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FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin 2026, January has been a strong and positive start to the year for our community, highlighted by the many events and activities that brought people together across Carnarvon and Coral Bay.

Australia Day was a particular highlight, with celebrations held throughout the day. The morning began at the Carnarvon Yacht Club with the Australia Day Breakfast, Community Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. We were honoured to be welcomed by Beverley McIntosh, who delivered the Welcome to Country and set a respectful tone for the day. It was also a privilege to welcome 14 new Australian citizens and see them so warmly embraced by our community.

We took time to recognise the outstanding individuals and organisations who contribute so much to our town through the Australia Day Awards, celebrating the dedication and generosity that strengthens Carnarvon. Celebrations continued in the evening at the Fascine with cultural performances and the annual Sky Show.

In Coral Bay, Australia Day was also a great success, with the community coming together for a relaxed and enjoyable celebration. Thank you to the Coral Bay Progress Association for running such a wonderful event and bringing the community together.

Thank you to the many volunteers, community groups and staff who helped make these celebrations possible.

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



17
FEBRUARY

COMMENCING AT 11.00AM
Agenda Briefing
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

17
FEBRUARY

COMMENCING AT 1.30PM
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

24
FEBRUARY

COMMENCING AT 10.00AM
Ordinary Council Meeting
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2026

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 27 January 2026, Council considered several key matters focused on community wellbeing, advocacy and local support.

Liquor Restictions Review

Council endorsed the preparation of a formal response to the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety regarding the review of Section 64 liquor restrictions. The State's review reported reductions in alcohol-related harm, including a 23% decrease in weekly charges, a 30% reduction in minor crime-harm, and a 37% drop in alcohol-related ambulance callouts.

Despite these improvements, Council noted ongoing community concerns about economic, social and reputational impacts. The endorsed response emphasised the need for fair, practical and consistent liquor regulations across Western Australia, including support for reintroducing Monday packaged liquor trading.

Support for Old Bastards (OB) Group

Council approved a one-off contribution of \$1,410 to the Australian Order of Old Bastards Carnarvon Group to support waste management at the Containers for Change depot. The funding will assist with purchasing bins and providing weekly waste collection services for 12 months.

The decision recognised the group's strong community contribution, including significant fundraising for local charities.

Lotterywest Funding

Council also considered the acceptance of Lotterywest grant funding for the Camel Lane Theatre upgrades, supporting continued investment in community facilities and cultural infrastructure.

These decisions reflect Council's ongoing commitment to advocating for the community, supporting local organisations, and investing in facilities that benefit residents and visitors alike.



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 Jasper

Benthien at the Shire Office on 99410038 or by email at benthien.j@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

The Shire President looks forward to meeting with you.

AMENDMENTS TO FEES & CHARGES

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Carnarvon has amended the fees and charges for the following to take effect from 2 March 2026.

Fee Description	Current Fee (incl GST)	New Fee Effective on Monday 2 March 2026
Tourism Conference Packages	New	As advertised
Theatre Hire Performance – General	\$919/performance	\$114/hour
Theatre Hire Performance – Non	\$462/performance	\$57/hour
Baston Pavilion Functions	\$532/day	\$66/hour
Town Oval/Festival Grounds – Ground Hire	\$176/day	\$22/hour
Basketball/Netball Courts – Casual/non club	\$107/day	\$13/hour
Premier Pavilion – Functions/Meeting Room	\$213/day	\$27/hour
Full Page advertisement per edition	\$257/per season	\$100/per month
Half Page advertising per edition	\$206/per season	\$70/per month
1/4 Page advertising per edition	\$155/per season	\$50/per month
1/8 Page advertising per edition	\$103/per season	\$20/per month

For further information, please contact the Shire of Carnarvon on (08) 9941 0000 or visit the Shire's website.

Amanda Dexter

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Carnarvon



2026 Perth Airport



WA TOURISM CONFERENCE

25-27 MAY • CARNARVON

CARNARVON TO HOST WA TOURISM CONFERENCE

Carnarvon is set to welcome tourism leaders from across Western Australia when the WA Tourism Conference comes to town from 25 to 27 May 2026.

This major event will bring industry representatives, business owners and decision-makers to our region, providing a valuable opportunity to showcase everything that makes Carnarvon special, from our natural landscapes and coastal lifestyle to our local produce, culture and community spirit.

Hosting the conference places Carnarvon in the spotlight as a destination for visitors, investment and future tourism development. Delegates will experience our town firsthand, explore local attractions and connect with local businesses, helping to raise awareness of what our region has to offer.

Local businesses are encouraged to start thinking about how they can get involved by enhancing displays, expanding product ranges and

highlighting their unique offerings during the conference period. Whether through shopfronts, menus, tours or special promotions, this is a chance to put our best foot forward.

The WA Tourism Conference is a proud moment for Carnarvon and an exciting opportunity to promote our town to the wider State.

COMMUNITY MEETING

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



17
MARCH

COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

March Community Meeting

CAMEL LANE THEATRE
1 CAMEL LN, CARNARVON

16
JUNE

COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

June Community Meeting

CAMEL LANE THEATRE
1 CAMEL LN, CARNARVON

20
OCTOBER

COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

October Community Meeting

CAMEL LANE THEATRE
1 CAMEL LN, CARNARVON

BUILDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER PATHWAYS

The Shire of Carnarvon is committed to creating meaningful employment pathways for local school-aged young people and building a skilled workforce for the future of our community.

As part of this commitment, Jannali is completing a School Based Traineeship with the Shire, undertaking a Certificate III in Local Government delivered through WALGA. This nationally recognised qualification provides a strong foundation for future employment in the local government sector and equips trainees with practical, transferable skills that directly benefit our town.

Through the traineeship, Jannali combines structured learning with hands-on workplace experience, working one day per week at the Shire while participating in regular online training focused on governance, workplace skills and local government career pathways.



Programs like this play an important role in workforce planning and succession, allowing the Shire to invest early in local talent, support young people to build confidence and capability, and develop skills locally for the long-term benefit of the Carnarvon community.

School-aged students (15 years and older) who are interested in school-based traineeships or employment opportunities with the Shire are encouraged to get in touch to learn more about available pathways.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – 18–24 MAY

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognise and thank the many volunteers who generously give their time, skills and care to support the Carnarvon community. Volunteers play a vital role across our region, and their contribution does not go unnoticed.

This year, the Shire is taking a two-part approach to ensure our volunteers are acknowledged and celebrated in a meaningful way.

During National Volunteer Week in May, the Shire will host a volunteer appreciation breakfast at the Civic Centre. This will provide an opportunity to formally acknowledge volunteers and say thank you for the important role they play across our community. Further details will be shared shortly.

Later in the year, our annual National Volunteer Awards will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2026, aligning with International Volunteer Day. This dedicated evening will allow us to celebrate volunteers with a full awards ceremony, food, entertainment and a well-deserved night of recognition.

Because this really is Your Year to Volunteer – and your year to be celebrated.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM BRINGS FOUR WEEKS OF FUN AND CONNECTION

The recent school holiday program was a fantastic success, bringing together young people and families for four weeks of fun, creativity and connection. With a strong mix of recreation, entertainment and sport, the program provided safe and engaging opportunities for young people to stay active and social during the break.



The Creative Sparks program added a meaningful creative element to the holidays, offering young people the opportunity to explore art, try new skills and express themselves in a supportive environment. The workshops were engaging and inclusive, with participants proud to share what they had created.



Our movie days were also a major drawcard, giving young people the chance to unwind, cool down and enjoy time together in a comfortable setting. The sessions were well attended, with over 190 people coming to see Zootopia 2, and provided a great balance to the more active components of the program.

Overall, the program was a great success and we can't wait to share the April school holiday program with you all.

Thanks to the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport for funding this program.

Some of the biggest highlights included the mini golf sessions, which saw a steady stream of participants across three days. The course created a relaxed and welcoming environment where young people could challenge their friends and staff, build confidence and enjoy friendly competition.

The bouncy castles were another standout feature, bringing plenty of energy and excitement. These sessions encouraged physical activity, laughter and social interaction, and were especially popular with younger participants and families attending together.



AUSTRALIA DAY 2026: REFLECT. RESPECT. CELEBRATE.

Australia Day in Carnarvon was a meaningful and memorable celebration, bringing our community together across the day to reflect, respect and celebrate on Yinggarda Country.

The day began at the Carnarvon Yacht Club with the Australia Day Breakfast, Community Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. We were honoured to welcome Beverly McIntosh, who delivered the Welcome to Country, grounding the day in respect and acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land. Her contribution set a thoughtful and inclusive tone for the celebrations that followed.



It was a wonderful morning of connection and recognition, with congratulations extended to the 14 new Australians as they officially became citizens and were so warmly welcomed by our community.

The Community Citizen of the Year Awards celebrated the incredible people and groups who make Carnarvon such a strong and caring place. Wayne and Jeanette Taylor were named Community Citizens of the Year for their outstanding work through the Litter Legends program, while the Carnarvon Church of Christ received the Active Citizenship Award for their ongoing support and inclusive community programs. Jana Eastwood was recognised as Senior Community Citizen of the Year for her tireless volunteering and generosity across numerous local organisations.

Thank you to Soroptimist and the Lions Club for providing a delicious breakfast enjoyed by all.

Later that afternoon and into the evening, celebrations continued at the Fascine with circus entertainment by Dangerous Delights, cultural performances by the Gwoonwardu Boys and Pundarra Dancers, and a spectacular fireworks display by the water. Despite windy conditions, the community turned out in great numbers to celebrate together.



Thank you to everyone who attended, performed, volunteered and supported Australia Day events across Carnarvon. It was a truly special day that reflected the spirit, diversity and strength of our community.

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WEATHER ADVISORY – POTENTIAL IMPACT TO LOCAL ROADS

A developing weather system is currently building off the Exmouth coast. Early modelling suggests it may move toward Carnarvon and surrounding areas over Sunday and Monday, with an estimated 25% chance of significant rainfall.

What This Means for the Community

- There may be temporary road closures, particularly on unsealed and rural roads.
- Heavy rain can cause rapid damage to road surfaces, and driving on wet roads increases this risk.
- If conditions require it, the Shire may close affected roads to protect public safety and prevent long-term damage.

Any road closures will be published on the Shire's website and social media channels.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to consider this potential weather risk when planning travel, work and outdoor activities over the coming days.

Please take care on the roads and stay informed through official Shire updates.



GRID CLEANING

The Shire would like to thank all pastoralists who have provided information on grid-cleaning requirements. Your local knowledge is invaluable and helps our crews prioritise grids that present the greatest safety and access risks.



We encourage pastoralists to continue reporting any issues, including:

- Blocked grids
- Collapsed grid wings
- Damaged signage
- Poor-draining approaches

This information supports efficient planning and scheduling of maintenance works.

A special thank you to our Roads and Works Team for their ongoing efforts in cleaning and maintaining grids. This work is often carried out in remote and challenging conditions, and their commitment plays an important role in keeping our road network safe and accessible.

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GRADING UPDATE

The Shire has completed a significant portion of its scheduled grading program for the year to date, including works on several key pastoral access routes across the Gascoyne. Recent grading activities have improved road surface conditions, drainage flow and overall safety.

As of Friday, 6 February, all roads in the southern region have received one full grade.

We sincerely thank pastoralists who have contacted the Shire with road condition reports and grid-cleaning requests. Your timely advice helps ensure works are prioritised effectively and allows issues to be addressed before they escalate.

The Shire will continue monitoring road conditions and undertaking maintenance works as required to keep our road network safe and accessible.





This Life
SUMMER SERIES
 CARNARVON



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

BEACH EMERGENCY NUMBER (BEN) SIGNS

What are BEN signs?

- Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) signs are installed at public beach access points.
- Each sign has a unique number and prefix to identify an exact location.
- They help emergency services respond faster during shark sightings, attacks or other beach emergencies.

Where are BEN signs located?

- Public beach access points along the coastline within local government areas (LGAs) statewide.
- Some harbours, estuaries, boat ramps, fishing platforms and jetties.

How to use a BEN sign in an emergency

- Call 000 and quote the BEN code and location information.
- For shark sightings, call Water Police on 9442 8600
- Where possible, have someone wait at the BEN sign until emergency services arrive.
- BEN sign locations and numbers are also available in the SharkSmart WA app under the Report section, with a quick link to dial 000.
- When visiting the beach, consider taking a photo of the nearest BEN sign for reference.



If there is no BEN sign

- Use the Emergency+ app, which provides GPS location details to emergency services when calling 000.
- Available from the App Store and Google Play.

Damaged or missing BEN signs

- Contact the Shire at [\(08\) 9941 0000](tel:0899410000), email Rangers@carnarvon.wa.gov.au, or report it through Snap, Send, Solve.

Download Snap, Send, Solve



Google Play Store



App Store

PREPARE A PLAN FOR YOUR PET IN AN EMERGENCY

Emergencies can happen at any time, and it's not just people who need a plan, your pets do too. Making sure your four-legged family members are included in your emergency preparations can make all the difference when time is limited.

Start by gathering your pet's important information in one place, including veterinary details, vaccination records, medications, microchip numbers and proof of ownership. Keeping these documents in a waterproof folder or saved digitally can help if you need to leave quickly.

Prepare a pet emergency kit with food, water, bowls, bedding, medication, a leash or carrier, and familiar toys to reduce stress. Ensure your pet's ID tag and microchip details are up to date.

It's also important to plan where your pet will go if you need to evacuate. Most emergency evacuation centres and shelters do not accept animals, so consider pet-friendly accommodation, boarding facilities, or trusted friends and family in safer areas.

Planning ahead helps ensure you can act quickly and confidently, keeping every member of your family safe during an emergency.



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.



Funding Partner

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

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.



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 new procurement approach is currently being considered for the construction of Van Dongen Park Stage One after the initial tender process was unsuccessful. The revised tender is anticipated to be advertised in the coming months.
- 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

- The construction of the digital LED screen has now been completed.

What's Next

- The digital LED screen is anticipated to be installed at the Civic Centre this month.
- Installation of the public art pieces within Robinson Street are anticipated for February completion, with works to install the remaining pieces estimated for mid-2026.

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.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Transport
and Major Infrastructure



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





Upcoming

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



Road Trauma Support WA
Drop-in Session
Wednesday 11th February
10.00am - 11.00am
Library & Art Gallery

Community Drop-in Session

Date: Wednesday 11th February 2026
Time: 10am-11am
Location: Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

Contact the library team for further information: 9941 3727

The Crafty Bookworms
Wednesday 11th February
3.00pm - 4.00pm
Library & Art Gallery

THE CRAFTY BOOKWORMS

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

3 - 4pm Wednesday afternoons
During school term
Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery
For more info (08) 9941 3727

Ages 4 - 6

Meet the Artist & Creative Session
Friday 13th February
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Library & Art Gallery

Exquisite Bodies REGIONAL TOUR

Meet the Artist & Creative Session

Friday 13 February
5.30-7.30pm

Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association AGM 2026
Friday 18th February
5.00pm
Baston Oval - Lewer Road

2026 AGM

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

CJSA IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING VALUABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM TO FURTHER GROW THE SUCCESS FOR OUR CLUB IN 2026
YOUR DEDICATION, PASSION AND MOTIVATION TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN IN SPORT IS NEEDED

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

How Good is the life!
Catch us on Socials!
@ThisLifeEventCarnarvon

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026

THE CAMEL LANE THEATRE

5-9 PM

Stitch Your Tote with Linda Ebner
Friday 27th February
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club

FRIDAY NIGHT ART CLUB

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

This Life SUMMER SERIES CARNARVON

Gascoyne Hotel
MCN EZRA & CREW

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

Nook Exhibition | Jessie Larman
Tuesday 14th April
TBC
Library & Art Gallery

NOOK EXHIBITIONS 2026

JESSIE LARMAN

ANZAC DAY
Saturday 25th April
6.30pm - 11.59pm
Carnarvon



Carnarvon Race Club Cocktail Party 2026
Saturday 2nd May
6.30pm - 11.59pm
Carnarvon Race Club



Carnarvon Race Club Ladies Day 2026
Saturday 16th May
12.00pm - 10.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



Events



Library Lovers Day 2026
Saturday 14th February
9.30am - 12.30pm
Library & Art Gallery

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

Brushstrokes & Bites 2.0 with
Leanne Gillham
Friday 20th February
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Community Art Hub

Carnarvon Speedway
Season Opener
Saturday 21st February
TBC
Carnarvon Speedway

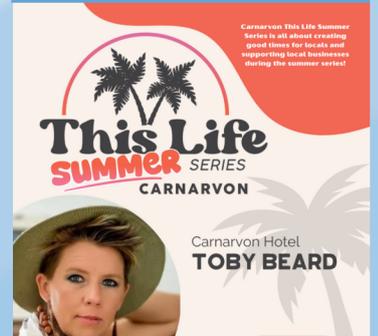
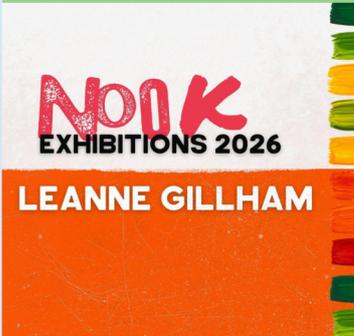


Nook Exhibition | Leanne
Gillham
Tuesday 17th March
TBC
Library & Art Gallery

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 April
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Festival Showgrounds



WA Tourism Conference
25th to 27th May
TBC
Carnarvon

Carnarvon Race Club |
Carnarvon Races
Saturday 30th May
12.00pm - 8.00pm
Carnarvon

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

Carnarvon Race Club |
Carnarvon Races
Friday 12th June
12.00pm - 8.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



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

Community



CARNARVON'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT PEELED THROUGH AS LOCALS CAME TOGETHER

When the call went out, the Carnarvon community didn't hesitate. On short notice, the community came together to put on a show. An entirely community-driven effort produced a music video to capture the attention of Tones and I, following her announcement that she would be touring regional towns across Australia.



Spearheaded by Carnarvon residents Cynthia and Andrew, and supported by local creatives, a Facebook group emerged, and locals showed incredible initiative, contributing their time, creativity, and skills. What began as a simple idea quickly gained momentum. From ideas to execution, the project brought the community together through moments of pure spontaneity. People of all ages showed up and showed out! Carnarvon's community spirit couldn't help but peel through as the video came together.

A special shout-out also goes to Moana Mayatrix, who not only wore the iconic banana costume but brought infectious energy to match. A job well done to everyone involved, both online and in person. It was a truly heartwarming sight to see and an even more special experience to witness. The video has done so well that 7News Regional WA aired it on TV, calling it an "epic music video" crafted by the locals.



2026 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

COMEDYFESTIVAL.COM.AU



Get your tickets early ↗

CARNARVON HERITAGE GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

The Carnarvon Heritage Group (CHG) has continued to make strong progress at the One Mile Jetty heritage precinct, with 2025 marking a year of significant improvements driven by dedication, teamwork and community support.

One of the most visible achievements has been the development of the new playground area, transforming a long-neglected site into a welcoming family space. Thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers, the area now features creative design elements, artwork, shaded seating and landscaped lawns.



Important restoration and maintenance works have also progressed, including upgrades to the diesel locomotive facilities, refurbishment of ablution blocks, and ongoing improvements at the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage, with enhanced exhibits and audio-visual displays sharing local history.

The Group has strengthened its partnership with the Shire of Carnarvon, particularly in relation to the tramway line and walk trail project, and future access improvements.

With strong support from funding partners, CHG has secured grants for new shade structures and is progressing plans to refurbish the water tank lookout.

These achievements reflect the dedication of volunteers, supporters and sponsors, who continue to ensure Carnarvon's heritage is protected, celebrated and enjoyed by future generations.



CARNARVON AFTER SCHOOL

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TERM 1, 2026

MONDAY

MULTI-SPORTS
2:30PM-5:30PM
PCYC

MUSIC WITH KENO
4PM - 6:30PM

TUESDAY

CREATIVE SPARKS
3PM - 5PM
COMMUNITY ART HUB
(WEEK 3 - 8)

PCYC BOYS GROUP
2:30PM - 6PM
PCYC

BOXING
4:30PM - 5:30PM AGE 10-13
5:30PM - 6:30PM AGE 14-17
PCYC

WEDNESDAY

DEADLY GIRLS GROUP
2:30PM - 5PM
@MAYU-MIA YOUTH
HUB (SHIRE & NGALA)

WATER SPORTS
2:30PM - 6PM | AGE 12+
REGISTRATION
ESSENTIAL
VIA PCYC

MUSIC WITH KENO
4PM - 6:30PM
PCYC

THURSDAY

BOYS GROUP
2:30PM - 5PM | AGE 10+
MAYU-MIA YOUTH HUB
(SHIRE AND NGALA)

PCYC GIRLS GROUP
2:30PM - 6PM | AGE 10+
PCYC YOUTH HUB

BOXING
4:30PM - 5:30PM AGE 9-13
5:30PM - 6:30PM AGE 14-17
PCYC

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL
2:30PM - 5PM | AGE 10+
@PCYC REC CENTRE



CORAL BAY AUSTRALIA DAY



The Coral Bay community came together at Bazza's Park on Sunday, 25 January for a relaxed and enjoyable Australia Day celebration.

Despite a breezy afternoon, the atmosphere was welcoming and festive, with families enjoying a bouncy castle, a community sausage sizzle and an outdoor movie night. Bluey kept the younger audience entertained, while Red Dog rounded out the evening under the stars.

A sincere thank you to the Coral Bay Progress Association for hosting such a wonderful community event, and to everyone who joined in to celebrate Australia Day together.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT CORAL BAY

When Bill and Alison Brogan first visited Coral Bay in 1973, it was little more than a dot on the map, home to just a handful of people and one of Western Australia's best-kept secrets. Located beside the 260-kilometre-long Ningaloo Reef, the area offered extraordinary natural beauty, but very limited infrastructure.

At the time, Coral Bay faced significant challenges, including poor road and air access, limited water supply in a low-rainfall region, unreliable electricity, no sewerage system, and little protection from the elements. Despite these obstacles, Bill and Alison recognised its potential and shared a strong vision for its future.

That vision began to take shape when Bill purchased a small transportable building, a 37-foot charter boat, and a



glass-bottom boat, Miss Coral Bay I. This marked the beginning of what would become a remarkable local enterprise.

Over time, the Brogan family helped transform Coral Bay into one of the North West's most popular holiday

destinations. Along the way, they played a key role in developing essential infrastructure, including power generation, water supply, housing, retail facilities and sewerage services. Their ongoing investment in community facilities continues to support both residents and visitors today.

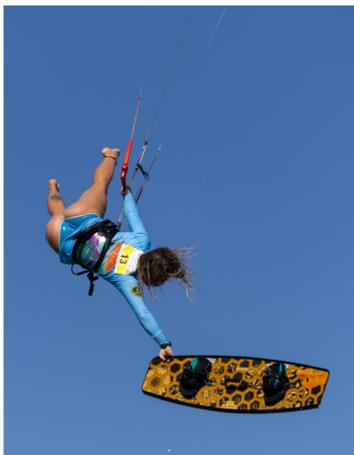


CARNARVON WINDFEST 2026

Carnarvon Windfest 2026 was a free three-day community event celebrating wind sports on WA's windy central coast. Welcoming kitesurfers, windsurfers, sailors and SUP boarders, the event featured a Slalom Race, Kite Freestyle, Catamaran Downwinder, Kite and Windsurf Races, and a SUP Board Race, alongside live music and a relaxed festival atmosphere.

Carnarvon Windfest is a key summer event for the region, attracting participants and visitors from across Australia during a traditionally quieter period. The event delivers strong benefits for local businesses and the wider community while showcasing Carnarvon as a premier destination for wind sports and coastal lifestyle experiences.

Congratulations to all event winners and competitors for their efforts across the weekend. A sincere thank you to all sponsors, partners, local businesses, volunteers and the community who supported and delivered another successful Carnarvon Windfest.



LIBRARY

Library Lovers Day

Drop in and join our celebrations!

Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery
9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday 14 February

Craft activities for the whole family

Lucky Door Prize and
Pick a Mystery Book

Special Storytime at 10am & 11am

Learn about our Local History projects

Discover our new programs
& events for 2026

Literary-themed mocktails & snacks
+ much more!

All ages welcome!



STORYTIME

Storytime is a fun combination of songs, rhymes, and a craft activity each week, as you and your toddler journey together along the path of reading. It's also a great way for your child to socialize with others and experience the library!

10-11am

TUESDAY MORNINGS DURING SCHOOL TERM

Suitable for pre-school children
aged 2 - 4 years

Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery

BABY RHYME TIME

Baby Rhyme Time is an opportunity for you and your baby to learn new rhymes, bounce, dance, and sing along with fun tunes while introducing your child to the world of reading.

10- 10:30am

THURSDAY MORNINGS DURING SCHOOL TERM

Suitable for children aged 0 - 2 years old,
their parents, carers & friends

Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery



BRICK BY BRICK LEGO CHALLENGE

Are you aged 7-12 years?
In 2026, get creative with our LEGO collection in our new
Brick by Brick LEGO Challenge!

Each fortnight will feature a different challenge,
with prizes to be won at the end of each school term.
What will you decide to build?

There are still spaces available
in our Term 1 challenges!
Register your interest:
rebrand.ly/CLAGbb26



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THE CLUBS YOU CAN JOIN AT THE LIBRARY IN 2026?

You may be interested in joining our **Book Club**
if you love reading books and talking about books!
One title is chosen every 4-5 weeks, then we meet
in the Library Lounge to discuss and debate.

In **Writer's Club**, discover the joys of
creative writing and share your stories with others.

In **Film Club**, enjoy a range of film genres including
Australian films, literary adaptations, drama,
comedy & romance films, and classic gems.

All of these clubs are for ages 18+



Scan the QR code or head to
rebrand.ly/JFY4sT
to fill out the
Expression of Interest form!



Book Club

Writer's
Club

FRIDAY
FILM
CLUB

ART GALLERY

GASCOYNE ART AWARDS

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JULY
29
AUG
2026

ENTRIES
OPEN SOON

PREPARE YOUR ENTRY
SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED STARTING 2 MARCH 2026.
DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2026



GET READY TO ENTER FOR GASCOYNE ART AWARDS 2026

Entries Open Soon!

Opening Date: 2 March 2026

Closing Date: 31 May 2026 at 12:00a.m
(Midnight ET)

Prepare your submissions now - don't miss out!

The Shire of Carnarvon invites artists to submit entries in the following categories:

- Gascoyne Landscape
- Gascoyne Seascape
- Still Life
- Three Dimensional
- Contemporary
- Human Form
- Aboriginal Art

Prizes for each category, plus:

- Best overall winner (acquisitive piece) \$8,000
- the People's Choice

NOOK PROGRAM FULLY BOOKED FOR THE YEAR

We're thrilled to announce that the Art Gallery Nook program is now fully booked for the entire year! The Nook, our dedicated space within the main gallery for smaller community exhibitions, has received an overwhelming response from talented local artists. We've curated a diverse and exciting lineup that showcases the best of our local creative talent. We can't wait to share these incredible exhibitions with you throughout the coming months.

NOOK EXHIBITIONS 2026

JAN	JOSH HERRIT <i>11 December - 29 January</i>
FEB	ANDRE SALANDANAN <i>3 February - 7 March</i>
MARCH	LEANNE GILLHAM <i>17 March - 11 April</i>
APRIL	JESSIE LARMAN <i>14 April - 9 May</i>
MAY	PORTRAITS OF YINGGARDA <i>18 May - 13 June</i>
JULY	GASCOYNE ART AWARDS 2026 <i>3 July - 29 August</i>
SEPT	TALLULAH NUNEZ <i>15 September - 10 October</i>
OCT	TONI EDNEY <i>20 October - 14 November</i>
NOV	DENNIS PANTING <i>24 November - 16 December</i>



MESQUITE ERADICATION PROJECT

The Lower Gascoyne Mesquite Eradication Project continues to progress in line with the approved program and funding arrangements, with strong momentum building toward the next major phase of works.

Previous control efforts have already delivered significant results, with extensive spraying operations undertaken between April and June 2025 across key priority sites, covering more than 720 hectares and targeting over 11,000 mesquite plants. These early works laid a strong foundation for the current integrated management approach.



Mechanical Control Works (Bulldozing)

The Shire has successfully appointed a contractor to undertake the mechanical (bulldozing) component of the project. These works are scheduled to commence in April 2026, subject to the final approval of the required clearing permit.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has advised that the clearing permit is expected to be issued within approximately four weeks. Based on this advice, the project timeline remains on track and no delays are anticipated at this stage.

Follow-Up Chemical Control – Bibbawarra Bore

As part of the ongoing integrated management approach, follow-up spraying at the Bibbawarra Bore site is scheduled to begin in two to three weeks. This treatment is an important step in preventing regrowth and ensuring the long-term effectiveness of previous mesquite control works.

Executive Manager Community Planning & Sustainability, Stefan Louw, said the project reflects a long-term commitment to protecting the region's natural environment.

"Mesquite is one of the most significant environmental threats in the Lower Gascoyne. This project is about protecting our landscapes, waterways and productive land for future generations. By combining mechanical and chemical control, we are taking a strategic and sustainable approach to managing this invasive species."

Project Snapshot

- Mechanical (bulldozing) works scheduled to start in April 2026
- Commencement subject to receipt of a DWER clearing permit (expected within ~4 weeks)
- Follow-up spraying at Bibbawarra Bore to begin in 2-3 weeks
- Project remains on schedule and progressing as planned

The Shire will continue to keep the community informed as the project moves forward and will provide updates should there be any changes to timelines or approvals.

Before

Bibbawarra Bore

After

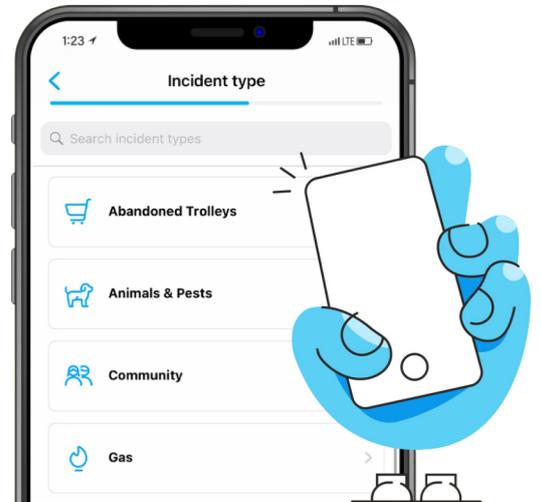


SNAP SEND SOLVE

BEING A COMMUNITY LEGEND HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

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-  See your impact
-  Be an advocate for your local area
-  Be confident your Snap has been received



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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU | GASCOYNE RIVER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When bushfire threatens, our community relies on locals who are willing to step forward.

The Gascoyne River Bushfire Brigade is seeking new volunteers to help protect our people, our river and our region. No experience is needed, full training, equipment and ongoing support are provided.

If you care about your community and want to make a real difference, we'd love to hear from you.

Find out more or register your interest here:



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

CYCLONE SEASON PREPARATIONS – ARE YOU READY, CARNARVON?

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

Have a plan

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

Pack your emergency kit

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



Know when to take action

Stay alert to cyclone warnings:

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

Stay informed

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

CYCLONE ALERTS & WARNINGS



Advice

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



Watch and Act

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



Emergency Warning

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

During a cyclone

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

After a cyclone

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

Life-threatening Emergency 000

Department of Fire and Emergency Services Information Line 133 337

Bureau of Meteorology Warning Service 1300 659 210

Shire of Carnarvon (08) 9941 0000

Carnarvon Hospital 9941 0555

Western Power 131 351

State Emergency Service 132 500

Total Fire Ban Information 1800 709 355

Australian Red Cross 1800 733 276



Scan this QR Code for more information





Rubbish Collection

Monday

Morgantown / Babbage Island

Tuesday

South Carnarvon

Wednesday

Brockman

Thursday

East Carnarvon / Kingsford / Brown Range

Wednesday

Plantations - North / South



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!



PHOTO: AUSTRALIA DAY FIREWORKS

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

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