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CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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CATCH A *taste* OF THE GREAT LIFE

COMMISSIONER COLUMN #2

Welcome to my second column as the Commissioner of the Shire of Carnarvon. The last month has flown by, and I am very grateful to the support of staff and the community as we work together to deliver good government and prepare for an election later this year.

I would like to recognise that one of our own was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Kings Birthday Honours announced by the Governor General. Mrs Dannielle Hill PSM has been an employee of the Shire of Carnarvon for more than thirty years. This prestigious recognition celebrates Danni's outstanding contribution, commitment to public service and the lasting impact she has had across generations of elected members, staff and the community.

An Ordinary Council Meeting was held on 30 June where Council considered a number of routine matters such as reports on financial activity, budget adjustments and planning decisions.

The budget process has advanced with Council adopting a Statement of Objects and Reasons and advertising for public submissions our proposed differential rates and minimum payments. Written submissions must be received by 4pm on Thursday 23 July in order to be considered by Council at its July meeting. It is important to note that work on the Council budget continues in the background, however cost pressures on service delivery, plant renewals and other emerging issues are proving challenging in the face of cost of living pressures.

Council has commenced public consultation on a revised mobile trading policy and on a new project to improve our built defences to seawater inundation in South Carnarvon. The Shire has been fortunate to receive \$5.5 million in funding from DFES and the Australian Government with Carnarvon considered at extreme risk of an inundation event within 25 years. The project is in its infancy, and work has begun on a comprehensive community engagement strategy to ensure local input is understood, particularly in the design phase.

It was also a pleasure to officially open the Gascoyne Arts Awards earlier this month. The Carnarvon Art Gallery was packed for opening night and the display of artwork from across Western Australia was outstanding. Local artist Markham Boston took out the Best Overall Artwork which will now be retained in the Shire of Carnarvon art collection. The exhibition is open to the public until 29 August.

It is an exciting time of the year to be in the Shire with many opportunities to connect with the community. If you or your community group would like me to attend a local event or meeting, please get in touch.

Thank you,

Hon Martin Aldridge
Commissioner, Shire of Carnarvon



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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2026

The June Ordinary Council Meeting marked Commissioner Martin Aldridge's first meeting and included consideration of several important matters that will help guide the Shire's financial sustainability, future planning and delivery of community projects.

Key outcomes of the meeting included :

- **2026/27 Fees and Charges adopted**

Council adopted the Shire's Fees and Charges for the 2026/27 financial year.

- **Proposed differential rates released for community feedback**

Council approved the proposed differential rates for 2026/27 for public advertising. Community members will have an opportunity to provide feedback before the rates are formally considered for adoption. The proposed rating model seeks to balance affordability for ratepayers with the need to continue delivering essential services, maintaining community infrastructure and investing in priority projects.

- **More than \$5.5 million secured for coastal inundation mitigation**

Council endorsed the Disaster Ready Fund Agreement for the South Carnarvon Seawater Inundation Mitigation Project, securing more than \$5.5 million in Commonwealth funding. The project will now progress to the investigation, design and community engagement phase. Extensive community consultation will be undertaken before a preferred design is presented to Council for consideration.

- **Local Planning Scheme amendments adopted**

Council adopted the previously advertised Local Planning Scheme No. 13 Amendments No. 11 and 12. The amendments support sustainable tourism development at the 3 Mile Camp and Gnarlloo Homestead nodes, subject to the relevant planning and development approvals. They also update provisions relating to short-term rental accommodation and align broader planning requirements with the current State planning framework.

- **Draft Mobile Trading Policy approved for advertising**

Council approved the draft Mobile Trading Policy for public advertising. The draft policy proposes changes to the areas in which mobile traders may operate and provides a clear and consistent framework for mobile food vendors and other traders operating throughout the Shire. Following the consultation period, the policy will be presented to Council for further consideration.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026, with members of the community encouraged to attend or stay informed by viewing Council agendas and minutes on the Shire's website.

ADOPTION OF 2026/27 FEES & CHARGES

Pursuant to s.6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Carnarvon hereby gives notice of its intention to impose new Fees and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

The 2026/27 Schedule of Fees and Charges was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

The new fees will take effect as of Monday 13 July 2026*.

For information on these fees and charges visit our website at www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au and may be inspected at the following locations during normal operating hours for the following business units:

Shire of Carnarvon Administration Building, 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon
Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, 18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

Amanda Dexter
Chief Executive Officer

*Statutory charges come into effect as of 1st of July 2026

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE PROPOSED 2026/27 RATES

The Shire of Carnarvon is inviting community members to provide feedback on the proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments for the 2026/27 financial year before they are considered for formal adoption.

Rates are one of the Shire's primary sources of revenue and are essential to funding services, facilities and infrastructure our community relies on every day. This includes maintaining local roads, parks, public buildings and community assets, as well as delivering waste services, emergency management and projects that support Carnarvon's future.

The proposed rates have been developed through an extensive budget-planning process and seek to balance affordability for ratepayers with the Shire's responsibility to remain financially sustainable.

Like households and businesses, the Shire is facing significant cost pressures. The cost of delivering local government services continues to rise, driven by increases in fuel, utilities, insurance, construction materials and contractor costs. The Shire must also manage the financial impacts of responding to and recovering from emergency events, including cyclones and flooding.

Investing in community infrastructure

Subject to the final adoption of the 2026/27 Budget, planned investment in asset renewal, infrastructure and community projects includes:

- replacement of the Woolshed roof - **\$150,000**
- Coral Bay Airstrip upgrade - **\$270,000**
- theatre seating and accessibility upgrades - **\$497,000**
- Shire building refurbishment - **\$100,000**
- footpath works - **\$200,000**
- CCTV upgrades - **\$103,000**
- capital roadworks - **\$3.9 million**
- plant replacement - **\$1.6 million**
- completion of community projects - **\$14.7 million**

Rates are only one part of the Shire's funding mix. Grants, contributions, fees and charges, and other income have also been secured or budgeted to support service delivery and the completion of priority projects.

This includes:

- funding toward wages and project management costs - **\$1.9 million**
- funding for capital roadworks and other projects - **\$4.1 million**
- community project grant funding, including Lotterywest and Regional Precincts and Partnerships funding - **\$11.2 million**

Leveraging rates revenue with grants and other funding sources enables the Shire to undertake a broader program of community infrastructure and improvement projects than could be funded through rates alone.

Over recent years, growth in rates revenue has not kept pace with the increasing cost of delivering services and maintaining Shire assets. This has created a funding gap and constrained the Shire's capacity to invest in road maintenance, infrastructure renewal, building upgrades and other community priorities.

The proposed rates are intended to help address this gap, maintain essential service levels, renew ageing assets and deliver the priority projects identified through the 2026/27 budget process.

What does the proposed 8.5% increase mean?

The proposed rating model would increase the total rates revenue collected by the Shire by 8.5%. This does not mean every property owner's rates will increase by 8.5%.

The amount payable for an individual property will depend on:

- the property's valuation
- its rating category
- the applicable rate in the dollar
- whether the minimum payment applies.



Make a submission

Community feedback is an important part of the rate-setting process. Written submissions on the proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments must be received by 4.00 pm on Thursday, 23 July 2026.

All submissions will be considered before the proposed rates are presented for formal adoption. Details of the proposed rates and instructions for making a submission are available on the Shire of Carnarvon's website.

Scan the QR code to read the full Statement of Objects and Reasons and find out how to make a submission.

RECOVERY CONTINUES FOLLOWING EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE NARELLE

Throughout June, the Shire of Carnarvon continued coordinating recovery efforts following Severe Tropical Cyclone Narelle, focusing on supporting residents, growers, pastoralists, businesses and community organisations through direct engagement and practical assistance.

A key priority was working one-on-one with horticultural growers to help them understand available funding, navigate application processes and overcome barriers such as language and digital literacy. Recovery support was also delivered in partnership with the Carnarvon Growers Association, providing an accessible location for

growers and businesses to seek advice and connect with support services.

June also saw the opening of several major recovery funding programs, including the Category C Business Recovery Support Program, offering grants of up to \$20,000 for eligible businesses, and the Category D Disaster Recovery Assistance Program, providing eligible primary producers with reimbursement grants of up to \$40,000 for cyclone-related clean-up and reinstatement costs.

The Shire continued working closely with recovery partners including DPIRD, DFES, the Small Business Development Corporation, WACOSS,

Rural West, BlazeAid and the Carnarvon Growers Association to deliver information sessions, connect the community with available assistance and advocate for locally led recovery solutions.

Recovery information continued to be shared through the Shire's communication channels, ensuring the community remained informed about grants, support services and recovery opportunities. While significant progress has been made, the Shire remains committed to supporting the community as recovery continues across the region.

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

Scan QR Code



NEED RECOVERY SUPPORT?

If you have been impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Narelle and are unsure where to start, the Shire of Carnarvon's Recovery Team is here to help. We can connect you with the right support services, provide information on available assistance, and help guide you through the recovery process.

Scan the QR code to access the Recovery Hub, where you'll find the latest recovery updates, funding opportunities, FAQs, key contacts and the Community Impact Form.

If you would prefer to speak with someone directly, contact the Shire on (08) 9941 0000 or email community.recovery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au



Shire of Carnarvon



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ROBINSON STREET TO COME ALIVE THROUGH STREETS ALIVE FUNDING

The Shire of Carnarvon has successfully secured funding through the Streets Alive program to help transform the eastern end of Robinson Street into a safer, more welcoming and vibrant destination for residents and visitors.

The Beautiful Streets: 6701 – Activate Robinson Street project builds on community ideas and feedback gathered during placemaking workshops held in 2025. Focusing on the area surrounding the Shopping Centre, the project will introduce a range of creative initiatives including public art, sculptures, mosaics, seating, landscaping and traffic-calming treatments.

More than simply improving the streetscape, the project aims to celebrate Carnarvon's unique identity by sharing local stories, showcasing our history and creating welcoming spaces where people can stop, connect and explore. Through art and interpretation, visitors and locals will be encouraged to discover the people, places and industries that have shaped Carnarvon.

The project will improve pedestrian safety, support local businesses and create an engaging town centre that reflects the character, culture and history of our community.

The Shire looks forward to working with the community as the project progresses and bringing this exciting vision for Robinson Street to life.

Funded through the Streets Alive program, delivered by Doing Co in partnership with Main Roads Western Australia and the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

The Shire of Carnarvon was proud to host an Australian Citizenship Ceremony on Friday, 26 June, officially welcoming seven new Australian citizens into our community.

Australian citizenship is a significant milestone, marking the beginning of a new chapter and a lifelong commitment to Australia's shared values, freedoms and way of life. The ceremony provided an opportunity to celebrate not only the achievements of each new citizen but also the rich cultural diversity that continues to strengthen and enrich our community.

Becoming an Australian citizen represents a commitment to contributing to the community, embracing new opportunities and helping shape the future of our region. We are delighted that these seven individuals have chosen to make Australia and Carnarvon their home.

On behalf of the Carnarvon community, we extend our warmest congratulations to our newest Australian citizens and wish them every success as they begin this exciting new chapter. Welcome to the Australian family, and thank you for choosing to call Carnarvon home.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back to the community, meet new people, build new skills, as well as improve your mental and physical health. Whether you can offer a few hours occasionally or a regular commitment, your time and energy can have a lasting impact.

To find out more about existing volunteer roles and to register with Centacare Volunteer Services, please text 0455 669719 or email cvs@centacarecarnarvon.org.au or visit our website – centacaregeraldton.org.au.

Facebook: Centacare Family Services Carnarvon

Website: centacaregeraldton.org.au



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Shire of Carnarvon marked World Elder Abuse Awareness Week with a series of activities encouraging older residents to connect, stay active and enjoy time together under this year's theme, "Be Bold – Age with Attitude."

The week featured a variety of events across Carnarvon, including an On Country lunch at Rivergums Plantation Café, a Waterfront Wander, a creative craft session at the Seniors Hall, Brushes and Banter at the Community Art Hub, and a Big Screen Social at the Civic Centre, where community members enjoyed lunch and a screening of Mrs Doubtfire.

Each event provided opportunities for friendship, creativity, conversation and wellbeing, while reinforcing the importance of supporting and valuing older members of our community. It was wonderful to see so many people taking part, sharing stories, learning new skills and enjoying each other's company.

Thank you to everyone who attended, along with the local businesses, venues and volunteers who helped make the week such a success. Together, we celebrated the important role older people play in our community and continued raising awareness of the importance of respect, inclusion and ending elder abuse.



SHIRE RECOGNISED FOR COMMITMENT TO ROAD SAFETY

The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to celebrate an important milestone in its ongoing commitment to road safety, achieving Three Ribbon Status in the 2026 RoadWise Recognised Awards, an improvement from Two Ribbon Status received in 2025.

The RoadWise Ribbon program recognises local governments that demonstrate a strong, organisation-wide commitment to improving road safety through leadership, strategic planning, infrastructure investment, education and community partnerships. Progressing from two to three ribbons reflects the significant work undertaken across the Shire over the past year to create a safer road network for everyone.

This recognition acknowledges the many initiatives delivered throughout the region, including road upgrades, improved signage, safer road infrastructure, traffic management projects and community road safety education. Recent projects such as the upgrade of ten cattle grids, installation of smart road technology, and continued investment in road maintenance have all contributed to improving safety for residents, visitors, freight operators and the agricultural industry.

Achieving Three Ribbon Status is a fantastic result and demonstrates the Shire's ongoing commitment to reducing road trauma and building a safer transport network. It also recognises the collaborative efforts of staff, partner agencies and the community in creating safer roads across Carnarvon and Coral Bay.

While this achievement is something to celebrate, the Shire remains focused on continuous improvement. Road safety will continue to be a key priority, with further projects and initiatives planned to build on this success and work towards even higher levels of recognition in the future.



COMMON GROUND OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES IN CARNARVON

Community members, local organisations and service providers came together to celebrate the official launch of Carnarvon Common Ground, marking the beginning of a collaborative initiative focused on improving social outcomes across the community.

The morning began with a powerful didgeridoo performance by local young leaders Hendrix Moncrieff and Edgar Milly-Milly of the Kuwinywardu Boys, setting the tone for a day centred on culture, connection and community.

Guests took part in interactive activities designed to introduce the purpose of Common Ground, including a "Problems vs Solutions" workshop where participants identified local challenges and explored practical ways to address them. These discussions will help guide the initiative's seven key focus areas: Early Childhood and Education, Employment and Economic Development, Culture, Health and Wellbeing, Healing, Justice and Safety, and Youth.

The launch highlighted the importance of working together to develop community-led solutions that respond to local needs. Through collaboration between residents, service providers and organisations, Common Ground aims to create stronger connections and lasting positive outcomes for Carnarvon.

Congratulations to the Common Ground team on a successful launch, and thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this important milestone for our community.



CACTUS GARDEN FINDS A NEW HOME

Carnarvon's much-loved Cactus Garden has officially found its new home, with the relocation now complete in front of the iconic Dunnings mural.

Generously donated to the community by its owners, the unique collection has been carefully relocated from its previous South River Road location, ensuring it can continue to be enjoyed by both residents and visitors for years to come.

The new location creates an attractive feature alongside one of Carnarvon's most recognisable public artworks, adding even more colour and character to the town centre.

A sincere thank you to the owners for their generous donation and for working with the Shire to preserve this unique part of Carnarvon's landscape for the whole community to enjoy.



7 STAGES OF GRIEVING

By Wesley Enoch & Deborah Mailman
A Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Production

One woman reflects on community, dispossession, resistance and pride.

**THURSDAY 3
SEPTEMBER 2026
6PM | CIVIC CENTRE**

Register here

BLOWHOLES MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW OPEN

Annual Blowholes Camping Memberships are now due for renewal, giving local residents another year of affordable camping at one of the Gascoyne's most popular coastal destinations.

For just \$110 per year, local members can continue enjoying discounted camping rates and easy access to the Blowholes Camping Reserve throughout the year. Existing members are encouraged to renew their membership to continue receiving these great local benefits.

Membership renewals can now be completed online, making the process quicker and more convenient. Once your renewal has been submitted, payment will be processed over the phone by a member of the Shire team.

This financial year also brings a new initiative for visitors, with Senior camping rates introduced through the Shire's updated Fees and Charges. The new discounted rates make it even more affordable for eligible seniors to experience the spectacular coastline, marine life and natural beauty of the Blowholes.

Whether you're a local making the most of your annual membership or a visitor planning your next camping getaway, the Blowholes continues to offer an unforgettable coastal experience for everyone.

Visit the Shire's website or scan the QR code to renew your membership, book your stay or learn more about the new camping fees and charges.

Scan QR Code to sign up for your new Annual blowholes membership



★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★

The Shire of Carnarvon's Environmental Health Team has been actively monitoring and treating mosquito breeding sites to help reduce mosquito numbers across the region.

During June, officers carried out treatments around swamps and water bodies at One Tree Point, targeting saltmarsh mosquitoes (*Aedes vigilax*), which are most active between April and June. A sand-based larvicide was applied to breeding areas, preventing mosquito larvae from developing into biting adults. The treatment is highly targeted and safe for mammals, fish, waterbirds and beneficial insects.

Residents can also help protect themselves and their families by following the Fight the Bite message:

- Cover up with long, loose-fitting clothing.
- Repel mosquitoes using an effective insect repellent.
- Clean up around your home by removing stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed.

Mosquitoes can spread diseases such as Ross River virus and Murray Valley encephalitis, making mosquito control an important part of protecting our community. By working together, we can help reduce mosquito numbers and enjoy the outdoors safely.



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Supported by:



JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- The installation of interpretive signage and seating along the Tramway Walk Trail by local carpenter Stuart Parker has commenced this month. As part of the Tramway Walk Trail project, these functional items incorporate reclaimed timber from the historic One Mile Jetty, preserving an important part of Carnarvon's heritage for the community to enjoy for years to come.
- The Tramway Walk Trail will also include a Healing Shelter and Tramway Shelter along the track. The fabrication of these shelters has now commenced by Trac Building. We will continue to provide updates on the construction and installation of these structures.
- Request for Tender 02/2026 Speedway Road Alignment (Blackspot Program) is now closed with submissions currently being reviewed. The aim of this project is to improve road user safety on Speedway Road adjacent to the Browns Range Waste Facility, Carnarvon, and is possible due to Main Roads WA Blackspot program funding received by the Shire.
- The tender for the Minilya-Lyndon Road Grid Installations & Road Reinstatement Work was awarded to ABBL Contracting & Maintenance at the 28 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting. The project is now complete with the nine existing grids, each measuring 6 metres by 2 metres, upgraded to dual-lane grids, measuring 8 metres by 2 metres, to improve safety and traffic flow.



Coming Up!

- First Class Constructions WA Pty Ltd will commence the construction and landscaping of Van Dongen Park Stage One next month. We look forward to seeing the park, affectionately known as the "Big Banana Playground", come to life.
- Restoration works to our iconic Tramway Bridge continue to progress. 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.
- As part of the Shire's Local Connect & Create project, the installation of the functional public art within the Van Dongen Park will be installed mid-late this year. The custom-designed seating and sandblasting elements, crafted by W&C Co. Mechanical and Civil with the support of local carpenter Stuart Parker, will feature designs by artist Peta Riley and incorporate salvaged timber from the historic One Mile Jetty.

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



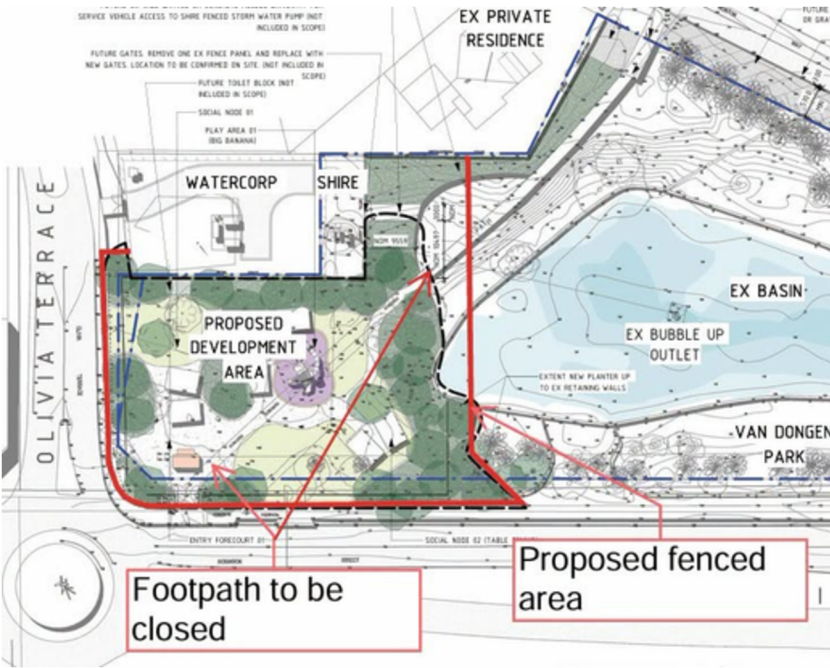
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT VAN DONGEN PARK

Construction is set to begin on the exciting new Van Dongen Park redevelopment, with temporary fencing to be installed from 9 July 2026 to establish the construction site.

To ensure the safety of the community and construction crews, the pathway through the project area will be partially closed during the works. The perimeter footpath around the park will remain open and accessible throughout construction.

The project will deliver the highly anticipated Big Banana Playground and a vibrant new recreational space for families, residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

We appreciate the community's patience while these works are underway and look forward to sharing progress as construction continues.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the Van Dongen Park project and other major projects underway across the Shire.



SAFER CATTLE GRIDS FOR OUR REGION

The Shire of Carnarvon has completed a major upgrade of 10 cattle grids across the region, improving safety for motorists and supporting more reliable travel on local roads.

Funded through the State Black Spot Program and the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program, the project involved replacing the existing single-lane cattle grids with wider, dual-lane grids measuring 8 metres by 2 metres. Each new grid has been installed on reinforced concrete slabs to meet current Main Roads WA standards.

During construction, Commissioner Martin Aldridge visited the works to see the project firsthand and meet with the team delivering the upgrades, recognising the importance of investing in infrastructure that improves safety across the region.

Completed between 3 and 30 June 2026, the upgraded cattle grids now provide safer two-way vehicle access, improve traffic flow and contribute to a more reliable road network for residents, visitors, freight operators and the agricultural industry.



BURROWING BEES NESTING IN CARNARVON

The Shire of Carnarvon Rangers have recently installed caution signs near Uendoo/Bush Bay Road and Whitlock Creek Road to alert the community to active burrowing bee nesting areas.

Burrowing bees are native Australian bees that have lived in our landscapes for thousands of years. Unlike honeybees, they are solitary insects, with each female creating her own nest in soft, sandy soil rather than living in large hives. These native pollinators play an important role in supporting local biodiversity by helping to pollinate native plants and wildflowers.

During the cooler months, you may notice clusters of small holes in the ground where the bees have established their nests. Although they can appear alarming, burrowing bees are generally non-aggressive and will only sting if they are handled or feel threatened.

If you're visiting these areas, please take extra care by following the posted signage, staying on established tracks where possible, and avoid disturbing the nesting sites. By giving these fascinating native bees a little space, we can help protect an important part of Carnarvon's natural environment while continuing to enjoy our beautiful coastal areas safely.



 Australian Government

What is H5 bird flu?

H5 bird flu
is the most serious type of bird flu.
It mainly affects wild and domestic birds, but can also infect some mammals. It has killed millions of animals worldwide.



How it spreads and the impacts

H5 bird flu can infect and kill wild birds.



It can spread to other birds and some mammals. Human infection is rare.



This can impact food supply, the environment and the economy.



If you see groups of sick or dead animals

- Avoid** contact and keep your distance
- Record** date, time, location and take photos
- Report** to Emergency Animal Disease Hotline

1800 675 888

Find out more at birdflu.gov.au or scan the QR code.



STAY ALERT FOR H5 AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)

The risk of H5 avian influenza (bird flu) to the general public remains low, but everyone can help protect our wildlife by knowing the signs and reporting sick or dead birds. Recent detections of H5 bird flu in wild migratory seabirds in Western Australia have increased surveillance across the State, making community reporting more important than ever.

If you see multiple sick or dead birds, or wildlife showing signs such as difficulty standing or flying, lack of coordination, breathing difficulties, swollen eyes or head, or sudden death, do not touch or handle them. Keep children and pets away, note the location, date and time, and if it is safe to do so, take a photograph.

Report your observations to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. Early reporting helps authorities monitor the disease, protect wildlife and respond quickly if further cases are detected.

If you accidentally come into contact with a sick or dead bird, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. People who may need to handle wildlife as part of their work should wear appropriate personal protective equipment and follow recommended hygiene practices.

Scan the QR code to learn more about H5 avian influenza, how to recognise the signs, and what to do if you find sick or dead birds.

DAVID (DAVE) BAUER

Those simple words sum up how Dave Bauer feels about the town he has proudly called home for more than 50 years.

"I came here... it's like paradise."

While many locals know Dave as the former manager of the Carnarvon Pool, his contribution to the community reaches far beyond its gates. He has spent decades collecting native seed, leading revegetation projects across the Gascoyne and helping establish the Robinson Street Arboretum, a place where the region's unique native plants continue to grow and be appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

Dave's passion for the environment began long before Carnarvon. Growing up in his father's orchard in western Sydney, he developed a fascination with plants that never left him. That curiosity took him around Australia, working as everything from a fisherman and bricklayer to a farm worker, before a job opportunity brought him to Carnarvon. He planned to stay only briefly. Instead, he found a community that felt like home.

Over the years, Dave has become one of Carnarvon's greatest advocates for the local environment. Through the Carnarvon Tree Society and alongside dedicated volunteers like Les, he has helped preserve local native species while sharing decades of knowledge with anyone willing to learn.



Perhaps what stands out most isn't what Dave has planted, but what he has inspired. Whether guiding school groups through the Arboretum or chatting with visitors during a Saturday walk, he delights in answering questions and watching curiosity grow. As he puts it, "I survive off questions."

Today, Dave says life is about "family, family and family," but his passion for teaching others about the environment remains as strong as ever.

***His message is simple:
respect people, respect nature, stay
curious and never stop learning.***



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read the full story

TELOMAC TACKLE AND CAMPING CONTINUES TO GROW

Just over a year after taking over Telomac Tackle and Camping, Scott (Clarkey) and Tricia Clarke are preparing for the next exciting chapter in their business journey, highlighting the confidence local businesses have in Carnarvon's future.

Since purchasing the store, the pair have expanded the existing premises to better meet demand from both locals and visitors. Now, with the purchase of the former Betta Home Living building, they are planning a major relocation early next year that will more than double the store's floor space.



The new premises will allow Telomac to significantly expand its product range, with plans to stock larger items, while creating a more spacious shopping experience. The increased space will also allow more products to be displayed, making it easier for customers to browse and ensuring the business can better cater to the growing number of tourists visiting the region.

The expansion represents more than a larger retail space. It is expected to create additional local employment opportunities, engage local contractors during the fit-out, and strengthen Carnarvon's retail offering by encouraging residents and visitors to shop locally.

Scott said the move has always been about investing in the future of the business and the community.

"The new store will give us the space to grow, employ more people and provide a better experience for our customers. It's an exciting step forward for both our business and Carnarvon."

As Carnarvon continues to attract more visitors and investment, businesses like Telomac Tackle and Camping demonstrate the confidence local operators have in the region. Their continued investment is helping strengthen the local economy, create jobs and ensure residents and visitors have access to an even greater range of products and services close to home.



Upcoming

Craft Group
Mondays
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Jubilee Hall



Bingo
Wednesdays
6.00pm
Senior Citizens Hall



Friday Night Footy
Fridays
5.00pm onwards
Festival Grounds



Gentle Gym
Wednesdays 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Fridays 9.00am - 10.00am
Senior Citizens Hall



**WA Country
Health Service**

Courtyard Craft Markets
Saturdays
8.00am - 11.30pm
Carnarvon Visitor Centre



Supergirl - Movie Screening
Thursday 16th July
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Friday Night Drawn Pairs
Friday 17th July
5.30pm - 9.00pm
Carnarvon Bowling Club



Elder's Yarning Circle
Fridays until end of
September
10.00 - 11.00am
Gwoonwardu Mia



Mixed Softball Game
Sunday 19th July
10.00am - 12.00pm
Town Oval



Kajalbi Playgroup
Mondays
11.00am - 12.00pm
Butcher Steet Playgroup
Building



Stargazing Nights
Monday 20th July
5.00pm - 8.00pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



You & Me AFAFE Playgroup
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9.30am - 12.00pm
30 Egan Street, Carnarvon



Events



Jag the Joker
Mondays
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Bill's Bar



Steak Night
Tuesdays
Dinner
Bill's Bar



Burger Fest
Wednesdays
Lunch & Dinner
Bill's Bar



Fish & Chips + Karaoke Night
Thursdays
Karaoke from 9pm
Bill's Bar



Presentation Night
Friday 17th July
6.00pm - 11.30pm
Carnarvon Speedway



Toy Library
Saturdays
8.30am - 9.30am
Library & Art Gallery



Ride Like A Girl - Movie
Screening
Saturday 18th July
12.30pm - 2.00pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Family Fun Day - Melbourne
Cup Tour
Sunday 19th July
12.00pm
Carnarvon Race Club



Storytime
Tuesdays
10.00am - 11.00am
Library & Art Gallery



Women's Cuppa & Connect
Tuesday 21st July
10.00am - 12.00pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



Makers Hub
Thursday 23rd July
3.00pm - 4.30pm
Library & Art Gallery



Family Fun Fair
Friday & Saturday
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Town Oval



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Community

GASCOYNE GYMNASTICS CLUB SHINES AT THE GASCOYNE CHALLENGE

Gascoyne Gymnastics Club proudly competed at the 2026 Gascoyne Challenge alongside gymnasts from Exmouth, Geraldton and Port Hedland. A total of 89 gymnasts competed across Levels 1 to 4, with the athletes demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and achieving some fantastic results.

Level 1 (22 gymnasts)

The youngest team members, with some as young as five years old, achieved: 1 x  4 x 

Level 2 (32 gymnasts) 1 x 10 x Level 3 (24 gymnasts) 2 x 4 x

An incredible achievement for the Level 3 team, with Gascoyne Gymnastics Club claiming every Gold position on the podium.

Level 4 (11 gymnasts)

One of the Level 4 gymnasts had an outstanding competition, earning:

 on Beam  on Floor  on Bars  on on Vault  Overall



A huge thank you to coaches Ellie Gliddon, Erin Douglas and Tara Simons, judge Steph Condo, and all the volunteers whose dedication makes regional gymnastics possible. We also thank Gymnastics WA for its ongoing support, Exmouth Gymnastics Club for hosting a fantastic competition, and Geraldton and Port Hedland Gymnastics Clubs for travelling to provide strong competition. A special thank you to Buswest, whose generous support enabled most of our gymnasts to travel to Exmouth, making the Gascoyne Challenge possible for many local families.



Looking ahead, Gascoyne Gymnastics Club hopes to host its own competition again in the future and is always looking for volunteers to help support gymnastics in our region.

Congratulations to all our gymnasts on their outstanding achievements and for representing Gascoyne Gymnastics Club with pride. If you would like to learn more about enrolments or volunteering opportunities, please contact the club at gascoynegc@gmail.com.

RIVERGUMS PLANTATION CAFÉ REOPENS FOR THE SEASON

Rivergums Plantation Café has reopened for the season and is once again welcoming locals and visitors to enjoy its peaceful riverside setting.

Nestled beneath the majestic river gums overlooking the Gascoyne River, the café offers light refreshments, including its famous mango and banana smoothies made from fruit grown on the plantation. With plenty of space for families, easy caravan access and dogs welcome, it's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Opening Hours: Friday to Tuesday, 10.00am – 3.00pm

Bookings: 0428 167 478

Location: 289 Margaret Row, Carnarvon

Whether you're catching up with friends or showing visitors one of Carnarvon's hidden gems, Rivergums Plantation Café is ready to welcome you back.



EXCITING PROGRESS AT THE ONE MILE JETTY HERITAGE PRECINCT

The Carnarvon Heritage Group continues to make exciting progress in preserving and enhancing the One Mile Jetty Heritage Precinct, with several projects bringing new life to this important community asset.



Following the completion of new protective shelters funded by Lotterywest, restoration work is now underway on several significant heritage items, including the historic Little Dirk, Albatross, camel wagon and vintage rail van. Restoration of the Little Dirk will be guided by a conservation plan developed in partnership with the WA Maritime Museum.

Visitors can also explore new displays in the Barry Scott OAM Gallery, showcasing the history of the Carnarvon Race Club, the dedicated One Mile Jetty volunteers, the iconic Quan Sing Store, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Carnarvon's historic telephone exchange.

Looking ahead, plans are progressing to restore the tramway line and historic water tank, while continuing to develop the precinct into a major heritage destination. Future works include operating a heritage locomotive alongside the Shire's Tramway Walk Trail and creating a pastoral museum celebrating the Gascoyne's rich history.

The precinct was also proudly showcased during the WA Tourism Conference, hosting the closing event featuring the Perth Symphony Orchestra and local school students, another example of the Heritage Precinct becoming a vibrant destination for both the community and visitors.



COURTYARD CRAFT & GROWERS MARKET – EVERY SATURDAY

Start your weekend at the Courtyard Craft & Growers Market, held every Saturday from 8.30am at the Civic Centre.

This popular weekly market showcases the best of Carnarvon, with local growers, makers and artisans offering fresh seasonal produce, handmade crafts, gifts, baked treats and more. It's the perfect place to shop local, support small businesses and catch up with friends over a relaxed morning in the heart of town.

Whether you're looking for fresh fruit and vegetables, unique handmade products or simply a great community atmosphere, there's something for everyone.

Join us every Saturday morning and experience the best of Carnarvon's local produce, creativity and community spirit.



LOCAL APPRENTICE RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Rachael Schmidt from Gascoyne Plumbing Solutions, who has been awarded a 2026 Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grant, recognising her dedication and commitment to the plumbing trade.

Rachael was one of 25 apprentices across Australia to receive the grant, which includes \$2,000 towards training costs and a \$1,000 tool voucher to help apprentices continue building their skills and careers. The program was expanded this year in response to the increasing cost of living and the financial pressures many apprentices face while completing their qualifications.

The award recognises not only Rachael's hard work and passion for the trade but also highlights the strength of Carnarvon's local workforce and the opportunities available for young people pursuing skilled careers.

The Shire of Carnarvon congratulates Rachael on this well-deserved achievement and wishes her every success as she continues her apprenticeship.



STUDENTS TAKE ACTION FOR CLEAN UP DAY

Students across Carnarvon rolled up their sleeves during Keep Australia Beautiful Council Clean Up Day, learning about environmental responsibility and the importance of reducing waste in their community.

In partnership with Carnarvon Community College and Gascoyne Community Services Aboriginal Corporation (GCS), students took part in hands-on activities focused on caring for Country and protecting the local environment. They also visited Containers for Change Carnarvon, where they learned how eligible drink containers are recycled and transformed into 10-cent refunds.

The program received positive feedback from the school, with Carnarvon Community College Principal noting they would welcome similar activities throughout the year, while teachers expressed their support for more opportunities for high school students to participate in environmental education programs.

By working together, students gained valuable knowledge about sustainability while making a positive contribution to their community and the environment.





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CARNARVON BOWLING CLUB KEEPS THE GOOD TIMES ROLLING

The Carnarvon Bowling Club has enjoyed a busy few weeks, with strong turnouts, plenty of friendly competition and a welcoming atmosphere for both members and visitors.



Friday Night Drawn Pairs continue to be a popular weekly event, bringing bowlers together for an evening of social bowls, raffles, a sausage sizzle and plenty of laughs. The club has also hosted its President's Day, attracting 18 bowlers for triples competition and a fun game of "Corner to Corner" afterwards.

Looking ahead, members will compete in the Mixed Pairs Club Competition this month, followed by a barbecue to thank the generous sponsors who supported the club's successful June Carnival.

Congratulations also to Lisa Day (Team Captain), Kim Knight, Terri Middleton and Ricci Chatfield, who have been selected to represent the Carnarvon Bowling Club at the 2026 Geraldton Batavia Coast Ladies Classic in August.

Whether you're an experienced bowler or looking to give the sport a try, the Carnarvon Bowling Club continues to offer a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, enjoy some friendly competition and be part of a great community.



SPEEDWAY LEGENDS RETIRE

After thousands of laps, countless race nights and years of dedication to local motorsport, Ian Lester and Kim Jolly have officially retired from racing at Carnarvon Speedway.

In a fitting tribute to their long friendship, the pair almost crossed the finish line side by side in their final race, a memorable moment that reflected the camaraderie they have shared throughout their racing careers.

As Life Members of the Carnarvon Speedway Club, Ian and Kim have made an enormous contribution both on and off the track. Their passion, commitment and sportsmanship have helped shape the club and create lasting memories for competitors, volunteers and spectators alike.

While they may have parked their race cars, there's no doubt they'll remain a familiar face around the speedway, sharing stories and supporting the next generation of racers.

Congratulations, Ian and Kim, on outstanding racing careers. Thank you for everything you've given to Carnarvon Speedway and the local community. Wishing you both all the best for the next chapter.



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MONDAY 24 AUGUST

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SAUSAGE MAKING

Learn traditional craft using premium Gascoyne beef, lamb and goat.



TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FISH FILLETING & SMOKING

From ocean to plate, discover the stories and skills behind exceptional seafood.



WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

FIRESIDE YARNS: LAND, SEA & STORY

Featuring Paul Iskov (Fervor) and live music from the Family Shoveller Band.



FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FISH PRINTING & JAPANESE CUISINE

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CORAL BAY – MORE THAN A HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Coral Bay is renowned for its crystal-clear waters, abundant marine life and easy access to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef. Behind every visitor experience is a close-knit community of local businesses, tourism operators and residents working together to make Coral Bay one of Western Australia's most welcoming destinations.

From accommodation providers and cafés to tour operators and retailers, local businesses play a vital role in supporting the region's economy while showcasing the beauty of the Gascoyne to thousands of visitors each year.

Earlier this year, Coral Bay was recognised as a finalist in the WA Tiny Tourism Town Awards, celebrating the town's exceptional visitor experiences, hospitality and strong community spirit.

Whether it's exploring the reef, relaxing by the beach or supporting local businesses, Coral Bay continues to showcase the very best of our region and remains an important part of the Carnarvon and Gascoyne story.

CORAL BAY AUCTION CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF GIVING

This year marks a major milestone for one of Coral Bay's most cherished community events, with the Coral Bay Annual Auction celebrating its 35th anniversary.

For more than three decades, the annual auction has brought the community together to raise funds for projects and initiatives that directly benefit Coral Bay. Through the generosity of local businesses, residents and visitors, the event has contributed to countless community improvements over the years.

More recently, funds raised have supported the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and St John WA – Coral Bay/Exmouth, including helping purchase Coral Bay's 4WD ambulance and the volunteer accommodation caravan used by St John volunteers who travel to the region to provide vital emergency services.

This year's organisers are hoping to make the milestone event the biggest yet, with an ambitious goal of reaching \$400,000 raised over the auction's 35-year history.

The Coral Bay Annual Auction is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when a community comes together. Every donation, sponsorship and auction item helps support essential services and community projects that continue to benefit residents and visitors alike.



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TIMMY TURTLE'S BIRTHDAY PICNIC

Gwoonwardu Mia was filled with laughter, stories and smiles as families came together to celebrate Timmy Turtle's Birthday Picnic as part of this year's National Simultaneous Storytime.

Children, parents and carers enjoyed a morning of storytime featuring Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller, along with interactive activities, games and a shared morning tea. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to connect, learn and enjoy the magic of reading together.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, and to the Shire of Carnarvon, the Gascoyne Early Years Network and all partner organisations who helped make this special community event possible.





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GUIDED ARBORETUM WALKS SHOWCASE A HIDDEN GEM



More than 50 residents and visitors explored the Carnarvon Arboretum during a series of guided walks hosted by Carnarvon Tree Society throughout June 2026.

Held on Saturday mornings from 10-11am, the walks gave participants the opportunity to learn from local legend Dave Bauer, who established the Arboretum more than 50 years ago alongside a dedicated team of volunteers.

Dave shared stories from decades of planting and caring for the site, which began as a water-wise project with little more than a water tank and plenty of determination. Participants also heard from Les about ongoing efforts to manage mesquite and protect native species within the area

The timing of the walks coincided with June rainfall, bringing new life to the landscape and the first signs of flowering across the Arboretum. Visitors learned to identify local species including coolabah, hakea, saltbush, limestone wattle, pigface and needle bush, while also taking home seeds and practical propagation tips for their own gardens.

For many participants, it was their first visit to the Arboretum despite living in Carnarvon for years, while visitors from Perth and Dunsborough were eager to learn more about the unique flora of the Gascoyne region.

The recent installation of new signage on Robinson Street has also made the Arboretum easier to find and enjoy.





The 2026 Gascoyne Art Awards officially launched with an unforgettable opening event! We extend our deepest gratitude to the massive crowd who filled the gallery, cultivating a wonderfully supportive atmosphere for our local creators. A special thank you to the team at Kestrel Cafe for providing the delicious catering that kept attendees delighted all evening.

The standard of entries this year is genuinely exceptional. Congratulations to our remarkable award recipients:

- ▶ Best Overall – Markham Boston – Sculpture without Wazza
Sponsored by the Shire of Carnarvon
- ▶ Runner Up Best Overall – Sofie Seyah – Reflections of Faure
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- ▶ Gascoyne Landscape – Alice Linford Forte – Echoes in the Dust
Sponsored by the Gascoyne Development Commission
- ▶ Gascoyne Seascape – Caitlin Fitzgerald – Faure Island Shark Bay
Sponsored by Telomac Tackle and Camping
- ▶ Human Form – Sadie James – The Bee Lady
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- ▶ 3D – Xavier Cox – The Gear Reaper
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- ▶ Gascoyne First Nations – Karla Tittums – Galjalbu Dancing (Emu Mating)
Sponsored by Gwoonwardu Mia
- ▶ Abstract – Marlene Anderson – Mungili Waterholes and Rockholes
Sponsored by the Community Art Hub



We offer our warmest gratitude to all artists who contributed pieces to the exhibition. Your originality and dedication have created a display that truly captures the region's creative spirit.

Explore the Exhibition

The collection is now on display at the Shire of Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery until 29 August. Gather your friends, admire the incredible artworks, and participate in the interactive engagement activities scattered throughout the space.

Have Your Say

Make sure to cast your ballot for the People's Choice Award! The winning artist will be unveiled at our special closing event on 29 August from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

For guided tour bookings, please contact artgallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ARTS IN CARNARVON!

The Shire of Carnarvon is proud to announce the completion of Stage 3 of the Carnarvon Art Gallery upgrades, made possible through \$58,176 in funding from the Public Regional Galleries Improvement Fund, jointly funded by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The latest upgrades include the installation of a new suspended ceiling and professional lighting track system, significantly enhancing the gallery's exhibition capabilities. These improvements provide better environmental control, greater lighting flexibility and improved safety, ensuring the gallery can meet professional exhibition standards and continue attracting high-quality touring exhibitions to the Gascoyne.

These upgrades aren't just an investment in our gallery, they're an investment in our community.

By improving our regional arts infrastructure, we're creating more opportunities for local artists to exhibit alongside touring collections, expanding access to quality visual arts for residents and visitors alike, and continuing to deliver on the vision of the Gascoyne Regional Arts Plan.

The project has also delivered important economic benefits, with local businesses Norwest Project Solutions and Carnarvon Electrics engaged to complete the works, ensuring the investment flowed back into our local economy and supported local jobs.

The official opening of the upgraded gallery coincided with the opening of the Gascoyne Art Awards, where Shire Commissioner Martin Aldridge proudly announced the completion of the project.

This is another exciting milestone in strengthening Carnarvon's cultural future and creating vibrant spaces where creativity, community and culture can thrive.



CREATIVE PROGRAM BRINGS ART TO LIFE DURING GASCOYNE ART AWARDS 2026

Alongside the Gascoyne Art Awards 2026 exhibition, the Shire of Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery is hosting a vibrant Creative Program throughout July and August. Featuring a mix of free and ticketed events, the program invites the community to connect with artists, learn new skills and explore their creativity.

Several standout experiences offer deeper creative immersion. Spend a day in the Kennedy Ranges for Painting on Country with Raymond Edney on 25 July, or enter a world of projections, music, and dance during Embodied Movement with Miranda Plum on 14 August.



The season finishes on 29 August with the Closing Event and People's Choice Award presentation, hosted in partnership with the Gascoyne Arts Society.

Get all the details for every session at the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery website. Keep an eye out for updates there, or visit our Facebook page for the latest news on the program.

CREATIVE PROGRAM

GASCOYNE ART AWARDS 2026
Program Agenda
SCAN ME

Open day & Family Fun
Saturday 4 July | 9.30am - 12.30 pm | Art Gallery

Felting with Deb Ralphs
Wednesday 22 July | 10 - 11.30am | Art Gallery

Wind Down and Weave with Karla Tittums
Friday 24 July | 6 - 8 pm | Art Gallery

Painting on country with Raymond Edney
Saturday 25 July | 9.30 am - 6pm | Excursion

Childhood Symbolism with Senia Eastmure
Saturday 1 August | 9.30 am - 12.30pm | Art Gallery

Abstract Paint & Sip with Leanne Gillham
Friday 7 August | 6 - 8 pm | Art Gallery

Embodied Movement with Miranda Plum
Friday 14 August | 6 - 8 pm | Art Gallery

Hall of Fame Exhibit
Saturday 15 August | 10am - 12pm | Art Gallery

Nature Sculpture with Stu McMillan
Sunday 23 August | 10 am - 12pm | Community Art Hub

Gyotaku & Feast
Fish Printing meets Japanese Cuisine
Friday 28 August | 6 - 8 pm | Art Gallery

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Tuesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: EVERY STORY MATTERS

On page 13, our This is Life – Carnarvon & Coral Bay feature shines a spotlight on the people, businesses and local identities whose stories make our community unique.

Each story helps build a living archive of Carnarvon and Coral Bay, preserving the experiences, achievements and memories that shape our community. From local businesses and volunteers to artists, growers, sporting legends and everyday residents, every story adds another chapter to our shared history.

Do you know someone with a story worth telling? We'd love to hear from local identities, Elders, artists, businesses, community groups or anyone making a positive contribution to our region.

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