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CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we head toward the end of 2025, it's been another inspiring month of progress, partnerships, and community celebration here in the Shire of Carnarvon.

This November, we welcomed our newly elected and returning Councillors at the official Swearing-In Ceremony. I want to thank everyone who put their hand up to serve and represent our diverse community. It's also been a pleasure to hit the ground running, with our first Ordinary Council Meeting held in Coral Bay. It was a valuable opportunity to connect directly with local stakeholders, hear from the

Coral Bay Progress Association and the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce, and see the exciting development of the RAC Ningaloo Reef Resort first-hand.

We were also proud to bring home two prestigious LG Professionals WA Honour Awards, recognising not only the outstanding leadership of Denika Sweetman, but also the Shire's strong commitment to workplace wellbeing and inclusion. In addition, we were finalists in several other awards, including the WHS Foundation and IPAA WA Achievement Awards, reflecting the incredible work of our staff across multiple departments.

A special thank you to our volunteers, businesses, and community members who contributed to initiatives like Quick Wins, the All Abilities Festival, and 16 Days in WA. It's this collective effort — every conversation, clean-up, creative act, or show of support — that drives our community forward.

Thank you,

Ed

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

13 NOVEMBER COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

Special Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

18 NOVEMBER COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

Agenda Forum

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

25 NOVEMBER COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

Ordinary Council Meeting COUNCIL CHAMBERS

STUART STREET, CARNARVON

25 NOVEMBER

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

Major Projects Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS STUART STREET, CARNARVON

WELCOMING OUR NEW AND RETURNING COUNCILLORS

Following the recent local government election, the Shire of Carnarvon officially welcomed our newly elected and returning Councillors at the Swearing-In Ceremony held on Tuesday 21 October.

We extend our sincere congratulations and warmest welcome to the following Council members:

TOWN WARD

PLANTATION WARD

CORAL BAY WARD

- Merome Beard
- Luke Skender
- Dudley Maslen

Marco Ferreirinha

Mark Young

At the same meeting, Councillor Burke Maslen was re-elected as Deputy President of the Shire of Carnarvon.

The Shire looks forward to working alongside Council to continue delivering for our community, representing the diverse needs of our region, and shaping a positive future for Carnarvon and Coral Bay.



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.



SHIRE UPDATES





COUNCIL HITS THE GROUND RUNNING IN CORAL BAY

The first Ordinary Council Meeting with the newly elected members was held in Coral Bay this month, marking a proactive start to the new term.

Council was warmly welcomed by the Coral Bay Progress Association, who provided a community update and shared local priorities. The Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce also joined the session, offering valuable insights into regional business and tourism development.

As part of the visit, Councillors toured the RAC Ningaloo Reef Resort construction site, gaining a first-hand look at the major tourism investment currently underway.

The visit strengthened relationships between Council, community groups, and industry, reaffirming the Shire's commitment to collaborative, regionwide outcomes.

MEET THE TEAM

EXECUTIVE MANAGER LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY.

STEPHANIE LECA



Stephanie Leca is a familiar face in Carnarvon, not only because she's called it home for 30 years, but because she's been a driving force behind so many of the Shire's community focused programs and initiatives. With over 13 years at the Shire of Carnarvon, Stephanie's journey began as a Tourism Trainee while studying tourism,

later diving into marketing, and really fills my cup every day," she steadily growing into her current says. executive leadership role.

Lifestyle and Community, Stephanie travelling, and volunteering across a leads a diverse portfolio including events, youth services, tourism, arts the and culture, early years, business Commerce, Space Museum, and the development, and more. "No two days are ever the same," she says, As a lifelong local, she treasures the and that's exactly what she loves From finance and budgeting to hands on project delivery, Stephanie values difference in people's lives.

delivers, from youth engagement to people, projects, and place. celebrations cultural and business support. "Seeing the results of our work across so many areas

Outside of work, Stephanie is just as Today, as Executive Manager of active. You'll find her camping, range of local organisations, including Carnarvon Chamber of Fishing Club.

pride and resilience of the Carnarvon about working in local government. community, especially how people come together in times of need. And looking ahead? Stephanie is thrilled the opportunity to make a real that Carnarvon will host the 2026 WA Tourism Conference, calling it a particularly proud of the dream come true and an exciting collective impact the Shire's team opportunity to showcase our region's

AWARD RECOGNITION

We're proud to announce that the Shire of Carnarvon has officially taken home two prestigious awards at the 2025 LG Professionals WA Honour Awards — a celebration of innovation, leadership, and excellence across local government.

Emerging Leader Award – Winner: Denika Sweetman

A huge congratulations to Denika, whose passion, leadership, and dedication to community service has been recognised at the highest level. Her impact has been felt across the organisation and wider community and now across the state!

Warlang Workplace Wellbeing Award - Winner

This award recognises our commitment to fostering a healthy, supportive, and inclusive workplace culture. Our wellbeing programs continue to place people at the heart of everything we do, and this award is a proud milestone in that journey.

In addition to these exciting wins, the Shire was also named a finalist across several respected state awards in 2025, reflecting the innovation, collaboration, and leadership driving our organisation forward.

Our Disability Employment Pathways Initiative was shortlisted for the IPAA WA Achievement Award for Best Practice in Collaboration Between Government and any other Organisation, recognising our work in creating meaningful employment pathways in partnership with local support services and businesses.



We were also shortlisted in the WHS Foundation Awards under the Health & Wellness Award and Workplace Diversity & Inclusion Award category, highlighting our ongoing efforts to create mentally healthy workplaces through proactive policies, support networks, and staff wellbeing programs.

These acknowledgements showcase the strength of our team, the value of our partnerships, and the Shire's commitment to driving real, lasting outcomes for the people of Carnaryon.



VAN DONGEN PARK RIPE FOR PROGRESS

The Shire of Carnarvon and our Major Supporter Lotterywest are pleased to provide the community with an update on the Van Dongen Park project.

Fabrication of the iconic 'Big Banana' feature is now underway, marking an exciting milestone for the project. In addition, further geotechnical studies were conducted on site last week to ensure the development continues to progress smoothly and safely.

The Shire looks forward to sharing more updates as works advance and thanks the community for its ongoing support and enthusiasm for this exciting project.







AIRPORT EMERGENCY EXERCISE BOOSTS COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

On Saturday, 11 October 2025, the Shire of Carnarvon partnered with local emergency services for a large-scale Airport Emergency Training Exercise, strengthening community safety through hands-on, interagency collaboration.

The Shire worked alongside WA Police, DFES, St John WA, Gascoyne River Bush Fire Brigade, and Carnarvon Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Service to test emergency response coordination, communication, and preparedness in a simulated airport incident.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, including the amazing community volunteers who played mock casualties! Exercises like this ensure our teams are ready for real-life emergencies and help keep Carnarvon safe and resilient.





FRESH UPGRADES ALONG THE FASCINE

Our Shire works crew has delivered a fantastic upgrade outside the 6701 Waterfront Café, creating a safer, more accessible, and more welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.



New shade sail poles have been installed and a freshly laid concrete footpath now replaces the muddy ground that often became slippery after rain. This not only improves safety but also makes the café area far more accessible for people with mobility aids, prams, or wheelchairs.

The improvements open up the space for locals and visitors to relax, connect, and enjoy the stunning views of the Fascine in comfort. Shade sails have been ordered and are due to be installed early next year — offering even more protection from the sun during the warmer months.





CARNARVON ALL ABILITIES FESTIVAL 2025

Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability

Join us on Sunday 30 November, 2-5pm at the Jim Richards Pavilion, Town Oval for a free fun-filled community celebration! Huge thanks to the volunteer event team (pictured) made up of community members with a disability, and passion for access and inclusion!

This festival is all about coming together to celebrate abilities of all kinds, and to learn what life is like for people with disabilities, in a way that's interactive and enjoyable for everyone.

What's happening:

- FREE sausage sizzle and delicious treats
- Try the gopher and wheelchair course - get moving and have a blast!
- Chocolate wheel, games, and activities for all ages
- Live music to keep the good vibes going
- Raffle and lucky dip with great prizes
- Exquisite Bodies exhibition games



CARNARVON CHRISTMAS SPARKLE TRAIL

2025

Light up Carnarvon this festive season! Residents and businesses are invited to join the Christmas Sparkle Trail, a celebration of community spirit and Christmas joy. Register your festive display to be featured on the trail map and receive a \$50 Buy Local Voucher from the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

NEW THIS YEAR - PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The winner will be voted by the community and will receive a \$500 Chamber of Commerce Gift Voucher to spend locally.



CARNARVON UNITES FOR 16 DAYS IN WA

The Carnarvon community is coming together for 16 Days in WA, a statewide campaign running from 25 November to 10 December, aimed at raising awareness and preventing family and domestic violence.

Led by the Carnarvon Alcohol and Other Drug Working Group, and supported by the Shire of Carnarvon, local services are each delivering events under this year's theme, #PlayYourPart. With grant support from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Carmen Reilly has been appointed as Creative Project Manager to help shape a meaningful program and drive community engagement.

Together, we are creating change one action at a time.

16 Days in WA

25 November – 10 December



GASCOYNE WOMEN'S REFUGE & CFSS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (9AM) & WHITE RIBBON DAY MARCH (10AM) **BOTH AT TOWN BEACH DROP IN!**

GRAMS GASCOYNE OUTREACH SERVICE

16 DAYS IN WA LUNCHEON: VIOLENCE AGAINST ANYONE IS UNACCEPTABLE

11AM-2PM AT GWOONWARDU MIA

REGISTER ZOE.DUDLEY@GOS.ASN.AU



SHIRE OF CARNARYON FRIDAY NIGHT ART CLUB DREAMING DOLLS WITH JO SCHAPEL 16 VOICES WITH CARMEN REILLY

BOOK A SPOT

SHIRE OF CARNARVON + CFSS COLLABORATION HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS & RESPECTFUL FUTURES – FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

10AM-1PM AT JIM RICHARDS PAVILION

CCC STUDENTS





ABORIGINAL FAMILY LEGAL SERVICES COMMUNITY BBQ (FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CONNECT WITH LOCAL SERVICES)

10AM-1PM AT TOWN BEACH

DROP IN!

SHIRE OF CARNARVON **16 DAYS IN WA CLOSING MORNING TEA**

10-11AM AT THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART



A FRESH LOOK FOR THE WATERFRONT CAFÉ!

Over the past few weeks, local artist Leanne Gillham has teamed up with school students to transform the Waterfront Café with a splash of colour and creativity. The result? A stunning new mural that celebrates Carnarvon's unique animals native flora - from turtles and cockatoos to wildflowers and marine life.

Leanne was one of the successful applicants in the youth mentorship program led by Tay from Meraki Boho earlier this year. With Tay's guidance, Leanne has now proudly completed her first solo mural — a fantastic blend of creative confidence, collaboration, and community pride.

This mural was made possible thanks to funding from the Department of Justice WA, as part of The Future is Me, a youth-led placemaking project designed by the Shire to empower young people to shape the spaces around them.



A HOLIDAY PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND ADVENTURE!

This school holiday program was one to remember, with a fantastic mix of activities that kept kids active, creative, and smiling for the whole school holidays!

Things kicked off with a splash on Pool Day, followed by high-energy sessions of Dance and Volleyball that had everyone moving. Our Resin Art Workshop gave young creators the chance to make something beautiful to take home, while the Athletics and Basketball days brought out plenty of friendly competition.

The younger children had a magical time at Playgroup, especially during a special visit from Elsa, which brought plenty of excitement and photo opportunities. The fun continued with our Candy Olympics and Silent Disco, of the most talked-about highlights of the program, full of colour, laughter, and a touch of sweet chaos!

Participants also had the chance to try their hand at Golf, Softball, and Fishing, discovering new skills and interests along the way.



For those looking for something a bit different, our Al Workshop was a hit, introducing technology in a fun and interactive way. To top it all off, sessions in Boxing, Archery, and Bubble Soccer brought the perfect mix of challenge and excitement to end the holidays on a high note.

It was wonderful to see so many young people getting involved. making friends, and trying something new. A big thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make the program such a success, we can't wait to do it all again next holidays!



CARNARVON'S SKIES INSPIRE NATIONAL ART PROJECT

Acclaimed artist Linda Tegg has been lighting up Carnarvon's creative scene through her residency with SPACED, a national program that embeds artists in regional communities. Hosted by the Shire of Carnarvon throughout 2025, Linda has completed three of four immersive residencies, working with local artists, Traditional Owners, and residents to co-create a new body of work inspired by Carnarvon's night skies, coastal landscapes, and space heritage.

From stargazing and satellite tracking at Bush Bay to hands-on quilt-making and natural dyeing with locals like Linda Ebner and Stuart McMillan, Linda's project Situational Awareness reflects the powerful relationship

2026 at Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), with a preview right here at the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery.

between community, culture, and We thank all community members technology. Her work will be exhibited who contributed to this unique collaboration and look forward to welcoming Linda back in 2026 for a community celebration and exhibition.





FIRE PREPAREDNESS IN THE SHIRE OF

CARNARVON

Fire season runs from 1 November to 30 April, and all landowners and residents must prepare their properties to reduce bushfire risk. Even if you don't live near bushland, embers can travel long distances and ignite fires in residential areas, preparation is essential.

Property Fire Safety Requirements

- Blocks under 2,000m²: Slash/mow grass to max 5cm and remove all flammable materials.
- Blocks over 2,000m²: Install 4mwide and 4m-high firebreaks around all structures and boundaries.
- All properties: Clear roofs, gutters and walls of flammable debris.
 Prune vegetation and keep 3m clearance from fences/structures.

Firebreak Compliance

You must comply by 1 November, or request written permission from the Shire for alternate action. Failing to meet requirements may result in fines up to \$5,000 and the Shire recovering the cost of clearing.

Where there is smoke, there is FIRE! BEFORE you call a friend or post on socials CALL



REPORT A FIRE



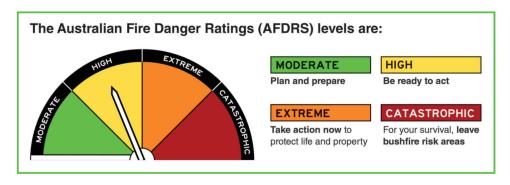




Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans may be declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) – they will be advertised in local media, press, radio, television, and online at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

No fires are permitted when a Total Fire Ban is in place. This also includes Hot Work, Off-road Activity, the use of tools powered by an internal combustion engine or which create sparks.



ARE YOUR PETS REGISTERED?

Just a friendly reminder that all animal registrations with the Shire of Carnarvon expire on 31 October each year, unless you've opted for lifetime registration.

Keeping your dog or cat registered means our Rangers can quickly return lost pets home and helps you avoid a \$200 infringement and impound fees if your furry friend is found unregistered.

Not sure if your pet is up to date?

You can check or update your registration by visiting us at 3 Francis Street, or by emailing rangers@carnarvon.wa.gov.au





SNAKE SEASON

- Snakes are common this time of year
- Keep your distance never try to approach or handle a snake
- Watch children closely when they're playing outdoors
- Report snake sightings in public areas to the Shire

With the return of warmer weather, snakes are becoming more active in and around town.

A recent sighting near the retaining wall by Little Beach and the Waterfront Café serves as an important reminder to stay vigilant and give snakes space. While no one was harmed, it's a good time to refresh your safety habits:

Snakes play an important role in our environment, but your safety is the priority.

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



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: Works to progress the construction and installation of signage and seating along the trail walk has recently been awarded to local contractor Stuart Parker. Project works will commence in early 2026.

A Public Tender to construct the Tramway Shelter and Healing Shelter is currently being advertised with the tender award anticipated for early 2026. This project has been made possible through a Lotterywest grant of \$763,530

Stage Two: The Australian Government's Detailed design will shortly commence, regional Precincts and Partnership Program (rPPP) funding has been allocated to support foreshore end of the Bridge. the reinforcement of the existing Tramway Walk Trail into a multi-faceted cultural trail, including an allocation towards the first stage of the reinstatement of the Tramway Bridge. As a critical part of the Trail, connecting town to Babbage Island, the Tramway Bridge stage one works was awarded to Ventia in September

followed by restoration works at the Fascine





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, 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 the final footing design for the structure have been completed.

A Public Tender for construction of the park is currently being advertised with the tender award anticipated for January 2026. The 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. The detailed design for Stage Two of the park's development is underway by H&H Architects. This Stage will include lighting, vehicle parking, accessible toilet facilities and further landscaping. A Tender for construction of these additional works will follow in 2026.



Funding Obtained

Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

Australian Government **BUILDING AUSTRALIA**

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.

BUILDING AUSTRALIA

Funding Obtained

Designed

Tender Awarded Mobilising/Construction

Project Completed

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: Due diligence investigations and detailed design of the Fascine to Harbour Walk is underway by Projex Partners. A Tender for the project construction 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: Local contractor W&C Co Mechanical and Civil have recently been awarded works to undertake the construction, coordination and installation of a series of public art pieces for this project. Works have now commenced. This has been made possible through a 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-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

BUILDING AUSTRALIA

Works Awarded Mobilising/Construction



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 Departtment 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

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







November







HAVE A GO DAY!
Tuesday 11th November
9.30am - 12.30pm
Senior Citizen Hall



The Crafty Bookworms
Tuesday 11th November
3.00pm - 4.00pm
Library & Art Gallery



laugh, learn, and make new friends in this after-school kids club of reading, games, and fun craft activities!

3 - 4pm Tuesday afternoons 21st Oct - 2nd Dec 2025 Carnaryon Library & Art Gallery



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Convenities Advocare

Friday 14th November 6.00pm - 8.00pm Community Art Hub



Saturday 15th November 10.00am - 11.30am Library & Art Gallery



Be Connected - Helpful Apps Tuesday 18th November 12.00pm - 1.30pm Library & Art Gallery



Acquire the knowledge and skills you need to use technology with confidence and keep safer online! Join us for a free workshop to discover helpful apps for your smart device on your tablet or smartphone.

Library staff will be available throughout the session to help you get started - remember to bring in your app store login details!

12pm Tuesday 18 November

FREE ~ Ages 50+ Light refreshments provided Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery RSVP (08) 9941 3727 Community Meeting
Tuesday 18th November
5.30pm
Camel Lane Theatre



International Games Month Saturday 22nd November 10.00am - 11.30am Library Art & Gallery



Challenge your friends to a quick **boardgame** of *UNO* or *Bananagrams*, or settle in for a serious session of *Ticket To Ride*. Feel free to bring in your favourite game from home!

Do you play Minecraft? Bring a tablet and show us your solo skills in our build challenge, or host a Realm and team up with others!

10am - 11.30am Saturday 22 November
Ages 8-17 - Free event

Ages 8-17 ~ Free event Snacks and drinks provided Register below! For more info call 08) 9941 3727



Laugh, learn, and make new friends in this after-school kids club of reading, games, and fun craft activities!

3 - 4pm Tuesday afternoons 21st Oct - 2nd Dec 2025 Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery Ages 4 - 6 The Makers Hub - 3D Printing Thursday 27th November 3.00pm - 4.30pm Library Art & Gallery



cover how to design and create amazing objects using 30 printing!

3-4.30pm Thursday afternoons

20 November - 4 December

Ages 10-14

Limited spaces available

Register your interest using the webform below!

For more info call (08) 9941 3727

Adult Book Club Thursday 27th November 5.00pm - 6.00pm Library Art & Gallery



Events









CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE

REEL GOOD TIMES: POMS







3-4.30pm Thursday afternoons 20 November - 4 December
Ages 10-14
Limited spaces available
Register your interest using the webform below!
For more info call (08) 9941 3727





Let's Talk! - Language Club







HAVE A GOI



Heritage Precinct Museum one MILE JETTY HERITAGE PRECINCT

MUSEUM OPEN DAY 30th November 2025

9am - 2 pm FREE ENTRY



Laugh, learn, and make new friends in this after-school kids club of reading, games, and fun craft activities!

3 - 4pm Tuesday afternoons 21st Oct - 2nd Dec 2025 Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery





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

Community

MALLARD CONTRACTING WINS THE PRESTIGIOUS KONICA MINOLTA ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES COMMUNITY **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



Supporting businesses is about more than economics, it's empowerment, self-determination, and cultural pride. Every contract, every opportunity, every partnership helps build a stronger foundation for our communities to thrive on their own terms. It's a vote of confidence in our capability, our resilience, and our vision for the future.

Winning this award as a 100% Aboriginal-owned business is deeply humbling and incredibly energising. It's a moment of pride not just for our team, but for every person who has walked this journey with us. It affirms that our efforts to create meaningful employment pathways for Aboriginal people are being seen, valued, and celebrated and that fuels us to go even harder.

This recognition means the world to our team. Many of us have faced barriers that go beyond workplace, and to be acknowledged in this way sends a powerful message: our work matters, our people matter, and our culture is a strength. It's also a win for our broader community, because when one of us rises, we all rise.

Aboriginal-owned We hope this achievement sparks something in others. Whether they're about a young person thinking about their future, a business owner navigating challenges, or a community leader looking for change, know that it's possible. We started with a vision and a lot of grit, and we're still growing. If our story can inspire someone to take that first step, then this award has already done more than we could have hoped.

> To young Aboriginal people finding their way: you belong, your culture, your story, your voice - they are powerful. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. There is space for you in every industry, every boardroom, every leadership role. Keep showing up, keep learning, and know that there's a whole community cheering you on. We're here, and we're walking beside you.

CARNARVON CELEBRATES QUICK WINS!

Carnarvon was buzzing with colour, creativity, and connection over the Quick Wins Weekend, from 25-26 October! From painted sidewalks and morning chats to strawberries. bubbles and art, our community came together to brighten the town in small but meaningful ways.

A special shout-out to Pamela for her fresh produce stall outside Heddi's and to Amy for creating a fun, creative space for young people filled with bubbles, painting, and good vibes.

Quick Wins proved once again, small actions can make a big difference!







LITTER LEGENDS' LAST ROUND FOR THE YEAR

The Carnarvon Litter Legends are wrapping up for 2025 after another inspiring year of community action, and what a difference their efforts have made.

On Friday 7 November, the group gathered at 6701 Waterfront Café for a celebratory morning tea, using their hard-earned coffee vouchers and a \$100 voucher kindly donated by AMCAL for refreshments (as pictured).



part of the group throughout the year and shared a story that summed up the program's success.

"A new person in town joined in and told me they went out with a red bag but couldn't even find enough litter to fill it," Wayne said. "I told them that's a great situation to be in!" Week after week, the group has been out Carnarvon keeping clean and beautiful, that proving small. consistent actions add up to big Led change. by community champions Wayne and Jeanette, the Litter Legends have inspired dozens of locals to get involved, from regulars Chris, Pauline, Felix, Barry, Jenny, and Eileen to many others who joined a Friday morning clean-up or picked up rubbish in their own time.



JOIN THE CLEAN-UPS!

Wayne thanked everyone for being Carnarvon residents John and Jo also attended the morning tea. While they don't join the Friday group, they've made litter collection part of their daily routine getting out and about on sunrise.

> "We start on Brockman, cover the Woolworths carpark, pass the Port Hotel and the medical centre, and then walk home," Jo said. "We do this every day, except Sunday, we rest."





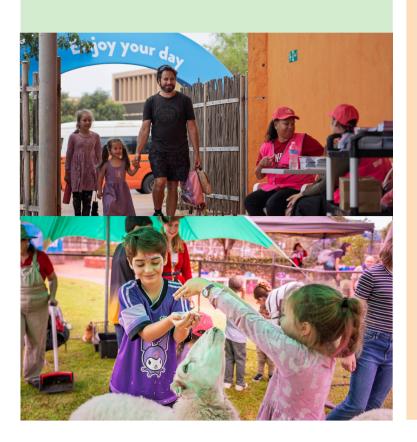


WA DAY FESTIVAL AT GWOONWARDU MIA

What a fantastic day of colour, culture, and community spirit! The WA Day Festival at Gwoonwardu Mia brought Carnarvon together for a celebration like no other and not even a few passing showers could dampen the fun.

Locals and visitors alike came out in great numbers to enjoy live performances, vibrant market stalls, cultural activities, kids' entertainment, and delicious food. From face painting and music to goats and crafts, the day offered something for all ages, and showcased the unique talents and warmth of our community.

The event was part of the statewide Celebrate WA initiative and gave Carnarvon the chance to shine as a proud, diverse, and connected town. These kinds of events remind us how powerful it is when we come together to celebrate where we live and who we are.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE COMMUNTIY!

Spooky season was in full swing this October as local businesses and families embraced the Halloween spirit! From colourful costumes to creative displays, Carnarvon came alive with festive fun.







At Kestrel Café, staff brewed up a fangtastic atmosphere with Halloween treats and themed décor that made every coffee stop a little more magical.



Meanwhile, Telomac Tackle Shop got into the ghoulish groove with cobwebs, skeletons, and a few cheeky surprises among the fishing gear!







A big thank you to everyone who dressed up, decorated, or simply joined in the fun. These small moments of celebration help make Carnarvon a vibrant and connected place to live.

LISTEN TO YOUR LUNGS - KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF LUNG CANCER

Cancer Council WA is using November's Lung Cancer Awareness Month to remind people in the Gascoyne region of the symptoms of lung cancer and what to do if they notice any unusual changes to their bodies.

In the Midwest in 2021, 56 people were diagnosed with lung cancer, and sadly, 42 people lost their lives to it. It is important to visit your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker right away if you experience any symptoms such as:

 Coughing or spitting up blood (once or more) Or, for more than four weeks:

- A new cough or change to your usual cough.
- A lot of chest infections
- Finding it hard to breathe
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry
- Pain in your chest and/or shoulder
- Feeling tired or lacking energy
- Changes to your voice, such as hoarseness or croaky voice

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer - often, it turns out to be something less serious. You can give yourself the best chance to find cancer early, by going to see a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you have symptoms, so that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit 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.





SHANE LOVE MLA OPENS CARNARVON ELECTORATE OFFICE

On Wednesday 20 October, Leader of The Nationals WA and Member for Mid-West, Shane Love MLA, officially opened his new Carnarvon electorate office at 20 Robinson Street.

The new office provides a dedicated space for community members to seek assistance with State Government matters, and reflects Mr Love's ongoing commitment to supporting the Mid-West region.

The office is open three days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00am to 4:00pm and welcomes residents to drop in with questions, concerns, or ideas to help strengthen our regional voice.





COASTAL TAILS TAKES HOME THIRD AT NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Carnarvon-based Doa training business Coastal Tails has proudly taken out 3rd Place Overall at the 2025 Embark Awards, an international celebration of creativity, hosted by Unleashed Education.

Owner and photographer Ave wowed judges with her artistic flair and dedication across twelve creative challenges over six competing against pet photographers from around the globe. She also received the Front Runner Winner

Award, a special recognition of her standout vision and consistency throughout the competition.

With her heartfelt portraits and undeniable talent, Ave continues to shine a spotlight on Carnarvon's creative community, capturing the personalities of beloved pets and turning them into works of art.

Congratulations Coastal Tails, your success is well-deserved, and we can't wait to see what's next!



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COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANTS

Do you have a garden project that could bring people together? The Department of Communities' Community Garden Grants are open until 3:00pm on 28 November 2025.

This grant supports projects that strengthen community connection, promote sustainability, and grow vibrant, shared spaces.

APPLY NOW!



CARNARVON CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY















TOURISM CONNECT IS COMING TO CARNARVON!



Carnarvon Heritage Precinct Tuesday, 25 November 2025





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



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.

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Next in-person visit dates coming soon

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FANTASTIC MEMORIES FROM CHILDREN'S WEEK FAMILY FUN DAY 2025!

Children's Week has now come to an end and how thankful we are for everyone who made this year's Children's Week Family Fun Day on 18 October 2025 a wonderful celebration of Carnarvon children and their families.

Children's Week is a national celebration held annually, promoting awareness of children's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The week encourages participation in events and activities that support children to be seen, heard and celebrated in every community. This year's Children's Week Theme is based on **UNCRC**

Article 42: "Everyone should know about children's rights." In partnership with the Gascoyne Early Years Network, the Shire of Carnarvon brought together an array of action-packed entertainment, with Happy

Feet Fitness putting on a show filled with music, magic and laughter, and Shani from Ecoburbia wrapping up the event with a very special Storytime about Lady Marmalade.

Thanks to all our Early Years Network stall holders who offered a great variety of activities for everyone attending, including Carnarvon Toy Library, One Tree Granny Glasgow's Early Childhood Education & Care, Ngala Midwest & Gascoyne, St John WA - Carnarvon, Carnarvon Family Services, Support Carnarvon Playgroup, My Kids Rock and thank you to Church of Christ Carnarvon for hosting our event. We also enjoyed fabulous healthy catering by Cuppa & Crumb Cafe.

Funding assistance was provided by Meerilinga, Lotterywest, the Department of Communities and Department of Education.



Also, thank you to FOCUS Op-Shop and Carnarvon Lions Club for their generous donations which supported this event, funding DJ Keno and Face Painting by Bron.

We hope that everyone attending enjoyed the day - We certainly did!





GETTING TECH SAVVY DURING "GET ONLINE WEEK!"



The Library Lounge was packed out with over 50s on Wednesday 22nd October as attendees worked through the basics in getting to know their mobile devices.

Our enthusiastic participants worked through several **Be Connected** short videos then put the information into practice with the support of our Library Team. Led by Elke and Stephanie, with support from Tegwen and Sophie, everyone stepped outside their comfort zone in learning a new tip or trick about their device. There was laughter along the way as tasks included changing settings such as switching from data to Wi-Fi, changing display brightness and volume but also stretched to making phone numbers private.

Participants completed a short survey at the end of the event, offering glowing feedback. Comments such as "the session was very helpful", "I had fun learning how I don't know!" and "Congratulations - this is a great service!"

Many of the attendees signed up for follow up one-on-one sessions to continue their learning journey, showing that Getting Tech Savvy and Getting to Know Your Device is well worthwhile.

This event was supported through funding from <u>Good Things Foundation Australia</u> which included a delicious brunch catered by Carnarvon Community College Canteen.

WHAT'S ON @ THE LIBRARY?

Ready to build YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS?

Join us for a free workshop to discover helpful apps for your smart device on your tablet or smartphone.

12pm Tuesday 18 November





Challenge your friends to a quick **boardgame** of *UNO* or *Bananagrams*, or settle in for a serious session of *Ticket To Ride*. Feel free to bring in your favourite game from home!

Do you play **Minecraft**? Bring a tablet and show us your solo skills in our build challenge, or host a Realm and team up with others!

10am - 11.30am Saturday 22 November

Ages 8-17 ~ Free event Snacks and drinks provided Register at rebrand.ly/CLAGigm25 For more info call 08) 9941 3727





COMMUNITY ART HUB

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



FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CARNARVON CREATIVES COLLECTIVE PROGRAM

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

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

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.

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

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



ART GALLERY

AN INCREDIBLE OPENING FOR EXQUISITE BODIES

WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE OPENING NIGHT!

We were blown away by the amazing energy from our community. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Bruno Booth Exquisite Bodies with us!

The evening kicked off with a wonderful speech from the Shire President, leading to the big reveal of the transformed gallery space. Inside, the inspiration continued with powerful words from Keely Robertson and the exhibition's co-

creator, Lilly Blue from the Art Gallery of Western Australia. A huge highlight was seeing the exhibition come alive as Lilly facilitated a fantastic group session. The space filled with sparks of joy, laughter, and creativity from enthusiastic kids and adults alike – exactly what this exhibition is all about!

Special thank you to the amazing Bec from Cuppa & Crumb Cafe for the delicious catering that kept everyone happy all evening!

Missed the opening? The journey has just begun! Exquisite Bodies is an experience you won't want to miss.



YOUR HANDS-ON SENSORY ADVENTURE

A participatory exhibition for all ages and abilities, fostering creativity, connection, and wellbeing:

- Exhibition: Bruno Booth's Casually Asking Questions – a sculptural wall-installation exploring questions faced by people with disabilities. Creative Facilitators reset daily, blending new visitor sculptures for a fresh vibe!
- Studio: Become the artist! Build with large grey foam blocks, create with smaller wooden ones, or play the Exquisite Corpse drawing game.
- Research: Aligning with Shire of Carnarvon Disability Access and Inclusion Plan through playful training. Local artists with disabilities act as "lived consultants" for community inclusion. Reflections evolve throughout.
- Gathering Space: Multipurpose area with table seating for 8-10 (ideal for meetings or games) and foam block seats for casual chats.

MEET OUR TEAM

Grant funding from Healthway has enabled us to employ project manager Stuart McMillan and local artists and Creative Facilitators Jimmy Nguyen, Andre Salandanan, and Joshua Herrits to facilitate sessions.

BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Bookings open for guided group sessions at <u>Exquisite Bodies</u>, or email Art Gallery Officer Sofie at <u>artgallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au</u>

This regional tour of Exquisite Bodies is presented in partnership by The Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA) and ART ON THE MOVE, with support from Healthway and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.



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.

CYCLONE ALERTS & WARNINGS



<u>Advice</u>

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.

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

Stav 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 ooo.

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

Life-threatening Emerge	incy 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

Total Fire Ban Information 1800 709 355

Scan this QR Code for more

State Emergency Service

Australian Red Cross

information



132 500

1800 733 276











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



Aquatic Centre

Monday - Thursday

10.00am - 6.00pm

Friday - Sunday

10.00am - 5.00pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

6.00am - 8.00am (Lap Swimming Only)

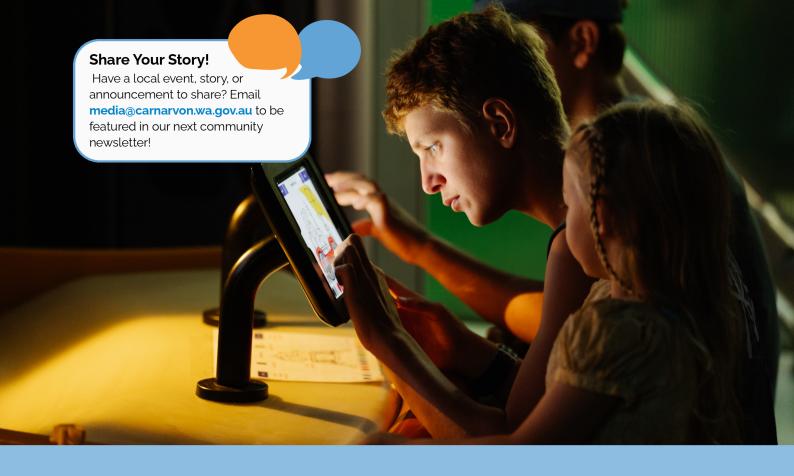
Closed on all Public Holidays

The Aquatic Centre management team can be contacted on btx6701@outlook.com.

Or call 9941 1415 during opening hours.

You can also check out what's happening at the Aquatic Centre on Facebook.

For further details and fees please visit the Shire of Carnaryon website.



Shire Administration

3 Francis Street, Carnaryon

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

- Text or call 0427 410 046
- (08) 9941 0000
- shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Library & Art Gallery

18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm Saturday

Closed Monday, Sunday & Public Holidays

o (08) 9941 3727

library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.a



Join Our Team!

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

www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Civic Centre

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

(08) 00/1

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 & Sunda

(08) 9941 1146

