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# FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

October was filled with activity, from the much anticipated return of the Carnarvon Hornets to the softball field after a 10-year break, to the celebration of the Carnarvon Lions Club's 60th anniversary. These moments are a reminder of the deep community spirit and resilience we're so proud of.

We also saw the installation of a vibrant new mural at the 6701 Waterfront Café, created by local artist Leanne with help from some fantastic young students. Projects like these are what bring colour and creativity to our public spaces, and they're made possible by partnerships and community passion.

Our ongoing infrastructure projects continue to progress, with construction tenders now awarded for key elements of Van Dongen Park, the Tramway Trail, and Local Connect & Create. These projects are focused on creating more inclusive, connected and inspiring spaces for locals and visitors alike.

Thank you to our volunteers, partners, staff, and everyone who plays a role in shaping Carnarvon into a thriving, welcoming community. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming community events or Council meetings.

Thank you,



**Eddie Smith**  
President, Shire of Carnarvon



## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MANTRA

STABILISE OUR  
FINANCIAL  
POSITION



IMPROVE OUR  
TOWN AND  
SURROUNDS  
AMENITY



FIX WHAT WE GOT!



## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

**21**  
OCTOBER

COMMENCING AT 8.30AM  
**Agenda Forum**  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

**28**  
OCTOBER

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM  
**Audit and Risk Committee**  
BILLY'S BAR  
46 ROBINSON ST, CORAL BAY

**28**  
SEPTEMBER

COMMENCING AT 12.00AM  
**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
BILLY'S BAR  
46 ROBINSON ST, CORAL BAY



# CELEBRATING DANNIELLE HILL'S NEW CHAPTER

*After more than three decades of dedicated service, Mrs. Danielle (Danni) Hill is beginning an exciting new chapter with the Shire of Carnarvon, stepping into the role of Special Projects Officer as she transitions towards retirement.*

The Shire is proud to celebrate Danni's remarkable career. Known for her professionalism, dedication, and exceptional knowledge of local government, she has supported countless Councils and Chief Executive Officers and has been a steady source of guidance, integrity, and warmth within the organisation.

Danni's journey with the Shire began in 1979 when she joined as a junior typist while still in high school, before progressing to Shire Clerk's Secretary in the mid-1980s. After taking time away to raise her family, she returned in 1994 as CEO Secretary, resuming her career from the same desk she had once occupied.

Over the years, Danni has witnessed the Shire of Carnarvon grow and evolve. She has worked alongside numerous Presidents, Councillors, and Chief Executive Officers, and throughout it all, she has been a trusted constant, displaying commitment, teamwork, and professionalism.

Reflecting on her time with the Shire, Danni said: "I have always had great workmates, and we all get on, which makes it easier to come to work in the morning. I have seen so many great staff come and go over the 30 years, and with my payroll number being 7 and now up to 1622, it tells you how -

many."

Among her career highlights, Danni fondly recalls overseeing the transformation of the old library into the Council Chambers, a project she describes as a defining moment early in her career and one she is proud of. She also remembers meeting Julia Gillard when she was Prime Minister, a wave from King Charles when he was Prince Charles, and encountering movie stars Chris Hemsworth and Matt Damon during visits to Carnarvon.

On what has kept her motivated, Danni explained: "There was always something different each day, meeting people from all walks of life and working with the President and Councillors. You have to be interested in Local Government and how the system works in my role and apply those workings to your everyday duties."

Recognising her exceptional contribution, CEO Mandy Dexter said: "Danni's contribution to the Shire of Carnarvon has been nothing short of remarkable. Her knowledge, commitment, and steady guidance have supported not only our organisation but also our community for more than three decades. On a personal note, my family has known and been supported by Danni and her



family over the years — with my dad also working closely alongside her at the Shire in the go's. I am delighted that Danni will continue to share her wisdom in her new role, and I know her legacy will be felt long into the future. Shire President, Eddie Smith, also praised her enduring impact: "Danni has been an integral part of our team for more than 30 years. Her professionalism, dedication, and knowledge have shaped the Shire into what it is today. We are delighted that Danni will remain part of the Shire family during this next stage of her career. Please join us in congratulating Danni on this exciting new chapter and in thanking her for her outstanding service to the Shire of Carnarvon and our community over the past three decades."

As Danni steps into this new phase, her legacy of commitment, kindness, and excellence will continue to inspire those who follow.

Congratulations, Danni, and thank you for everything.

## 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 Danielle Hill at the Shire Office on 99410050 or by email at [hill.d@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:hill.d@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

The Shire President looks forward to meeting with you.





# SHIRE UPDATES

## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2025

### MEET YOUR CANDIDATES



Boston, Saxon  
Town Ward



Maslen, Dudley  
Town Ward



Skender, Luke  
Town Ward



Coniglio, Kylie  
Town Ward



Beard, Merome  
Town Ward



Shain, Paul  
Plantation Ward



Ferreirinha, Marco  
Plantation Ward



Young, Mark  
Coral Bay Ward  
(elected unopposed)



For more information, scan the QR code or visit  
[carnarvonshire.website/706355](https://carnarvonshire.website/706355)



# ELECTIONS UPDATE | DAILY POSTAL VOTE UPDATE

The latest daily breakdown of postal votes received for the Shire of Carnarvon Local Government Elections is now available.

Please note – these figures only include postal votes returned to the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) and do not include votes placed in local ballot boxes.

To follow the daily progress, scan the QR Code to visit the WAEC website:



## Yet to vote?

You can drop off your completed postal vote at the Shire of Carnarvon Council Chambers (Stuart Street entrance) between 8am and 4pm on any business day before Saturday, 18 October.

## On Election Day - Saturday 18 October

Deliver your completed postal vote to the Council Chambers, open 8am – 6pm.

Please note: this is not an in-person vote, so make sure your ballot papers are completed before you arrive. Replacement voting papers will be available on the day if required.

## Polling Place

Shire of Carnarvon Council Chambers – Stuart Street Entrance

Open 8am to 6pm, Saturday 18 October



**Your vote matters – thank you to everyone who's already had their say in shaping the future of our Shire!**

## CR PAUL KELLY COMPLETES DIPLOMA WITH SHIRE SUPPORT

The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to acknowledge Cr Paul Kelly's recent achievement in completing the Diploma of Local Government, a nationally recognised qualification that builds the governance and leadership capabilities of elected members.

Supported by the Shire as part of its commitment to good governance and ongoing professional development, Cr Kelly's participation in the program reflects both individual dedication and the organisation's broader investment in local leadership.

Cr Kelly described the course as both challenging and rewarding, offering valuable insights into the complex workings of Local Government.

"The Diploma offered a comprehensive look at the many aspects of council governance. It's given me practical tools and a stronger foundation to make sound, strategic decisions for our community," he said.

By enabling and encouraging elected members to undertake formal training, the Shire of Carnarvon ensures that Council is equipped to make strong, transparent decisions that benefit the region. Cr Kelly's achievement is a positive example of how targeted learning opportunities can strengthen the overall governance of the Shire.



The Shire congratulates Cr Kelly on this important milestone and thanks him for his continued commitment to representing the community with integrity and professionalism.



# CEMETERY SPACE UPDATE – MAXIMISING EXISTING SPACE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



The Shire of Carnarvon is undertaking detailed work to optimise and extend the use of available space within the existing Browns Range Cemetery grounds. Through the careful reconfiguration of internal pathways and landscaping, approximately 150 additional burial plots will be created, effectively extending the cemetery's operational life by an estimated three years.

This initiative reflects Council's commitment to responsible land use, sound financial management, and forward planning. By maximising the value of existing community assets before investing in new land development, the Shire is reducing the immediate capital burden associated with expansion.

Developing a new cemetery site would require significant investment, including land acquisition, site preparation, drainage and road construction, utilities, and ongoing maintenance. By optimising the current site first, Council ensures that available resources can be directed to other community priorities, while continuing to provide a respectful and accessible resting place for local families.

This approach also supports strategic long-term planning. Extending the life of the existing cemetery allows the Shire to undertake the necessary

community consultation, environmental and heritage assessments, and cost-benefit analysis to guide future burial and memorial options. This may include exploring new technologies, regional partnerships, or alternative interment methods that respond to community needs, cultural values, and environmental considerations.

In short, this is a smart, sensitive, and sustainable solution — one that honours those who have come before us, while ensuring that the needs of future generations are met through careful stewardship, thoughtful planning, and respect for place.



## CELEBRATING HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHAMPIONS MONTH

Throughout September, the Shire of Carnarvon celebrated Health and Wellness Champions Month, kicking off with Women's Health Week.

Partnering with local businesses, we delivered 27 free events for the community, with more than 60 participants joining in across the month. From fitness classes to art workshops and self-challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The celebrations wrapped up on Sunday, 28 September at Rejuvenate The Wellness Booth, where community members even braved the ice bath, lasting a full minute to earn a free coffee!

A huge thank you to all our stakeholders and partners who made this month possible, we couldn't have done it without you!





## A SPLASH OF COLOUR: NEW MURAL LIGHTS UP 6701 WATERFRONT CAFÉ



Carnarvon's 6701 Waterfront Café is now home to a vibrant new mural created by local artist Leanne, marking her first solo public artwork following a mentorship with renowned muralist Tay. The mural features a striking black cockatoo surrounded by wildflowers on one side, and a curious turtle peeking out from the water on the other — a perfect blend of local fauna and artistic expression.

Leanne was joined by students from St Mary's Star of the Sea College, bringing a sense of community and creativity to the project. "It was

beautiful watching the girls bond and enjoy painting together," she shared. "They showed up, worked hard, and brought great energy, even when they realised painting a huge wall was tougher than it looked!"

As a teacher in the community, Leanne said the experience reminded her how impactful art-led activities can be for students, and hopes to see more after-school creative projects in the future.

The Shire extends a warm thank you to Leanne and the talented students

who helped bring this mural to life: Samantha Buan, Jordan Wiffen, Simar Harisimar, Abigail Manser, Sara Halse and the girls group. Be sure to stop by the Café and take a look!

This project has been brought to life thanks to funding from the Department of Justice, as part of The Future is Me — a youth-led placemaking project designed by the Shire, focused on empowering young people to make their mark on the community.



## RAINFALL MONITORING AND ROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

The Shire has installed nine FarmBot rain gauges at strategic locations across the region. These devices provide real-time rainfall data, helping us make informed decisions about road closures during heavy rain events. They also supply valuable information to support damage claims following such events.

In addition to the rain gauges, a digital road condition sign has been installed on Blowholes Road. This sign displays current road status—whether closed or caution is advised—based on recent rainfall.

The sign is remotely controlled from the Shire depot office, eliminating the need to dispatch crews to manually update road conditions.

Horizon Power and Water Corp assisted with the installation of the Condition sign.





## WINGS, WHEELS & A WHOLE LOT OF HEART AT CARNARVON AIRPORT

On Sunday 7 September, Carnarvon Airport came alive with the buzz of engines and the warmth of community as 40 aircraft touched down in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). The special fly-in event drew a fantastic crowd of locals, who gathered to welcome the visiting pilots, admire the impressive planes, and celebrate Father's Day in true Carnarvon style.

Behind the scenes, staff from across the Shire's Community Development, Media, and Airport teams worked together to deliver a smooth and memorable event. The Carnarvon Softball Club kept tummies full with a sausage sizzle, supported by generous donations from Woolworths, with all proceeds going directly to the RFDS.

It was a spectacular day of sunshine, aircraft, and community spirit — and a wonderful show of appreciation for the vital work the RFDS does for our region.

Thank you to all who contributed and came along!



## SPACED ARTIST LINDA TEGG RETURNS: A CAPTIVATING NIGHT OF ART AND STARS AT BUSH BAY!

What an incredible evening unfolded at Bush Bay! This special Friday Night Art Club event saw SPACED artist-in-residence Linda Tegg and Wooramulla's Rennee Turner lead a truly unforgettable experience.

Around 35 community members gathered to create a "Satellite Light

Pollution" art piece from seagrass along the Wooramel bank. The creativity continued with a community BBQ, followed by a magical night sky session where Rennee immersed guests in traditional stories. For many, the highlight was the joy and wonder of seeing Saturn's rings through a telescope for the very first time.

This powerful event is part of Linda Tegg's ongoing residency, which will culminate in a final exhibition at PICA in Perth. A huge thank you to Linda, Rennee, and all partners and community members who made it possible!

This project is presented as part of Circular Economies, a program of residencies presented by Spaced in partnership with PICA.





## TAKING PRIDE IN OUR TOWN: COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP BEFORE TIDY TOWNS VISIT

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the special community clean-up on Sunday, 21 October, just ahead of the Keep Australia Beautiful WA Tidy Towns judges arriving.

Volunteers gathered at the CARNARVON sign outside the Visitor Centre before heading out in pairs to cover key areas around town, from Woolworths carpark to the hospital, along the café strip, down David Brand Drive, side streets, and along the Fascine.



After all the hard work, everyone returned for a well-deserved coffee and delicious spread from Bec at Cuppa & Crumb — the perfect reward!

This clean-up was part of the Shire of Carnarvon's Litter Legends initiative, led by Wayne and Jeanette Taylor, which meets every Friday at 8:30am to tackle different locations. Volunteers receive local café vouchers as a thank-you for taking pride in our community, whether by joining a group clean-up or dropping off a bag of rubbish collected in their own time.

As Wayne reminded us: "Every little bit counts!"

Let's keep Carnarvon beautiful — one bag at a time!



## CARNARVON ON SHOW AT THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW

For nine days, Shire team member Sophia proudly represented Carnarvon at the Perth Royal Show, sharing the charm, character and experiences of our region with thousands of visitors from across the State.

From vibrant brochures to one-on-one conversations, it was a fantastic opportunity to promote Carnarvon's unique attractions, local produce, events and tourism offerings. The Perth Royal Show draws more than 300,000 attendees each year, making it one of the biggest platforms for regional promotion in WA.

Thank you, Sophia, for flying the flag for Carnarvon and helping more people discover why we're such a special place to visit, stay and explore.





# “CARNARVON ALL ABILITIES FESTIVAL” FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY – EOI FOR PROJECT TEAM

The Shire of Carnarvon is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to co-create a meaningful, inclusive community event for International Day of People with a Disability on 3 December 2025 (or in the surrounding week).

Interested in event management? Want to get a bit of experience in project management? Have a connection or passion for, inclusion and accessibility? Happy to share your time, skills and ideas?!

The first planning meeting is scheduled for Monday 13 October (12-2pm), Community Art Hub.

We'll throw ideas on the table, decide together, and make it happen. It could be anything.

## THINK:

- A cool night with music, art, dinner and socialising
- An interesting guest speaker event for everyone to learn from
- A talent show
- Storytelling night
- A special cinema screening

## Commitment:

- Attend three planning meetings in the lead-up to the event
- Participate in active delivery on event day/night.

## Interested in getting involved?

Reach out to Keely Robertson at [robertson.k@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:robertson.k@carnarvon.wa.gov.au) to express your interest or to find out more about the upcoming planning session.



## QUICK WINS: SMALL ACTIONS, BIG DIFFERENCE!

### 24-26 OCTOBER 2025

Imagine what our town could feel like if we all did just one small thing to brighten someone's day. Whether it's a splash of colour, a kind gesture, or simply creating a moment that makes someone smile, that's the magic of Quick Wins.

From 24 to 26 October, Carnarvon will join communities across Australia for a weekend of simple, feel-good acts that make a big impact. These are the little things that add up to a stronger, more connected, and more welcoming town, for locals and visitors alike.

## Ready to get involved?

Visit [townteammovement.com/quick-wins](https://townteammovement.com/quick-wins) to download the 50 Quick Wins Guide packed with creative, simple ideas for every age and ability.

- Write a chalk message on the footpath
- Host a mini street party or afternoon tea
- Surprise a local business with a thank-you note
- Plant flowers or tidy a verge
- Paint a mural, leave a rock message, or wave to your neighbour.

You don't need permission, a big budget, or fancy materials — just the desire to make Carnarvon shine.

## Why it matters:

When we show care for our place and the people in it, it encourages others to do the same. Quick Wins helps us create a town where people want to stay, explore, and belong. It's community-led, grassroots pride in action, and you can be a part of it. Let's work together to create moments of connection, colour and kindness that make Carnarvon even better. Sign up today and help spread the joy!





# RANGER UPDATE



## SNAKE SEASON – BE ALERT AND STAY SAFE

With warmer days returning, it's officially snake season in Carnarvon, and that means it's time to be extra cautious when spending time outdoors.

Recently, a snake was sighted near the retaining wall close to Little Beach by the Waterfront Café. While no one was harmed, the incident serves as an important reminder that snake activity increases significantly during the warmer months.

Snakes often move through public spaces like walking paths, gardens, and parks in search of food or shelter. Though they are an important part of our ecosystem, they can pose a danger if startled or approached.

### How You Can Stay Safe:

- Keep your distance. Never attempt to catch or approach a snake.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Especially in bushy areas, near water, or along fences and retaining walls.
- Supervise children and pets. Always keep an eye on little ones playing outside and avoid letting pets roam near bushy or rocky areas.
- Report sightings. If you see a snake in a public area, contact the Shire of Carnarvon so the appropriate team can respond.

Snakes usually prefer to avoid humans, so by giving them space and staying alert, we can all stay safe while respecting the wildlife that shares our region.



## 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.



## MOSQUITO MONITORING UPDATE

The Shire's monthly mosquito monitoring program took the team from Miaboolya Beach in the north to the Golf Course in the south.

- No mosquito larvae were found near Miaboolya Beach
- Larvae were detected and successfully treated in the Massey Bay area

Regular monitoring and targeted treatments like these help reduce mosquito numbers and support a healthier, more comfortable community.



# MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

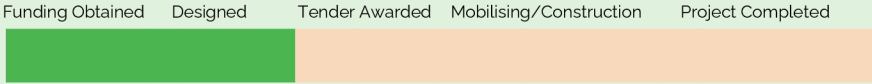
## TRAMWAY WALK TRAIL

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.

**Stage One:** Following detailed design, a Request for Quote to construct and install signage and seating along the trail walk has been released, with the award of the RFQ anticipated for late October 2025. A tender will follow later in the year to seek a contractor to construct the Tramway Shelter and Healing Shelter. This project has been made possible through Lotterywest grant of \$763,530.

**Stage Two:** A key component of Stage Two works on the Tramway Walk Trail Project is the Tramway Bridge – a critical part of the Trail, connecting town to Babbage Island. The first stage of bridge restorations works has recently been awarded by Council, with detailed design to commence in the coming months, followed by restoration works at the fascine foreshore end of the Bridge. The Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program (rPPP) funding has been granted to support the

reinforcement of the existing walkway into a multi-faceted cultural trail, included an allocation towards Stage 1 of the reinstatement of the bridge.



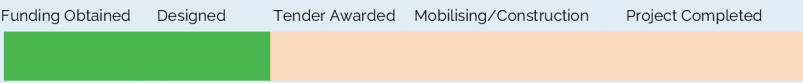
## VAN DONGEN PARK

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.

**Stage One:** The fabrication of the Big Banana play element is nearing completion and necessary geotechnical investigations to confirm footing design for the structure are complete. Tender documentation for the construction of the park is currently being drafted with the anticipated release to be later this year. This project has been made possible through Lotterywest grant of \$1,807,424.

**Stage Two:** rPPP funding has been obtained to support further park improvements to ensure the park is an amenity-rich public open space for the community and visitors alike. A Request for Quote has recently been awarded to H&H Architects for a detailed design for Stage 2 of the park's development which will include lighting, vehicle parking,

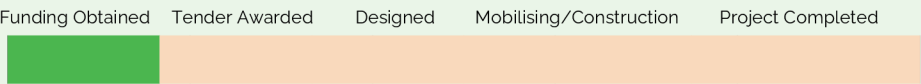
accessible toilet facilities and further landscaping. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in late October 2025.



## URBAN FOREST

The Urban Forest focuses on bolstering the quantity of strong street trees set along key arterials, in colourful timber planter boxes and arbors. The combined result is the creation of cool, connected canopies and iconic, activated spaces throughout Carnarvon's CBD, attracting tourists and providing spaces and places for relaxing and consuming local goods. This project will be funded through the rPPP.

**Status:** A Request for Quote is under development to support detailed design and will be released in the coming months.



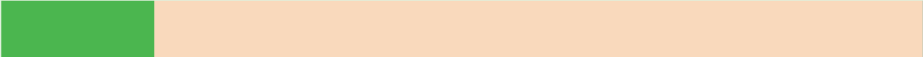


# FASCINE TO HARBOUR WALK

The Walk will further connect the town centre to the Carnarvon Harbour with a continuous pathway, to further amplify and encourage usage of the town's iconic fascine skyline. The Carnarvon Harbour is already home to tourist-related activities and attractions, but the lack of pedestrian amenity makes it difficult to access without a vehicle. Improving the connection of the Harbour to the town centre will give the existing fascine pathway a more tourist-friendly end destination along with increased recreational use for locals. This project will be funded through the rPPP.

**Status:** A Request for Quote for the due diligence and design of the Fascine to Harbour Walk has recently been awarded to Projex Partners. A Tender will follow this stage of works.

Funding Obtained    Designed    Works Awarded    Mobilising/Construction    Project Completed



# LOCAL CONNECT & CREATE

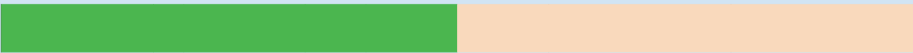
Activation of key public spaces including a series of public art installations to encourage exploration and an urban screen to showcase local stories and events to complement 'The Hub', a local making & exhibition space.

**Stage One:** Following artist engagement and detailed design, a Request for Quote has now been awarded to local contractor W&C Co. Mechanical and Civil. They will undertake the construction, coordination, and installation of a series of public art pieces for this project, with works anticipated to begin in October 2025. Fabrication of the digital screen which is to be located at the Civic Centre, to help promote local events and activities, is underway with expected installation in January 2026. This has been made possible through Lotterywest grant of \$786,648.

**Stage Two:** Funding has been obtained from the rPPP for the next stage of this project, to deliver a locally created art and lighting trail to the local artistic hub to compliment stage one of this project and the town's existing public art. A Request for Quote is under development to support detailed design and will be released in the coming months.



Funding Obtained    Designed    Works 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. This has been made possible through Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure funding of \$8M.

**Status:** The tender has now been awarded to Aerodrome Management Services (AMS).

Funding Obtained    Tender Awarded    Designed    Mobilising/Construction    Project Completed



\$8M  
DTMI  
Funding

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





# October

## Storytime

Tuesday 14th October  
10.00am - 11.00am  
Library Art & Gallery



## Baby Rhyme Time

Thursday 16th October  
10.00am - 10.30am  
Library Art & Gallery



## Could You Live Plastic Free?

Friday 17th October  
4.00pm - 6.00pm  
Jim Richards Pavilion



## Friday Night Art Club

Friday 17th October  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Community Art Hub



## Preserving The Harvest

Sunday 19th October  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Community Art Hub



## Sustainable Gift Giving

Sunday 19th October  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Community Art Hub



## DFES - Community Preparedness

Tuesday 21st October  
9.00am - 12.00pm  
Carnarvon Central Mall



## The Crafty Bookworms

Tuesday 21st October  
3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



## Litter Legends

Friday 24th October  
8.30am - 9.30am  
NW Coastal Hwy Info Bay



## Let's Talk! Language Club

Saturday 25th October  
10.00am - 11.00am  
Library Art & Gallery



## Paint Your Own Cookie Halloween

Saturday 25th October  
10.00am - 11.00am  
Library Art & Gallery



## The Crafty Bookworms

Tuesday 28th October  
3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery





# Events



## Litter Legends

Friday 17th October  
8.30am - 9.30am  
BP



## Be a Mini GREATsort

Saturday 18th October  
9.00am - 12.30pm  
Church of Christ



## Children's Week Family Fun Day

Saturday 18th October  
9.00am - 12.00pm  
Church of Christ



## LG Election Day 2025

Saturday 18th October  
8.00am - 6.00pm  
Council Chambers



## Community Preparedness Hub

Tuesday 21st October  
9.00am - 12.00pm  
Outside the Baker



## The Makers Hub | Film-maker Edition

Thursday 23rd October  
3.00pm - 4.30pm  
Library Art & Gallery



## Adult Book Club

Thursday 23rd October  
5.00pm - 6.00pm  
Library Art & Gallery



## Exquisite Bodies

Friday 24th October  
5.30pm  
Library Art & Gallery



## The Makers Hub | Film-maker Edition

Thursday 30th October  
3.00pm - 4.30pm  
Library Art & Gallery



## Litter Legends

Friday 31st October  
8.30am - 9.30am  
Kestrel Cafe



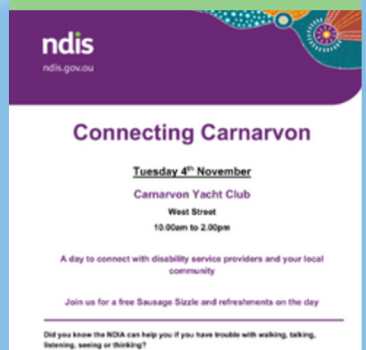
## Creative Way of Doing Art

Friday 31st October  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Library Art & Gallery



## Connecting Carnarvon

Tuesday 4th November  
10.00am - 2.00pm  
Carnarvon Yacht Club



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



# Community



## CARNARVON MEDICAL CENTRE NAMED WA GENERAL PRACTICE OF THE YEAR

Carnarvon Medical Centre has been named WA General Practice of the Year, recognising its dedication to patient care, staff commitment, and the wellbeing of the community. The award, nominated by a training supervisor, reflects the Centre's high standards and its impact beyond patient feedback..

Dr Kees said, "Being recognised for doing a particularly good job is a credit to us, someone who knows what they are doing. Overall, I'm very happy with the nomination and that we received it." He also praised the Shire of Carnarvon, noting that whenever the Centre needed support or certification, the Shire had been "very helpful and supportive."

As a training practice, Carnarvon Medical Centre nurtures new doctors while keeping care centred on the people it serves. The community itself has shaped how the practice operates, guiding doctors to respond to local needs and deliver care in a way that truly fits Carnarvon.

The Centre provides general practice services alongside visiting specialists, including a dietitian, diabetic educator, podiatrist, optician, and chiropractor. This broad range of care ensures that residents have access to the health services they need, and Carnarvon can be proud of the strength of its medical infrastructure, which is rare for a town of its size.

Staff support and retention are central to the Centre's success. Practice manager Jillian plays a key role, personally welcoming new doctors and helping them settle into life in Carnarvon, from navigating local services to arranging housing and utilities. Her dedication helps create a positive environment for both staff and patients.

Looking ahead, the Centre plans to expand services through technology, including telehealth, and Dr Danny added that administrative infrastructure will also be improved with the help of technology. The award confirms that Carnarvon Medical Centre is not just providing healthcare, but doing so in a way that reflects and strengthens the community it serves.

This recognition underscores Carnarvon Medical Centre as a cornerstone of regional healthcare, demonstrating the profound impact that committed staff, comprehensive services, and a community-focused approach can have in supporting the health and wellbeing of Carnarvon residents.





# THE HORNETS RETURN! SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN CARNARVON

After more than a decade away from competition, the Carnarvon Hornets proudly stepped back onto the diamond to compete in the Northwest Softball Championships, hosted right here in Carnarvon over the final weekend of September.



The return marked a major milestone for local sport, with the Hornets fielding a team for the first time in 10 years and showcasing the incredible community spirit that underpins the game. Players, volunteers, and supporters came together to make the weekend a resounding success, with the Carnarvon team putting in a strong performance and plenty of heart.

The Shire congratulates Port Hedland, who took out the Championship title, and thanks all the visiting teams who made the trip to compete. Most of all, congratulations to the Hornets for bringing softball back to Carnarvon, your dedication, teamwork and resilience are a credit to our town.

Here's to the next pitch, next season, and a new era of local softball in Carnarvon!



# CARNARVON LIONS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



This October, we celebrate a remarkable milestone, the Carnarvon Lions Club is turning 60 years old! For six decades, the Lions have been a pillar of community support in Carnarvon. From running the much-loved Carnar-Fin Fishing Competition to backing countless local clubs and organisations, their legacy is woven into the fabric of our town. In times of crisis, the Lions step up. Following the last major Gascoyne River flood, the club distributed over \$160,000 to help local residents recover, a powerful testament to their commitment to Carnarvon.

As they mark 60 years of giving, the Lions are also looking to the future and they need you. Like many volunteer groups, they're calling for new members to join and carry the torch forward. If you're community-minded and want to be part of something meaningful, consider joining the Carnarvon Lions Club. It's a great way to give back, meet new people, and make a real difference. Happy 60th anniversary, Carnarvon Lions and thank you for everything you do!







# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2026



Children born between 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 are eligible to enrol for kindergarten for 2026. Do you live out of town or on a station and not sure of the options for schooling for your child ?

Let us help you at Carnarvon School of the Air !

We are very excited about your child's future at Carnarvon School of the Air.

## CONTACT US

9947 2600 or email [lisa.coon@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:lisa.coon@education.wa.edu.au)





# BE BREAST AWARE THIS OCTOBER

In 2021, 1,862 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and sadly, 279 women and one man lost their lives to the disease. In the Midwest region, 40 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and sadly, under six died from it.

If you have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible.

## Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au), or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call Cancer Council's information and support line on 13 11 20 and speak to one of our cancer nurses.

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer; often, it turns out to be something less serious, but finding breast cancer

early often means that the breast cancer is small, less likely to have spread to other parts of the body and can be more effectively treated.

## BREAST CANCER

Find  
Cancer  
Early

### Common symptoms:



#### Lumps and bumps

A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side.



#### Unusual dimpling or rashes

Change in the look of your breast, like: your skin looks like the skin of an orange, your skin looks and feels different in one area, redness or rash.



#### Changes to the nipple

Changes to the nipple, like: it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal.



#### Pain or swelling

Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side.



#### A change in size

A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast.

## LAST MARKETS FOR THE SEASON – SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

The Carnarvon Growers Markets & Courtyard Craft Markets have brought colour, flavour and creativity to our weekends all season — and the final market is coming up on Sunday, 12 October.

Held every Saturday morning from 8:30am at the Civic Centre, these markets have been a cherished space to stock up on fresh produce, handmade gifts, local crafts and baked treats — all while connecting with our vibrant community of growers and makers.

Don't miss your last chance to enjoy the markets! Come down, say hello, and celebrate the best of Carnarvon before the season wraps up.





# LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURE

## chicken treat

### CARNARVON CHICKEN TREAT SERVES UP A WIN!

Congratulations to Chicken Treat Carnarvon, recently recognised with the Vote of Confidence (VOC) award for receiving the most customer feedback and best overall comment across the network.

This locally owned store continues to stand out for its consistently great food, warm customer service, and commitment to quality. Known as a favourite stop for both locals and travellers, Chicken Treat Carnarvon offers fast, satisfying meals with a smile, making it a go-to destination for comfort food on the road.

Well done to the team for showcasing Carnarvon's hospitality and putting our town on the culinary map!



#### MEMBERS OF THE



CARNARVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



# CARNARVON CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



## TOURISM CONNECT IS COMING TO CARNARVON!

 Carnarvon Heritage Precinct  
 Tuesday, 25 November 2025  
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Whether you're a local tourism operator, business owner, or just passionate about our region, this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with others in the industry, hear updates from Tourism Council WA, and explore how we can work together to grow tourism in the Gascoyne.

What to expect:

- Networking with industry professionals
- Local tourism updates and advocacy news
- Insights into Tourism Council WA's services and membership

Free to attend - registration  
is required.  
Scan QR Code to register



## WHY JOIN THE CARNARVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

Are you a local business owner or entrepreneur looking to grow your network, raise your profile, and stay informed? The Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce is your local voice for business — and now is a great time to get involved.

Becoming a member gives you access to:

- Networking opportunities with other businesses and stakeholders
- Business Before Hours events, forums, and training sessions
- Advocacy on key local issues impacting trade and tourism
- Promotion through the Chamber's directory and platforms
- Support to strengthen your business and tap into local partnerships

Whether you're just starting out or an established local icon, the Chamber is here to support your success and help shape the future of Carnarvon's business community.

Scan the QR Code to explore  
membership options and benefits.



Taste of Italy, a member of the Carnarvon Chambers of Commerce

# LIBRARY

## CREATE IN TERM 4 WITH THE MAKERS HUB!

Do you have a creative teen at home? The Makers Hub STEM program returns to Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery on Thursday afternoons in Term 4, with two amazing series of workshops!

Between 23 October - 13 November, Andrew from Gascoyne Media will be running a *Film-maker Edition* 4-week series of workshops for teens aged 11-17 to show you how to plan, shoot and edit a short film using a smartphone or tablet, with your created content becoming part of a upcoming project showcasing Carnarvon's rich heritage!

Between 20 November - 4 December, *3D Printing* returns to the library with a 3-week series of workshops for teens aged 10-14, so you can discover how to design and create amazing objects using Tinkercad!

Thanks to the LBW Trust funding received for this program, providing learning opportunities for young people in regional and remote Western Australian communities. There are limited places available in each workshop, so go to [rebrand.ly/MakersFM](https://rebrand.ly/MakersFM) and [rebrand.ly/Makers3D](https://rebrand.ly/Makers3D) for details and register your interest!



## HOW ENERGY-EFFICIENT IS YOUR HOME?

Switch Your Thinking have just launched Round 2 of an Energy Efficiency Pilot Program which will run throughout 2025. Under this program, Energy Audit Kits are being made available for loan from more than 100 libraries and Community Resource Centres across Western Australia, and the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery now has one available for loan! The kit will enable you to understand how effectively your home uses power and water, and to identify actions you can take to improve your home's efficiency.

The kit includes:

- A thermal imaging camera to help you locate draughts around your home and gaps in insulation, for checking fridge seals, and measuring hot water temperature.
- A plug-in energy monitor for measuring energy consumption and the running costs of appliances.
- A basin flow measuring cup to determine the water flow rate of your taps.
- A thermometer for measuring the temperature of rooms, fridges and freezers.
- A document case containing an energy audit kit instruction manual and other useful resources.

Some conditions apply, so call the library on (08) 9941 3727 for more info or go to the library website.

This initiative is possible with the support of Energy Policy WA in the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification.





# COMMUNITY ART HUB

## 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](mailto:robertson.k@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

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.



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

## FRIDAY NIGHT ART CLUB THRIVES: ARTISTS WANTED FOR MORE MAGIC!

The Friday Night Art Club is off to a flying start! Thanks to our amazing first-month artists and attendees, the Art Hub has been buzzing with booked-out workshops and fantastic creative energy.

Now, we want to keep that momentum going. We are continuing our search for passionate artists to lead paid workshops in the coming months.

This is your chance to share your skills, from cyanotypes and basket weaving to digital

design and beyond, with an enthusiastic local audience. You bring the creative idea, and we'll provide the venue, promotion, budget, and support to make it happen.

Ready to Lead a Workshop?

Our Expression of Interest is still open. To apply, simply email your workshop proposal, a short bio, and your quote to:

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



# ART GALLERY

## UPCOMING EXHIBITION

### EXQUISITE BODIES

*An all-ages, all-abilities interactive exhibition celebrating every body.*

Exquisite Bodies is a fun, multi-sensory exhibition where you can play and celebrate diverse bodies in a space designed for creativity, discussion, and inclusion. Inspired by the surrealist game Exquisite Corpse, this exhibition has been created by disabled artist Bruno Booth in collaboration with Lilly Blue and The Art Gallery of Western Australia.

It explores beauty, mobility, and ability, challenges perceptions and celebrates diverse bodies. The

exhibition changes and grows with each community, every visitor becomes part of the work!

This regional tour of 'Exquisite Bodies' is presented in partnership by Shire of Carnarvon, The Art Gallery of Western Australia and ART ON THE MOVE, with support from Healthway.

Get Ready to Play! This interactive exhibition launches with a festive opening on Friday, 24 October 2025, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and will remain open until 28 February 2026.



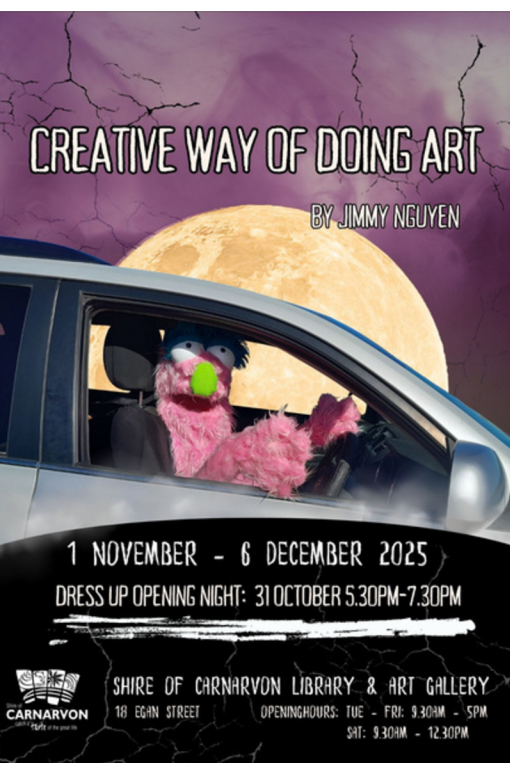
## UPCOMING EXHIBITION: CREATIVE WAY OF DOING ART BY JIMMY NGUYEN

Step into the imaginative world of Jimmy with his Nook exhibition, Creative Way of Doing Art. Through an exciting collection of paintings, masks, and large-scale puppets, Jimmy shares his view of the world. This personal exhibition explores what he feels every day, where each day feels oddly "weird." Inspired by movies, TV shows, and a love for learning new art forms, Jimmy, a 25-year-old artist on the autism spectrum, creates to spread joy. This exhibition is a warm invitation to see the world through his eyes and celebrate a truly creative way of seeing things.

Join us for a special Halloween opening night to celebrate the launch of Creative Way of Doing Art.

When: 31/10, from  
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Dress Code: Dress up!

The exhibition runs from 1/11/2025 to 6/12/2025.





## ECHOES – A STUDENT VOICE

Get ready to be inspired! The Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery is proud to present our next Nook exhibition, Echoes - A Student Voice, showcasing the wonderful work of the senior art students from Carnarvon Community College.

This special exhibition is a celebration of their creative journey, offering a unique glimpse into the skill, passion, and perspectives of our community's emerging artists.

Please join us to celebrate their hard work and incredible achievements at the official opening event:

When: Saturday, 11 October 2025.  
From: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

The exhibition will run from Wednesday, 8 October until Saturday, 25 October 2025 during normal gallery hours.

Come along and support the next generation of local talent. We look forward to seeing you there!



## EXHIBITION WRAP UP

### SOLID GROUND EXHIBITION: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

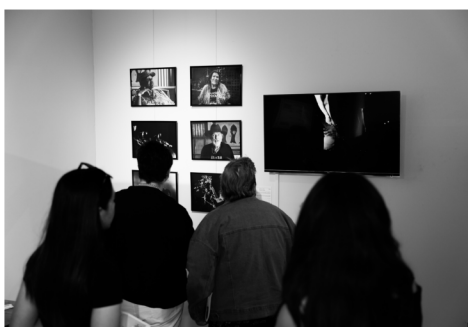
The SOLID GROUND exhibition has been an outstanding success for our community and region. From the packed opening night to steady visitor numbers throughout the month, locals and visitors alike have been captivated by the powerful artworks from our talented Gascoyne artists.

The exhibition concluded with a lovely artist talk on 3 October 2025, which provided a perfect closing event. It was fascinating to deep dive into some of the artists' work and creative processes, giving everyone a deeper appreciation of the skill and thought behind each piece.

But this isn't the end of the journey for our artists! We're all eagerly waiting to see which artworks will be chosen for the prestigious John Curtin Gallery exhibition - a major group show that will represent all Western Australia regions and showcase the best of our State's creative talent.

The "Solid Ground" exhibition has truly put the Gascoyne on the artistic map, and we couldn't be prouder of what our local artists have achieved.

Keep an eye out for other "Radical Futures" exhibitions happening across different regions from now



until mid-2026. It's exciting to see how each area interprets this theme in their own unique way, building a comprehensive picture of Western Australia's creative future.

Radical Futures: SOLID GROUND, proudly delivered by Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, is part of the WA Regional Arts Triennial 3: Radical Futures.

# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## CYCLONE SEASON PREPARATIONS – ARE YOU READY, CARNARVON?

Cyclone season in the Gascoyne typically runs from 1 November to 30 April, but severe weather events can strike at any time. Now is the time to get prepared.

### Have a plan

Know where you will shelter, write down emergency contact numbers, and make arrangements for pets and livestock.

### Pack your emergency kit

Include essentials like a battery-powered radio, torch, first aid supplies, bottled water, and medications. You can find a checklist on the Emergency WA website.



### Know when to take action

Stay alert to cyclone warnings:

- Advice: Be aware and stay updated
- Watch & Act: Possible threat, take action
- Emergency Warning: Take immediate action, lives and homes may be at risk

### Stay informed

- Download the Emergency WA App for live updates, listen to ABC Local Radio, and check BOM for weather forecasts. In life-threatening situations, call 000.

## CYCLONE ALERTS & WARNINGS



### Advice

An incident is active. Be aware and keep up to date. Be aware and keep up to date



### Watch and Act

There is a possible threat. Take action now to stay safe.



### Emergency Warning

There is a threat to lives and homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

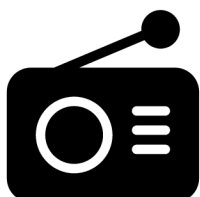
### During a cyclone

Leave early if needed, fill up water containers, stay inside, and keep your radio on for emergency updates.

### After a cyclone

Expect road closures, power outages, and food or fuel shortages. Contact 132 500 for SES emergency repairs or reach out for accommodation assistance via [emergencyservices@cpfs.wa.gov.au](mailto:emergencyservices@cpfs.wa.gov.au)

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| 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

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  
**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



**SCAN QR CODE  
TO SUBMIT**



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



(08) 9941 0000



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## Share Your Story!

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



## Shire Administration

3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 4.00pm  
Closed Public Holidays



Text or call 0427 410 046



(08) 9941 0000



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

## Join Our Team!



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

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

## Civic Centre

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



(08) 9941 1146



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

## Visitor Centre

Cnr Robinson Street/Camel Lane

### May - October

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm

### Saturday

9.00am - 12.30pm  
Closed Sunday

### November - April

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 3.00pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday



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