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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 COUNCIL

February was a busy month across the Shire of Carnarvon, with a strong focus on community resilience, local improvements and the many programs that bring our community together.

Early in the month, our region experienced the impacts of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Mitchell, bringing heavy rainfall across the Gascoyne. Council thanks our staff, emergency services, volunteers and community members who worked together to support the community during this time and assist with recovery efforts.

Council also continued to invest in maintaining and improving local facilities. Our Infrastructure Team has been preparing key areas ahead of the tourism season, including upgrades at the Blowholes Campground and new signage installed in Coral Bay to support safety and accessibility for residents and visitors.

Behind the scenes, progress also continued on several major projects including planning for the Tramway Bridge refurbishment, installation of the Civic Centre digital LED screen, and future improvements to community spaces such as Van Dongen Park.

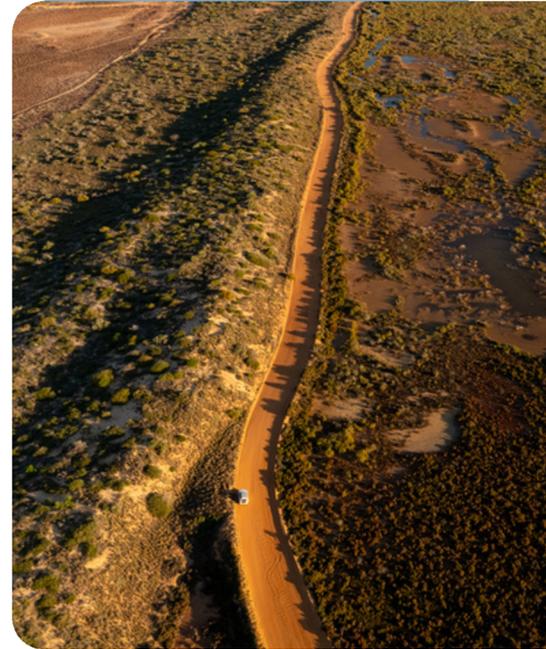
It has also been wonderful to see our community connecting through programs, events, arts and sport across Carnarvon and Coral Bay. Council thanks everyone who contributes to making our community such a vibrant and welcoming place.

Thank you,

**Shire of Carnarvon Council**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Shire maintains over 300 km of local roads, parks, public spaces and facilities across Carnarvon and Coral Bay.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL



**17**  
MARCH

COMMENCING AT 12.00PM

### Agenda Briefing

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

**24**  
MARCH

COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

### Ordinary Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

**24**  
MARCH

COMMENCING AT 11.30AM

### Major Project and Infrastructure Committee

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
STUART STREET, CARNARVON

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2026

At the February Ordinary Council Meeting, Council progressed several important decisions that continue to support heritage preservation, community organisations, and major infrastructure investment across Carnarvon.

A key focus of the meeting was strengthening long-term tenure arrangements for local not-for-profit groups. Council approved a five-year lease for the Carnarvon Heritage Group over a portion of the Old Tramway Track (Reserve 6049), supporting the Group's ongoing commitment to restoring and maintaining this significant historic asset. The lease relates specifically to the tramway track system, aligning with the broader Tramway Walk Trail project under the Carnarvon Activation Plan.

Council also renewed a five-year lease for the Carnarvon Lions Club at Building 133 at the Carnarvon Airport. The Lions Club continues to play a valuable role in fundraising and community support initiatives, and lease stability ensures they can continue operating and serving the community. In addition, Council granted a further ten-year lease extension to the Carnarvon Golf Club over Reserve 31811 on Cornish Street. Long-term tenure provides certainty for the Club to plan facility improvements, grow participation, host regional events and contribute to Carnarvon's tourism and recreation offering.

Council further endorsed the detailed design for the Tramway Bridge reinstatement and refurbishment project. The design maintains the bridge's heritage character while strengthening its structural integrity and delivering a 10-year asset management plan to guide ongoing maintenance. The project includes structural repairs, pile protection works, steel and timber refurbishment, and abutment improvements, ensuring this iconic asset remains safe and sustainable for future generations.

In addition to infrastructure and lease matters, Council endorsed a waiver of fees to support Edith Cowan University's 2026 Tax Clinic, which will operate from the Library and Art Gallery meeting room. This initiative provides accessible tax assistance to community members who may otherwise face barriers to professional advice.

The February meeting reflects Council's continued commitment to supporting volunteer-led organisations, preserving Carnarvon's heritage assets, investing in long-term infrastructure, and delivering practical services that benefit the community.



# STRONGER TOGETHER THROUGH EX-TC CYCLONE MITCHELL

In early February, EX-TC Tropical Cyclone Mitchell moved down the WA coast and brought a challenging few days for communities across the Gascoyne and Mid West. While the system weakened as it approached our region, residents in Carnarvon and Coral Bay were still advised to shelter as damaging winds and heavy rain moved through.

For Carnarvon, the cyclone arrived at an already difficult time for many of our growers. Just weeks earlier, plantations across the region had been struggling with extreme heat, which had already placed stress on crops. The strong winds associated with the cyclone then caused further damage, particularly to banana plantations, with growers reporting crops being stripped or "skinned" by the winds. For an industry that plays such an important role in our local economy and identity, these events are never easy.



Despite the challenges, what stood out most was the strength of the Carnarvon community. Neighbours checked in on each other, families prepared their homes, and local businesses and growers worked tirelessly to protect what they could. Emergency services, volunteers and local crews also played an important role in keeping the community safe and responding quickly once conditions eased.



As the winds passed and the rain cleared, attention quickly turned to recovery. Residents began clearing debris, checking properties and supporting one another through the clean up.

Events like EX-TC Cyclone Mitchell remind us how important preparation and community spirit are in regional towns. Carnarvon has faced challenging weather before, and each time our community continues to show resilience, determination and a willingness to look out for one another.

## 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

# PREPARING THE BLOWHOLES CAMPGROUND FOR THE SEASON

As the busy tourism season approaches, the Shire of Carnarvon Infrastructure team has been hard at work preparing the Blowholes Campground to ensure visitors and locals can continue to enjoy the area safely and comfortably.

Following several recent medical incidents at the Blowholes, the Shire has installed publicly accessible defibrillators at the campground. While the camp host had a defibrillator available, these events highlighted the importance of having additional publicly located devices that can be accessed quickly in an emergency. The new installations provide an added layer of safety for visitors and locals enjoying the area. The Shire would also like to thank Leichardt, who generously donated two of the three defibrillators now installed at the campground.

A number of practical improvements have also recently been completed to make navigating the campground easier. During last year's tourism season, temporary campsite number signs were installed to assist visitors in finding their allocated sites. With positive feedback from campers, the Shire has now installed permanent campsite number and directional signage, helping visitors more easily locate their sites and move around the campground with confidence.



The boardwalk leading to the Aquarium has also been cleared, improving access and making it safer and more enjoyable for those exploring this unique natural attraction.

To improve water supply reliability at the campground, a new and larger water tank has also been installed. The increased capacity will help reduce the chances of the tank running empty during peak visitor periods. The new system has been designed to be more secure, with the water connection now protected to prevent unauthorised access.

These upgrades are part of the Shire's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve facilities at the Blowholes, ensuring the campground continues to be a welcoming, safe and well managed destination for both residents and visitors throughout the tourism season.

## HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

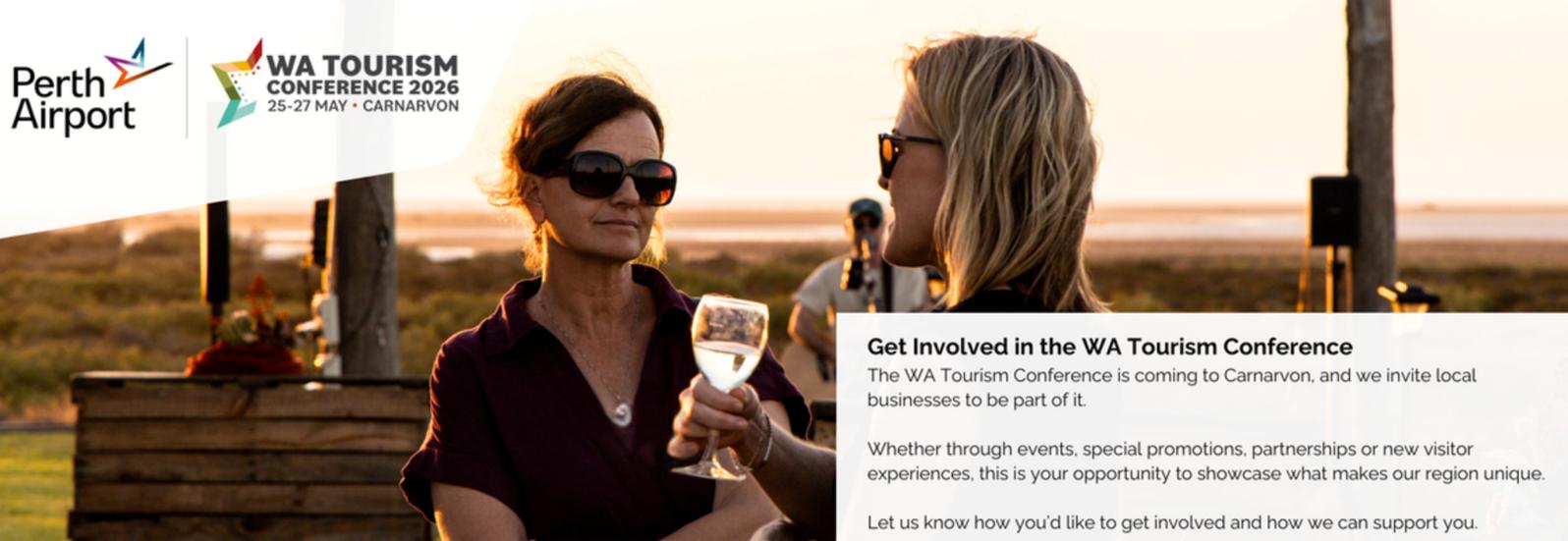
The Gascoyne River Bushfire Brigade is looking for new volunteers to help safeguard our community when bushfires threaten. Local volunteers play a vital role in protecting our people, our river and the surrounding region.

No previous experience is required. Full training, equipment and ongoing support will be provided.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back and support your community, consider joining the brigade.

Find out more or register your interest here:





**Get Involved in the WA Tourism Conference**

The WA Tourism Conference is coming to Carnarvon, and we invite local businesses to be part of it.

Whether through events, special promotions, partnerships or new visitor experiences, this is your opportunity to showcase what makes our region unique.

Let us know how you'd like to get involved and how we can support you.

**CELEBRATING THE HEART  
AND SOUL OF OUR  
COMMUNITY**



**Carnarvon & Coral Bay National  
Volunteer Week Awards**

**NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

This year's National Volunteer Week theme, "Your Year to Volunteer" honours the contributions of volunteers and encourages people across Australia to make 2026 the year they get involved and make a difference. From young changemakers to lifelong volunteers, from dedicated community groups to outstanding sporting clubs, we want to celebrate them all.

Our annual National Volunteer Awards will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2026, aligning with International Volunteer Day. This special evening will include a full awards ceremony, food, entertainment and a well-deserved night of recognition for our volunteers.



Nominations are now open! Scan the QR code to Nominate or pop into the Shire Office to grab a form today!

**CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS  
THIS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER  
WEEK**

As National Volunteer Week approaches, Centacare Volunteer Services would love to take a moment to say thank you to our incredible volunteers in Carnarvon. Your time, care and commitment make a real difference in our community, and we are so grateful for everything you do.

National Volunteer Week runs from 18–24 May 2026, and this year's theme is "Your Year to Volunteer". To show our appreciation, we will be sharing seventy-five \$20 gift vouchers with current volunteers throughout May as a small thank you for the big impact you make every day.

Let's celebrate National Volunteer Week together and make it a special one!

To learn more about eligibility, how to register, or about volunteering in general, please contact us by leaving a text message, and we will respond on Fridays, between 9 am – 12 pm.

**Mobile:** 0455 669 719

**Facebook:** Centacare Family Services Carnarvon

**Website:** [centacaregeraldton.org.au](http://centacaregeraldton.org.au)





# CONNECT, CREATE & ENGAGE



February kicked off our Connect, Create and Engage program for older members of our community!

Led by Vanessa Frost, Ainslee Hutchinson and our wonderful staff at the Community Art Hub, the program has already brought a fantastic range of activities to our seniors. From Gentle Moves and Line Dancing at the Seniors Hall, to Chair Yoga at the Library, and Intergenerational Art sessions at the Community Art Hub, it's been wonderful to see older and younger community members coming together to connect, create and share experiences.

The Intergenerational Art Sessions at the Art Hub have also been a great opportunity for community members of all ages to take part in creative activities together. The first week began with collage portraits, with participants enjoying the chance to experiment with materials and creativity. Many shared that it had been a long time since they had last tried collage, and the room was filled with conversation as people chatted, shared ideas and stories while creating their artworks.

In the second week, participants explored mono printing, enjoying the playful process of experimenting with printmaking on paper. The session sparked plenty of conversation and laughter as people discovered new techniques together and shared their creations.



Week three introduced pastel and paint, where participants used oil pastels and watercolour to create expressive artworks on paper. The activity encouraged free expression through mark-making and drawing, with many of the younger participants enthusiastically embracing the creative process.

This program has been made possible by Department of Communities through their Age Friendly Connectivity Grant.

If you haven't been able to attend yet, there are still plenty of sessions coming up! Check out our flyer or events calendar for upcoming activities and come along to join the fun.

If you know someone who may benefit from this program, please help us spread the word and let them know about the activities available.

Activities will continue to run until May, so there are lots of opportunities to get involved, stay active and connect with others in the community. Up coming events can be found on page 14-15.





# International WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday 8 March we celebrated International Women's Day and the remarkable women who help shape Carnarvon each and every day!

So many of our local businesses are led by inspiring women, often mums who are balancing family life, volunteering in the community, and keeping their households running while building and growing their own businesses.

Their resilience, generosity and determination strengthen our community in countless ways. We thank you, we celebrate you, and we are proud of the impact you make every single day.

Happy International Women's Day to all women in Carnarvon and Coral Bay!

# MELBOURNE ARTIST LINDA TEGG BRINGS NEW WORK TO CARNARVON

Melbourne-based artist Linda Tegg is returning to Carnarvon for the final stage of her residency as part of the Circular Economies program, supported by SPACED and the Shire of Carnarvon.

The program features new works by artists created through residencies across regional Western Australia between 2024 and 2026. Linda's Carnarvon project will be one of five works later exhibited at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), alongside projects developed in Beverley, Carnamah, Esperance, and Narrogin.

During three visits to Carnarvon in 2025, Linda spent time with the local community and explored the Gascoyne landscape, including Carnarvon's iconic OTC satellite dish. Inspired by conversations with residents and the region's night skies, her project Situational Awareness reflects on the reactivation of the OTC Satellite Earth Station and the way satellite systems connect communities around the world.

Through photography, projections, and community engagement, the project also explores the growing number of satellites in our skies and the impact of light pollution on cultural stories and astronomy.

The work will first be exhibited in Carnarvon at the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum inside a new exhibition container before travelling to PICA later in 2026. The opening will include a Welcome to Country and reflections from local cultural leader Rennee Turner.

## Linda Tegg

Exhibition Opening  
with Welcome to Country by Rennee Turner

**SPACED**



Saturday 21 March  
7-9 PM

Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum

Join us for an evening of reflection, gathering and celebration, for the opening of an exhibition by Linda Tegg, as part of her Circular Economies residency in Carnarvon.

**Rennee Turner** is a local Yinggarda woman, the owner and tour guide of Wooramulla Eco Tours with a passion for sharing her ancient culture and an extensive knowledge of local bush foods.

**Linda Tegg** is a Melbourne-based artist known for her immersive installations that explore the relationship between spectatorship, nature, and the built environment.



# GASCOYNE ART AWARDS

## ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 24

### HOW TO ENTER

Collect your entry form from Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery or scan QR code

**ENTRIES CLOSE 31 MAY @ 12AM**

### SCAN ME!



### EXHIBITION DATES

Friday 3 July - Saturday 29 August  
Library & Art Gallery,  
18 Egan Street

## THIS LIFE SUMMER SERIES: SO FAR

The This Life Summer Series has been bringing Carnarvon to life over the past few months, with locals and visitors coming together to enjoy long summer evenings, great music and community events.



The series kicked off with Windfest, where kites filled the sky and families gathered on the lawns of the Carnarvon Yacht Club to celebrate Carnarvon's coastal lifestyle with live music and a relaxed atmosphere.

The fun continued with Drop-In Mini Golf, offering plenty of laughs, friendly competition and a great social vibe. Meanwhile, Ambient Soundscapes at Cuppa and Crumb created a calm evening experience with gentle lighting and atmospheric sounds.

On Valentine's Day, Miss Fangs hosted a special performance from Nathan Parsons, supported by local duo Fleur, drawing a great crowd for an intimate night of live music.

The energy lifted again with Pulp Fiction Night at Camel Lane Tavern, where DJ HiM and DJ Lo kept the dance floor moving with a mix of classic tracks and crowd favourites.

The This Life Summer Series is all about creating opportunities for the community to come together, try something new and enjoy everything Carnarvon has to offer — and with more events still to come, the summer vibes are far from over.



Gascoyne Hotel  
**MCN AND MARY E**

**13**  
MARCH



Carnarvon Hotel  
**SGT HULKA**

**20**  
MARCH



Norwest Cup  
at Festival  
Showgrounds  
**PETER BIBBY**  
and The Big Horse  
Band, Grub, The  
Stumblers

**28**  
MARCH



The Port Hotel  
**TOBY BEARD**

**8**  
APRIL

## PORTRAITS OF YINGGARDA ELDERS II

*Portraits of Yinggarda Elders II* is a powerful community art initiative delivered as part of the Shire of Carnarvon's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2025–2027.

The project brought together local artists to create painted portraits of eight Yinggarda Elders. These works will become part of the Shire of Carnarvon Art Collection, preserving and perpetuating history and culture of Yinggarda Country.

Arts facilitation was led by Gosia Taylor, who guided artists to paint eight respected Yinggarda women. The portraits were informed by a series of monochrome photographs taken during visits to Elders' homes by Cheryl Moncreiff and her team.

Gosia Taylor said local artists put their hearts and souls into the portraits. "The process created space for deeper reflection, attentive observation and respectful representation demonstrating how creative practice can contribute to cultural understanding and reconciliation in action," said Gosia.



These portraits are more than artworks. They are records of living knowledge, leadership and cultural strength. By honouring Elders in this way, the project contributes directly to preserving Yinggarda culture and increasing its visibility within the Carnarvon community, a key commitment of the Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan.

### CELEBRATING CULTURAL WOMEN

Thank you to the Elders and artists who took part in this project:

- Marion Crowe – painted by Carmen Reilly
- Merle Dann – painted by Helen Brooks
- Sharon Crowe – painted by Dave Stewart
- Philomena Dodd – painted by Rowena Christ
- Cheryl Moncreiff – painted by Wendy George
- Bella Randall – painted by Bernadine Anning
- Kath Ryan – painted by Karla Tittums
- Esther Edney – painted by Senia Samuela-Eastmure



The eight Elders are strong cultural women who all grew up in Carnarvon and have connection to Country," - Cheryl Moncreiff

### Reconciliation Week Exhibition

The portraits will be unveiled during National Reconciliation Week 2026, themed All In, calling on all Australians to commit to reconciliation every day and exhibited at the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery from 18 May – 13 June.



# MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Supported by:

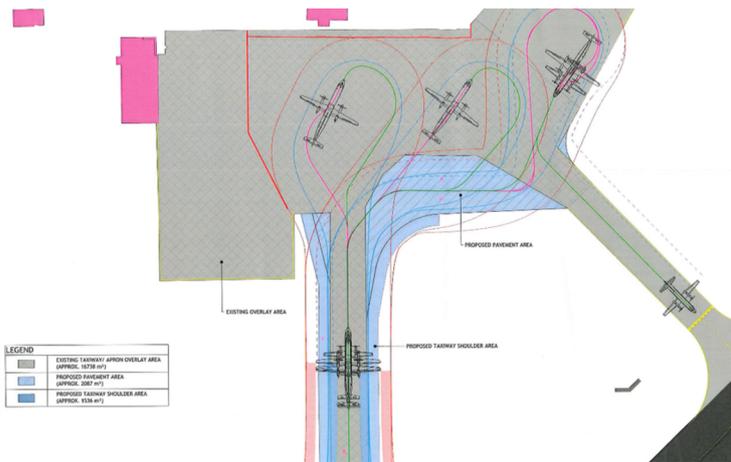


## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Completion of the installation of the Digital LED Screen at the Civic Centre. This forms part of the broader Local Connect and Create project.
- Council endorsement of the detailed design for the Tramway Bridge Refurbishment and Reinstatement Stage One project.
- Secured major funding and partnerships for the WA Tourism Conference including \$350,000 secured for pre-conference experience.
- The Shire is progressing with the engagement of an Independent Technical Expert to review the design for the Airport runway, as required under the project's governance and approval framework.

### Coming Up!

- Construction to commence on the Tramway Bridge refurbishment and reinstatement.
- Installation of public art pieces along Robinson Street as part of the Local Connect and Create project.
- Closing of tender to support the landscaping and construction of Van Dongen Park Stage One.



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





## KEEPING CARNARVON CLEAN

The Shire of Carnarvon Rangers play an important role in helping keep our town, parks and coastal areas clean by enforcing the Litter Act 1979. While Carnarvon is known for its beautiful natural environment, litter can quickly impact the places we all enjoy.

Litter is not only unattractive, it can also harm wildlife, create safety hazards and encourage further dumping in an area. When rubbish builds up in a location, it often leads to more people leaving waste behind.

Under the Litter Act, litter includes any unwanted or abandoned material such as rubbish, refuse, junk or scrap. This can include discarding rubbish in public places, dumping waste in reserves or vacant land, placing domestic or commercial waste in public bins, or allowing items to fall from an unsecured load during transport. Other forms of litter can include abandoned shopping trolleys, careless cigarette butt disposal, or posting advertising material in public places without permission.

With the WA Tourism Conference coming to Carnarvon at the end of May, we have a fantastic opportunity to showcase our region to visitors from across Western Australia. The Shire encourages everyone in the community to take pride in our town by helping keep public spaces clean and tidy so we can present the very best of Carnarvon.

A big thank you also goes to the dedicated volunteers from the Litter Legends, who regularly give their time to help keep our community looking its best. Their efforts make a real difference, and they are always happy to welcome new volunteers who would like to get involved and help care for our local environment.

By disposing of rubbish responsibly, securing loads when transporting waste and using the appropriate waste facilities, we can all play a part in keeping Carnarvon clean, welcoming and enjoyable for residents, visitors and wildlife alike.

## ★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★

Carnarvon received approximately 32 mm of rain during Cyclone Mitchell. This amount of rainfall across a wide area can create short lived pools of water, which provide ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed.

Our Environmental Health team has already begun treating accessible mosquito breeding sites, but the large scale of the rainfall event and lack of access means not all of the areas can be treated.

Following rainfall events, temporary water pooling may occur and can lead to an increase in mosquito numbers.

To help protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites, please take the following precautions:

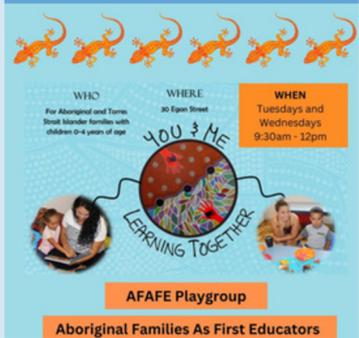
- Cover up with light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors, if temperature conditions allow.
- Use an effective insect repellent, particularly during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Check your property for any containers or items holding water, and empty them when possible.



# Upcoming



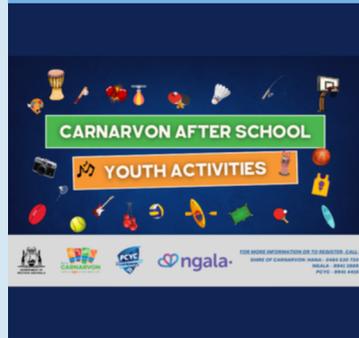
You & Me Playgroup  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
9.30am - 12.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Storytime  
Tuesdays  
10.00am - 11.00am  
Library & Art Gallery



After School Youth Activities  
Term 1  
Refer to schedule on  
Facebook or website  
PCYC



Brick by Brick LEGO  
Challenge  
Tuesdays  
3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



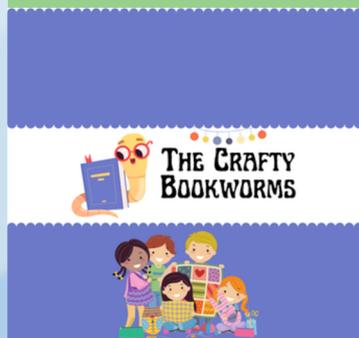
Intergenerational Art Sessions  
Wednesdays  
9.30am - 10.30am  
Community Art Hub



Snuggles Playgroup  
Wednesdays  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Carnarvon Playgroup Building



The Crafty Bookworms  
Wednesdays  
3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Circuit Training for Women  
18+  
Wednesdays  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
PCYC



This Life Summer Series -  
MCN  
Friday 13th March  
6.00pm - 9.00pm  
Gascoyne Hotel



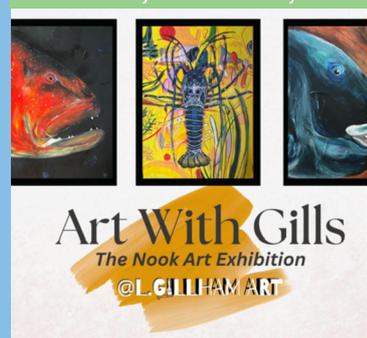
Carnarvon Speedway - Club  
Show  
Saturday 14th March  
4.30pm Gates Open  
Carnarvon Speedway



Vegetables WA Roadshow  
Tuesday 17th March  
4.00pm - 7.00pm  
Carnarvon Yacht Club



Nook Exhibition | Leanne  
Gillham - Opening Event  
Tuesday 20th March  
4.00pm - 5.30pm  
Library & Art Gallery



# Events



Grower Information Session  
Tuesday 10th March  
4.00pm - 5.00pm  
Carnarvon Golf Club



Netball Pre Season  
Tuesday 10th March  
5.00pm - 7.00pm  
Netball Courts (Festival  
Grounds)



Mat Pilates with Ness  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Timings differ  
Carnarvon Yacht Club



Seniors Line Dancing  
Wednesdays  
9.00am - 10.00am  
Senior Citizens Hall



Bingo  
Wednesdays  
6.00pm  
Senior Citizens Hall



Baby Rhyme Time  
Thursdays  
10.00am - 10.30am  
Library & Art Gallery



Carnarvon Adventure Group  
Thursdays  
12.30pm - 2.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Family Hoedown + Line  
Dancing Workshop  
Friday 13th March  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
PCYC



This Life Summer Series  
Friday 20th March  
7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Carnarvon Hotel



Harmony Week  
Saturday 21st March  
9.30am - 12.30pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Pink Stumps |  
Charity Cricket Match  
Saturday 21st March  
9.00am - 3.00pm  
Baston Oval



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



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

# Community

## ARTIST FORUM COMING TO GWOONWARDU MIA

Gwoonwardu Mia - Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre, in partnership with the Shire of Carnarvon, is calling on local artists to come together for a one-day Artist Forum.

The forum, taking place on Wednesday, 15 April 2026 from 9.00am to 4.00pm, will bring creatives from across the region together for a day of connection, conversation, and collaboration. Artists can expect discussions around creative practice, professional development, and exciting opportunities for the arts in our community.

The event is open to all local artists - emerging and established - across all art forms.

### EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, 15 April 2026

Location: Gwoonwardu Mia - Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Who's It For? Everyone with a Passion for Art!

A full line-up of activities and speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

To register or for more information, contact: Carleen Ryder  
Operations Manager - Engagement & Events  
carleen.ryder@museum.wa.gov.au or 0448 369 681



## SMASH CRICKET SERIES

**BIG HITS. QUICK GAMES. GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED!**

**SMASH CRICKET SERIES**

**STARTS FRIDAY 20TH FEB 5PM**

**6 WEEKS**

**BOYS & GIRLS AGED 9-17**

**\$15 PER CHILD FOR THE SERIES**

**REGISTRATIONS ARE A MUST!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE, OR EMAIL [CJCC@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:CJCC@OUTLOOK.COM)**

**GRAB A SPOT AND LET'S SMASH IT!**



**SMASH  
SERIES  
CRICKET**



## SMASH CRICKET SERIES

Junior cricket is back with six weeks of fast, fun cricket for young players in Carnarvon.

Starting Friday 20 February at 5pm, boys and girls aged 9-17 are invited to join in for quick games, big hits and plenty of good times on the field.

The program runs for six weeks, with a cost of \$15 per child, covering the entire season.

Registrations are essential, so be sure to secure your spot by following the registration QR code or follow Carnarvon Junior Cricket Association Facebook for all updates and information.



# ABS CENSUS RECRUITMENT

## Support your community this Census

Do you live in a regional or remote area of Australia? You can look after your community's future by working for the Census.

The next Census will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2026. The Census provides a snapshot of our country and helps planning for local schools, health care, transport and infrastructure. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is hiring over 30,000 people for the 2026 Census. It's important that remote communities and areas across the country are supported to participate.

Applications for Remote Area Management Team Leaders and Team Members are now open. People in these jobs work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and rural sites such as farms, mining camps and national parks, to make sure everyone is counted in the Census.

Team Leaders manage a small team and lead engagement activities in various remote areas. Team Members promote participation in communities by answering Census questions, delivering forms and working with people to complete their Census form.

Census jobs are temporary. You can earn extra money and work flexible hours across weekdays, evenings and weekends.

The ABS is looking for a range of people who have experience working in a small team in regional and remote areas. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for Remote Area Management Team jobs.

There are Census jobs available near you. Visit [census.abs.gov.au/jobs](https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs) for more information and to apply.

## Become a Remote Area Management Team Leader



- ✓ Lead a team
- ✓ Ensure everyone in your community is included
- ✓ \$55.81 per hour (incl. 25% casual loading) + super

Look after your community's future.  
Work for the 2026 Census.

Apply now [census.abs.gov.au/jobs](https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs)

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- REACH LOCALS AND VISITORS**  
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- SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY**  
Promote local spending and help strengthen our regional community.

## Scan QR Code to view our Media Kit

# SPORTS, FITNESS & WELLNESS IN CARNARVON



- Monday - MetaPWR - 5:30am at Carnarvon Aquatic Centre
- Tuesday & Thursday - SoulFit - 5:15pm at Baxter Park
- Friday - MetaFIT HIIT Training - 5:30am at Carnarvon Aquatic Centre
- Saturday - YIN YOGA - 8:30am at Rejuvenate - The Wellness Booth
- Sunday - Walk and Connect - 7am at Waterfront Cafe



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- Monday
  - Multi-sports - 230pm to 530pm
  - Music with Keno - 4pm to 630pm
- Tuesday
  - Boys Group - 230pm to 6pm
  - Boys Boxing
    - Ages 10 -13: 430pm to 530pm
    - Ages 14 - 17: 530pm to 630pm
  - Racquet Sports - 630pm to 9pm
- Wednesday
  - Water Sports - Ages 12+ (max 8 participants): 230pm to 6pm
  - Music with Keno - 4pm to 630pm
  - Women's HIIT/Circuit Class - 530pm to 630pm (Ages 18+)
- Thursday
  - Girls Group - 230pm to 6pm
  - Boxing
    - Ages 10 -13: 430pm to 530pm
    - Ages 14 - 17: 530pm to 630pm
- Friday
  - Basketball - 230pm to 5pm

Location: Carnarvon PCYC



Carnarvon Junior Cricket Association

- Every Friday 5pm for 6 weeks (ends 27 March)
- Boys & Girls aged 9 - 17
- \$15 per child for the series
- Registrations are a must.

Location: Soccer Ground (Baston Oval)



Register here



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- Tuesday
  - Hatha Yoga - 530pm to 630pm
- Thursday
  - Ashtanga Yoga - 530pm to 630pm
- All levels welcome

Location: Rejuvenate - The Wellness Booth



Facebook page



- Open registration for Women's Softball Team
- All females over 14 years old are welcome
- Season starts 8 March 2026
- Trainings every Sunday at 315pm

Location: Town Oval

How to register:

- Email: carnarvonsoftball23@gmail.com
- Phone: 0421 860 125
- Or head down on Sundays



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Sculpt Stretch & Sweat Pilates (Group Matwork Classes)

- Wednesday - 530pm
- Saturday - 8am
- Adaptable to all fitness levels
- Email: cm.chrissy69@gmail.com
- Phone: 0412 780 796

Location: The Church of Christ



Facebook page

# SPORTS, FITNESS & WELLNESS IN CARNARVON



- Monday - Full Body Weights Session + Cardio Blast - 5:30am at Football Oval
- Tuesday - Upper Body Weights Session - 530am at Soccer Pavillion
- Thursday - Lower Body Weights Session - 530am at Soccer Pavillion
- Friday - Beach Session + Mobility - 530am at Pelican Point (near the toilets)



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## Infant Swimming Lessons

- 6 months to 4 years old
- 3 March to 28 March 2026
- Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings
- 8 lessons: \$120

Registrations now open at The Aquatic Centre



Website



## Carnarvon Underwater Hockey Club (Socials)

- Wednesdays - 6pm to 7pm
- Fridays - 5pm to 6pm
- New players welcome!
- \$5 per session on top of pool entry fee
- Bring fins, mask, and snorkel
- Safety gear provided

Location: Carnarvon Aquatic Centre



Facebook page



## Alhasnawi Boxing Academy

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 630pm to 730pm
- \$20 per session or \$150 for 10 sessions
- Phone: Sam - 0456 417 297

Location: 422 Robinson, Carnarvon, WA 6701



Facebook page



## 2026 Redcliff Electrical Norwest Netball Cup

- 28 March 2026
- Bar and Canteen options
- Live music
- Grand Finals of Netball and Football



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## Opening hours

- Friday - 730am to 430pm
- Saturday - 8am to 12pm
- Phone: +61 400 980 882
- Email: info@rejuvenatetwb.com



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## Carnarvon Motorcycle Club Raffle

- Only 550 tickets available at \$10 each — with \$2,000 cash up for grabs!
- Drawn 26 April 2026
- Funds go towards upgrading our club facilities for the local riding community
- Scan the QR code to purchase online now



Buy Tickets

## SPEEDWAY SEASON OPENS WITH STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT



The AshFuels Carnarvon Speedway kicked off the season with an impressive turnout, welcoming one of the largest crowds the club has seen in recent years for their opening night club show. The Speedway Committee thanked the Carnarvon community for turning out in such strong numbers and supporting local motorsport, with spectators enjoying an exciting night of racing and strong competition across all divisions. It was also great to see some new drivers taking to the track alongside regular competitors, adding to the energy of the evening.

Race results from the evening included Logan Reigert taking first place in the Junior New Stars division, followed by Scarlett Mason in second and Seth Allen in third. In the Junior Top Stars division, Jacob Lathwell secured first place, with Charlie Grebert finishing second and Cooper Jackson third. The Street Stocks category saw Damon Lyall take the win, Chayse Jackson finishing second and Wade Mason in third place. In the Mods/Prods division, Jarrod Rick claimed first place, Kim Jolly finished second and Ian Lester placed third in the Production class. Julian Andreoli took out first place in the Wingless Sprints, with Bruce Watt finishing second. In the Limited Sprintcars division, Ben Maes secured the win, followed by David Bumbak in second place.



The next race meeting will take place on 14 March and will feature another club show along with burnouts, promising another exciting night at the track.

## A SWEET WAY TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S

Cuppa & Crumb Café recently hosted a delightful Vintage Heart Cake Decorating Workshop, bringing together locals for an afternoon of creativity, laughter and sweet treats. The fully booked class proved to be a popular way for friends to celebrate the spirit of Valentine's Day together.



Participants learned how to decorate their own vintage-style heart cake, complete with buttercream piping, bows and sprinkles. With no experience needed, the workshop welcomed beginners and baking enthusiasts alike, creating a relaxed and fun atmosphere where everyone could enjoy learning something new.

The event highlighted the growing interest in creative community experiences in Carnarvon, with guests leaving not only with a beautifully decorated cake, but also with plenty of smiles and memories shared with friends.



Cuppa & Crumb Café continues to bring unique workshops and sweet moments to the community, adding another reason to stop by and enjoy what local businesses have to offer.



## NEW SIGNAGE INSTALLED IN CORAL BAY TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND ACCESS

The Shire of Carnarvon Infrastructure team recently travelled to Coral Bay to install a number of new signs aimed at improving safety, accessibility and navigation.

The upgrades included the installation of no camping signs in designated areas, helping protect public spaces and ensure camping occurs only in approved locations. New toilet direction signs were also installed to make it easier for people to locate public amenities around the town.

To support safer traffic movement, the team installed speed bump signage, reminding drivers to slow down in key areas where pedestrians are frequently present. In addition, new disabled parking signs have been installed to clearly identify accessible parking bays and ensure these spaces remain available for those who need them.



These improvements are part of the Shire's ongoing work to maintain Coral Bay as a safe, welcoming and easy-to-navigate destination for both the local community and the many visitors who enjoy the region each year.

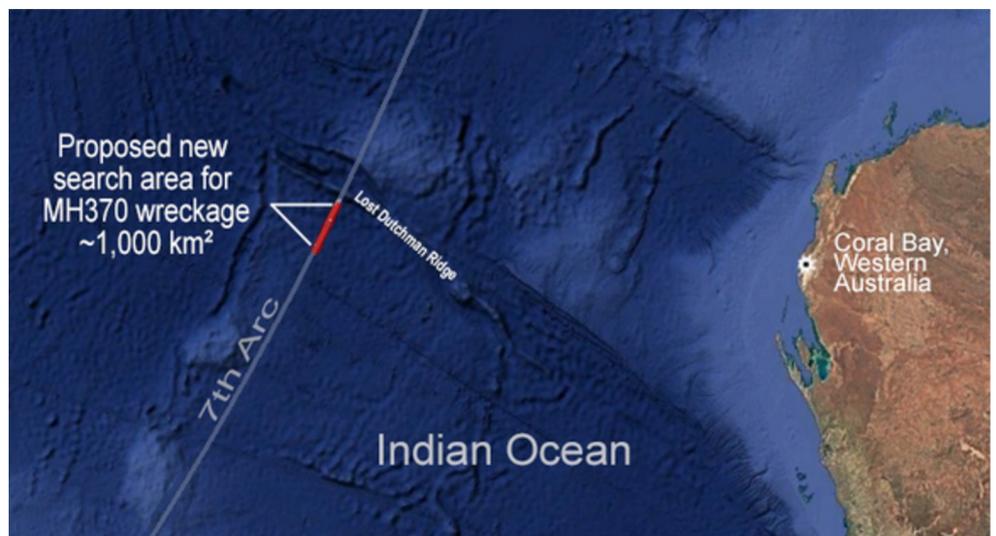


## NEW EVIDENCE IN MH370 SEARCH NEAR WA COAST

New research has identified a potential targeted underwater search area for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, which disappeared in March 2014 with 239 people on board. The proposed location lies along the aircraft's final satellite communication path in the southern Indian Ocean, off the Western Australian coast.

While the mystery of MH370 remains unsolved, researchers believe the newly identified area could help narrow future search efforts. The waters off the WA coastline, not far from Coral Bay, have long been part of the wider search region.

If further investigation proceeds, it may bring renewed hope that the aircraft could finally be located, helping provide answers to the families affected by one of aviation's greatest mysteries.



# LIBRARY



## LIBRARY LOVERS DAY: AN AMAZING SUCCESS!

The Carnarvon community demonstrated their massive love of libraries in February as Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery celebrated **Library Lovers Day**.

From when the doors opened at 9.30am on Saturday 14 February, the space came alive as patrons enjoyed free literary-themed refreshments, 'blind dates' with book giveaways, and a chance to win a Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce shopping voucher. Families flocked in for our two special Storytime sessions and building with blocks in the Art Gallery, plus the family craft event in the Kids Zone made lots of love-themed creations with clay, cardboard, and colourful paints.

With new Carnarvon residents coming in to sign up for the first time and previous members re-connecting with us after years away, it was a wonderful opportunity for library and art gallery staff to engage with everyone, highlighting our new and returning programs for 2026. From our regular clubs and local history initiatives for adults, to our new iteration of LEGO Club for kids, plus upcoming art gallery exhibitions, and much more on the horizon, 2026 is shaping up to be another amazing year at Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery!

A massive thank you to the almost two hundred community members who shared their love of libraries on Saturday and helped make Library Lovers Day such an amazing success!

## MONSTER MAYHEM AT THE LIBRARY OVER THE SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

A monstrous regiment of young readers participated in our annual Summer Reading Quest challenge at Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery! Every year, we challenge young people to log how much reading they do over the December-January school holidays and join us for fun activities in the library.

This year, the challenge had the theme "*Monster Mayhem!*" and was supported by Public Libraries Western Australia. We organized a whole range of monster-related challenges for children aged 0-12 years, including making monsters out of LEGO in our Kids Zone and out of foam blocks in the Art Gallery. We also had artistic talent on display with two drawing challenges.

39 participants signed up for the reading challenge, logging how many books they read over the holidays. This included noting totals of books read but also encouraged participants to enjoy reading a variety of topics while relaxing in different spaces. We saw some very enthusiastic, prolific readers!

Our competition winners won a range of prizes including books. As the Summer Reading Quest is a state-wide initiative, participants were also eligible to enter the draw to win an exclusive illustration workshop with Australian children's book author and illustrator Peter Cheong!

Congratulations to all of the winners of our 2026 competitions: Addison, Andee, Archer, Liam, Maddison, Mila and Tilly. We look forward to meeting a new contingent of enthusiastic readers in December 2026!

### SUMMER READING QUEST MONSTER MAYHEM!



Have you just moved to Carnarvon or Coral Bay for work?

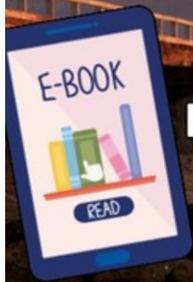
Have you lived here for years?

Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery is here  
for your reading and entertainment needs!



**FREE E-RESOURCES ONLY, VISITOR,  
OR FULL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP**

**BORROW BOOKS,  
AUDIOBOOKS, DVDS,  
MAGAZINES & MORE**



**DIGITAL ACCESS TO E-BOOKS, E-AUDIOBOOKS,  
E-MAGAZINES, E-MOVIES, E-MUSIC & MORE**

**REGULAR PROGRAM OF EVENTS  
FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS**



**STUNNING ART GALLERY  
EXHIBITIONS & ART WORKSHOPS**



Join the library today!



# ART GALLERY

## ENTRIES OPEN FOR GASCOYNE ART AWARDS 2026: CALLING ALL WA ARTISTS!

### A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY IN THE GASCOYNE REGION

Entries are now open for the Gascoyne Art Awards 2026 (GAA26) until midnight on 31 May 2026.

Presented by the Shire of Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery, the Awards provides a special opportunity for the community to connect and engage with the Arts and celebrate the Shire of Carnarvon and Gascoyne Region as a place of creativity and culture.

All Western Australian artists aged 16+ are eligible to enter, noting that all artworks must be available for sale. The exhibition opens on 3 July 2026 where the winning overall acquisitive piece and all category winners are announced. Following by an exhibition, creative program, before concluding for the closing event and Gascoyne Arts Society People's Choice Award.

This year's category prizes are all sponsored by local businesses, demonstrating local support for the ever-evolving arts and culture scene in Carnarvon. Shire of Carnarvon gives special thanks to Gascoyne Arts Society, Telomac Tackle and Camping, Carnarvon Medical Centre, Gascoyne Development Commission, Carnarvon Community Art Hub, Carnarvon Mitre 10 and Gwoonwardu Mia.

The Gascoyne Art Awards has been running since 1984, with local arts organisation Gascoyne Arts Society (nee Gascoyne Arts Council). The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to take on the Gascoyne Art Awards as a biennial event at the Shire of Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery on 18 Egan Street, Carnarvon. The Shire of Carnarvon give credit to the Gascoyne Arts Society whose voluntary team have delivered 40 years of Art Awards in Carnarvon.

Carnarvon has a growing arts identity, with many organisations actively celebrating and supporting the sector. This includes the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, which creates exhibition opportunities; Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre, which exhibits and supports First Nations artists; and the Carnarvon Community Art Hub, which opened in 2024 and has quickly become an arts incubator. These sit alongside more niche arts groups, such as Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe, working with textiles and ceramics, as well as a growing number of individual arts facilitators sharing their practice.

The exhibition aims to support artists to have their work seen and sold. It also serves to utilise art as a powerful connector that deepens understanding, carries stories, strengthens community, and contributes to the wellbeing and quality of life of our residents.

### HOW TO ENTER

Collect your entry form from the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, scan the QR code.

#### Award Prize Pool

- \$8,000 Best Overall Prize (Shire of Carnarvon acquisitive piece)
- \$2,000 People's Choice Award (Gascoyne Arts Society)
- \$800 Prize Per Category:
  - Gascoyne Development Commission: GASCOYNE LANDSCAPE
  - Telomac Tackle and Camping: GASCOYNE SEASCAPE
  - Carnarvon Community Art Hub: ABSTRACT
  - Carnarvon Mitre 10: THREE DIMENSIONAL ART
  - Carnarvon Medical Centre: HUMAN FORM
  - Gwoonwardu Mia: FIRST NATIONS ARTIST



### EXHIBITION DATES

Friday 3 July to Saturday 29 August 2026, at  
Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, 18  
Egan Street, Carnarvon.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase your talent and be part of something special!

# NOOK EXHIBITIONS 2026

## UPCOMING AT THE NOOK GALLERY: ART WITH GILLS BY LEANNE GILLHAM



### Art With Gills

The Nook Art Exhibition

@L.GILLHAMART

17 MARCH - 11 APRIL 2026

20 MARCH 2026 | OPENING EVENT  
4:00PM TO 5:30PM



SHIRE OF CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART GALLERY  
VISIT US AT 18 EGAN STREET, CARNARVON 6701  
OPEN TUES - FRI 9.30AM - 5PM. SAT 9.30AM - 12.30PM

We are delighted to welcome Leanne Gillham to the Nook Gallery for her exhibition, Art With Gills.

The exhibition runs from 17 March until 11 April 2026 in the Library & Art Gallery. With a practice spanning ten years, Leanne's work brings the raw beauty of our coastlines indoors through rich textures and detailed studies.

Here is the story behind the collection in her own words:

"I am a Western Australian artist who has been painting for around ten years, beginning with textured abstract ocean-inspired pieces I used to create in my garage.

Before moving up north, I came across a fish encyclopedia that sparked my curiosity about how different species might look against various coloured backgrounds. That discovery led me to experiment with darker tones and more detailed studies of marine life. I love working on canvas and often incorporate crayons and textured elements, a process that fits naturally with my outdoorsy lifestyle and love of fishing.

In 2025, I painted my first solo mural at the 6701 Waterfront Café, and I have a few new projects on the way this year.

When I'm not teaching, painting is the space where I reconnect - a natural extension of my time spent outdoors. I now work primarily on canvas, exploring a variety of styles and mediums to bring my ideas to life. I continue to develop new projects and workshops in the hope of inspiring others to pursue the creative paths they feel drawn to."

@L.GILLHAMART

# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Emergencies can take many forms including cyclones, flooding, bushfire, severe storms, heatwaves or extended power outages. Being prepared helps protect your household and reduces pressure on emergency services when it matters most.

Taking a few simple steps now can make a big difference later.

### Prepare Your Household

You do not need to do everything at once. Start small:

- Prepare an emergency kit with water, non perishable food, torch, batteries, medications and important documents
- Secure loose outdoor items before severe weather
- Know your evacuation routes
- Plan for pets in your emergency preparations
- Check in on neighbours, especially elderly or vulnerable residents

Preparation is about being organised, not alarmed.

### Stay Informed

Always rely on verified sources during an emergency:

- Emergency WA [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)
- DFES alerts and warnings
- Local radio updates
- Shire of Carnarvon website and official social media updates

Avoid sharing unconfirmed information. Official channels provide the most accurate and up to date advice.

### 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.



## NEW 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.**

**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

**HorizonPower** 132 351

**State Emergency Service** 132 500

**Total Fire Ban Information** 1800 709 355

**Australian Red Cross** 1800 733 276

**Main Roads** 13 81 38

**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](mailto: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](mailto:media@carnarvon.wa.gov.au) to be featured in our next community newsletter!



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

## Join Our Team!



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

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

## Civic Centre

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

 (08) 9941 1146

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

## Visitor Centre

Cnr Robinson Street/Camel Lane

### May - October

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday  
9.00am - 12.30pm  
Closed Sunday

### November - April

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

 (08) 9941 1146

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