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FROM THE RIVER TO THE REEF

CARNARVON & CORAL BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to Spring and the September edition of River to Reef.

Over the last month the Shire of Carnarvon has been host to an array of iconic events including the Gascoyne Food Festival and the Gascoyne Dash. It was a real privilege to get along to some of the local events and meet the many locals who make them a success and the visitors that they attract to our region.

The Shire hosted a Business After Hours event in August which was well attended by the community. I welcome direct feedback from you on what is important to you and how we can do better as a Shire. We have hosted community meetings in Carnarvon and Coral Bay to present our recently adopted budget and answer questions that you may have.

Some of the Shire's major projects are coming to fruition including the Pier Development, Van Dongen Park and the Tramway Bridge and walk trail. Recently we had the opportunity to showcase these and many other local priorities to the Minister for the Gascoyne, the Hon Hannah Beazley while she was visiting the region.

With the budget now behind us the work begins on delivering our projects and planned works for the coming year. This has also allowed me to engage more with the community from grower associations to local arts groups and also a tour of our local RSL and their historical collection.

It is now less than three months until you elect your new Council. Our local campaign Your Shire Your Voice will ramp up as we seek nominations for election, however the first step is to make sure you are enrolled to vote. The roll closes at 5pm on 7 October so please take the time ensure your enrolment is up to date by contacting the Shire of Carnarvon or the WA Electoral Commission.

The August Council meeting commenced at the new trial time of 5.30pm with ten people in attendance and more than twenty people viewing the meeting online. We have now implemented a new process allowing community members to give notice of questions for council meetings and for answers to be published where attendance at the meeting is not possible. We recognise that attending a Council meeting is not always possible, however we want to make sure that the community is informed and can participate in this key transparency and accountability process. To find out more visit the Shire's website.

Until next time, keep an eye out for our community meetings planned for Carnarvon and Coral Bay and check you are enrolled to vote today!

Thank you,

Hon Martin Aldridge
Commissioner, Shire of Carnarvon



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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 2026

- INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY, STRENGTHENING LOCAL FACILITIES AND BUILDING RESILIENCE**

August was a significant month for the Shire, with Council making important decisions supporting Carnarvon's community facilities, tourism, infrastructure and long-term resilience.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 August, Council considered a broad range of community and operational matters. This was followed by a Special Council Meeting on 28 August, where the Shire's 2026/27 Annual Budget was adopted and differential general rates were imposed following Ministerial approval. A community petition and four public submissions concerning the proposed rates were formally considered as part of the decision-making process.
- SUPPORTING A MUCH-LOVED TOURISM ATTRACTION**

Council approved a new 10-year lease—with an option for a further 10 years—for the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum.

The Shire will also assume responsibility for the building's insurance. This acknowledges the Museum's substantial investment in its facilities and exhibits, as well as the important role it plays in telling Carnarvon's story and attracting visitors to the region.
- NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE AIRPORT PRECINCT**

New occupancy arrangements were approved for the Carnarvon Riders Association and the Carnarvon State Emergency Service within the airport compound.

These arrangements provide greater certainty for both organisations and support their ongoing contribution to recreation, emergency preparedness and community life.
- INVESTING IN RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE**

Council accepted \$350,000 in external funding to deliver recovery and resilience initiatives following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Narelle. The funding will support community recovery, improve business preparedness and strengthen local floodplain resilience—helping Carnarvon prepare for and respond to future emergency events.
- REVIEWING THE BLOWHOLES CAMPGROUND**

Council received the first full-year operational review of the Blowholes Eco Friendly Campground.

The review examined visitor numbers and operational performance, while identifying opportunities to improve the visitor experience, waste management and environmental outcomes at this important coastal destination.
- PROGRESSING MAJOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council supported redirecting the remaining funding from the Fascine to Harbour Walk project to Stage Two of Van Dongen Park. This will enable further improvements to the park, including public toilets and enhanced parking, helping create a more functional, welcoming and accessible community space.

Council also endorsed a grant funding application for the Carnarvon Airport Northern Apron Rehabilitation and Strengthening Project. Improving this critical aviation infrastructure will support safer and more reliable airport operations and strengthen Carnarvon's regional connectivity.

The Speedway Road Realignment Project was also awarded, allowing this important road safety and infrastructure project to move into its delivery phase.

Together, these decisions reflect the Shire's continued focus on responsible investment, stronger community facilities, greater resilience and practical improvements that support Carnarvon's future.

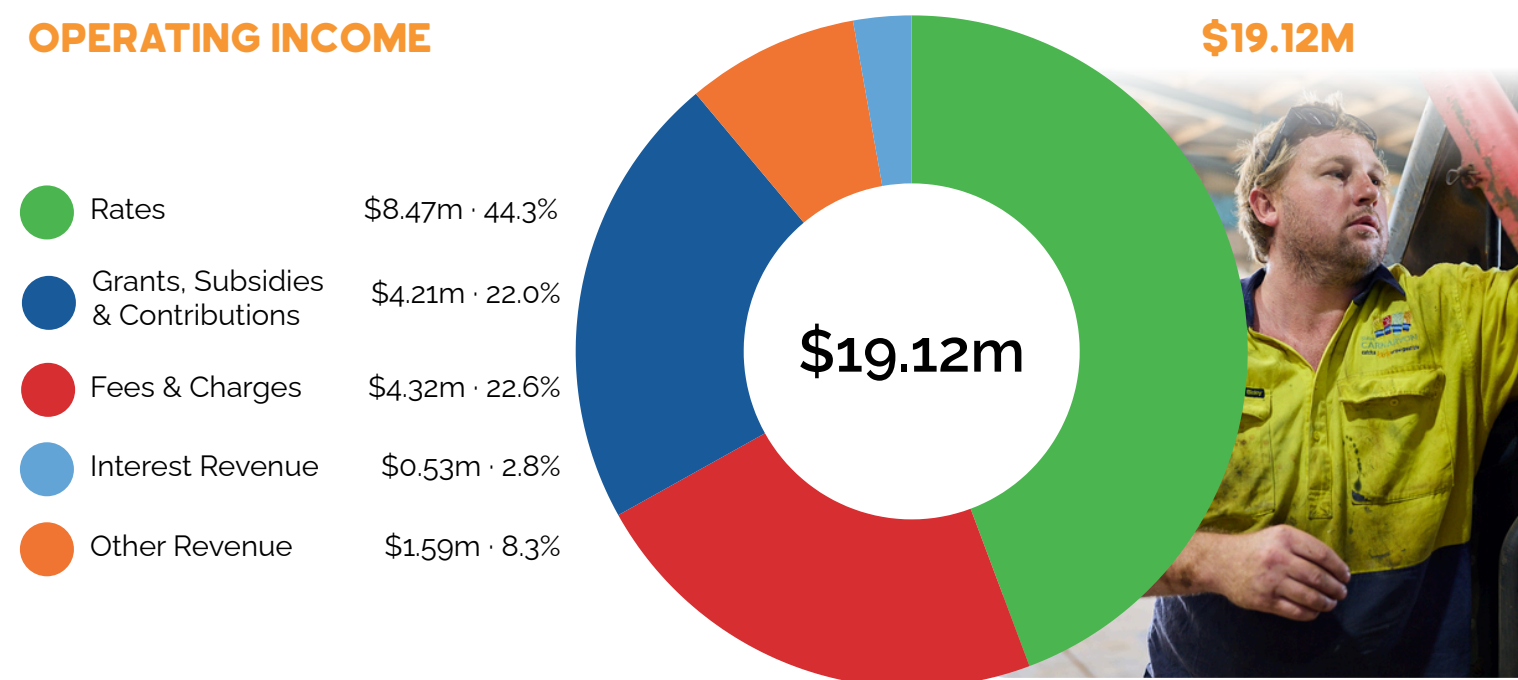
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

22 SEPTEMBER	COMMENCING AT 11:30AM Major Projects & Infrastructure Committee COUNCIL CHAMBERS STUART STREET, CARNARVON	22 SEPTEMBER	COMMENCING AT 5:30PM Ordinary Council Meeting COUNCIL CHAMBERS STUART STREET, CARNARVON
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WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM AND WHERE IT GOES

This operating view shows the day-to-day income and expenditure that supports Shire services. Capital projects are presented separately.

OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENDITURE

\$32.2M

Employee Costs			\$12.91m · 40.0%
107 employees across the Shire	95 FTE full-time equivalent positions	12 positions supported through other grants	
Employee costs include salaries and wages, superannuation, allowances, uniforms and workers' compensation insurance.			
Plus 18.5 FTE Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Positions fully funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and not included in the workforce figures above.			
Depreciation			\$8.72m · 27.1%
Materials & Contracts			\$8.36m · 25.9%
Utility Charges			\$0.97m · 3.0%
Insurance			\$0.72m · 2.2%
Governance Cost			\$0.55m · 1.7%

Operating expenditure includes \$8.72m in depreciation, which reflects the use of Shire assets over time.

PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES IN 2026/27

The 2026–27 budget includes a capital works program of approximately \$21.53 million. Rates form one part of the funding mix, alongside Australian and State Government grants, previously received project funding, reserves and borrowings.



ROADS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads Improvement Program \$4.03 million

External funding: \$3.88 million.
Shire contribution: \$150,000.

Works across Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, Edagee Road, French Street, Warroora East Road and:

Quobba-Gnaraloo Road \$1.18 million

Speedway Road \$1.06 million

Minilya-Lyndon Road \$0.85 million

Kerbing and Footpath Replacements. . \$200,000

William Street Pump Station. \$175,000

Coral Bay Airstrip Pavement Reshape and Stabilisation. \$270,000

External funding: \$179,910, including \$90,000 through RADS and \$89,910 through RAUP.
Shire contribution: \$90,090.

Carnarvon Airport Q400

Upgrade Works. \$252,000

Fully funded through Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Civic Centre Theatre Seat Upgrades. . . \$497,000

Fully funded through Lotterywest.

Woolshed Roofing Renewal \$150,000

CCTV System Upgrades. \$103,000

Playground Equipment Replacements . . \$75,000

Regional Art Gallery Improvements . . . \$32,009

Fully funded through Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.



MAJOR PROJECTS AND LOCAL INVESTMENT

Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program \$5.50 million

Progressing the Shire-led components of the program, including Van Dongen Park, the Tramway Trail, Urban Forest, Local Connect and Create.

External and previously received project funding: \$5.50 million.

The Pier Development \$6 million

The Pier is a DG Corp development. The Shire is supporting the project by auspicing and administering grant funding.

Auspiced external funding: \$6 million.

Carnarvon Activation Plan \$2.24 million

Project funding: \$2.25 million, including \$1.23 million from Lotterywest and \$1.01 million in previously received project funding.



RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

STC Narelle Community Recovery Officer and Recovery Delivery Capacity. \$150,000

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.

STC Narelle – Future Ready Industries. \$150,000

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.

Carnarvon Floodplain Recovery, Responsibility and Resilience Project \$50,000

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.



What's happening in Carnarvon and Coral Bay?

To find out about projects in the Shire visit
www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/council/projects



KEY ELECTION DATES



5pm Wednesday
7 October
Enrolment closes

Tuesday
13 October
Nominations open

4pm Tuesday
20 October
Nominations close

6pm Thursday
3 December
Completed postal votes due

STAND FOR THE COMMUNITY YOU CALL HOME

COULD YOU BE A COUNCILLOR?

Councillors help make decisions that shape local services, facilities and the future of our Shire.

You do not need previous Council experience or formal qualifications. People from all backgrounds and life experiences are encouraged to nominate.

-  **Listen**
Understand community priorities
-  **Represent**
Consider the whole Shire community.
-  **Contribute**
Help guide local decisions and direction.

HOW TO NOMINATE

- 1 Check your eligibility**
Be 18 or older, an elector of the Shire and eligible to stand.
- 2 Complete the induction**
Finish the mandatory online candidate induction before nominating.
- 3 Prepare your nomination**
Complete the form and candidate profile, and include the \$100 deposit.
- 4 Lodge it early**
Submit it to the Returning Officer between 13 and 20 October.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

Scan for eligibility information, the candidate induction and nomination resources.

www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/council/council-business/elections



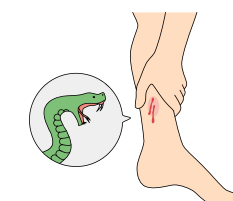
SNAKE SEASON IS AMONGST US

As the weather begins to warm up across Carnarvon, snakes are becoming more active, making now a good time to stay alert when enjoying the outdoors.

Snakes can be encountered around walking paths, parks, gardens, waterways, rocky areas and other places that provide food or shelter. While snakes generally prefer to avoid people, it is important to give them plenty of space and never attempt to approach, handle or catch one.

If you encounter a snake:

- Keep a safe distance and allow it space to move away.
- Keep children and pets away from the area.
- Be particularly careful around long grass, rocks, retaining walls and garden areas.
- Wear enclosed footwear when walking through areas where snakes may be present.
- If a snake is in a public area and presents a safety concern, report it to the Shire.



For urgent matters such as dog attacks or snake removal, you can contact the Shire Rangers on 9941 0019 during business hours.

After hours, call 9941 0000 and your call will be directed to a support centre for assistance. Please remember, this service is for urgent issues only.

If your matter can wait, contact the Shire during office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm.

PET SAFETY: A REMINDER TO STAY VIGILANT

Following community concerns around pet safety, the Shire is reminding owners to remain vigilant and take simple precautions to keep their animals safe.

Since the recent dog poisoning incidents reported in Morgantown and Brockman in August, no further incidents have been reported to the Shire. Owners are still encouraged to keep dogs on leads and monitor what they may pick up or eat.

Signs of possible poisoning can include:

- excessive drooling or frothing,
- vomiting (including white-frothing around the mouth)
- diarrhoea,
- weakness,
- shaking,
- difficulty walking or seizures.

Seek veterinary attention immediately if you suspect poisoning.

With H5 bird flu also detected in WA, keep pets away from sick or dead birds and other wildlife. Do not touch or move affected wildlife. Instead, record the location and report it to the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.**

Australian Government

How H5 bird flu can impact our wildlife

H5 bird flu is the most serious type of bird flu. Early action helps reduce impacts on our wildlife and natural environments.

If H5 bird flu establishes in Australia

- It can spread between birds and mammals.
- It may impact birds we see all the time, like seagulls and swans.
- Some native species may be badly impacted, particularly if already threatened, like Tasmanian devils and quolls.

Some wildlife populations could significantly decline, affecting ecosystems and biodiversity.

Everyone can help

- Keep dogs on a leash and cats contained, especially near wildlife.
- Don't touch or move dead birds or other wildlife.
- Report groups of sick or dead wildlife.

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

If you notice groups of sick or dead animals AVOID, RECORD and REPORT to the Emergency Animal Disease hotline: **1800 675 888**



GASCOYNE 2026 CLOSE WITH SADIE JAMES WINNING ART AWARDS THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

After two months at the Carnarvon Art Gallery, this year's Gascoyne Art Awards drew to a close with a final announcement: the People's Choice Award, sponsored by the Gascoyne Arts Society.

Visitors cast an impressive 496 votes across 58 different artworks, but one entry pulled well clear of the field. Congratulations to Sadie James, whose Human Form entry *The Bee Lady* took the title. Sadie's work celebrates the Gascoyne on more than one level: a local artist painting a fellow local artist, while paying tribute to the remarkable burrowing bees.



native to our region. The piece was purchased by the Shire of Carnarvon during the Awards and will join the Shire of Carnarvon Art Collection. Sadie was unable to attend, so Antoinette Roe accepted on her behalf alongside Gascoyne Arts Society President Jillian O'Brien.

The closing morning also gave visitors a last chance to hear from the artists themselves, as they walked us through the Gallery talking about their work and practice. Sincere thanks to Taylah Howell, Jillian O'Brien, Sabrina Dowling Giudici, Stuart McMillan and Senia Eastmure, and to Paquita Boston for her wonderful anecdotes from the early years of the Awards.



New tracking above the Gallery and Lounge was unveiled on the day, displaying a curated selection from the Shire's Art Collection. It was a fitting reveal: the Collection began in 1984, when the Shire acquired the Overall Winner of the then Gascoyne Region Art Purchase Exhibition. Four decades on, the Awards continue to shape it.

This year's program also reached well beyond the Gallery walls, taking participants weaving, painting, felting, dancing through projections and exploring the riverbed.



Thank you to every artist who took part, and to everyone who visited, voted, purchased or joined in. See you in 2028.

The Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery is pleased to present *The Good* - a major new solo exhibition by Western Australian artist Anna Louise Richardson whose practice is centred around rural life, embedded in the experience and drama of everyday reality. Working primarily in large scale drawing, Richardson's work renders realistic scenes that speak strongly to her experience of rural life as a member of a multi-generational farming family.

The Good emerges from Richardson's broader investigations into the complex relationships between humans and the natural world, tinged by grief and the competing demands of nurturing new life. In a world increasingly defined by division and hardship, Richardson's work points to the necessary act of radical optimism needed to seek goodness in all things.

Artist Anna Louise Richardson says: "My work is autobiographical, chronicling my life through the objects around me, objects that are steeped in meaning and memory, yet are present in many peoples realities. The scale of my drawings bring their stories to life. I hope that *The Good* will bring something familiar to regional audiences nationwide and spark a connection between my life and theirs. Together we can see the good in all things."

Curators Rachel Arndt and Lee-Anne Hall explain: "The Good is the culmination of Western Australian artist Anna Louise Richardson's explorations into her layered relationships with the natural world, coloured by love, loss and the complexities of nurturing new life as a young mother, while living on her family's multi-generational farm on Whadjuk Nyoongar Boodja (Country).

As co-curators in this project we're delighted to be able to present this work to audiences in Somerset and nationwide. Richardson's work has incredible resonances to communities across the country, many who have experienced prolonged periods of hardship. The Good is both catalyst and opportunity for audiences across the country to explore what the 'good' means within the lives of individuals, families and communities."

With the majority of works commissioned for this touring exhibition in 2023, visiting the Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery to see these new artworks is an unmissable opportunity.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Anna Louise Richardson - b.1992 Boorloo | Perth, lives and works Mundijong, WA

Anna Louise Richardson is an Australian artist living and working on Whadjuk Nyoongar Boodja in the Peel Region. Richardson's practice centres around drawing, rendering realistic scenes that speak strongly to her experience of rural life as a member of a multigenerational farming family. Her works explore parenthood, familial relationship, intergenerational exchange, settler identity, relationship to place as well as regionally specific mythologies.

ABOUT THE TOUR:

The Good has been curated by Rachel Arndt and Dr Lee-Anne Hall for The Condensery | Somerset Regional Art Gallery, QLD and Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW. Museums & Galleries of NSW is touring the exhibition to 11 galleries across 4 states between 2023 – 2026, with support from the Australia Council for the Arts.

EXHIBITION: 10 OCT- 5 DEC
OPENING: 10 OCT 10AM -12PM

Art Gallery

NEW IN THE NOOK:

WE CAN TOGETHER



Shire of Carnarvon
Library & Art Gallery
18 Egan Street, Carnarvon

15/09-15/10
2026

The exhibition will remain open until 15 October.

Library

GET READY FOR LIFT OFF WITH CRISTY BURNE!

The Shire of Carnarvon is delighted to announce that Cristy Burne, expert storyteller, author and scientist, is heading to Carnarvon in October 2026 and will be working alongside Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery and the Gascoyne Early Years Network on a journey to connect with families and the Carnarvon community!



Cristy will be here to celebrate being awarded a very competitive grant by Creative Australia to research, redraft and complete a historical verse novel sharing the story of Carnarvon's vital role in NASA's 1960s moon program.

The novel is for children aged 8+ and is tentatively titled MOON OVER CARNARVON. With NASA planning a return to the moon with its Artemis II missions, appetite for this history and these human stories is growing. With Earth facing so many seemingly insurmountable problems, now is the right time for young readers to connect with an inspiring story where individual efforts add up to an incredible achievement.

Cristy has been working on this novel since 2023 after learning of the story during a visit to Carnarvon. She has since interviewed eight of the original staff of the Carnarvon Tracking Station, many of whom are in their 90s, to record their recollections.

Cristy's visit in October offers an opportunity to immerse herself in researching and retelling this incredible story. She has a full schedule of planned connections with a variety of community members of all ages with sessions planned at the library for young writers together with the Writers' Club. She'll also be hosting sessions with our seniors at Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum.



For more information about Cristy:

www.cristyburne.com



SYMPHONY OF STORIES STRIKES A CHORD DURING CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2026

The Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery celebrated CBCA Children's Book Week 2026 with a vibrant week-long program, Symphony of Stories, bringing together books, music, creativity, and community.



Symphony of Stories Book Reading



Teens book week karaoke

Children and families enjoyed a range of activities throughout the week, beginning with a special Storytime and Costume Parade on 25 August. Young readers arrived dressed as their favourite book characters and enjoyed stories accompanied by live music, creating a memorable celebration of literature and imagination.

Book Week festivities also included a Dress Up Photo Competition, creative drop-in craft sessions, and the popular Teens Book Week Karaoke, giving young people an opportunity to celebrate reading, music, and friendship in a fun and engaging environment.

The highlight of the week was a special invitation for Carnarvon schools to attend Aliwah Bardinar! (Look Out, Rosella!) at the Civic Centre. Created by award-winning composers Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, the musical theatre production tells the Noongar creation story of how the Bardinar (Western Rosella) received its vibrant colours. Featuring music, puppetry, dance, and Noongar language, the performance captivated students and celebrated the power of storytelling.

Before the performance, Yinggarda Elder Kath Ryan delivered a Welcome to Country, sharing the importance of language, culture, and preserving stories for future generations.



Kath Ryan, Rennee Turner and the cast of Aliwah Bardinar!

The week showcased the many ways stories can inspire creativity, curiosity, and connection. The Shire of Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery thanks participating schools, families, community members, and partners for helping make Children's Book Week a wonderful success.

Children's Book Week 2026 is supported by The Government of Western Australia through The Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport and The WA Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia.



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- First Class Constructions WA Pty Ltd continue to make strong progress on Stage One of the construction and landscaping of Van Dongen Park with the installation of the banana-inspired play equipment commencing late last month.
- As part of the Tramway Walk Trail project, the installation of the Tramway Shelter by local contractor Trac Building continues to progress. The project also includes a Healing Shelter which is currently being fabricated, with installation to follow in the coming months.
- Request for Tender 02/2026 Speedway Road Alignment (Blackspot Program) has been completed, and the procurement process is progressing. The project aims to improve road user safety on Speedway Road adjacent to the Brown Range Waste Facility and is being delivered through funding received under the Main Roads WA Black Spot Program.
- The draft Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan (CHRMAP) for Carnarvon and Coral Bay is now open for community feedback. Two Community Information Sessions were held in August, Coral Bay on 26th and Carnarvon on 27th. The feedback received within these sessions and beyond is integral in finalising this document. The community will be informed of updates as it progresses.



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



COMING UP!

- 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.
- At the 30 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, Commissioner Martin Aldridge moved that Council accept the Commonwealth Disaster Ready Fund Grant of \$5,582,831 for the South Carnarvon Seawater Inundation Mitigation Project, and requests that engagement be undertaken prior to presenting back to the new Council in early 2027. The Shire will keep the community informed of engagement opportunities for this important project.
- The concept design for the next stage of the Van Dongen Park's development is currently underway. This stage may include parking, public toilets and additional landscaping.
- The initial community consultation for the Coral Bay Settlement Structure Plan is now complete. Consultants, Hames Sharley and Shape Urban, are currently preparing the Draft Structure Plan which is anticipated to be discussed at a late 2026 or early 2027 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Coral Bay Settlement Structure Plan will help guide development in Coral Bay to ensure it is well managed and aligns with broader planning strategies and local community needs.
- The overlay design for Carnarvon Airport has been completed and is currently undergoing final revisions. The next steps are to obtain design certification, secure approval from the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI), and gain approval for the P90 cost estimate before progressing to tender phase.
- The Minilya-Lyndon Road (SLK 142.0 to 150.0) project is scheduled for delivery in 2026-27. This project will address potholes, surface erosion, and pavement subsidence through road re-sheeting works. The upgrades will improve road condition, safety and reliability for all road users.
- The Quobba-Gnaraloo Road (SLK 13.5 to 15.5 and SLK 23.69 to 29.50) project is planned for 2026-27. This project is for re-sheeting works which will rectify pavement deterioration, including potholes, erosion and subsidence. The project will enhance road safety, improve driving conditions, and help preserve this important transport route for residents and visitors.

SCOTT NGUYEN OF VTN FRESH

As a teenager growing up in Carnarvon, Scott Nguyen never imagined he would one day follow his father into horticulture.

While his friends were fishing, playing sport or enjoying their weekends, Scott was often helping on the family plantation. If he wanted a new pair of football boots, his father Van expected him to work in the tomato patches and earn them himself. At the time, Scott did not always appreciate the lesson. Years later, he understands it differently.

"Nothing was given to us. You had to go work for it and earn it."

Van had arrived in Carnarvon with no farming experience and learnt horticulture from the ground up, eventually becoming known for the quality of his tomatoes and watermelons. Scott learnt beside him, even though becoming a grower himself was "never on the cards".

After finishing school in Perth and working various jobs, Scott returned to Carnarvon in 2006 to help his family open an Asian restaurant. Several years later, when the restaurant closed, he returned to the plantation full-time.

Today, Scott carries many of his father's lessons into the way he grows. He keeps his operation manageable, stays closely involved with his crops and is particular about what he sends to market.

"If I won't eat it, then I'm not going to send it for someone else to eat."

But doing everything right does not guarantee a return.

Earlier this year, Scott spent months tending a watermelon crop through two cyclones. The fruit looked healthy and checks before harvest appeared promising, but problems inside some of the watermelons only became apparent after produce had been sent to market. Scott made the decision to stop sending the crop.

"There's three months of work gone down the drain."

It is a reality that sits behind the produce people see on supermarket shelves. Growers carry the costs long before they know what a crop will return, and Scott says the past four or five years have often been about earning enough to pay the bills before putting money back into the plantation to try again.



With fewer young people choosing to follow their families into horticulture, Scott wonders what will happen when his generation eventually steps away.

"Unless this industry changes and gets more people interested in it, after my generation there might not be a farming community here."

Yet Carnarvon remains home. It is where Scott's family and friends are, where he grew up, and where communities such as the local pistol club have become an important part of his life.

Through the uncertainty, the lesson Scott wants to pass on to his own children is the same one Van taught him all those years ago.

"Nothing gets given to you. If you want anything, you gotta work for it. Nothing's gonna fall in your lap."

And when things do not work out despite that effort, Scott's message is just as simple.

"You just keep going. Just hope that one day it works out."



Scan QR Code to read the full stories



(Pictured: Andrew, Wendy, Keely, Wayne, Jeannette)

CARNARVON NOMINATED FOR 2026 TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

Carnarvon has been nominated across five categories in the 2026 Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards, recognising local efforts in environmental action, heritage, public spaces and community leadership.

The nominations recognise:

- **Litter Action:** Litter Legends and its weekly community-led clean-ups.
- **General Appearance:** Beautiful Streets: 6701 and improvements to public spaces through murals, landscaping, waterwise planting, community furniture and revitalised landmarks.
- **Heritage and Culture:** The revitalisation of the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct and efforts to preserve and share Carnarvon's history.
- **Leadership:** Wayne and Jennette Taylor for their commitment to Litter Legends and encouraging greater community participation.
- **Community Containers for Change:** Carnarvon Old Bastards and their work turning container recycling into support for local community causes.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council judges Wendy and Andrew visited Carnarvon, meeting some of the people behind the nominated projects and seeing their work firsthand.

Among the nominations, Wayne and Jennette Taylor have been recognised for their leadership of Litter Legends. Over the past year, the initiative has collected an impressive 1,075 bags of litter, showing what consistent grassroots action can achieve.

Finalists will be announced in October, ahead of the State Awards at Optus Stadium on 27 November.

FLOW WELLNESS 24/7 GYM OPENS ITS DOORS



The new facility features brand-new gym equipment, air conditioning and round-the-clock access, giving locals greater flexibility to fit exercise around work, family and everyday life. Memberships have no lock-in contracts, with concession pricing also available for seniors, Health Care Card holders and veterans.

The opening marks another step in the growth of Flow Wellness, expanding the health and wellbeing services available locally.

For more information



A NEW CHAPTER FOR REJUVENATE THE WELLNESS BOOTH

Local business owner Ellie is entering a new chapter, bringing Purely Tan Beauty Salon into Rejuvenate – The Wellness Booth and creating one space for beauty, wellness and a little downtime.

Rejuvenate now brings together brows and beauty treatments, tanning, saunas and coffee, with early morning coffee and sauna sessions.



For more information



Upcoming

Events

Craft Group
Mondays
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Jubilee Hall



Jag the Joker
Mondays
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Bill's Bar



Steak Night
Tuesdays
Dinner
Bill's Bar



Gentle Gym
Wednesdays 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Fridays 9:00am - 10:00am
Senior Citizens Hall



Bingo
Wednesdays
6:00pm
Senior Citizens Hall



Burger Fest
Wednesdays
Lunch & Dinner
Bill's Bar



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



Elder's Yarning Circle
Fridays until end of
September
10:00 - 11:00am
Gwoonwardu Mia



Courtyard Craft Markets
Saturdays
8:00am - 11:30am
Carnarvon Visitor Centre



Coastal Tails
Sundays
5:00pm
Contact for Details



Stargazing Nights
Monday 21st September
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



Special Storytime
Tuesday 22nd September
10:00am - 11:00pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



ECU Tax Clinic
Tuesday 22nd September
10:00am - 1:00pm
2:00pm - 4:30pm
Library & Art Gallery



Emergency Preparedness
Information Session
Wednesday 23rd September
10:00am - 12:00pm
Library & Art Gallery



Book Club
Thursday 24th September
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Library & Art Gallery



Paw Patrol Movie
Wednesday 30th September
4:00pm - 5:30pm
Camel Lane Theatre



Friday Film Club
Friday 2nd October
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Library & Art Gallery



Writer's Club
Saturday 3rd October
10:15am - 11:15am
Library & Art Gallery



Tiny Hands Craft
Wednesday 7th October
10:00am - 11:30am
Library & Art Gallery



YOUnity: Sew the Flags
Thursday 8th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Jubilee Hall



Women Out West
Thursday 8th October
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Kestrel Cafe



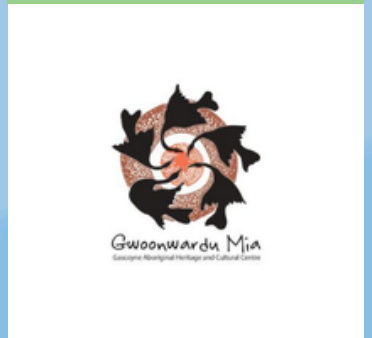
The Good by Anna Louise
Richardson
Saturday 10th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Library & Art Gallery



How to Make a Career
as an Artist
Sunday 11th October
9:30am - 4:00pm
Community Art Hub



Women's Cuppa & Connect
Tuesday 13th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Gwoonwardu Mia



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page or website for the latest updates.

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



Community



GOOD NEWS: GENTLE MOVES CONTINUES IN CARNARVON

We're excited to share that Gentle Moves is continuing in Carnarvon!

Following the success of the Gentle Moves program delivered through the Carnarvon Active Seniors: Connect, Create and Engage project, funded by the Department of Communities, the popular sessions will continue to support our community to stay active, connected and engaged.

Moving forward, **Gentle Moves will be hosted at the Carnarvon Woolshed**, led by the wonderful Vanessa Frost.

The sessions provide a welcoming and supportive way for community members to get moving, improve mobility, build confidence and enjoy the social benefits of exercising together.

And the fun doesn't stop there!

Gentle Moves will now tie in with the Monday Connection Club, delivered by the Community Art Hub. Following the morning exercise session, participants are encouraged to head over to the Community Art Hub for creative activities, conversations and connection, followed by a shared lunch.



 **Gentle Moves: Carnarvon Woolshed**
 **Mondays, 9.30am to 10.30am**

WINNING OFF THE FIELD: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Last month, local volunteers, committee members and community leaders took part in the Winning off the Field: Grant Writing & Committee Governance Workshops, facilitated by Dom from Wicked Strategies.

The workshops provided practical tools and knowledge to help strengthen committee governance, develop successful grant applications and build more sustainable sporting clubs and community organisations.

Proudly funded by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport through the Active Regional Communities Grants Program, the workshops are an investment in the people working behind the scenes to keep our local clubs and organisations thriving.

A big thank you to everyone who participated, and to Dom for sharing his knowledge, experience and enthusiasm with our community. We look forward to seeing these new skills put into action across Carnarvon!



SEEDS OF SCIENCE: NURTURING KNOWLEDGE FOR ALL

National Science Week brought plenty of curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning to Carnarvon! Local young people explored science through Galaxy Slime, Flower Pigment Painting and a Space Museum Scavenger Hunt.

A big thank you to OutBack Floral Designs and the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum for helping make these activities possible.

It was fantastic to see young people experiment, create, problem-solve and discover science beyond the classroom!



Flower Pigment Painting



Galaxy Slime Workshop



Space Museum Scavenger Hunt

CREATIVE SPARKS GETS OFF TO A BRIGHT START

The first Creative Sparks sessions have kicked off in Carnarvon, giving young people a creative space to explore their goals, build confidence and think about what they would like to achieve.

The group began by creating a 21 Wishes list, putting their goals, hopes and future aspirations onto paper before decorating their own keepsake boxes to hold onto them.

The creativity continued with a cake decorating activity, providing another opportunity to have fun while reflecting on the small steps they can take towards achieving their goals.



Creative Sparks is designed to support the wellbeing of young people through hands-on creative experiences, with more activities planned throughout October.

The program is proudly funded through the Creativity and Wellbeing for Young People Program, created by Healthway and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (DCITS).



Upcoming October Sessions

PLANTS 4 SPACE BRINGS SCIENCE, CULTURE AND SPACE TO CARNARVON

Carnarvon recently welcomed the Plants 4 Space team for a two day educational workshop series and community showcase at Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre on 26 and 27 September.

More than 60 participants took part across the two days, including local Elders, students, tourists and representatives from the museum sector. The visiting team delivered four interactive workshops for high school, home school, TAFE and community college students, exploring how plants, nutrition and technology can support life in space. Activities included nutrient testing and transforming familiar fruits and vegetables into creative juices and different textures.

The visit also provided an important opportunity for the Plants 4 Space team to learn from local Aboriginal knowledge and connection to Country. At Gwoonwardu Mia, the team explored the importance of plants, sustainability and traditional ways of teaching and learning, recognising the deep knowledge held within Aboriginal cultures and the value this can bring to future thinking.

The team also explored Carnarvon's diverse native plant life and visited the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum, connecting their work with Carnarvon's significant history in space exploration and satellite communications.

The visit brought together science, culture, education and local knowledge in a unique way, while giving young people the opportunity to explore how the plants we grow and eat here on Earth could help shape the future of living in space.



HORNETS HEAD NORTH FOR NORTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following their third-place finish in Division 7 at the Geraldton Softball Association June Carnival, the Carnarvon Hornets Women are preparing for their next competition, heading north to Port Hedland for the North West Championships from 24 to 28 September.

The Geraldton carnival saw the Hornets compete among 59 teams across seven divisions. This time, they will take on eight other teams in Port Hedland over five days of competition.



(Hornets at the Geraldton Softball Association June Carnival)

The club is also looking for a softball scorer to join the team in Port Hedland for the championships. Whether you're an experienced scorer or keen to learn, the Hornets would love to hear from you. Travel and accommodation arrangements can be discussed with the club.

Interested? Contact the Carnarvon Hornets at Carnarvonsoftball23@gmail.com.



Follow them on Facebook.

VITENAM VETERANS' DAY – LEST WE FORGET

On 18 August, members of the Carnarvon community gathered at the Town Cenotaph for a Vietnam Veterans' Day Commemorative Service hosted by the Gascoyne RSL Sub-Branch.

Held annually on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, the day recognises the almost 60,000 Australians who served during the Vietnam War, remembers the more than 500 who lost their lives, and acknowledges the lasting impact on veterans and their families.



The Shire thanks the Gascoyne RSL Sub-Branch for bringing the community together for this important commemoration and everyone who attended to pay their respects.



CONGRATULATIONS ELLIE VRANKOVICH – WA YOUTH AWARDS FINALIST!

Congratulations to Carnarvon-born Ellie Vrankovich, who has been named a finalist in the Mission Australia Young Changemaker Award at the WA Youth Awards.

Ellie is a passionate young advocate who has contributed to a range of youth, inclusion and accessibility initiatives, including developing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Handbook and creating resources through Lightbulb Skills.

Her recognition continues Carnarvon's strong representation at the WA Youth Awards, following Shire Youth Team Lead Hana Smith's finalist recognition in 2025. Congratulations, Ellie. Carnarvon is proud to see another local young leader recognised at a State level.

Centacare Community Volunteer Service

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. We invite members of the community to offer a few hours occasionally, or a regular commitment, as your time and energy can have a lasting impact.

Whether you are a volunteer or a not-for-profit group/organisation, please visit our website to register with Centacare Volunteer Services and to learn about existing volunteer opportunities.

Alternatively, please text **0455 669 719** or email **Isa** on cvs@centacarecarnarvon.org.au for more information.

Facebook: Centacare Family Services Carnarvon
Website: centacaregeraldton.org.au

A CELEBRATION OF CARNARVON'S CULTURES AT THE GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL 2026

The Taste of the Gascoyne kicked off the Carnarvon leg of the Gascoyne Food Festival with a celebration of one of the things that makes the town special: the many cultures that call it home.

Rather than simply tasting food from around the world, visitors were being served by the local communities behind those cuisines. Portuguese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Croatian, Thai, Taiwanese, Chinese, Italian, Fijian and Australian dishes gave each group an opportunity to share a little of their culture through the food they know and love.

Throughout the evening, the lawn became a meeting place for families and friends, with people moving between stalls, trying something new and enjoying cultural performances on stage.

The Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA officially opened the Festival, with local cultural groups adding to the evening's entertainment before The Family Shoveller Band brought the night to a close.

As the opening event of the Carnarvon program, Taste of the Gascoyne set the scene for what the Festival is all about: celebrating where our food comes from, the people behind it and the different communities that have helped shape Carnarvon's food story.



THE PLANTATION FEAST



An iconic event of the Gascoyne Food Festival, The Plantation Feast offers a dining experience that is distinctly Carnarvon.

Guests are seated between the mango trees of a working plantation, surrounded by fragrant blossoms while enjoying a menu showcasing locally sourced produce. In 2026, the menu was curated by WA Good Food Guide Young Chef of the Year Jessica Roe, putting the flavours and quality of the Gascoyne food bowl on the plate.

It is an experience that connects the meal directly to where much of its produce comes from, celebrating Carnarvon's growers and the ingredients the region is known for in the setting where they are grown.

FISH PRINTING & JAPANESE CUISINE

Hol and Joe introduced guests to Gyotaku, the traditional Japanese art of fish printing, in one of the more unique hands-on experiences of the Gascoyne Food Festival.

Originally used by Japanese fishermen to record their catches, the technique involves applying ink to a fish before transferring its shape and intricate details onto paper. Guests had the chance to try the process themselves, creating one-of-a-kind prints and learning about the history behind the practice.

The workshop was paired with Japanese-inspired cuisine, bringing art and food together for an evening that offered something a little different within the Carnarvon program.



HANDS-ON WITH LOCAL KNOW-HOW

Two of the Festival's workshops put practical skills and local expertise at the centre of the experience, with Kestrel Cafe hosting both the Sausage Making Workshop and Fish Filleting & Smoking Workshop.

The sausage-making session was led by Glen from GM Butcher, who shared his knowledge of the craft while participants worked with premium Gascoyne beef, lamb and goat. It was an opportunity to learn a traditional food craft while working directly with produce from the region.



The following day, Clarky and Tricia from Telomac Tackle and Camping turned the focus to the region's seafood, guiding the group through fish filleting and smoking techniques and sharing knowledge built through years of local experience.

A big thank you to Glen, Clarky and Tricia for generously sharing their expertise, and to Kestrel Cafe for hosting two workshops that celebrated the skills and knowledge found right here in Carnarvon.

FIRESIDE YARNS: LAND, SEA & STORY

Fireside Yarns: Land, Sea & Story delivered an intimate dining experience under the stars, bringing together exceptional food, storytelling and the flavours of the Gascoyne.

Renowned chef Paul Iskov joined chef Mark Attard and students from the Real Futures Hospitality Program to prepare and serve a menu built around local produce, native ingredients and techniques inspired by Country.



Guests enjoyed dishes including local Spanish mackerel gravlax, freshly shucked oysters, cured kangaroo with smoked Carnarvon eggplant, slow-braised beef short rib, firepit vegetables and bush damper, followed by desserts featuring finger lime, wattleseed and mango.

Around the fire, food became a way to share stories, knowledge and a deeper connection to the ingredients and Country that shaped the evening.

SEAFOOD, SUNDOWNER & COASTAL SOUNDS

The Gascoyne Food Festival headed north to Coral Bay for Seafood, Sundowners & Coastal Sounds, combining some of the region's best-known ingredients with one of its most spectacular settings.

Guests set sail across the Ningaloo Reef for an afternoon of local seafood, drinks and coastal views as the sun went down over Coral Bay. Back on shore, the evening continued at Bill's Bar, with live music from The Family Shoveller Band rounding out the celebrations.



The event also supported an important local cause, with 100% of proceeds donated to Protect Ningaloo to support the ongoing protection of the Ningaloo environment.

It was a fitting way to bring the Festival experience to Coral Bay, celebrating local produce against the backdrop of the coastline that helps make the Gascoyne such a distinctive food and tourism destination.

GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL 2026

CARNARVON

THE FOOD BOWL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Colour, movement and tradition took centre stage as cultural performances brought Carnarvon's diversity to life. Performed in front of families gathered on the lawn, each dance offered a glimpse into the traditions and stories carried by the different cultures that call Carnarvon home.



Hands-on and full of flavour, the Sausage Making Workshop saw participants roll up their sleeves and learn the craft from Glen of GM Butcher. Using locally sourced Gascoyne meat, the workshop shared practical skills and local know-how, giving participants a greater appreciation of the process behind a familiar favourite, from butcher to barbecue.



With ink carefully applied to the fish, guests discovered the art of Gytaku, a traditional Japanese technique used to capture the shape and intricate details of a catch on paper. Led by Hol and Joe, the hands-on experience brought art and food together, with guests creating their own fish prints before enjoying Japanese-inspired cuisine.



From Portuguese flavours cooked over an open flame to fresh produce grown in the Gascoyne and bush medicines made from native plants, Taste of the Gascoyne showcased the many ways food, culture and Country are connected. Each stall offered its own story, sharing the flavours, knowledge and traditions that form part of Carnarvon's diverse food identity.



From preparing each plate by hand to gathering around the glowing fire, Fireside Yarns was as much about the stories behind the food as the meal itself. Guests watched as local produce and native ingredients were carefully prepared before settling fireside, where Paul Iskov, chef Mark Attard and Real Futures Hospitality students shared food, knowledge and stories inspired by Country.



Long tables stretched beneath the mango trees as The Plantation Feast put Carnarvon's produce at the centre of the table. A carefully curated menu showcased just how much the region contributes to what we eat, sparking conversations and sharing insights into what Carnarvon grows and produces. Plates were passed, stories were shared and bellies left full.



Out on the waters of Coral Bay, guests enjoyed freshly shucked local oysters, good company and uninterrupted views of the Ningaloo coastline. As the sun began to dip, the colours changed across the water, bringing the cruise to a picture-perfect close beneath a Gascoyne sunset.





MORE THAN A WORKSHOP: TURNING LOCAL KNOW-HOW INTO NEW EXPERIENCES

Feedback from local businesses at the WA Tourism Conference in May has helped shape new opportunities to support tourism development in Carnarvon.



While food was the focus, the skills can be applied across many industries, encouraging businesses to consider how their own knowledge, skills and passions could be turned into new experiences and tourism offerings.

When Alex Crisp returned to town for the Gascoyne Food Festival, the Shire took the opportunity to bring businesses together for a practical Learn How to Create & Deliver Your Own Workshop session.

Attendees learnt by doing, taking part in a hands-on food experience while Alex shared the steps involved in planning, structuring and delivering an engaging workshop.



Businesses who attended will also have the opportunity to undertake follow-up mentoring with Alex and the Shire to further develop their ideas.

Thank you to Alex for sharing her expertise and to the local businesses and organisations who took part. By responding directly to industry feedback, the Shire continues to support local businesses to develop new ideas, strengthen their offerings and create experiences that add to Carnarvon's tourism landscape.

YOUNITY: SEW THE FLAGS

Come along and learn to sew with the pros at Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe and help bring the YOUnity project together!

We'll be sewing flags created by LGBTIQ+ young people from across regional WA into one big patchwork artwork, which will be showcased as part of Pride Fest in Perth. Whether you're a sewing pro or just keen to have a go and learn how to use a sewing machine, come along, practise your sewing skills and help create something meaningful for a great cause.

Facilitated by Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe
Limited to 12 young people.



[Register here](#)

YOUnity is brought to you by North Midlands Project who give thanks to Healthway and the Government of Western Australia for supporting YOUnity, helping foster healthy connected communities and vibrant liveable towns.

Thursday 1 October | 10am–12pm
Jubilee Hall Craft Shoppe, 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon



HELPING MORE KIDS GET IN THE GAME

Every child deserves the opportunity to experience the benefits of community sport, and KidSport is helping make participation more accessible for families across WA.

The WA Government initiative provides eligible children and young people with financial assistance towards club fees. Families experiencing financial hardship or exceptional circumstances may also be able to access support through the **KidSport Special Considerations** process.

In Carnarvon, nine clubs and associations are currently registered with KidSport:

- Carnarvon Amateur Swimming Club
- Carnarvon Aquatic Centre
- Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association
- Carnarvon Netball Association
- Carnarvon Tennis Club
- Gascoyne Gymnastics Club
- PCYC Carnarvon
- Ramblers Football Club
- Warriors Football Club

Families wanting to discuss the Special Considerations pathway can contact **Kylie Coniglio at Ngala Carnarvon on (08) 9941 3869**, an approved KidSport Support Agent.

KidSport is delivered by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport in partnership with local governments, helping reduce financial barriers and giving more young people the opportunity to get involved in community sport.

A CONVERSATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

R U OK? Day brought the Carnarvon community together outside the Civic Centre for conversations, a free BBQ and an opportunity to connect with some of the local services available to support people in our community.

Joining the day were Ngala Midwest & Gascoyne, NDIS, Community Alcohol & Drug Services and Next Step (CADS), CFSS WA, Aboriginal Family Legal Services, HelpingMinds, Jalba Dann, and GRAMS Gascoyne Outreach Service.

Having these organisations together in one place was also an important reminder that support is available locally. Whether someone needs help with mental health and wellbeing, family support, disability services, alcohol and other drug concerns, legal assistance or health services, there are people and organisations in Carnarvon ready to help.

R U OK? Day also reminds us to check in with those who spend much of their time caring for others. Carers, support workers, family members, volunteers and those working behind the scenes need care and connection too. Their contribution often goes unseen, and taking the time to ask how they are going can be just as important.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, to the organisations who shared their services, and to those who continue to care for and support others in our community.

Remember, asking "R U OK?" isn't just for one day.



FLAT OUT AT THE 2026 GASCOYNE DASH

Four days of dust, speed and adrenaline saw the 2026 Coral Coast Helicopter Services Gascoyne Dash roar through Carnarvon, putting competitors and machines to the test across some of the Gascoyne's toughest terrain.

From the opening action to the final run, the event was a showcase of skill, grit and passion. One of the biggest spectacles was the flat-out beach run, with some competitors clocking speeds well over 200km/h along the Carnarvon coastline.

There was also plenty for Carnarvon to celebrate, with local rider Declan Gibbings claiming the 2026 King of the River title for the second consecutive year. It was a standout achievement for the Carnarvon local and a memorable way to cap off another huge weekend of racing.

Coral Coast Helicopter Services once again played an important role throughout the event. The locally owned and operated business provided bird's-eye-view coverage of the racing, transported media crews across the course and supported event operations, while spectators also had the opportunity to experience the Gascoyne from above through helicopter joy rides.

The Shire thanks the GasDash team and the many volunteers, sponsors and supporters whose efforts helped deliver another successful four-day spectacle right here in Carnarvon.

With another Dash done and dusted, we look forward to seeing what the next GasDash has in store.



Photo by Dakar Press Team Australia (Declan Gibbings - Bike #1)

Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta 2027

Saturday 16 January 2027
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LITTER LEGENDS REGATTA RECEIVES KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COUNCIL FUNDING

The Shire of Carnarvon has secured funding through the Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA Community Litter Grants for the Carnarvon Litter Legends Regatta 2027.

One of nine projects funded across WA, the six-month initiative will combine litter reduction, marine clean-ups, creative reuse and community participation, culminating in a community regatta. The project will build on the Litter Legends program while encouraging positive environmental behaviours and protecting Carnarvon's natural environment.

Led by Carnarvon Litter Legends, the project will bring local businesses, schools and community groups together to turn collected litter and marine debris into boats for the Regatta, promoting creative reuse and waste reduction.

Full media release

FINDING THEIR CREATIVE STRIDE

The Deadly Girls Group and Girl Code have been exploring creativity through two recent hands-on workshops focused on self-expression, confidence and connection.

In August, the Deadly Girls Group took part in a resin workshop led by Roz, learning different techniques for mixing resin and colours before creating their own pieces to take home. Some of the girls were initially shy and unsure of their work, but with guidance from Roz and the other facilitators, they quickly found their stride.

As their confidence grew, so did their willingness to experiment with colours and patterns, resulting in some truly frame-worthy designs. The workshop gave the girls an opportunity to trust their ideas, try something new and express their creativity in their own way.



High school students from Girl Code also took their creativity outdoors through PhotoVoice, a photography workshop focused on connection to Country and capturing what home means to them.

A trip to Tucker's Pump saw the girls eagerly photographing native Gascoyne flowers, fruits and other elements of the bush, while others turned their cameras towards the iconic river and produced some postcard-worthy images.

Each workshop gave the girls the chance to explore their creativity, grow in confidence and express themselves in their own way.

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If you know someone, or a group, doing great things in our community, Nominate them for a 2027 Community Citizen of the Year Award, in our four categories.

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
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- Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

citizenshipawards.com.au
Closing Date: 31 October 2026





35 YEARS OF BIDS, LAUGHS AND GENEROSITY

The 2026 Coral Bay Annual Auction has wrapped up with an impressive \$43,531 raised, thanks to the generosity and support of the Coral Bay community.

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the annual event once again brought locals and visitors together for a night of bidding and fundraising in support of St John WA Coral Bay and the Royal Flying Doctor Service WA.

The night was made possible by the generosity of local sponsors and donors, the volunteers working behind the scenes and everyone who came along and placed a bid, with Laura G capturing the celebrations through her photography.

For a small community like Coral Bay, the auction continues to show what can be achieved when people come together to support essential services that play such an important role across regional and remote WA.



Rubbish Collection

Monday
Morgantown / Babbage Island

Tuesday
South Carnarvon

Wednesday
Brockman

Thursday
East Carnarvon / Kingsford / Brown Range

Friday
Plantations - North / South



Brown Range Waste Disposal Facility

Monday - Friday
7:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday
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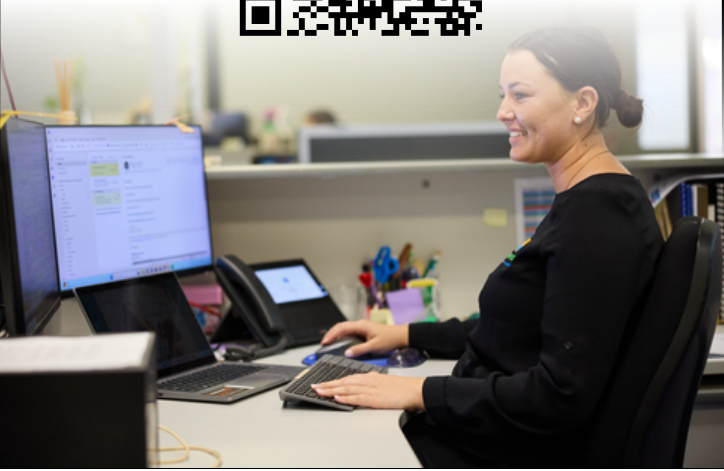


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Make receiving your annual rates information easier by signing up for E-Rates.

Your rates notice and Rates Information Brochure will be sent directly to your inbox, giving you quick access to information about the Shire's annual budget, how your rates are invested, and upcoming projects.

No postal delays, easy digital access for future reference, and a more environmentally friendly option.



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Monday | 3PM-5PM

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 (08) 9941 1146

 shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

Visitor Centre

Cnr Robinson Street/Camel Lane

May - October

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm

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9:00am - 12:00pm

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