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FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we step into spring, the last month has been a time of both progress and celebration across the Shire of Carnarvon. August brought a powerful reminder of what makes our region truly special, our vibrant community spirit, tireless volunteers, and commitment to a shared future.

Community connection has been front and centre in recent weeks. From the Coral Bay Auction Night raising over \$36,000 for emergency services, to

National Science Week, Book Week, and the return of the Fascine Jetties, each event has reflected the passion and pride of our people. We also celebrated major wins like Marine Rescue Carnarvon's well-deserved WAFES Award and the successful WasteSorted workshops promoting sustainable living.

Looking ahead, we encourage all eligible residents to participate in the upcoming Local Government Election on 18 October. With only 45% voter turnout in 2023, we urge everyone to make their voice heard and help shape the future of our community.

As always, I want to thank our volunteers, community members, staff, and partners for the incredible work they continue to do across our region. Carnarvon is growing stronger through collaboration and the best is yet to come.

Thank you,



Eddie SmithPresident, Shire of Carnarvon

of the Fascine Jetties,

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MANTRA

STABILISE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION



IMPROVE OUR
TOWN AND
SURROUNDS
AMENITY



YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE NEXT
MEETINGS OF
COUNCIL

16 SEPTEMBER COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

Agenda Forum

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

23SEPTEMBER

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

Ordinary Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

23SEPTEMBER

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

Major Projects Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS STUART STREET, CARNARVON

UPDATE: ONE MILE JETTY & TRAMWAY BRIDGE PROJECTS

At a Special Council Meeting on 2 September, Council discussed the future of two much-loved community assets - the One Mile Jetty and the Tramway Bridge.

Right now, both projects don't have enough funding to be fully completed to the standard our community deserves. But if the available funds were combined, it would be possible to finish one project well, open it to the community, and then turn focus to the other.

Advice to Council highlighted that the Tramway Bridge could offer the biggest boost to tourism and local business in the short term – especially once the tram is running again in the next 18 months.

But this was never going to be an easy choice. Our community made it clear: the One Mile Jetty must not be sacrificed. At the meeting, the motion to proceed in that direction did not go forward and the item lapsed.

Council wants to reassure the community that the Shire remains committed to finding ways to fund and complete both projects. We hear and respect the community's passion for protecting Carnarvon's heritage, while also building for our future.

Looking Ahead

Both the One Mile Jetty and the Tramway Bridge have the potential to strengthen tourism, create jobs, and celebrate Carnarvon's unique heritage.

Community Q&A

What does this mean right now?

Both projects remain on the table. Nothing has been ruled out or cancelled. The One Mile Jetty and Tramway Bridge are both still priorities.

- The Tramway Bridge has \$3.7M to complete approximately 200 metres, which will keep it open to Whitlock Island.
- The One Mile Jetty has \$4.5M to complete approximately 200 metres of new jetty.



Why didn't Council make a decision?

There was no seconder for the motion to combine the funding. This means the proposal lapsed and no decision could be made at that meeting.

What happens next?

The Shire will continue to:

- Advocate for additional funding from State and Federal Governments
- Explore partnerships to support delivery of both projects
- Work closely with the community to ensure your voice is heard in shaping Carnarvon's heritage and future
- Provide regular updates on progress through Council meetings and community channels

MEET THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

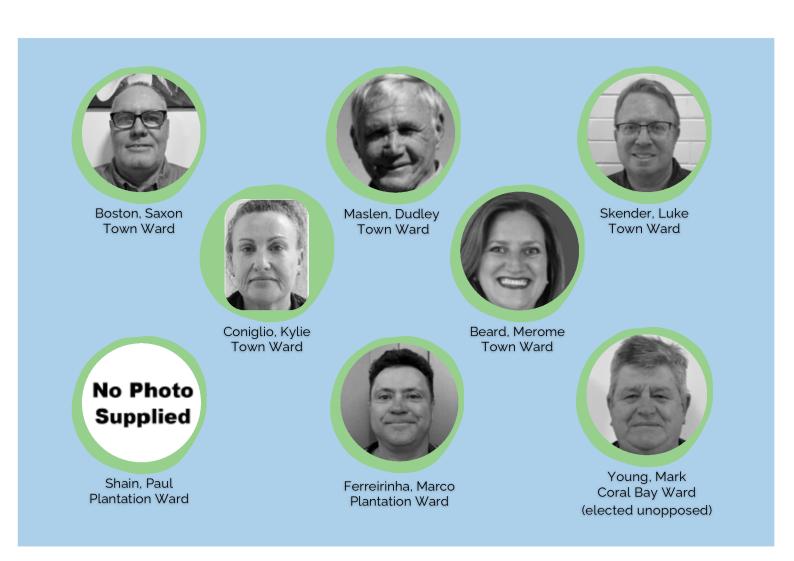
Do you have a Shire issue that you wish to discuss or may have a great idea for Carnarvon? The Shire President extends an invitation to members of the public to meet with him to discuss your issues or ideas. Please note that these meetings will be by appointment only. The Shire President will be available 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.





LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2025 MEET YOUR CANDIDATES





For more information, scan the QR code or visit carnaryonshire.website/706355

WHY VOTING MATTERS

In the 2023 local government election, only 45.1% of eligible voters in our region made their voices heard at the ballot box. Of those who did vote, 59% were aged 65 and over.

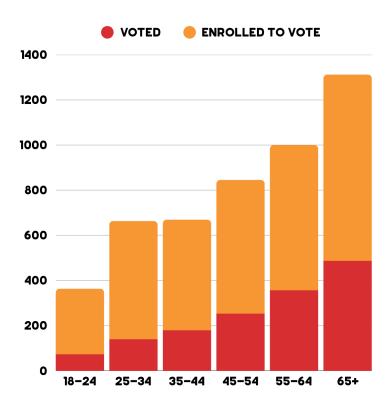
So, ask yourself — do you feel represented in those numbers?

If not, now is the time to change that.

Local government makes decisions that affect your daily life — from parks and roads to events, community services, and future planning. Electing someone who understands your values and priorities starts with you casting your vote.







Because when more of us vote, we shape a Council that truly represents our whole community — and every vote makes a difference, including yours.

THANK YOU PHIL & LESLEY — AND WELCOME PHIL & HEATHER!

As the seasons shift, so too does the team at the Blowholes Camping Reserve and we'd like to extend a huge thank you to Phil and Lesley, who have been our dedicated camp hosts over the past three months.

Their friendly smiles, and tireless efforts in helping visitors, supporting maintenance, and keeping the Blowholes safe and welcoming have been deeply appreciated by both campers and the Shire team alike. From early morning chats to evening rounds, Phil and Lesley have been a vital part of the Blowholes experience and we wish them all the best for their next adventure!

As we say farewell, we also offer a warm welcome to our new camp hosts, Phil and Heather. We're thrilled to have you on board and look forward to the care and energy you'll bring to this special coastal spot.



Lesley (on the left) and Phil (on the right).

CARNARVON GETS WASTESORTED!

In early August, the Shire of Carnarvon was thrilled to host Shani from Ecoburbia and Miss Treasure from Little Treasures Education for a fantastic series of WasteSorted workshops — proudly supported by the WasteSorted WA Community Education Grants Program.

Shani ran hands-on sessions in Basic Food Gardening and Green Cleaning, showing how simple pantry staples like vinegar and bicarb soda can replace harsh chemicals and reduce household waste. Meanwhile, Miss Treasure delighted local children with her famous Rainbow Noodle Banana Blossom Salad, made entirely from rescued "odd bunch" produce — proving that food doesn't need to look perfect to be perfectly delicious.

Thank you to everyone who joined us! These fun, practical sessions were packed with eco-friendly tips to help our community live more sustainably.





CAMPDRAFT SUCCESS IN THE GASCOYNE

Congratulations to the Kennedy Range Campdraft Association Inc on another fantastic event held from 21-23 August! With 84 riders completing 454 runs, it was a true celebration of grassroots sport and regional pride.

The Shire was proud to support the event by providing a water cart,

helping maintain a top-quality arena surface and keeping dust down for competitors and spectators alike.

Well done to the organisers, volunteers, and community for making it such a memorable weekend!

MESQUITE MULCHING AT BIBBAWARRA BORE

The Shire recently completed mulching of mesquite at Bibbawarra Bore, marking an important step in controlling the spread of this invasive weed.

Further treatments are planned to ensure ongoing management and

support the revitalisation of this unique area, making it more accessible and enjoyable for both locals and visitors. This work forms part of our broader commitment to protecting the environment and preserving key community spaces for future generations.



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK BRINGS SCIENCE TO LIFE IN CARNARVON

From rainbows to stars and tacos to telescopes, National Science Week in Carnarvon was a hands-on celebration of curiosity, creativity, and community.





A BRIGHT START AT THE LIBRARY

The week kicked off with light-filled fun at the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery. Kids explored prisms, created shadow puppet robots, and left with DIY experiment kits to share at home, proving that science can be both magical and memorable.

INSECTS, SMOOTHIES & GARDEN TACOS AT TAFE

Students from Carnarvon Christian School, the Deadly Girls Group, and the wider community got up close with bugs at the TAFE Ag Site. From microscope discoveries to garden-to-plate tacos and a pedal-powered smoothie bike, science came to life through taste and touch.

STARS & STORYTELLING AT OYSTER CREEK

The week ended under the night sky with Rennee from Wooramulla Journeys, blending astronomy with culture through stargazing and storytelling, a powerful reminder of our connection to Country and the cosmos.







Thank you to our incredible presenters, educators, and participants who made Science Week so inspiring. Proudly supported by Inspiring WA and the National Science Week Small Grants Program, this year's events proved that science is all around us and it's full of wonder.







THE FASCINE JETTIES ARE BACK — WITH NEW AND IMPROVED

DOCKINGS!

The Shire of Carnarvon is pleased to announce that the Fascine Jetties have now been reinstalled, complete with upgraded docking infrastructure to enhance safety and accessibility for all users.

These newly improved jetties are a welcome return for locals and visitors

alike, creating the perfect spot for casting a line, or simply enjoying the scenic waterfront.

Whether you're out for a paddle, a picnic, or a peaceful stroll along the foreshore, we hope you'll make the most of these fantastic facilities this season.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON WORKING WITH CHILDREN REFORMS

The Department of Communities is inviting the public to provide feedback on proposed reforms to Western Australia's Working with Children (WWC) Scheme.

These important changes aim to strengthen protections for children under the WWC Act and respond to recommendations from the Royal Commission Institutional into Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Statutory Review of the WWC Act.



Phase 2 reforms to strengthen WA's Working with Children Check law





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SPECIAL CLEAN-UP FOR TIDY TOWNS JUDGES

- 🛗 Sunday 21 September, 9am
- Meet in front of the Visitor Centre look for the Litter Legends flag
- Tollowed by free morning tea at Cuppa & Crumb at 10am

The Tidy Towns judges will be visiting Carnarvon on Monday 22 September! To get our town looking its best, the Shire of Carnarvon and the Litter Legends group are hosting a special community clean-up on Sunday morning along the main street.

Afterwards, volunteers are invited to enjoy a thank-you morning tea at Cuppa & Crumb from 10am.



Litter Legends community leads Wavne & Jeanette and Keelv Robertson from the Shire are proud to have completed 6 rounds of this Friday morning clean-up group with special regulars Felix, Pauline and Christine - as well as Jenny and Barry. Collectively the group completed 48 community clean-ups. Each week, 5-10 bags of litter are collected across town. It's great exercise, builds community spirit, and makes our streets shine.



In their own time Wayne & Jeanette also take to the streets, and do additional clean ups.

As Wayne, one of our Litter Legends leads, said: "Since we started, we've noticed there is less and less rubbish. Either we're having an impact or people are taking note and littering less."

Upcoming Friday Clean-Up Locations

- Woolworths 12 September
- Visitor Centre / Town Centre 19 September
- Carnarvon Community College -26 September
- Senior Citizens Centre 3 October
- Waterfront Café 10 October
- BP 17 October
- 6701 Info Bay 24 October
- Final stop: Kestrel Café -October

also welcome Cuppa & Crumb as a joined in so far. new café partner!

Each week, volunteers can choose a voucher from participating local cafés - Waterfront 6701, Kestrel Café, Taste of Italy, and now Cuppa & Crumb - as a small thank-you. These vouchers, along with all equipment such as litter pickers, are provided by the Shire of Carnarvon, with the iconic red bags donated by Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

Changes for Warmer Weather: From now on, Friday clean-ups will begin half an hour earlier at 8:30am.

Be a Litter Legend Anytime!

Can't make Fridays? Anyone can join in by collecting a red bag from the Shire administration office, filling it with litter from our streets and public spaces, and returning it for a café voucher.

For the new round, we are excited to Thank you to everyone who has



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. A Request for Quote will soon be released to construct and install signage and seating along the trail walk.

Next steps: Award of the RFQ to progress initial stages of the project is anticipated for late October 2025.

Funding Obtained Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed



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.

Next steps: Tender documentation for the construction of the park to be drafted.

Funding Obtained Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

\$1,807,424 Lotterywest funding Stage Two will be funded through RPPP

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 has been released for an experienced contractor to undertake the construction, coordination and installation of a series of public art pieces for the project.

Next steps: Award of the RFQ to progress initial stages of the project is anticipated for late October 2025.

Funding Obtained Designed

Works Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

\$786,648 Lotterywest

funding allocated

Stage Two will be funded through RPPP

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.

Funding Obtained

Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

S3.7M **Funded through RPPP** as part of the broader Tramway Wal Trail

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 now been installed, which marks the completion of the project.

Budget Allocated

Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed



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 been awarded to Aerodrome Management Services (AMS).

Funding Obtained Tender Awarded

Designed

Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

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





CARMEN REILLY APPOINTED PROJECT MANAGER FOR 16 DAYS IN WA CAMPAIGN – PLAY YOUR PART

The Shire of Carnarvon is pleased to announce Carmen Reilly has been appointed Project Manager for the upcoming 16 Days in WA campaign.

This grant-funded position emerges from the Carnarvon Alcohol and Other Drug (CAOD) Working Group, administered by the Shire of Carnarvon and funded by the Alcohol & Drug Foundation.

Action around 16 Days in WA is a key action from the CAOD Action Plan. Running annually from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day), the campaign takes its inspiration from the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.



The 2025 theme is Stopping Family and Domestic Violence: Play your part.

Carmen will be based at the Community Art Hub each Monday, connecting with local organisations, services, and community groups to deliver a community-wide program that responds to the theme through creative expression, cultural connection, and deep community engagement.

The CAOD working group and Shire of Carnarvon recognise and appreciate that Carmen is well-placed to lead this project. Carmen is a current cofacilitator of the Aboriginal Medical Service Men's We Can Together program, which provides professional education and counselling in men's behaviour change, and also works as

a community counsellor through CFSS, prioritising family and domestic violence support.

Reflecting on her approach, Carmen said: "My first step will be to connect with local services already planning events for 16 Days of WA. I am mindful of addressing misconceptions about the causes of gendered violence. It's not always drugs and alcohol that cause violence: but also includes it's harmful beliefs about gender, relationships, power and control, the witnessing of violence as a child, and the impacts of trauma colonisation that intersect to support violent and controlling behaviours.

I want this project to nurture emotional expression, mindfulness, and reflection, not only for mental health, but to help build more connected and resilien communities.

I'm also interested in how children and young people respond to violence, as their voices are so often lost in these conversations, and perhaps we can explore this through a collaborative artwork.

Finally, I also want to highlight men's accountability and behaviour change, something I am supporting with the AMS men's program."

This project builds on the success of Carnarvon's 2024 community activations, led by GRAMS with support from the CAOD working group. Carmen will receive project support from Shire of Carnarvon Place Cultural Development Coordinator Keely Robertson and the broader CAOD working group member organisations.

If your organisation would like to be involved in Carnarvon's 16 Days in WA campaign, please get in touch:

Carmen: <u>counsellor@cfss.org.au</u> & Keely: <u>robertson.k@carnarvon.wa.gov.au</u>

24-hour helplines		
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 007 339	
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 000 599	
Kid's Helpline	1800 55 1800	
Concern for a child's wellbeing	1800 273 889	
Sexual Assault Resource Centre	1800 199 888	



RANGER UPDATE

ANIMAL IN EXCESS PERMIT

Carnarvon, you must have a permit to own more than two dogs on a residential property.

Shire Rangers are currently increasing compliance checks. and illegal ownership of excess dogs may result in fines or further action.

What to do:

If you have (or plan to have) more than two dogs, you'll need to apply for an Animal in Excess Permit.

Did you know? In the Shire of Visit the Shire Administration Office at 3 Francis Street to complete your application and payment.

> Let's work together to ensure responsible pet ownership across our community.



DESEXING. VACCINATION & REGISTRATION PROGRAM RETURNS!

The Shire of Carnarvon is excited to share that we've once again been selected to take part in Murdoch University's De-sexing Program!

This fantastic initiative offers affordable de-sexing, vaccinations, and pet registrations to help support responsible pet ownership in our community.

Interested?

Email our Rangers today at rangers@carnarvon.wa.gov.au to express your interest or find out more.

Spots are limited — don't miss this great opportunity to care for your furry friend at a reduced cost!

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.





BURROWING BEES SPOTTED - PLEASE TAKE CARE NEAR NESTING AREAS

recently placed caution signage near Uendoo Creek Road and Miaboolya Beach Road to alert the public to active burrowing bee nests in the area.

These native bees are a seasonal and harmless part of our local ecosystem, nesting in soft sandy ground during warmer months. While they pose no

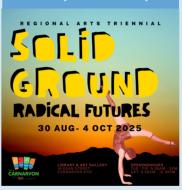
The Shire of Carnarvon Rangers have threat when left undisturbed, we kindly ask community members to take care when walking, driving, or riding near nesting sites.

> Please follow the signs, stay on marked tracks, and enjoy observing these fascinating little pollinators from a safe distance.

September



30th Aug - 4th Oct Library & Art Gallery



Beading & Fabric Session
Thursday 4th September
9.00-10.30am
Community Art Hub



Litter Legends
Friday 5th September
9am
Kestrel Café

Love seeing our streets beautiful?

Come along and lend a hand for 30 minutes on Friday's at 9am to clean up around town. All equipment provided. All volunteers receive a \$7 coffee voucher.



Canva for Beginners
Friday 6th September
9.00-9.30am
Library & Art Gallery





Andrew Hamilton Wednesday 10th September 7.00pm-8.30pm



Knitting Session Wednesday 10th September 9.30am & 10,30am Community Art Hub



Every Wed 10th September
6.00-8.00pm



Is There Anybody Out There? Thursday 11th September 6.00pm-7.30pm Camel Lane Theatre



Jambinu Carnival
Saturday 20th September
8.00-3.00pm
GBSC Sports Park



Sourdough Workshop Saturday 20th September 1.00-3.30pm

Cuppa & Crumb Café

SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP

You will learn

O 20th September 1:00pm -

3:30pm

Cuppe & Crumb

Make your own loaf

*Make your own loaf

*Shaping & score your dough ready for bakin

How to care and maintain your starter at he

Whether you're a total beginner or looking to brush up on your technique, this workshop is the perfect way to build your confidence in the kitchen.

You will leave with your own starter, detailed instructions, and a dough ready to bake at home! Spots are limited! You can book via the link below or call into the shop!

https://square.link/u/cCLhayXC

Light refreshments, afternoon tea and of course freshly baked sourdough provided Cheese Workshop Sunday 21st September 9.45am Cuppa & Crumb Café

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Light refreshments, afternoon tea and of course freshly baked sourdough provided Macrame Session Wednesday 24th September 9.00-10.30am Community Art Hub



Events

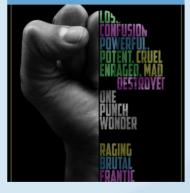


Outback Air Race 2025





One Punch Wonder Monday 8th September Camel Lane Theatre







Carnarvon Cup





Crocheting Session 9.00-10.30am



Relfections in Colour Thurdsday 25th September 6.00-8.00pm



Reflections in Colour A FREE 6-session parent support group with Artist, Gosia Taylor

Providing parents and carers in our community with the portunity to: Share and reflect on parenting experiences

- Learn art skills and positive coping skills
 Connect with others in the community
- A relaxed and supportive space to practice self-care



Celebration Event 10.00-12.00pm





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



MARINE RESCUE CARNARVON HONOURED AT 2025 WAFES AWARDS

Marine Rescue Carnarvon has taken home the Marine Rescue Team Achievement Award at this year's prestigious WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Awards, held on Saturday 31 August.

The award recognises the team's outstanding efforts in the dramatic rescue of a seriously ill sailor, who had been stranded on a yacht nearly 100km off the coast of Carnaryon.

Braving rough seas, unpredictable conditions, and working under extreme pressure, the team's swift and coordinated response saved a life and showcased the very best of our region's emergency services.

Among the dedicated volunteers was Dean Andreoli, a Shire of Carnarvon employee, highlighting the valuable contribution our staff make outside of work hours. The Shire proudly supports staff like Dean with up to 38 hours of volunteer leave each year, acknowledging the vital role volunteers play in keeping our community safe.

This is a well-deserved recognition for a team that continues to go above and beyond to keep our coastline safe. From everyone at the Shire and across the Carnarvon community, congratulations and thank you for your service and dedication!





'S BIG AUCTION NIGHT

Coral Bay's annual Auction Night, held on Tuesday 6 August, once again proved the incredible generosity and unity of this small coastal town, raising an impressive \$39,100 in support of St John Ambulance and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

Hosted at Bill's Tavern, the event brought together a vibrant crowd of locals, visitors, business owners, and community leaders, all rallying around a shared commitment to supporting vital emergency services in the region. The atmosphere was full of laughter, friendly competition, and heartfelt giving as a wide range of items, from

local experiences to donated goods held to finalise the remaining bids, and services, went under the hammer.

The Shire of Carnarvon proudly contributed \$500 in vouchers, joining dozens of local businesses and individuals in making the evening such a success. The event is a powerful reflection of the Coral Bay community's spirit, where neighbours and friends come together to support causes that directly impact the health and safety of remote and regional Western Australians.

To ensure every item found a home, a follow-up silent online auction was

now successfully completed.

Shire congratulates the The organisers, donors, and attendees for another inspiring community event that makes a real difference to lives across the region.



NEW CHAPTER FOR THE CORAL BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The Shire of Carnarvon congratulates the newly elected Board of the Coral Bay Progress Association, following a successful meeting held on Monday, 1 September 2025.

Welcome to the new leadership team:

- Stuart Martinsons Chair
- Brad Booth Deputy Chair
- Toni Timson Treasurer
- Jacqui Price Secretary (resuming role)

We also thank outgoing members Adam Cottrell, Natalia Manks, and Christine Burch for their valued contributions.

The September meeting attracted around 30 attendees, with open discussion across a range of local matters. This strong turnout and active involvement highlight the Association's continued commitment

to supporting their community and working collaboratively with the Shire. The Shire also provided an update on the proposed War Memorial at Baz's Park, with further consultation to continue.

We look forward to continuing this positive partnership through upcoming bi-monthly meetings.

SHIPWRECK HUNTERS AUSTRALIA – SEASON 2 FEATURES CORAL BAY!

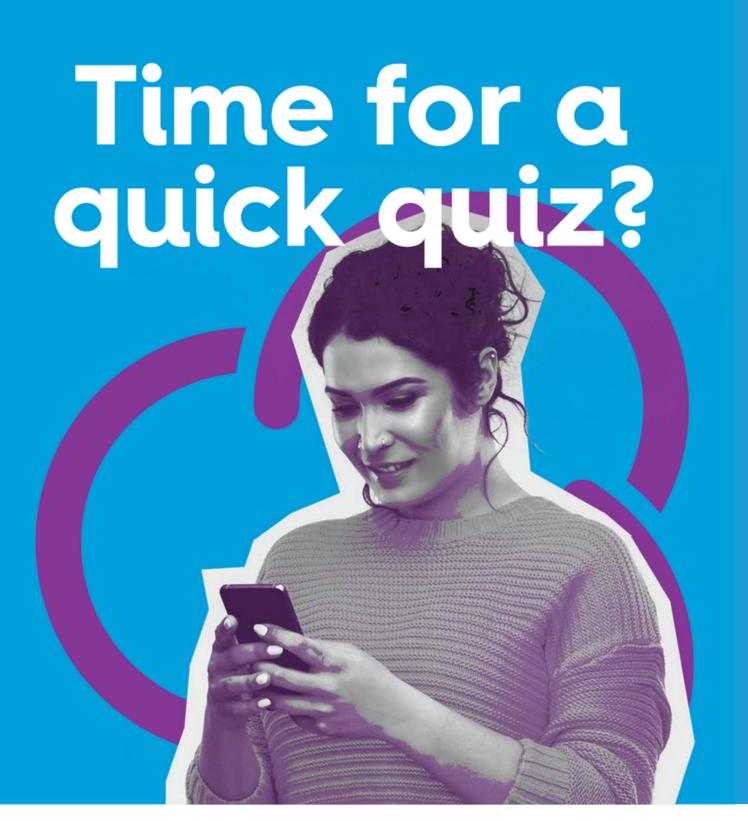
We're thrilled to share that part of the brand-new season of Shipwreck Hunters Australia was filmed right here in the Shire of Carnarvon, featuring the breathtaking beauty of Coral Bay!

Now streaming worldwide on Disney+, Season 2 shines a spotlight on our stunning coastline and vibrant local

community, bringing Coral Bay into living rooms around the globe.

Tune in to experience the adventure, the mystery, and the magic of our marine environment through a worldclass production that celebrates Australia's rich maritime history and our very own backyard.





Complete the Act Belong Commit Mental Wellbeing Quiz and take the first step to boosting your mental health and wellbeing.



Take the quiz now at actbelongcommit.org.au/quiz



PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Cancer Council WA is encouraging men to learn the symptoms and speak to a doctor if something doesn't feel right.

Symptoms to look out for (especially if lasting more than 4 weeks):

- Blood in urine or semen
- Frequent or urgent need to pee
- Trouble starting or stopping
- Weak flow or dribbling
- Unexplained weight loss



HONOURING OUR VETERANS

On Monday 18 August, the Gascoyne Sub Branch of the RSL held a commemorative service at the Carnarvon Cenotaph to mark Vietnam Veterans Day.

The moving ceremony honoured the service and sacrifice of those who served during the Vietnam War, bringing together veterans, residents, and visitors in a shared moment of reflection and respect.

Following the service, attendees were welcomed to the Gascoyne RSL Sub Branch for light refreshments — a meaningful opportunity to connect, share stories, and continue the spirit of remembrance.







CARNARVON GROWERS MARKETS & COURTYARD CRAFT 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.





MISS FANG

Takes Third in the Taste of the Gascoyne Food Trail!

A huge congratulations to Miss Fang Café & Restaurant in Carnarvon for winning third place in the 2025 Taste of the Gascoyne Food Trail, part of this year's Gascoyne Food Festival!

With a record 417 votes cast by festivalgoers and food lovers from near and far, the trail celebrated the region's top flavours — and Miss Fang's Special Fried Rice, bursting

with fresh Carnarvon-grown vegetables, proved to be a crowd favourite.

Miss Fang stood proudly alongside:

W Bullara Station, Exmouth – for their legendary slow-cooked Beef Steak Pie

₹ Exhale, Exmouth – for their bold "From Reef to Ranges" plate

Miss Fang, Carnarvon – for their vibrant and veggie-packed fried rice

This award is not only a testament to Miss Fang's culinary flair, but also a celebration of Carnarvon's incredible produce and the talented hands that bring it to life.

CARNARVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

We extend a massive thank you to all the eateries who took part in this year's trail — your creativity and passion continue to make the Gascoyne a true food destination.

Let's keep supporting local and celebrating the tastes of our region!



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BUSINESS BEFORE

HOURS: Walk and Connect

Start your morning with purpose! Join the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce and Outback Fitness for an energising early walk to boost your body, clear your mind, and connect with local business leaders. After the walk, stick around for Business Before Hours — a chance to mingle, network, and kick off your Friday feeling refreshed and inspired.



SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Exciting news for local businesses, applications are now open for the Small Business Growth Grants Program, offering matched funding of up to \$10,000 to boost business growth.

This WA Government initiative, run by the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), supports established small businesses with expert services in areas like strategic planning, marketing, digital systems, financial management, and more.



Important details:

- Matched funding vouchers (max \$10,000) require your cocontribution
- Businesses must meet eligibility criteria, including existing ABN/GST registration before 1 January 2024, and a turnover threshold for regional operations
- Applications are open from 4 August to 5:00 pm, 3 October 2025 (AWST)
- To learn more, check eligibility, or start your application, visit: <u>smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/growth</u> or contact the SBDC via their website.

Scan QR Code for more information

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.

EOnline sessions available

Mext 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



DID YOU 'BOOK AN ADVENTURE' FOR CBCA CHILDREN'S **BOOK WEEK?**

Storytime adventures. costume capers, and theatre magic occurred in Carnarvon last month between 16-23 August as the entire town celebrated CBCA Children's Book Week! With the theme Book An Adventure, the annual event (the library's favourite one of the year) saw a special guest appearance from artist-in-residence Stu McMillan

as 'The Cat In The Hat' for Storytime on Tuesday. Lively displays decorated the walls and windows of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, and staff joined enthusiastic school students (and some out on stations too!) in dressing up as their choice of character from fiction and film. Entries from our costume competition and colouring

competition are still on display in the Kids Zone, so make sure you drop in and admire them - and especially the winners, which we'll announce on our Facebook page soon!



The Snail



true Book Week magic happened on Wednesday, when the rain threatened to cancel a live performance of Aladdin & The Magic Smartwatch by JALLY Entertainment at the Camel Lane Theatre. Luckily, the clouds parted in time for students



from St Mary Star of The Sea, Christian School and Carnarvon Carnarvon Community College to enjoy the matinee show. So what was this adaptation all about? "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."



Everything went right during our final event of the week: some crafty dioramas were constructed as we celebrated the 80th birthday of the Children's Book Council of Australia



with an 'Adventure In A Box Party'. Under the guidance of Stu and library families combined fabrics, modelling clay and more into a plethora



of creative designs! If you didn't join the celebrations this year, mark your calendar for next year!



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INDIGENOUS DANCE AT BAXTER PARK FOR ILD 2025

Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday 3 September with a special storytime event at Baxter Park. A guest storyteller and a performance by local First Nations dancers entertained families under the blue

skies of a sunny Carnarvon morning. The day is an annual celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Stories, Cultures, and Languages, and a big thank you to the dancers and everyone who came along to enjoy the event!









EXPLORE YOUR HOBBIES AT THE LIBRARY

There are now a total of six different clubs that adults can join at Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery - all completely free! Our two newest clubs Let's Talk! Language Club and Boardgames Club joins the regular roster of amazing events filling up the monthly calendar.

Our newest club Let's Talk! is a social conversation group for sharing

languages - if you're learning English or another language, or want to share your language, this is the club for you! Boardgames Club is exactly what it says on the tin - bring along a favourite game from home, or play one from the library collection, and battle for tabletop dominance! How many of our older clubs do you know of? They are Carnarvon Adventure

Group for sharing STEAM skills and other hobbies, Friday Film Club for enjoying films, Book Club for those who like reading and talking about books, and Writer's Club for sharing your love of creative writing! Head to the library website for more info on any of the clubs, or drop into the library and chat to the library staff!













DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FREE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE?

If you or someone you know can't make it to the library, Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery staff are here to help. Whether it is health or medical reasons holding you back, we can

deliver library resources to your front door: fiction books, biographies, audiobooks, DVDs and more. Some conditions apply, so ask the friendly library team for more information.

ART GALLERY

A SOLID SUCCESS FOR "SOLID GROUND" ART EXHIBITION

The Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery was packed on Friday evening, 29 August as locals came together for the opening of "Solid Ground". the

fantastic new art exhibition showcasing artists from across region. The event highlighted the Gascoyne's vibrant creative scene, with artworks that captured everything from environmental themes to bold visions of the future. leaving attendees inspired.

The opening night drew a great crowd who got to see amazing new artworks from talented artists from Shark Bay, Exmouth and Carnarvon. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful art, delicious curries from Cuppa and Crumb, and the chance to catch up with fellow art lovers.

"Solid Ground" is our Gascoyne region's take on the theme "Radical Futures", part of a big state-wide art project curated by Sarah Roots. The name comes from the famous Goanna song "Solid Rock," which echoed through the Jamba Nyinayi Festival and inspired many, along with our local way of calling something good and reliable "solid." It beautifully ties radical ideas to the sacred ground and environment of the Gascoyne.

Visitors can also try the "Postcard from the Future" activity, where you write a message to yourself imagining what your future might look like.

The exhibition runs until 4 October 2025 during normal opening hours. It's free to visit, so come down to the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery and see what our local artists have created. You won't be disappointed!





SOLID GROUND, proudly delivered by Shire of Carnarvon, is part of the third Regional Arts Triennial, funded from the State Government's Regional Exhibition Touring Boost, delivered by ART ON THE MOVE.

The Regional Arts Triennial is coordinated by Southern Forest Arts and supported by John Curtin Gallery, Regional Arts WA, GalleriesWest, Artsource and AMAGAWA.

SHIRE OF CARNARVON AWARDED GRANT FOR EXCITING YOUTH LGBTQI+ PROJECT



The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to announce it has received grant funding to deliver YOUnity: Flags in Motion & Our Stories in Voice, an inspiring youth LGBTQI+ project taking place these spring school holidays at the Community Art Hub.

Delivered in collaboration with North Midlands Project, Australia Museums and Galleries Association, and proudly supported by Healthway, this initiative forms part of the statewide YOUnity studios. the SEW-Arts usina framework to foster healthy, connected. and vibrant creative communities. Creative facilitator Sami will be leading these sessions,

alongside the Community Art Hub team, giving Carnarvon's young people two creative opportunities designed to amplify youth voices and celebrate diversity:

1. Our Stories in Voice

Participants aged 12-25 are invited to share their stories in their own way—through writing, spoken word, poetry, or short stories. These contributions will be transformed into two powerful songs by the West Australian Opera, giving voice to LGBTIQA+ young people across regional WA.

2. Flags in Motion

Young people will design and create personal flags that reflect their pride, story, and sense of identity. These individual works will be sewn together into a striking large-scale collaborative artwork, symbolising unity across distance and difference.

Key Event Details

Main Workshop

- Date: Tuesday 30 September
- Time: 10am-1pm
- Location: Community Art Hub
- Ages: 12-25
- Includes: Free lunch
- Register: Scan below QR Code

Drop-In Sessions

- Dates: Wednesday-Friday, 9am-12pm
- Location: Community Art Hub
- Young people can return to finish projects or add new contributions.

This is an exciting opportunity for Carnarvon youth to contribute to a bigger statewide project and see their voices and creative expressions woven into a powerful collective statement.

Scan QR Code to Register

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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.

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

- 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.
- Keely: 3. Upcycling with Toni Edney (Apr):
 Hands-on workshops taught
 participants how to transform
 wright waste into functional art, promoting
 ational sustainability.



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

CALL 000. NOT YOUR MATE!

In an emergency, every second counts and calling ooo ensures the fastest and safest response.

We understand that in a close-knit community like Carnarvon, your first instinct might be to call a friend who's a firefighter, paramedic, or police officer. But even if you know someone in uniform personally,

please don't call them directly in an emergency.

Why? Because:

- They may not be on duty
- It delays critical response times
- It bypasses the coordinated communication needed for safety
- It puts lives, including theirs, at risk

Calling ooo connects you to trained emergency dispatchers who can coordinate the right help, right away.

Let's keep our community safe by doing the right thing:

In an emergency — CALL ooo, not your mate.



Life-threatening Emergency	000
Department of Fire	
and Emergency Services Information Line	133 337
Bureau of Meteorology	
Warning Service	1300 659 210
Shire of Carnarvon	(08) 9941 0000
Carnarvon Hospital	9941 0555
Western Power	131 351
State Emergency Service	132 500
Total Fire Ban Information	1800 709 355
Australian Red Cross	1800 733 276

Scan this QR Code for more information





Rubbish Collection

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Wednesday



Browns Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday 7.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 8.00am - 2.00pm

Closed Saturday & Public Holidays



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



Tuesday

18 November, 2025



Start From

5:30 pm



Camel Lane Theatre 1 Camel Ln, Carnarvon



Got something you'd like more information on? Submit your topics of interest by Friday, 4 November 2025



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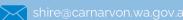




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