an emergency.

- 🔥 Clear dry vegetation from around your home and sheds
- 🔥 Clean gutters and remove leaf litter
- 🔥 Create a 20-metre low-fuel zone around buildings
- 🔥 Check and maintain fire-fighting equipment (hoses, pumps, etc.)
- 🔥 Prepare or update your Bushfire Survival Plan
- 🔥 Know your fire zone and stay alert to emergency warnings

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



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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!



Shire Administration

3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

Monday - Friday
9.00am - 4.00pm
Closed Public Holidays

 Text or call 0427 410 046

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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

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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