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FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



PHOTO: CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

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Shire of
CARNARVON
CATCH A *taste* OF THE GREAT LIFE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we step into a new year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what was a vibrant and meaningful December for our community.

The festive season brought people together across Carnarvon and Coral Bay, with the Christmas Street Party once again proving a highlight. With strong attendance, local performances, family-friendly activities and Santa's much-loved arrival, the event showcased the power of community partnerships and volunteers. Council was proud to support the celebration through the Community Growth Fund and on-ground assistance.

December was also a time to recognise those who give so much to our community. International Volunteer Day was marked with a relaxed Pool Open Afternoon, providing an opportunity to thank volunteers and their families for the time, care and commitment they contribute year-round.

Important works continued across the Shire, including maintenance on the flood mitigation levee system, strengthening our preparedness for future weather events. Progress also continued on placemaking projects such as Connect & Create, where local contractor Stu Parker is helping transform public spaces using local materials, celebrating Carnarvon's heritage.

As we move into 2026, Council remains focused on improving town amenity, strengthening financial sustainability and continuing to fix and enhance the assets our community relies on.

Thank you to everyone who helped make December such a positive close to the year. I look forward to what lies ahead and encourage the community to stay engaged and involved.

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

27
JANUARY

COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

Ordinary Council Meeting

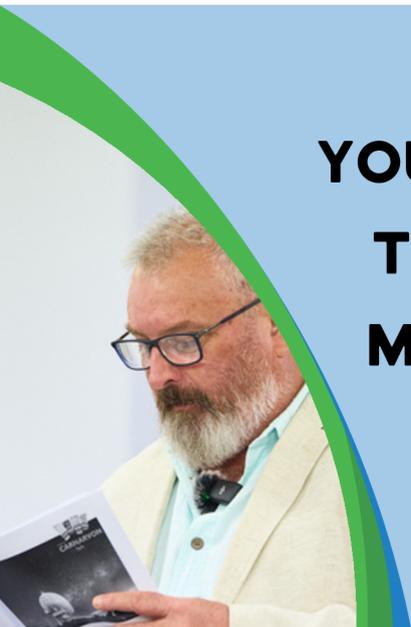
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

27
JANUARY

COMMENCING AT 11.30AM

Major Projects Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON



BLOWHOLES CAMPGROUND TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Shire of Carnarvon would like to advise the community that the Blowholes Campground will be temporarily closed from Tuesday 17 February to Thursday 19 February to allow for the installation of new campground signage.

During this period, the campground will be closed to all overnight camping to ensure the safety of visitors and contractors while works are underway. Road access into the campground, including access to the shacks, will also be closed during these dates. The Aquarium car park will remain open and accessible, and day visitors are still welcome to access the area during the closure.

The new signage will include permanent site markers and clear directional signs throughout the campground. These improvements are designed to help visitors better orientate themselves within the campground, reduce confusion, and improve overall safety and accessibility by making it easier to navigate and locate individual sites.

The Shire thanks the community for their understanding while these improvements are completed and looks forward to providing a more user-friendly camping experience at the Blowholes Campground.

For further information, please contact the Shire of Carnarvon.



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.





ALL ABILITIES FESTIVAL CELEBRATES INCLUSION AND CONNECTION

To mark International Day of People with Disability, the Shire of Carnarvon is proud to share a snapshot from the Carnarvon All Abilities Festival, held on Sunday 30 November at the Jim Richards Pavilion at Town Oval.

With a modest \$1,000 grant from Developmental Disability WA and a whole lot of passion, a group of community members with disability and allies turned a blank page into a vibrant, joy-filled festival. From

choosing the venue and date to planning activities, learning about event safety and creating a full run sheet, the festival was built entirely from the ground up and truly reflected the creativity and leadership of the community.

The day was filled with laughter, connection and colour, featuring inclusive activities, live entertainment, food, games and plenty of moments

that brought people together. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming and full of heart, celebrating diversity, inclusion and the power of community-led initiatives.

Carnarvon showed up with generosity and spirit, and this festival was a powerful reminder of what's possible when people are supported to lead, create and belong.



Save the Date

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER GALA

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER, 2026

This year, we will celebrate the incredible contributions of our local volunteers and community heroes in December on International Volunteer Day. The event has been scheduled later in the year to ensure we can deliver a high-quality celebration that truly honours the dedication and impact of our volunteers in our community.

CREATIVE SPARKS PROGRAM

The Shire of Carnarvon is excited to launch Creative Sparks, proudly funded through the Creativity and Wellbeing for Young People Program created by Healthway and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (DCITS).

The Carnarvon Creative Sparks program has been developed to give children and young people the chance to get involved in genuine creative experiences – making, creating, trying new things and having fun with others.

The program will run throughout 2026, with the Shire delivering three Creative Sparks programs in January to kick things off before school returns.

We're now inviting Expressions of Interest from families for young people who would like to be part of our after-school program.

Creative Sparks is built on the SEW-Arts Framework, which underpins the program by:

- placing creativity and the arts at the centre
- encouraging connection and collaboration
- supporting confidence, learning and personal growth

While the framework guides the program design, the experience for young people is simple, fun, hands-

on, creative sessions where they can experiment, make things, meet others and be part of something positive.

Register your interest and come along to one of the Creative Sparks sessions during the January school holidays.

These sessions are a great way to see what the after-school program will look like in 2026.



EOIs close Friday 23 January.
Scan QR Code for registration:



CARNARVON CHRISTMAS SPARKLE TRAIL 2025

A huge congratulations to Samantha from Hope Street for taking out the Christmas People's Choice award! Your festive spirit has truly lit up Carnarvon!

We hope to see even more community members participate in 2026. Let's light up the Town this festive season!



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY – POOL OPEN AFTERNOON

The Carnarvon community came together on Thursday 4 December to celebrate International Volunteer Day with a relaxed and joyful Pool Open Afternoon at the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre.

The afternoon was all about saying thank you to the incredible volunteers who give their time, energy and care to support our community. Volunteers and their families enjoyed free pool entry, a sausage sizzle, and the chance to unwind, cool off and connect with others in a friendly, laid-back setting.

From splashing in the pool and relaxing poolside to sharing food, laughs and stories, the event was a wonderful reminder of the strong community spirit that makes Carnarvon such a special place to live.

The Shire would like to sincerely thank the Department of Communities and Centacare for their support in making this event possible, and most importantly, thank our local volunteers, the true heartbeat of our community.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 19TH

POOL PARTY
12PM – 3PM
AQUATIC CENTRE
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

POOL TIME

TUESDAY 20TH

RACQUET SPORTS
11AM – 2PM
PCYC

CREATIVE SPARKS PROGRAM
2PM – 4PM
COMMUNITY ART HUB

WEDNESDAY 21ST

BEACH DAY
10AM – 4PM
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL VIA PCYC

THURSDAY 22ND

BASKETBALL
11AM – 3PM
PCYC

FRIDAY 23RD

WATER FUN DAY
12PM – 3PM
TOWN OVAL

MONDAY 26TH

AUSTRALIA DAY FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON
4PM – 8PM
TOWN BEACH

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BOUNCY CASTLES
FIRE WORKS

TUESDAY 27TH

BASKETBALL
11AM – 3PM
PCYC

BOUNCY CASTLES
3PM – 6PM
TOWN BEACH

CREATIVE SPARKS PROGRAM
2PM – 4PM
COMMUNITY ART HUB

WEDNESDAY 28TH

BEACH DAY
10AM – 4PM
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL VIA PCYC

FISHING & BOUNCY CASTLES
10AM – 1PM
TOWN BEACH

GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE
3PM – 5PM
CAMEL LANE CINEMA
\$5

THURSDAY 29TH

LITTLE CHEFS
1PM – 3PM
MAYU-MIA YOUTH HUB
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

FOOTY SESSION
4:30PM – 6PM
TOWN OVAL

FRIDAY 30TH

BACK TO SCHOOL BEACH PARTY
11AM – 3PM
TOWN BEACH

BEACH

THIS PROGRAM IS PROUDLY FUNDED BY



STAY UP TO DATE & REGISTER TO SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS.

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COMMUNITY > YOUTH > SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

Flood Mitigation Levee Maintenance Works Completed

The Shire of Carnarvon has recently completed routine maintenance works on the town's flood mitigation levee system as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting the community during heavy rainfall and river flooding events.

Rain Off-Shoots repairs

During the annual levee inspection, crews identified a failed rain off-shoot, which had deteriorated following several years of heavy rainfall. To restore the integrity of the levee, the damaged section was excavated down to a solid base and rebuilt using cement-stabilised soil. The off-shoots were also extended further down the slope to reduce the risk of future damage.



Additional rock was strategically placed in the area to slow water flow and minimise erosion, helping to improve long-term resilience during significant rain events.

Levee Stock Gates Maintenance

The town's levee defence system includes several stock gates that play a critical role in managing water movement during wet weather and flood conditions. These gates are typically left open to allow rainwater to drain outside the levee system. In the event of high river levels, they are closed to prevent river water from entering protected areas.

As part of regular maintenance, stock gates are inspected twice each year, with checks carried out on seals and overall operational performance. Vegetation is also cleared from upstream and downstream areas to improve water flow and reduce the risk of blockages.

The Shire will continue to undertake regular inspections and proactive maintenance of the levee system to ensure it remains effective and ready to respond during extreme weather events.



CRAFTING HISTORY: CONNECT & CREATE TAKES SHAPE

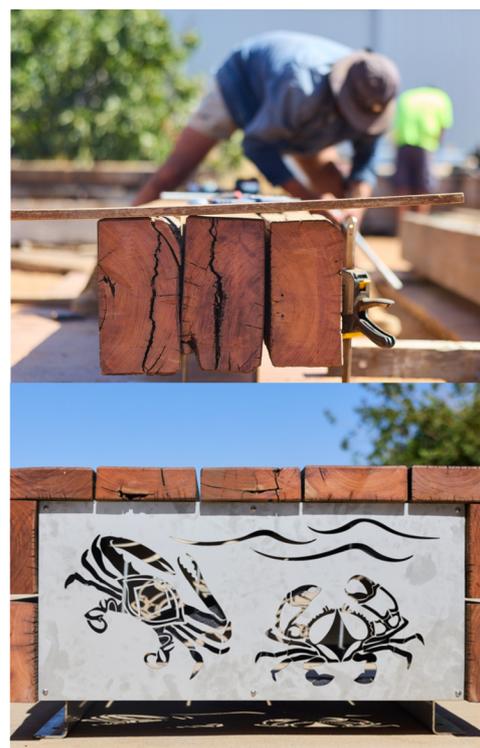
W&C Co. Mechanical and Civil, with the support of local carpenter Stuart Parker, are making fantastic progress on the Connect & Create project!

In December, the team were hard at work constructing the seating elements built using timber salvaged from Carnarvon's historic One Mile Jetty. These unique functional art pieces are coming together beautifully, infusing a piece of our heritage directly into the project.

With each beam shaped and secured, the vision is becoming real. These behind-the-scenes photos show the craft, care and local hands bringing this project to life. The seating includes locally inspired art by Peta Riley, a former Carnarvon local that spent 10 years living and working in our town.

This project has been made possible through a Lotterywest grant of \$786,648.

Stay tuned for further updates as the project progresses.





Cuppa & Crumb
**AMBIENT
 SOUNDSCAPES**
 With tranXista, The Ossicle
 & Slow PointElectronic

**23
 JANUARY**



Baiyungu Country ~
 Bazza's Park Coral Bay
**AUSTRALIA DAY
 REFLECT. RESPECT.
 CELEBRATE**
 Family Fun

**25
 JANUARY**



Yinggarda Country ~
 Carnarvon
**AUSTRALIA DAY
 REFLECT. RESPECT.
 CELEBRATE**
 Family Fun & Fireworks

**26
 JANUARY**



Miss Fangs
**NATHAN PARSONS
 (SALT TREE)**
 Ft. Fleur

**14
 FEBRUARY**



Camel Lane Theatre
PULP FICTION

**27
 FEBRUARY**



Gascoyne Hotel
MCN EZRA & CREW

**13
 MARCH**



The Port Hotel
SGT HULKA

**20
 MARCH**



Norwest Cup
 at Festival Showgrounds
PETER BIBBY
 and The Big Horse Band &
 Grub

**28
 MARCH**



Carnarvon Hotel
TOBY BEARD

**8
 APRIL**



How Good is the life!

**January -April
 2026**



RANGER UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE CAMPING IN THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON

With camping season approaching, the Shire Rangers would like to remind residents and visitors of a few key responsibilities to help keep Carnarvon's camping areas safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Camping is only permitted at designated campgrounds, registered caravan parks and approved camping areas. Camping outside these locations without approval is not permitted and may result in compliance action. Ranger patrols will increase as the season gets underway, particularly at popular coastal and nature-based camping sites.

Visitors should also be aware that nature-based campgrounds do not have toilet or bathroom facilities.

Campers must bring and use a chemical toilet, with waste and sullage to be disposed of at approved dump points in town. Incorrect disposal can cause environmental harm and impact access to these areas.

Fire safety remains a priority during the camping season. Campfires are only permitted during the approved period and must comply with current fire restrictions. Firewood must not be collected from surrounding bushland and should be purchased locally.

Pets are welcome at campgrounds but must be kept on a lead at all times and under the owner's control, with owners responsible for cleaning up after their animals.



By following these guidelines, campers help protect Carnarvon's natural environment and ensure these areas remain available for everyone to enjoy. For full camping conditions and FAQs, visit the Shire of Carnarvon website or contact Ranger Services.

MOSQUITO TREATMENT AT ONE TREE POINT NATURE RESERVE

Preventing mosquitoes from menacing Carnarvon begins in the swamp north of town.

A well known breeding ground in the One Tree Point Nature Reserve surges to life after a King Tide, with mosquito larvae sometimes as thick as a soup.

Fortunately, there was only one small pocket of mosquito larval activity, which was easily treated with Methoprene sand.



The Methoprene sand is the preferred treatment method as it has very little adverse effect on other organisms and prevents the mosquitoes from transforming from their larval stage into a flying menace.



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

TRAMWAY WALK TRAIL

Project Overview

The Tramway Walk Trail connects the Tramway Bridge on the Fascine Town Beach to the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct. The 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. As a critical part of the Trail, connecting town to Babbage Island, the project includes the restoration of the iconic Tramway Bridge.

Works to Date

- Following community consultation, detailed design for the Trail signage, seating and shelters has been completed and endorsed by Council.
- Works to undertake the construction and installation of the signage and seating along the trail has been awarded to local contractor Stuart Parker, with works commencing late last year, and Stuart collecting recovered timber from the historic One Mile Jetty for use in the project.
- A public tender to construct the Tramway Shelter and Healing Shelter was advertised in late 2025.
- The first stage of the reinforcement of the Tramway Bridge was awarded to Ventia in late 2025. Work has commenced on the detailed design and related site inspections.



What's Next

- Construction and installation of the signage and seating will continue, with estimated completion in the first half of this year.
- Council will consider Tender responses for the construction of the Tramway Shelter and Healing Shelter early this year.
- Detailed design for the reinstatement of the Tramway Bridge will be endorsed by Council, with restoration works to follow at the Fascine foreshore end of the bridge.

Funding Partners

This project has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program and a Lotterywest grant of \$763,530.

FASCINE TO HARBOUR WALK

Project Overview

The Fascine to Harbour Walk will help improve the connection between the town centre to the Carnarvon Harbour, through the development of a continuous pathway, helping 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.

Works to Date

- Following community consultation, a Request for Quote for due diligence investigations and detailed design for the Fascine to Harbour Walk was awarded to Projex Partners in October 2025. Due diligence investigations and detailed design for the project is currently underway.

What's Next

- The due diligence report and detailed design is anticipated to be completed by early-mid 2026.
- A Tender for the project construction will follow once the detailed design has been endorsed by Council.



Funding Partner

This project has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program.



URBAN FOREST

Project Overview

The Urban Forest project focuses on bolstering the quantity of strong street trees set along key arterials, in colourful timber planter boxes and arbors. The combined result will be 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.

Works to Date

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

What's Next

- A Request for Quote to support the detailed design will be issued early - mid 2026
- A Tender for project construction will follow once the detailed design has been endorsed by Council.

Funding Partner

This project has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program.



VAN DONGEN PARK

Project Overview

Located at an important Carnarvon gateway, Van Dongen Park is set to become a destination park focused on iconic play equipment. The park will include a play zone with bespoke equipment and nature play, public art, landscaping and picnic nodes.

Works to Date

- Following community consultation, detailed design for Van Dongen Park Stage One has been completed and endorsed by Council.
- Geotechnical investigations to confirm footing design for the Big Banana structure have been completed.
- Fabrication of the Big Banana play element has been completed.
- A public tender to construct Van Dongen Park Stage One was advertised in late 2025.
- Further park improvements are being considered, with the detailed design for Stage Two of the park's development currently underway by H&H Architects.

What's Next

- Tender submissions for the construction of Van Dongen Park Stage One will be reviewed.
- Council will consider and endorse the detailed design for Stage Two of the park's development.

Funding Partners

This project has been made possible from funding from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program and a Lotterywest grant of \$1,807,424.



LOCAL CONNECT & CREATE

Project Overview

The Local Connect & Create project is focused on the activation of key public spaces, including a series of public art installations to encourage exploration around town, in addition to an urban digital screen to showcase local stories and events to complement 'The Hub' - a local making and exhibition space.

Works to Date

- Procurement of the digital LED screen has been finalised, with construction of the screen nearing completion.
- Following artist engagement and community consultation, detailed design for the public art installation has been completed and endorsed by Council.
- Local contractor W&C Co Mechanical and Civil were awarded works to undertake the construction, coordination and installation of a series of public art pieces for this project in late 2025. Works have now commenced with the contractor recently collecting recovered timber from the historic One Mile Jetty for use in the project.
- Future activation is being planned through the development of a locally created art and light trail to complement the public art installations underway and the town's existing public art. A Request for Quote is under development to support detailed design.

What's Next

- The digital LED screen will be installed at the Civic Centre early this year.
- Works to complete the installation of the public art pieces are estimated to be completed by mid-2026.
- A Request for Quote will be issued in early 2026 to support the art and light trail project element.

Funding Partners

This project has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's regional Precincts and Partnership Program and a Lotterywest grant of \$786,648.



AIRPORT UPGRADES

Project Overview

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.

Works to Date

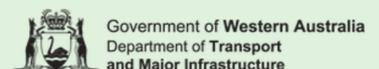
- The design development is progressing well, and the draft is now ready for review and approval to progress in final design.

What's Next

- We anticipate having the final design completed by May 2026. In May, we will also begin developing the Scope of Works for the Public Tender.

Funding Partners

This project has been made possible through Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure funding of \$7.6M.



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





Upcoming

Exquisite Bodies
Until 28th Feb 2026
Check for Opening Hours
Library & Art Gallery



MetaFit HIIT Training
Friday 23rd January
5.30am - 6.00am
Aquatic Centre

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HIIT TRAINING

FRIDAYS 5.30AM
CARNARVON
AQUATIC CENTRE

**\$15 PER CLASS +
POOL ENTRY FEE:**

\$1 CLASS ONLY
\$6 STAY FOR A SWIM
Free for pool membership
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Water Fun Day
Friday 23rd January
12.00pm - 3.00pm
Town Oval



This Life Summer Series -
Ambient Soundscapes
Friday 23rd January
6.00pm - 8.30pm
Cuppa & Crumb

Carnarvon This Life Summer Series is all about creating good times for locals and supporting local businesses during the summer season!

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Bouncy Castles
Tuesday 27th January
3.00pm - 6.00pm
Town Beach



Fishing & Bouncy Castles
Wednesday 28th January
10.00am - 1.00pm
Town Beach



Grand Prix of Europe
Wednesday 28th January
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Little Chefs
Thursday 29th December
1.00pm - 3.00pm
Mayu-Mia Youth Hub



This Life Summer Series
Nathan Parsons ft. Fluer
Saturday 14th February
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Miss Fangs

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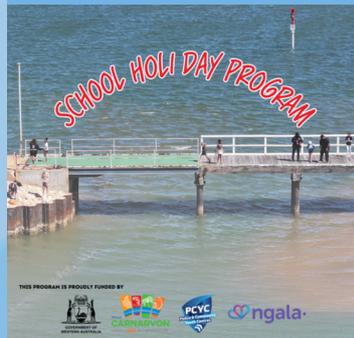
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SUMMER SERIES
CARNARVON**

Miss Fangs
**NATHAN
PARSONS
(SALT TREE)**
Ft. Fluer

Carnarvon Speedway
Season Opener
Saturday 21st February
TBC
Carnarvon Speedway



This Life Summer Series
Pulp Fiction Screening
Friday 27th February
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Camel Lane Theatre



This Life Summer Series
MCN EZRA and Crew
Friday 13th March
7.00pm - 10.00pm
Gascoyne Hotel

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SUMMER SERIES
CARNARVON**

Gascoyne Hotel
**MCN EZRA
& CREW**

Events



Avatar: Fire and Ash
Saturday 24th January
5.00pm - 8.30pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Australia Day -
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.
Sunday 25th January
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Bazza's Park - Coral Bay



Australia Day Community
Citizen of the Year Awards
Monday 26th January
7.30am - 10.00am
Carnarvon Yacht Club



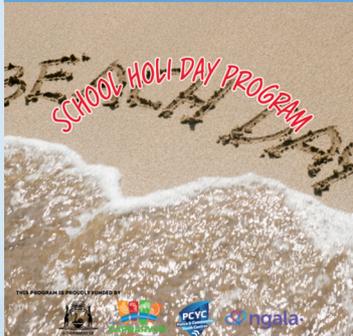
Australia Day Sky Show
Monday 26th January
4.00pm - 8.00pm
Town Beach



Footy Session
Thursday 29th January
4.30pm - 6.00pm
Town Oval



Back to School Beach Day
Friday 30th January
11.00am - 3.00pm
Town Beach



Five Nights at Freddy's 2
Saturday 31st January
5.00pm - 7.00pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Animal Land by Andre
Saladanan - Opening Event
Tuesday 3rd February
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Library & Art Gallery



This Life Summer Series
Burgers & Beats with Sgt Hulka
Friday 20th March
6.00pm - 9.00pm
The Port Hotel



This Life Summer Series
Norwest Cup
Saturday 28th March
6.00pm - 11.00pm
Festival Showgrounds



This Life Summer Series
Toby Beard
Wednesday 8th March
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Festival Showgrounds



2026 Melbourne International
Comedy Festival Roadshow
Wednesday 3rd June
7.00pm - 9.30pm
Civic Centre



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

Community



Thank you, Carnarvon — what a Christmas Street Party

The Shire of Carnarvon would like to extend a huge thank you to the Carnarvon Christmas Street Party Committee and the many volunteers who helped bring this year's event to life. With more visitors than previous years, the streets were buzzing with festive energy, colour and community spirit.

Thanks to a \$10,000 contribution from the Shire's Community Growth Fund, the event delivered a full afternoon and evening of entertainment for all ages. Local kids took to the stage with dance performances, alongside the Line

Dance Club and vibrant Polynesian dancers and singers, showcasing the incredible talent within our community.

A special highlight for families was Santa's arrival, riding in on a Harley with the Carnarvon Rider Association, before settling into the Santa booth to hand out presents and pose for photos with excited kids

The event was packed with fun, including market and food stalls, children's rides, face painting, a bouncy castle, roaming entertainers and live music that kept the festive atmosphere going well into the evening.

Behind the scenes, the Shire was proud to support the event with on-ground assistance for setup and pack-down, helping ensure everything ran smoothly and safely for organisers, stallholders and attendees.

Events like the Christmas Street Party are a true celebration of what makes Carnarvon special, strong community partnerships, local talent, and people coming together to create something memorable. We're proud to support initiatives like this that bring our town to life.

Playgroup Christmas Party Celebration

The Shire of Carnarvon would like to congratulate the Carnarvon Playgroup on an incredible and proactive year, delivering a wide range of programs for our community and playing a key role in reactivating the early years space known as the Butcher Street Playgroup.

We were proud to present Carnarvon Playgroup, on behalf of Council, with a Community Growth Fund cheque to support the ongoing maintenance of the building and assist with venue fees, helping ensure Playgroup remains free and accessible for our young families

Carnarvon Playgroup meets every Friday during the school term, providing a welcoming and supportive space for children and carers to connect, learn and play.

A huge thank you to the dedicated volunteers, families and supporters who make Playgroup such a special part of our community.

To find out how to get involved, scan the QR Code to join the Carnarvon Playgroup Facebook Group:





CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY PHOTOS





2026 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

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Get your tickets early

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is rolling into town, bringing a night of laughs to Carnarvon. Featuring a carefully curated line-up of comedy legends and exciting new talent from Australia and beyond, the Roadshow delivers a fast-paced, side-splitting show with something for everyone.

For almost three decades, the Festival has toured the country, sharing giggles, guffaws and good times with communities far and wide and now it's Carnarvon's turn.

Don't miss your chance to experience the energy and excitement of Australia's largest comedy festival right here in your own backyard. Grab your mates and get ready for an unforgettable night of comedy.

LOCAL SWIMMER ACHIEVES STATE QUALIFYING SUCCESS

The Carnarvon Amateur Swimming Club is celebrating a proud milestone, with local swimmer Campbell Foster achieving two Age State Qualifying times, an achievement the club has not seen in several years.

Campbell's success is a reflection of his hard work, dedication and passion for the sport. He will now go on to represent the Carnarvon Amateur Swimming Club at the 2025 Hancock Prospecting State Championships, proudly showcasing local talent on the state stage.

The club and wider community extend their congratulations to Campbell and wish him every success as he prepares for the championships.



Photo: Carnarvon Amateur Swimming Club



GASCOYNE RIVER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Shire of Carnarvon is seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to volunteer with the Gascoyne River Bush Fire Brigade.

Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a vital role in protecting lives, property, and the natural environment across the Shire. The Brigade responds to bushfires and supports fire prevention and preparedness activities, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Who can volunteer?

We welcome expressions of interest from people who:

- Are 18 years of age or older
- Are willing to work as part of a team
- Have a strong commitment to community safety
- Are able to attend training and respond to incidents when available

No previous firefighting experience is required. All necessary training, equipment, and protective clothing will be provided.

How to register your interest

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit an Expression of Interest by contacting the Shire of Carnarvon.

What does volunteering involve?

- Responding to bushfire incidents when safe and available
- Participating in training and skills development
- Supporting fire prevention and mitigation activities
- Contributing to community resilience and emergency preparedness

Why volunteer?

- Make a meaningful contribution to your local community
- Gain valuable skills and nationally recognised training
- Be part of a dedicated and supportive team
- Help protect the Gascoyne region during bushfire seasons



LIBRARY

SUMMER
READING
QUEST

MONSTER MAYHEM!

Join the **Summer Reading Quest**
Read books, conquer challenges, and win monstrous prizes!

AT THE LIBRARY ~ 13-31 JANUARY 2026

FRANKENSTEIN'S LEGO CHALLENGE

Build your own monster out of LEGO! What crazy creature will you piece together?
Ages 6-12 years ~ 10-11am & 1.30-2.30pm Tue-Fri



BLOCKY BEAST CHALLENGE

Construct a monster out of foam blocks as part of the *Exquisite Bodies* exhibition!
Ages 6-12 years ~ 10-11am & 1.30-2.30pm Tue-Fri



ABOMINABLE ART CHALLENGE

Show us your artistic skills as you draw a monster in our Art Gallery space!
Ages 6-12 years ~ 10-11am & 1.30-2.30pm Tue-Fri



COLOURFUL CRITTER CHALLENGE

Colour-in a creature! Collect your entry from the library during opening hours.
Ages 0-12 years



Get ready for our
Library Lovers Day
celebrations in February!

Stay tuned for more details as we invite you to
share your love of libraries on **Saturday 14 February!**

- Get hooked on a Mystery Book
- Craft activities for the whole family
- Discover our upcoming programs and events for 2026
- Enjoy free light refreshments

COMMUNITY ART HUB



THE COMMUNITY ART HUB: CREATE, CHAT, AND DISCOVER!

You already know us as a creative sanctuary, but now you can take a piece of the magic home. The Community Art Hub shop is officially up and running with shelves full of real treasures. Come find a unique handmade gift or artwork or pick out a special piece just for yourself while supporting local makers.

Our space remains a socially inclusive haven where you can drop in and create. Relax with other creatives and enjoy a nice time making art without pressure. Simply grab some materials and spark your imagination in a friendly environment.

The Community Art Hub is all about creativity, connection, and community. This spirit shines brightest on Friday evenings during our popular Friday Night Art Club. These dynamic workshops ignite your creativity with a new skill to discover every single week. Come as you are because our friendly team will support and guide you through every creative step.

Friday Night Art Club is a grant-funded initiative through the Carnarvon Alcohol & Other Drug Working Group (CAOD). It is administered by the Shire of Carnarvon with funding from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. These nights are all about creativity and connection while offering a safe and fun way to socialise alcohol-free in our community.



Each workshop is facilitated by talented local or visiting artists who bring their unique skills and passion to share with you. Interested in facilitating a workshop yourself? We would love to hear from you so please contact us at communityarthub@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Drop in to find a treasure or make your own masterpiece today! Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and workshops.



ART GALLERY

COMMUNITY CREATIVITY THRIVES AT EXQUISITE BODIES

The Art Gallery buzzed with energy as visiting creative facilitators Tessa, Kate, and Lisa traveled from Perth to lead inspiring workshops in the Exquisite Bodies space. This interactive exhibition has become a hit, drawing families and sparking imagination across the community.

The school holiday session for kids was immensely popular, with young artists having heaps of fun building with blocks and crafting the most amazing Exquisite Corpse drawings, those collaborative, surreal masterpieces that blend drawings into whimsical figures.

A special Friday Night Art Club added to the excitement, held right in the Exquisite Bodies area. Participants moved and danced under the guidance of Lisa Coles, creating a lively evening of expression and connection.

Exquisite Bodies has proven an amazing asset to the gallery so far, especially for families who've been making full use of the space to build awesome sculptures and unleash their creativity.

Come and visit us at the Library and Art Gallery during opening hours, or contact us if you'd like to organise a special group session with our creative facilitators. Don't miss out and join the fun!

Follow the Library and Art Gallery Facebook page for all the latest updates and keep our shire's artistic spirit thriving.



LOCAL ARTIST JOSH EXPLORES AI AND IMAGINATION AT GALLERY NOOK

It was a lovely turnout for the opening of Josh's new exhibition at the Gallery Nook, "Human Intelligence: Artificial Art." The event sparked lively conversation about the role of technology in creativity, as attendees were fascinated by how Josh has used Artificial Intelligence to bring his imagination to life.

A proud Carnarvon local since his teens, Josh has always created art for the love of the process. This exhibition showcases his signature bold pinks, purples, and yellows, featuring unique character designs, writing, and even a new board game created through a partnership of mind and machine.

Josh lives by the mantra "Strong self, strong spirit," and his innovative work is a testament to that.



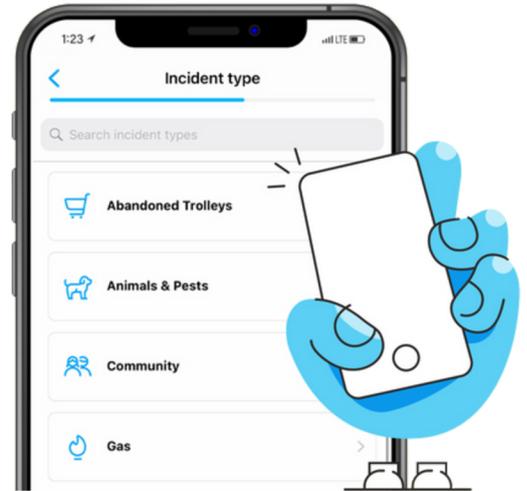
The exhibition runs until 29 January at the Gallery Nook. Don't miss it!

SNAP SEND SOLVE

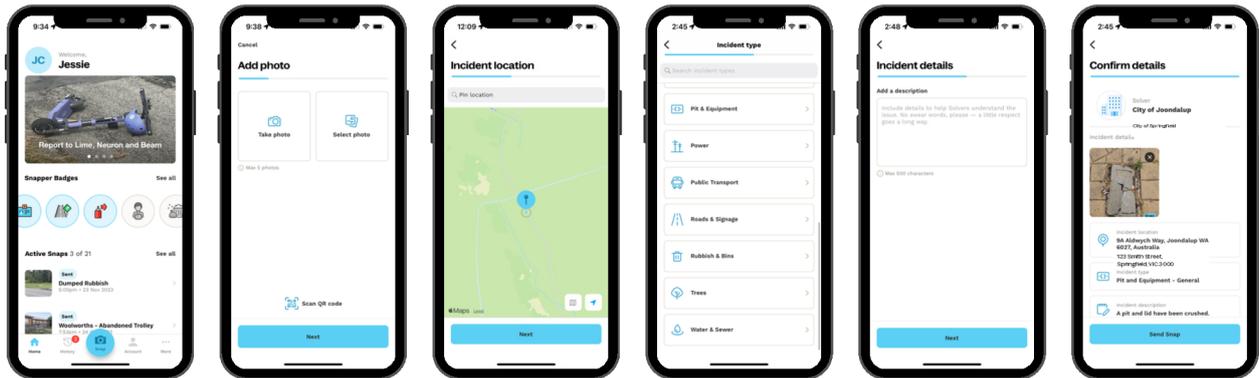
BEING A COMMUNITY LEGEND HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

Why use the app?

-  The fastest way to report, anywhere
-  See your impact
-  Be an advocate for your local area
-  Be confident your Snap has been received



HOW TO USE THE SNAP SEND SOLVE APP



- 1** Select 'Snap' to start a report
- 2** Take or upload a photo
- 3** Confirm the location
- 4** Select incident type
- 5** Add details (optional)
- 6** Confirm details and Send!

Examples of issues you can report through the app directly to the Shire team



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2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAY BIN COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

Normal Pick Up		Actual Bin Pick Up	
Monday	26 January (Australia Day)	Tuesday	27 January
Monday	2 March (Labour Day)	Tuesday	3 March
Friday	3 April (Good Friday)	Monday	6 April
Monday	27 April (ANZAC Day)	Tuesday	28 April
Monday	1 June (WA Day)	Tuesday	2 June
Monday	28 September (King's Birthday)	Tuesday	29 September
Friday	25 December (Christmas Day)	Monday	28 December
Monday	28 December (Boxing Day PH)	Monday	28 December (Boxing Day PH) As per normal

Waste Facility	
Saturday 24 January (Closed)	Sunday 25 January (Closed)
Australia Day Monday 26 January (Closed)	Labour Day Monday 2 March (Closed)
Good Friday Friday 3 April (Closed)	Saturday 4 April (Closed)
Easter Sunday Sunday 5 April (Closed)	Easter Monday Monday 6 April (Open 7am to 2pm only)
ANZAC Day Monday 27 April (Closed)	WA Day Monday 1 June (Closed)
King's Birthday Monday 28 September (Closed)	Christmas Day Friday 25 December (Closed)
Boxing Day Saturday 26 December (Closed)	Sunday 27 December (Closed)
Boxing Day PH Monday 28 December (Open 7am to 2pm only)	





Rubbish Collection

Monday

Morgantown / Babbage Island

Tuesday

South Carnarvon

Wednesday

Brockman

Thursday

East Carnarvon / Kingsford / Brown Range

Wednesday

Plantations - North / South



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 Carnarvon website.



Browns Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday

7.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday

8.00am - 2.00pm

Closed Saturday & Public Holidays

Share Your Story!

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



Shire Administration

3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

Monday - Friday
9.00am - 4.00pm
Closed Public Holidays

 Text or call 0427 410 046

 (08) 9941 0000

 shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Library & Art Gallery

18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

Tuesday - Friday
9.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday
9.30am - 12.30pm

Closed Monday, Sunday & Public Holidays

 (08) 9941 3727

 library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Join Our Team!



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

www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Civic Centre

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

 (08) 9941 1146

 shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Visitor Centre

Cnr Robinson Street/Camel Lane

May - October

Monday - Friday
9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday
9.00am - 12.30pm
Closed Sunday

November - April

Monday - Friday
9.00am - 3.00pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday

 (08) 9941 1146

 info@carnarvon.wa.gov.au