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# FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



PHOTO: NEW MURAL AT THE FESTIVAL GROUND

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Shire of  
**CARNARVON**  
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# COUNCIL UPDATE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

The Shire of Carnarvon recently experienced a significant change in local government leadership following the resignation of six elected members, including Shire President Eddie Smith. As a result, Council no longer has the minimum number of elected members required for a quorum, meaning formal Council meetings and decision-making are temporarily unable to proceed.

Under the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire was required to offer prospective candidates from the previous election the opportunity to fill the vacant Council positions. However, the two of three prospective candidates declined the offer, resulting in Council being unable to form a quorum.

The Minister for Local Government has since confirmed that a Commissioner will be appointed to lead the Shire until a special election can be held, ensuring effective decision-making and continuity for the organisation and community.

The Shire would like to reassure the community that all essential services, projects, events and day-to-day operations continue under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer and Shire team.

The Shire would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the outgoing elected members for their service and contribution to Carnarvon and Coral Bay. Former Shire President Eddie Smith dedicated approximately 20 years to local government, including almost seven years as Shire President. Former Councillor Luke Skender served on Council for nine years, former Councillor Marco Ferrierinha for five years, former Councillor Paul Kelly for three years, and former Councillors Merome Beard and Mark Young each served over the past seven months.

Deputy Shire President Burke Maslen thanked former President Eddie Smith for his years of dedication and leadership, acknowledging the significant contribution he made to the community and local government over many years of service.

The Shire also acknowledges Councillors Burke Maslen and Dudley Maslen for their service to date and thanks them for their ongoing support of the administration during this transition period. Councillor Burke Maslen has served on Council for eight years, while Councillor Dudley Maslen has served on Council since 2023, having also previously served as both a Councilor (1975-1983) and Shire President (2003-2011).

Serving in local government requires significant time, commitment and dedication to the community. On behalf of the Shire, thank you to all elected members, past and present, for their contribution, leadership and service to Carnarvon and Coral Bay.



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 2026

Council received presentations from both Telstra and WA Country Health Service (WACHS), providing updates on telecommunications resilience, emerging technology, health service delivery and maternity services in the region. Discussions also focused on service continuity, future planning and supporting the growing needs of regional communities.

Council also reviewed the outcomes of the Brown Range Horticultural Tip Amnesty Program, which was introduced to support local growers with the disposal of horticultural waste following ongoing seasonal challenges and recent weather events. The report reviewed participation levels, community uptake and overall program outcomes, which will help inform future waste management initiatives, environmental planning and budget considerations for the region's horticultural sector.

Council also approved the delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the issuing and revocation of Building Orders under the Building Act 2011. The delegation supports the efficient administration of building compliance matters and ensures important statutory processes relating to public safety and building standards can continue without delay.

Council considered several planning and development matters, including Local Planning Scheme Amendment 14 relating to Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA). The amendment forms part of broader planning discussions around tourism accommodation, housing availability and future growth considerations across the region. Council also endorsed the Community Engagement Plan for the Coral Bay Precinct Structure Plan, which will guide future consultation with the community and stakeholders as planning continues for the long-term future development of Coral Bay.

Another key outcome from the meeting was the awarding of the tender for Stage One landscaping and construction works at Van Dongen Park. The project represents a significant investment into community infrastructure and public open space, helping create a vibrant destination for families, residents and visitors alike. A major feature of the project will be the highly anticipated "Big Banana" playground, designed to celebrate Carnarvon's strong horticultural identity and create a unique landmark attraction for the region.

The Big Banana is expected to become a standout feature for both locals and tourists, creating an exciting and engaging recreational space that reflects Carnarvon's character and agricultural history. Stage One works will also include landscaping, shaded seating areas, pathways and supporting infrastructure aimed at creating a more welcoming, activated and family-friendly environment for the community to enjoy year-round. The project forms part of Council's broader vision to continue improving liveability, visitor experiences and recreational opportunities across Carnarvon.

Council also considered the Gascoyne Regional Arts Plan, supporting the continued development of arts, culture and creative opportunities across the wider Gascoyne region. The plan has been developed collaboratively between regional local governments, arts organisations, community groups, artists and cultural stakeholders, with a shared vision of strengthening the arts sector across the region.

The Gascoyne Regional Arts Plan aims to increase participation in arts and cultural activities, support local creatives, encourage regional collaboration and help showcase the unique stories, landscapes and identities of the Gascoyne. The plan also focuses on building long-term opportunities within the creative industries, improving access to arts experiences in regional communities and strengthening connections between culture, tourism and community development.

At the Special Council Meeting held on 29 April 2026, Council considered the temporary removal of a caveat over the Carnarvon Central Shopping Centre site to facilitate the proposed sale of the property. Council approved the temporary withdrawal of the caveat, subject to a number of conditions to ensure the Shire's interests and outstanding compliance matters remain protected following settlement. The decision supports future investment opportunities within the town centre and aligns with the broader goals of the Carnarvon Activation Plan and ongoing revitalisation efforts across Carnarvon.

# EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE NARELLE AND ASSOCIATED FLOODS

At the end of March, Ex-Tropical Cyclone Narelle and the associated flooding significantly impacted Carnarvon and Coral Bay, bringing heavy rainfall, strong winds and widespread flooding across parts of the region. Homes, roads, businesses, plantations and community

infrastructure were affected, with many residents facing difficult and overwhelming conditions. Local growers were again heavily impacted, following earlier seasonal heat damage challenges, with floodwaters and ongoing clean-up efforts placing further pressure on the horticultural sector and local businesses.

Despite these challenges, the resilience and strength of the Carnarvon and Coral Bay community has continued to shine through. Neighbours supported one another, volunteers stepped up to assist where needed, and local crews worked quickly to respond to damage, restore access and support community recovery efforts.



## LEADING RECOVERY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Shire of Carnarvon continues to lead local recovery efforts across Carnarvon and Coral Bay, coordinating clean-up works, infrastructure recovery, community support and ongoing communication with residents.

Recovery crews and contractors continue working across multiple areas, including road restoration, drainage repairs, waste and clean-up operations, flood response works and community recovery coordination.

Recovery is not only about rebuilding infrastructure, it is also about supporting people, restoring services and ensuring the community has access to the information and assistance needed throughout the recovery process.

## CYCLONE NARELLE RECOVERY PORTAL

The online Recovery Portal has recently been updated to make it easier for residents to access important information in one central location.

The Recovery Portal includes:

- Recovery updates and important notices
- Frequently asked questions
- Financial assistance and support information
- Important contacts and wellbeing services
- Community recovery information
- Community Impact Form submissions



## WHERE TO FIND HELP AND INFORMATION

To stay informed and access the latest recovery information following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Narelle scan the QR code. This will take you directly to a central hub of information, including recovery updates, frequently asked questions, key contacts and available financial support options.

If you prefer to speak with someone directly or need further assistance, the Shire of Carnarvon is here to help. You can contact the team on 08 9941 0000 or via email at [community.recovery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:community.recovery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au), and staff will guide you to the appropriate support services.



# SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE NARELLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGES

Have you been impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Narelle? There may be financial assistance available to you.

## Premier's Relief Payment

- One-off payments to help eligible residents cover immediate living costs.
- \$4,000 for severely damaged or destroyed homes
- \$2,000 for homes with major damage

Applications open



## Premier's Natural Disaster Recovery Fund

- One-off payments to support eligible residents, local businesses and community organisations.
- \$20,000 for severely damaged or destroyed homes
- \$10,000 for homes with major damage
- \$5,000 for local businesses and community groups

Applications open



## Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

A one-off, non-meanstested payment for eligible adults and children.

- \$1,000 per adult
- \$400 per child under 16

Applications close  
7 October 2026



## Cyclone Narelle Tourism Business Support Package\*

Targeted support for eligible tourism businesses.

- One-off business survival payments
- A consumer incentive voucher program

Applications close  
30 May 2026



### LEGEND



Help available to residents



Help available to primary producers



Help available to small business owners

## Assistance for Primary Producers\*

Subsidies for eligible primary producers to assist with recovery and business continuity costs including for freight, fodder, fencing and loan interest support.

Applications open



## Disaster Recovery Allowance

Short-term financial support payment from the Australian Government to those who have lost income. Payments determined by assessment.

Applications close  
7 October 2026



## Advice for Small Businesses

Free, confidential advice for small businesses impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Narelle.

Phone: 133 140

(Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

Email:

info@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au



## Small Business Interest Rate Subsidy\*

Interest rate subsidies for eligible small businesses on new loans to support recovery y.

Applications open



## Energy Bill Relief

Energy bill relief available for eligible Exmouth residents and small businesses.

- \$240 Extended Outage Payment
- Variety of waived fees

Applications close  
31 March 2027



### Please note:

Individuals impacted may be eligible for more than one assistance package.



recovery.dfes.wa.gov.au

Visit [recovery.dfes.wa.gov.au](https://recovery.dfes.wa.gov.au) for criteria, eligibility and application details



## ABANDONED VESSEL REMOVED FROM THE FASCINE THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

An abandoned vessel has recently been removed from the Fascine, following a coordinated effort between the Shire of Carnarvon and the Carnarvon Yacht Club.

The removal required careful planning and collaboration to ensure it was carried out safely and responsibly, with consideration for the surrounding environment and public use of the area. The outcome supports ongoing efforts to maintain the Fascine as a safe, accessible and welcoming space for the community and visitors alike.

The Shire would like to sincerely thank the Carnarvon Yacht Club for their valuable support and assistance throughout the process. Contributions like this highlight the strength of local partnerships and the shared commitment to caring for Carnarvon's key public spaces.



# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

## WE ARE GIFTING \$20 VOUCHERS TO 75 LUCKY VOLUNTEERS

This National Volunteer Week (18-24 May 2026), 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.

This year's theme is "Your Year to Volunteer". To show our appreciation, we are gifting 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 sending a text message to 0455 669 719 with your name and a brief message.

**Facebook:** Centacare Family Services Carnarvon  
**Website:** [centacaregeneralton.org.au](http://centacaregeneralton.org.au)



**CARNARVON NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**COME JOIN US FOR AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 7:00AM - 8:30AM CIVIC CENTRE**

**RSVP HERE**

**National Volunteer Week 18-24 MAY 2026 YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER**

**#NVW2026 #YOURYEARTOVOLUNTEER**



## TIME TO SHINE, CARNARVON!

Let's put our best foot forward.

Stock up, brighten your shopfront and welcome visitors with pride.



## THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR A BIG WEEK IN CARNARVON

From 22 to 27 May, Carnarvon will come alive with the Gnulli Festival and the WA Tourism Conference, bringing six exciting days of culture, connection and celebration to the region.

The community is preparing to welcome visitors and delegates from across Western Australia to experience everything Carnarvon has to offer, from local culture and entertainment to unique tourism experiences and events

It will also be a huge week for the region, with Carnar-Fin and the State Championships at Carnarvon Speedway taking place at the same time, officially kicking off the busy winter event season.

Residents may have already noticed the new Main Street teardrop banners now on display, helping build excitement and welcome visitors ahead of the festivities.

From street festivals and live music to major events and community celebrations, there will be plenty happening across Carnarvon in the weeks ahead.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES HELPING

### *Carnarvon Shine*



As Carnarvon prepares for the busy tourism season and the upcoming WA Tourism Conference, a big thank you goes to local businesses helping keep our town looking its best.

New Heights Tree Service have been hard at work maintaining trees and palms across town, removing dead branches and palm fronds and helping freshen up our public spaces.



A special thank you also to TS Mowing for supporting verge maintenance and mowing works across Carnarvon, helping ensure the town is looking neat, welcoming and well presented for both the community and visitors.

The support and contribution from local businesses plays an important role in showcasing community pride and helping make Carnarvon a welcoming destination for everyone.

# GNULLI FESTIVAL

> Friday-Sunday, May 22-24 26, 2026  
> Yinggarda Country, Carnarvon  
> Drone Show > Storytelling > Street Festival  
> Live Music > Cultural Workshops

CARNARVON is set to take centre stage this May with the launch of the Gnulli Festival, a new cultural event celebrating community, culture and Country from Friday 22 May to Sunday 24 May 2026.

Held on Yinggarda Country, the Gnulli Festival, meaning 'All of Us' or 'Two of Us', celebrates the collaboration between Yinggarda and Baiyungu people, the two Aboriginal language groups of the region.

The festival brings together locals and visitors for a weekend of immersive cultural experiences, including a street festival, cultural workshops, live performances, a community concert and a large-scale drone show.

The Gnulli festival has been developed in partnership between the Shire of Carnarvon, Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation and Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation, with Chevron Australia supporting the festival as the principal sponsor.

The festival will be delivered as a pre-conference experience ahead of the WA Tourism Conference, taking place in Carnarvon from 25-27 May 2026,

and will feature headline acts including Shane Howard and Great Western Band, Caravana Sun, Kankawa Nagarra (known as Olive Knight) and local acts such as Proud Mary and Raymond Edney.

There will be a special appearance by Brooke Blurton, Matt Moncrieff and so many more.

The program will also include a spectacular drone show delivered by Fremantle Biennale, with more exciting announcements to come.

Executive Manager Steph Leca said the introduction of the Gnulli Festival is an exciting opportunity to celebrate culture, community and the unique identity of the region.

"The Gnulli Festival is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate the richness of our cultures and proudly showcase Carnarvon to visitors from across Western Australia," Ms Leca said.

"With the WA Tourism Conference following shortly after, the festival also creates a unique opportunity for delegates and visitors to experience the spirit, stories and community pride that make our region so special."



# FRIDAY 22 May



## YARNING CIRCLE

Join us for a special yarning session with the cast from Yirra Yaakin's production of Which Way Home, exploring themes of identity, family and returning home to Country.

**10am - 11am**  
**Gwoonwardu Mia**



## IT WAS OUR HOME

Join us for a special yarning session with the cast from Yirra Yaakin's production of Which Way Home, exploring themes of identity, family and returning home to Country.

**12pm - 12.45pm**  
**Gwoonwardu Mia**



## GWOONWARDU Mia GUIDED TOUR WITH WOORAMULLA

**2pm - 3pm**  
**Gwoonwardu Mia**



## WHICH WAY HOME - YIRRA YAAKIN

Which Way Home is a deeply personal story exploring family, identity and belonging, performed by real-life father and daughter Derek and Shaquita Nannup.

**6pm onwards**  
**Camel Lane  
Theatre**



BOOK HERE

# SATURDAY 23 May



## GNULLI STREET FESTIVAL

A vibrant street festival in the heart of Carnarvon celebrating culture, community and Country through local markets, live music, art and native food experiences.

**8am - 1pm**  
**Main Street/Civic Centre**



## GNULLI SOUNDS ON THE LAWN

Set on the lawn at Gwoonwardu Mia, this experience blends live music, art and food, showcasing the creativity, culture and connection that defines our region.

**4pm - 7pm**  
**Gwoonwardu mia**

# SUNDAY 24 May



## COMING HOME TO CARNARVON WITH BROOKE BLURTON

**8am - 1pm**  
**Main Street/Civic Centre**



## GNULLI FESTIVAL CONCERT + DRONE SHOW & SKYSHOW FINALE

**4pm - 8pm**  
**Main Street - Fascine  
Town Beach**

Scan QR Code  
for more event  
informatio



## WELCOME TO YINGGARDA COUNTRY AT CARNARVON AIRPORT

A new welcome sign has been installed at Carnarvon Airport through a partnership between the Shire of Carnarvon and the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation.

Positioned within the airport precinct, the sign welcomes visitors and returning locals onto Yinggarda Country, creating a meaningful first point of connection as people arrive in Carnarvon. The project reflects a shared commitment to strengthening cultural recognition and ensuring the stories, identity and heritage of Yinggarda Country are visible and celebrated.

The sign features an image of the culturally significant Gascoyne River, photographed by Andrew Robertson, and shares a message of welcome while highlighting Carnarvon as a place of connection, resilience and shared pride.

The sign features an image of the culturally significant Gascoyne River, photographed by Andrew Robertson. The river holds deep importance for First Nations people and has helped shape the region and its communities for generations.

The installation highlights Carnarvon as a place of connection, resilience and shared pride, while acknowledging the enduring connection of the Yinggarda people to country, culture and community.



## FRESH PAINT ACROSS CARNARVON

### CREATIVE DROP-IN SESSIONS BRING COLOUR TO CARNARVON



Despite the challenges following Cyclone Narelle, artist Sadie James made the journey to Carnarvon during the school holidays to deliver a series of community drop-in sessions.

Working alongside community members of all ages, from youth to seniors, Sadie helped transform Wikiblock furniture into vibrant and eye-catching artworks. These creative pieces now add colour and character to the streetscape, just in time for the WA Tourism Conference.

It has been wonderful to see the community come together to connect, create and contribute to something special.

### FESTIVAL GROUNDS GET A POP OF COLOUR

The Carnarvon Festival Grounds have been brought to life through a vibrant community art project led by local artist Leanne Gillham.

Working alongside students from St Mary's and the Deadly Girls Group, the project transformed the ticket booth and pavilion oval into colourful and creative spaces that reflect culture and community spirit.

Supported through the Future is Me funding from the Department of Justice, the initiative provided young people with the opportunity to get involved, express themselves and contribute to a space the whole community can enjoy.



### HUMPTY DUMPTY GETS A FRESH NEW LOOK



Carnarvon's much-loved Humpty Dumpty on North River Road has had a well-deserved refresh, and he's looking better than ever.

With a unique history, Humpty was originally built from Swedish steel during the whaling days before later serving as a cyclone shelter in East Carnarvon. After being moved to North River Road, he was stood upright, painted white and became known as "The Big Egg", before gaining his iconic face.

In a special full-circle moment, local artist Markham Boston, who painted the original, returned to give Humpty a fresh new look.

A big thank you to the new owners, Ken and Jen, who worked with the Shire to help revitalise this local landmark. Humpty is once again ready to welcome locals and visitors with a smile.



## PELICAN POINT ROAD RECOVERY WORKS CONTINUE FOLLOWING CYCLONE NARELLE

Pelican Point Road sustained significant damage during Severe Tropical Cyclone Narelle, with storm surge, wave action and coastal erosion impacting the seaward edge of the road.

Although sections of the road surface initially appeared largely intact, the cyclone event washed away supporting material beneath the pavement, undermining the road formation and creating serious safety risks.

In response, the Shire of Carnarvon's Infrastructure Services team worked closely with local contractor Tremor to implement a staged emergency response focused on public safety, erosion control and restoring access where possible.

The first stage involved temporarily closing affected sections of the

road while damage assessments were undertaken. Emergency stabilisation works were then completed to secure the most critically affected areas and slow ongoing erosion caused by tidal and wave action.

Once it was considered safe, Pelican Point Road was reopened initially to local traffic only, before further emergency works allowed general access to resume. These works were designed as temporary safety measures rather than permanent repairs.

The Shire is now engaging an independent coastal engineer to review the emergency response works undertaken and provide expert advice on longer-term solutions required for the site. Due to the road's exposed coastal location, permanent restoration will

require a broader coastal engineering approach to improve resilience to future storm events and ongoing coastal impacts.



The Shire continues to monitor the area, manage access safely, and progress planning and recovery actions associated with Tropical Cyclone Narelle Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The Shire thanks the community for its patience and understanding while this important recovery work continues.

# 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

# MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Supported by:



## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Registrations are still open for the WA Tourism Conference in Carnarvon on 25 - 27 May 2026. With the program and funding partners confirmed, the Working Group continue their hard work to deliver this exciting opportunity for the town.
- The final stages of planning are underway for the Gnulli Festival on 22 - 24 May 2026. This vibrant celebration of community, culture and Country will be made possible thanks to the Shire, Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation, Chevron and Tourism WA.
- Restoration works have commenced to our beloved Tramway Bridge. A key component of the Tramway Walk Trail project, these essential works to the Fascine foreshore-end of the bridge, will protect this asset for years to come, ensuring it remains a safe, beautiful part of the community's landscape.
- The tender to support the landscaping and construction of Van Dongen Park Stage One has been awarded to First Class Constructions WA Pty Ltd. We look forward to seeing the Van Dongen Park, affectionally known as the "Big Banana Playground", works to commence in the coming months.



## Coming Up!

- The month of May will see Carnarvon bustling with life, hosting both the Gnulli Festival and 2026 WA Tourism Conference. Both are sure to be exciting events for the community - keep your eyes peeled for the festival lineup and enjoy the buzz around town.
- As part of the Shire's Local Connect & Create project, the remainder of works to install new functional public art to the front of the Civic Centre and near the Gascoyne Bakery will be finalised this month. These custom-designed seating and sandblasting elements, crafted by W&C Co. Mechanical and Civil with the support of local carpenter Stuart Parker, feature designs by artist Peta Riley and incorporate salvaged timber from the historic One Mile Jetty. Combining practical use with storytelling, creating places for people to sit, pause & connect in the town centre, keep an eye out for these beautiful pieces.
- Works are progressing on the Fascine to Harbour Walk project, a project that will create a continuous pathway connecting the town centre to the Carnarvon Harbour. The draft civil and landscape design is anticipated to be considered at the May Council Meeting. We will continue to share updates as the project progresses and look forward to the increased recreational use this project will provide.
- Installation of interpretive signage and seating along the Tramway Walk Trail to commence this month as part of the Tramway Walk Trail project.
- The next phase of the Local Connect & Create project will see the development of an art-lighting trail within the town centre. The preliminary stage of this project includes the purchase of two light art structures which are set to make their first appearance next month, just in time for the exciting events in Carnarvon.
- The tender is progressing on the Minilya-Lyndon Road grid replacements. The nine existing grids, each measuring 6 metres by 2 metres, will be upgraded to dual-lane grids measuring 8 metres by 2 metres to improve safety and traffic flow.

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





## CAMPING IN CARNARVON

"Camping" includes sleeping in, on or around a vehicle, tent, caravan or swag including at roadside parking and stop areas that do not display 24hr stopping signs.

The maximum legislated stay at any one campground is ninety (90) days in any calendar year, 30 days during peak season which runs from 1st of April to the 1st of October of any calendar year.

It is an offence to camp anywhere other than in a registered caravan park or designated camping ground or nature-based camping area. Camping is not permitted, anywhere other than in a registered/designated camping location, each person may receive an on-the-spot fine of \$200.00

Be aware of campfire restrictions and total fire bans during warmer months.

### Wilderness Campgrounds

We value our natural resources, flora, fauna and landscape and have some unique and beautiful areas for people to enjoy and camp. Carnarvon is situated between two beautifully pristine World Heritage Areas.

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLE CONTROL

Pursuant the Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978 it is an offence to drive or ride an off-road vehicle within the Shire of Carnarvon, unless it is an approved gazetted area or used on private land with the owner's consent.

Off-road vehicles include trail bikes, two and four wheeled motor bikes, go-carts and buggies.

The Shire of Carnarvon and the WA Police take the riding/driving of off-road vehicles in non-permitted areas seriously and may seize the vehicle, prosecute or issue infringements.

All off-road vehicles used in areas covered by the Act, other than on private land with consent of the owner, must be registered through the Department of Transport off road licensing.

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/license-an-off-road-vehicle.asp>

### Campgrounds in Carnarvon

#### Caravan and Tourist Parks

- Coral Coast Tourist Park
- Outback Oasis Caravan Park
- Carnarvon Caravan Park
- Discovery Parks - Carnarvon
- Norwesta Lifestyle Park
- Big4 Plantation Caravan Park
- Carnarvon Capricorn Holiday Park

#### Farm and Station Stays

- Gnaraloo Station and 3 Mile camp
- Gladstone Bay Campground
- Tropical Farm Stay
- Quobba Station and Red Bluff camp
- Warroora Station
- Wooramel Station Riverside Retreat

### Campgrounds in Coral Bay

#### Caravan Parks

- Ningaloo Coral Bay - Bayview
- Peoples Park

#### Station Stays

- Bullara Station Stay
- Warroora Station

For more information, please contact the Carnarvon Visitors Centre on 9941 114

## ★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★

Following recent weather and flooding, areas of standing water remain across parts of Carnarvon, creating ideal conditions for mosquito activity.

The Shire's Environmental Health team has been actively assessing drainage and water pooling throughout Carnarvon and has treated affected areas where required. Monitoring will continue over the coming weeks as conditions change.

Residents are encouraged to take simple steps to reduce mosquito risk around their homes and protect themselves and their families. This includes removing any standing water from yards and containers, avoiding areas of pooled or floodwater where possible, and using insect repellent or wearing protective clothing, particularly at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Taking these small actions can help reduce mosquito breeding and keep our community safe and comfortable.

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



**WEAR LONG,  
LOOSE-FITTING,  
CLOTHING.**



**USE INSECT  
REPELLENT.**



**REMOVE THE  
WATER THEY  
BREED IN.**



# Upcoming

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



Stargazing Nights  
Monday 18th May  
5.00pm - 8.00pm  
Gwoonwardu Mia



Nook Exhibition | Portraits of Yinggarda Elders II  
Tuesday 19th May to Saturday 13th June  
3.00pm - 5.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



National Volunteer Week  
Appreciation Breakfast  
Wednesday 20th May  
7.00am - 8.30am  
Civic Centre

**CHEERS**  
FOR OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

CARNARVON NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK  
COME JOIN US FOR AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY  
7:00AM - 8:30AM  
CIVIC CENTRE

RSVP HERE 

#NVW2025 #YOURYEARTOVOLUNTEER



Trivia Night  
Thursdays  
6.00pm - 9.00pm  
Carnarvon Bowling Club

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

North West Championships  
Saturday 30th May  
4.00pm  
Carnarvon Speedway

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**Trivia Night**

TABLES OF SIX (6) | DOORS OPEN @ 6PM OR LESS  
TRIVIA @ 6:30PM  
BYO DRINKS OR ORDER A BURGER & CHIPS  
BAR & KITCHEN OPEN - STRICTLY NO BYO ALCOHOL!

28TH FEBRUARY  
28TH MARCH  
28TH APRIL  
28TH MAY  
28TH JUNE

**\$5 ENTRY**  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TABLE  
1100 9288 1012  
1. CARNARVONBOWLINGCLUB.COM.AU




**ASHFUELS**  
**CARNARVON**  
Speedway



**ASHFUELS**  
**CARNARVON**  
Speedway



The Devil Wears Prada - Movie  
Saturday 6th June  
4.00pm - 6.00pm  
Camel Lane Theatre

Writer's Club  
Saturdays 6th June  
10.15am - 11.15am  
Library & Art Gallery

My Baby Rocks  
Monday 8th June  
9.30am - 10.30am  
Church of Christ

Carnarvon Races  
Friday 12th June  
12.00pm - 10.00pm  
Carnarvon Race Club

SATURDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
4PM - 6PM

ANNE HAWAY EMILY BLUNT

**THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA**



*Writer's Club*



**My Baby Rocks**

My Baby Rock is a FREE 4-week music-based program for parents/carers and their babies aged 0-9 months.




# Events



Litter Legends Special Edition  
Friday 22nd May  
8.30am - 9.30am  
Meet at Woolworths  
(Look for the Litter Legends Flag)

**Time to Shine Carnarvon**

**THE MISSION:** clean up Woolworths to Main Street

**THE GOAL:** Shine for the Gnulli Festival & WA Tourism Conference

**Friday 22 MAY**

MEET AT WOOLWORTHS 8.30-9.30am

FREE MORNING TEA at Cuppa & Crumb Cafe!

Gnulli Festival  
22nd - 24th May  
Refer to page 9 & 10 or Website for Schedule

**GNULLI FESTIVAL**

22 - 24 May 2026

Carnar-Fin  
Monday 25th May  
Refer to Website for Schedule  
Carnarvon



Parkrun  
Saturdays  
7.00am  
Baxter Park

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

27 May 2026

www.allia.org.au/nss #LibraryStorytime

Bingo  
Wednesdays  
6.00pm  
Senior Citizens Hall



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

**2026 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW**

COMEDYFESTIVAL.COM.AU

Timmy Turtle's Picnic  
Wednesday 3rd June  
9.00am - 11.00am  
Gwoonwardu Mia

**Timmy Turtle's PICNIC**

Friday Film Club  
Friday 5th June  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery



Be Connected | Protecting Your Information  
Tuesday 16th June  
1.00pm - 2.00pm  
Library & Art Gallery

Be Connected  
Ready to build YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS?

**BE CONNECTED TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe  
Mondays 6pm  
Wednesdays 10.00am - 2.00pm  
3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

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3 Francis St, Carnarvon

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

**CARNARVON ADVENTURE GROUP**

Explore all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math!

Starting a new hobby but not sure how to begin? Bring along your arts & craft equipment, robot, virtual reality gear, laptop, or whatever you like. Re-learned, get creative & share your skills!

**12.30 - 2pm**  
Thursday afternoons

Friday Night Footy  
Fridays  
5.00pm onwards  
Festival Grounds

**GAME THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!**

RAMBLERS TIGERS vs Warriors Football Club

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

THIS FRIDAY | FESTIVAL GROUNDS | 5:00PM

NIPPERS & COLTS GAMES COMMENCE AT 5PM FOLLOWED BY SENIORS



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

## THANK YOU, BRAD AND KATIE

After more than two years in Coral Bay, Brad and Katie are preparing to begin a new chapter in Exmouth, leaving behind a lasting impact on the small coastal community they came to call home.

Originally arriving in Coral Bay while travelling around Western Australia with their family, what was meant to be a short stay quickly turned into something more. Drawn in by the lifestyle, ocean and close-knit community, the family decided to stay and became deeply involved in community life.

During their time in Coral Bay, Brad contributed through volunteer and community roles including the Coral Bay Progress Association, St John and emergency service support. As Chair of the Coral Bay Progress Association, he helped represent the broader community and supported local events and initiatives aimed at maintaining the unique community spirit Coral Bay is known for.



From Australia Day and ANZAC Day events to Christmas celebrations and community projects, Brad and Katie consistently gave their time to support the town and its people. Katie also played an important role through her work as a nurse, supporting residents and visitors alike in a remote coastal community.

Katie also played an important role in the community through her work as a nurse, supporting residents and visitors alike in a remote environment where healthcare and community connection are especially valued.

Brad reflected that one of the things that made Coral Bay so special was the way the community continually came together to support one another, particularly during emergencies and challenging times.

**When asked what they will miss most, the answer was simple: "The people. The community."**

The Coral Bay community thanks Brad and Katie for the care, energy and commitment they have brought to the town and wishes them all the very best for the future.

## LIVE, WORK & INVEST

Marco Boric knows firsthand what makes Carnarvon such a special place to live and work. Born and raised in the region, Marco now operates as a local grower, producing everything from capsicum and sweet corn to pumpkins, mangoes, watermelon, beans and chillies.

He says Carnarvon's combination of good soil, reliable water and ideal weather conditions creates incredible opportunities for agriculture and supports one of Western Australia's most productive growing regions.

But for Marco, the lifestyle and community are just as important as the industry itself.

Now raising a family of his own in Carnarvon, he values being able to give his daughter the same upbringing he experienced, growing up connected to the land, the community and the outdoors.

Outside of farming, Marco and his family enjoy making the most of the region's coastline through fishing, surfing and camping, something he believes adds to the unique lifestyle opportunities available in Carnarvon.

**"There's so much opportunity, so many sectors to work in, and community's huge in these small country towns," Marco said.**

His story reflects the strong connection between industry, lifestyle and community that continues to make Carnarvon an attractive place for families, workers and businesses alike.



# Community

## COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

The annual Our Lady of Fatima celebration once again brought the Carnarvon community together, continuing a long-standing tradition that has been celebrated locally since 1988.

Hosted by the Portuguese Community Group, the event honours the tradition of Our Lady of Fatima, which originates from Portugal and is celebrated each year on 13 May. The date marks the first reported appearance of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

For many Portuguese families, the celebration is an important expression of faith, culture and community connection that has been passed down through generations.

For Carnarvon's Portuguese community, the event is also a way of bringing a piece of home to the region and sharing these traditions with younger generations, ensuring their culture and heritage continue to live on in Carnarvon.



Over the years, the celebration has continued to grow and has become a wonderful multicultural community event, welcoming people from all backgrounds to come together, celebrate and learn more about Portuguese culture and traditions.

A big thank you to the Portuguese Community Group for continuing to host and grow this special event each year, as well as to the many volunteers and local businesses who support the celebration through catering, donations and raffle prizes. Their ongoing support helps make the event a true community celebration and highlights the strong community spirit that makes Carnarvon so special.





# GASCOYNE ART FORUM SPARKS CREATIVE MOMENTUM IN CARNARVON

The first Gascoyne Arts Forum was held on Wednesday 15 April at Gwoonwardu Mia, bringing together local artists, arts educators and creatives from across the region for a day of connection, collaboration and inspiration.

Initiated by Gwoonwardu Mia and delivered in partnership with the Shire of Carnarvon, the forum highlighted the strength and future of the Gascoyne arts sector. 30 creatives attended the day and strong connections formed and ideas flowed.

A key focus was the presentation of the new Gascoyne Regional Arts Plan by Stephanie Leca from the Shire of Carnarvon and Courtney Whitehead from the Gascoyne Development Commission. Developed through extensive consultation, the plan aims to strengthen arts and culture across the region and recognise the important role creativity plays in community wellbeing, tourism and economic development.

Guest speakers included Sophie Mathewson from Regional Arts WA, who presented on building brand identity for artists and arts organisations, and guest artist Sabrina Dowling Giudici, who explored the connection between creativity and place through her presentation *Going Bush in Bulgaria! The Art of Place*. MC Stuart McMillan guided the day, while local artists shared their work during a lively 'show and tell' session.

The forum marks an exciting step forward for arts and culture in the Gascoyne, creating new opportunities for collaboration and creative growth across the region.

## CARNAR-FIN – CARNARVON'S ANNUAL FISHING EVENT

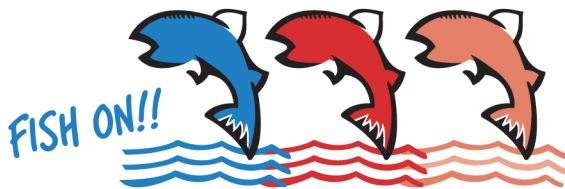
25 - 31 May 2026

One of Carnarvon's most iconic events is back, with Carnar-Fin 2026 set to reel in anglers, families and fishing enthusiasts from across Western Australia for another unforgettable long weekend on the coast.

Running since 1992, Carnar-Fin has become a much-loved tradition, combining great fishing, community spirit and plenty of entertainment against the stunning backdrop of the Gascoyne coastline. Whether you're a seasoned fisher chasing the big one or trying your luck for the very first time, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

From prize-winning catches and friendly competition to live entertainment and a buzzing atmosphere around town, Carnar-Fin continues to showcase the very best of Carnarvon as an events destination in the Northwest.

Join us in 2026 for a weekend packed with adventure, camaraderie and coastal fun, and witness why Carnar-Fin remains one of regional WA's premier fishing events.



# ANZAC Day Dawn Service BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Shire of Carnarvon would like to thank the Gascoyne RSL for hosting this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service and for the ongoing dedication shown in delivering such an important commemorative event for the community.

The service was once again a meaningful and respectful occasion, bringing together residents, visitors, veterans and community groups to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.



## UNDER NEW Ownership

Coral Coast Tourist Park in Carnarvon has entered a new chapter, now operating under new ownership and management.

The change marks a fresh start for the popular accommodation destination, with the new team looking forward to welcoming both locals and visitors while continuing to provide a comfortable and friendly place to stay in Carnarvon.

The Shire welcomes the new owners and management to the community and looks forward to seeing the park continue to grow as part of Carnarvon's tourism offering.



Lest We Forget.

The Shire also acknowledges the many local businesses, organisations, volunteers and individuals who contributed to the success of the day. From preparations leading up to the event through to the Gunfire Breakfast and community activities, the support shown across Carnarvon highlights the strong community spirit that continues to make ANZAC Day so special.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped ensure this important tradition continues to be respectfully recognised within our community.

## CELEBRATE FLYING DOCTOR DAY

This year, the Royal Flying Doctor Service WA is aiming to raise \$1.6 million by Thursday 14 May to support vital training for its aviation, clinical and ground crews. The funds raised will help 274 crew members complete 4,442 hours of essential training required to operate the new Pilatus PC-12 PRO aircraft joining the RFDS fleet.

Thanks to generous matched giving partners, every donation made on or before 14 May will be doubled, meaning every contribution will have twice the impact in supporting regional and remote healthcare services.

The importance of the RFDS service continues to be felt across Western Australia, with 1,875 patients retrieved in the Midwest over the past year and an average of 29 patients assisted every day across the state.

To show support for Flying Doctor Day and the important work of the RFDS, the Carnarvon Visitor Centre is being illuminated in red and blue in recognition of the organisation's ongoing commitment to regional communities.

Community members are encouraged to get behind the campaign and help support a service that makes a real difference across remote and regional WA.



**SCAN TO DONATE NOW**



## COCKTAIL PARTY KICKS OFF RACING SEASON

The recent Cocktail Party was a fantastic success, bringing the community together for an evening of great food, entertainment and atmosphere at the races.

The event was a commendable effort by volunteers and organisers, with catering by Cuppa & Crumb Café. Combined with music from local DJ HiM keeping the dancefloor lively all night, the event created a memorable atmosphere that showcased Carnarvon's strong community spirit.

If the Cocktail Party was any indication, there is plenty more excitement still to come, with anticipation already building for Ladies Day on Saturday 16 May, set to deliver another fantastic event for the community.



## FOOTY SEASON HAS BEGUN

16 May, Saturday @ 1pm - Festival Grounds

Head down to the Festival Grounds this Saturday 16 May as the Warriors take on Exmouth in what's set to be a huge day of football.

Seniors kick off at 1:00pm at the Festival Grounds in Carnarvon, with junior games also taking place Friday night, 5pm.

Get down to the grounds, bring the family and show your support for the Warriors as they battle it out on home turf. Wear your colours, cheer loud and help create a great atmosphere for local footy across the weekend.

## SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES

If you come across discarded needles in public spaces, it is important to handle the situation safely and carefully.

Residents are encouraged not to touch needles directly. If safe to do so, use tongs or a similar tool to carefully place the needle into a sealed hard plastic container, such as an empty plastic bottle, or an approved sharps container. The container can then be taken to the hospital for safe disposal.

Community members can also contact the Shire Ranger team to assist with the safe collection and disposal of needles.

To help the Shire respond quickly, residents are encouraged to report the location of discarded needles through Snap Send Solve, including as much detail as possible about the

location. Working together helps keep Carnarvon and Coral Bay safe for everyone.

Locations of public sharp containers:

- Fascine cafe toilets
- Baxter Park toilets
- Civic Centre toilets
- Pelican Point toilets
- Fish cutting table at the small boat Harbour





## Coral Bay's ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The Coral Bay community came together on ANZAC Day to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Led by the Coral Bay Progress Association, the service was a meaningful and respectful tribute, with a strong turnout from both

locals and visitors. Set against the unique backdrop of Coral Bay, the ceremony provided an opportunity for the community to pause, reflect and pay their respects.

The service included traditional elements of remembrance, creating a moment of quiet reflection and unity. It was encouraging to see the community and visitors come together to recognise the significance of the day and continue this important tradition.

A sincere thank you to the Coral Bay Progress Association for organising and leading the service, and to all those who attended and contributed to making it such a special and respectful occasion.



## MEET KEVEN – CORAL BAY RANGER

Coral Bay has welcomed a new Ranger to support the community during the busy season – meet Keven.

You'll see Keven out and about helping keep the town safe, tidy and enjoyable for everyone. From dog safety and litter to keeping an eye on illegal camping, he's here to support both residents and visitors.

With no police based in Coral Bay, Keven plays an important role in looking after the community, so be sure to say hello if you see him around.



## Supporting TOURISM RECOVERY IN CORAL BAY

The Shire of Carnarvon's Recovery Coordinator, Jamie Bone, Executive Manager Lifestyle and Community, Stephanie Leca, and Tourism and Economic Development Officer, Olivia Reihana, were in Coral Bay at the end of April meeting with local tourism operators.

The visit focused on discussing the Ex-T Cyclone Narelle tourism recovery packages, including the 50% discount voucher program supported by Tourism WA. It was also an important opportunity to spend time with businesses on the ground, listening to their current challenges, understanding the impacts firsthand, and identifying where support is most needed.

Conversations highlighted several upcoming initiatives the Shire will be rolling out to support Carnarvon and Coral Bay as the region continues to recover and rebuild following Ex-T Cyclone Narelle.

The Shire remains committed to working closely with industry to ensure a coordinated and meaningful recovery for the region's tourism sector.

# LIBRARY

## RECENT EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Did you take part in our fun **Tiny Hands Craft** on Thursday 16 April? 24 kids enjoyed creating craft with paint, playdough, crayons, and more. This event was the return of activities for the 0-5 years age group as part of the Shire of Carnarvon *School Holidays Program*, so it was great to see the enthusiastic participation of Carnarvon families who helped make it a success!



It was a much calmer vibe for our audience at the **Scones, Stories and Secret Recipes: The Country Women's Association (CWA) Cookbook and Country Cooking** event on Saturday 18 April! This livestreamed discussion from the State Library of Western Australia featured panellists include *CWA WA Chief Executive Officer* Trish Langton, *CWA State President* Felicity Edwards, *2025 WA Good Food Guide Chef of the Year* Blaze Young and the owner of *North Street Store and Big Loaf* Lachlan Bissett. The audience relaxed in couches in our Library Lounge and enjoyed a beautiful morning tea. With the recent debut of the Gascoyne CWA Branch that will incorporate women from both Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction, this event was a great time to reflect on the important historical and cultural contribution of the CWA to life in regional Australia.



The importance of Australian history was also explored during 'part one' of our 2026 *Australian Heritage Festival* celebrations on Wednesday 29 April. This first session, **Memory Lane Cafe: Family History Resources**, helped our intrepid genealogical researchers discover how to navigate ancestry.com (which is free to access in the library), the collection of newspaper articles and more in *Trove*, the National Library of Australia's online repository of historical records; as well as how to look up names and occupation details in the Post Office directories. 'Part two' of our celebrations will focus on First Nation's family history - see overleaf for more details - and how to find and navigate specific First Nation online resources like the *Storylines* database.



These events are only a sample of the many recent activities at Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery! For adults, we have our regular **Book Club**, **Writer's Club** and **Friday Film Club**, and the return of **Be Connected** free tech workshops for seniors. Younger library patrons have enjoyed regular **Storytimes**, our after-school program **The Crafty Bookworms**, our new LEGO Club **Brick by Brick LEGO Challenge**, and the return of our STEAM club for young creatives **The Makers Hub**, who are discovering how to design and construct with 3D Printing! Make sure you keep an eye on the library events page so you don't miss out on the amazing entertainment opportunities coming to your local library soon: [rebrand.ly/CLAGevents](https://rebrand.ly/CLAGevents)

# Timmy Turtle's PICNIC



**9.00 - 11.00am Wednesday 3rd June  
Gwoonwardu Mia Outdoor Area**

**Aussie Animal Themed interactive activities for carers and children aged 0-5 years, story time and morning tea provided**

**A FREE event for carers and their children aged 0-5 years celebrating the Paint Carnarvon REaD early literacy initiative.**

# BE CONNECTED TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Ready to build  
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**1pm Thursday 14 May**  
*Apps for smarter travel*

**1pm Tuesday 16 June**  
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**FREE ~ Ages 50+**  
Light refreshments provided  
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## MONSTER BOOK SALE

The library is holding its biggest book sale in years! Adult, teens, & children's books, DVDs and more, all for sale at bargain prices.

**8-11.30am Saturday 4 July**

Gold coin donation  
Bring your own bag!  
**THE WOOLSHED, Carnarvon**



# ART GALLERY

## TWO CARNARVON FIRST NATIONS ARTISTS SHINE AT REVEALED EXHIBITION AND ART MARKET IN PERTH

Two talented First Nations artists from Carnarvon, Karla Tittums and Devinia Wainwright, have returned home inspired after taking part in this year's Revealed Exhibition and Aboriginal Art Market - Western Australia's largest celebration of Aboriginal art.

The Revealed Exhibition is held at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA) from 18 April to 14 June, showcasing more than 100 new and emerging Aboriginal artists from across the state. Featuring over 185 artworks spanning painting, weaving, sculpture, photography and textiles, the exhibition offers a powerful exploration of language, identity and community across Western Australia.

Both Karla and Devinia were selected to exhibit at PICA and also hosted a stall at the Revealed Aboriginal Art Market, held at WA Museum Boola Bardip. They described the experience as incredibly rewarding, highlighting not only the exposure of their work but the opportunity to connect with other artists and share stories on a statewide platform.

Karla Tittums, a Baiyungu woman living on Yinggarda Country, is an award-winning artist known for her weaving practice. Drawing on natural fibres - including banana tree fibre that she collects, dries and dyes using colours inspired by the local landscape - Karla's work reflects a deep connection to Country and culture.

For Devinia Wainwright, the experience was equally significant. A Carnarvon local of Erubian descent, Devinia's multidisciplinary practice spans painting, textiles and illustration, often inspired by the ocean and her cultural heritage.

"My experience with being involved with Revealed was amazing," Devinia shared. "I was accepted into the exhibition for my woven piece Blue Spotted Ray, which sold prior to opening. The night of the exhibition opening was such a buzz, meeting all the other artists from around WA and reconnecting with friends and family."



Devinia also participated in the Revealed Aboriginal Art Market, where she sold a range of paintings and products featuring her artwork.

"It was a huge day but very rewarding, especially with the networking opportunities," she said. "The exposure gave me a real sense of pride in my work and was also an opportunity to put Carnarvon on the map."

The Revealed Art Market brought together more than 40 stalls from Aboriginal art centres and independent artists across the state, alongside a vibrant program of music, dance and cultural experiences. The event provides a rare opportunity for visitors to purchase artworks directly from artists, with proceeds supporting individuals, art centres and communities.

Delivered by the Aboriginal Art Centre Hub WA and presented in association with PICA, Revealed plays an important role in supporting emerging Aboriginal artists and strengthening the continuation of cultural expression through art.

The Shire of Carnarvon congratulates Karla and Devinia on their success and celebrates their contribution in sharing the stories, creativity and cultural strength of our region with wider audiences—proudly showcasing Carnarvon's creative talent on the metropolitan stage.

Their journey is a reminder of the incredible talent within our community and the importance of supporting pathways for local artists to connect, grow and thrive.



# WELLBEING & SUPPORT

## STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations play an important role in protecting both individuals and the wider community from preventable illnesses. Keeping up to date with recommended vaccinations can help reduce the spread of disease and protect those most vulnerable in our community.

Vaccinations are available locally through the Carnarvon Medical Centre, Amcal Pharmacy and Pharmacy 777 Carnarvon. Residents are encouraged to speak with their healthcare provider or local pharmacy about recommended vaccinations for themselves and their families.

### Pneumococcal

Pneumococcal disease is a bacterial infection. It can cause pneumonia, bloodstream infection and meningitis (inflammation of the membranes around the brain). It can be more serious for older people and those who have an existing medical condition. Pneumococcal vaccines prevent infection from the strains that commonly cause the most disease.

### Shingles

Shingles is a painful blistering rash caused by reactivation of the chickenpox virus. It can also cause severe nerve pain that can last for months. Without vaccination, about 1 in 3 people will get shingles in their lifetime. Shingles usually affects older people. If you get shingles, the risk of getting serious disease increases as you get older.

Two doses of the shingles vaccine are provided for free under the NIP for eligible people. The vaccine is effective at preventing shingles and its complications and is safe for people who are immunocompromised.

### Pertussis (whooping cough)

Whooping cough can cause serious complications including brain damage, pneumonia and sometimes death.

Pregnant women are recommended to receive pertussis vaccine during pregnancy to protect young babies from whooping cough. Babies under six weeks of age are too young to get vaccinated against whooping cough themselves. Partners, grandparents, carers and other adults who have contact with babies should also have the whooping cough vaccine to protect the baby from infection. This is not available for free.

### Influenza (Flu)

Flu is a very contagious infection of the airways. It is especially serious for older people. It can cause serious illness and even death in otherwise healthy people. The strains of the influenza virus can change from year to year, so the vaccines may be updated from one season to the next. That's why it's important for people to get the vaccine every year. There is an enhanced vaccine available for people who are 65 years and older.

#### Adults with eligible medical conditions

Adults with eligible medical conditions may also receive additional vaccines for free such as pneumococcal and meningococcal. Talk to your health professional to see if you are recommended to get these vaccines.

#### Refugees or humanitarian entrants

If you are a refugee or humanitarian entrant of any age, you can catch up on missed childhood vaccines for free. Speak to your health professional.



#### Booster vaccines

You may need a booster dose of a vaccine you have had before such as tetanus and whooping cough. Talk to your health professional for advice. Booster doses are not available for free.

**Amcal+ Chemist**  
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Sat: 8am to 3pm  
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**Carnarvon Medical Centre**  
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**(08) 9941 1772**

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## Rubbish Collection

### Monday

Morgantown / Babbage Island

### Tuesday

South Carnarvon

### Wednesday

Brockman

### Thursday

East Carnarvon / Kingsford / Brown Range

### Friday

Plantations - North / South



## Browns Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday  
7.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday  
8.00am - 2.00pm

Closed Saturday & Public Holidays



# COMMUNITY MEETING

Join us for the latest community updates, discussions and the opportunity to connect with the team. Enjoy door prizes, drinks and nibbles while staying informed about what's happening across the shire.



Tuesday  
**16 June, 2025**



Start From  
**05:30 pm**



Camel Lane Theatre  
**1 Camel Ln, Carnarvon**



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# GNUII FESTIVAL

22 - 24 May 2026

## Shire Administration

3 Francis Street, Carnarvon

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed Public Holidays



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## Library & Art Gallery

18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

Tuesday - Friday

9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday

9.30am - 12.30pm

Closed Monday, Sunday & Public Holidays



(08) 9941 3727



library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

## Join Our Team!



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[www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au](http://www.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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## Civic Centre

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



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