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Meeting Dates for December 2019

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 11th and 12th December 2019 commencing at 9am, at the Normanton Shire Council Building.

The Mayor and Councillors will be in attendance and available for your questions, comments or any business concerning Council matters that you may wish to have discussed.

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Items to be considered at a Council Meeting must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer no later than the Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting



November

Newsletter

CARPENTARIA SHIRE

Outback by the Sea®

Message from the Mayor

Well, not many more sleeps until the old whisky bloke comes around again and I think we are all looking forward to the break that comes with him.

Council are running by the seat of our pants with a few projects and spend most of our time looking at the sky. The Scrutton River crossing upgrade is our major concern being so far up north where they always get the first of any major storms. Our own Glenore Weir will be running a close second with works starting quite a bit later then we should have, due to reasons beyond our control. The other project that is a concern is the new hatchery shed in Karumba. Being a “Works 4 Qld” deal the finish date is exactly that and this one is the end of the month (December). Add in the Christmas close down period and we/contractors are really under the pump.

As I have said time and again Works for Qld is the best funding arrangement that the State has ever produced because it’s unmatched, not competitive and it is untied, meaning that if your project is worthy enough then it gets a Guernsey. The catch is finishing on time and the acquittal paperwork. In plain English if you’re not able to finish and get the money spent then you run a serious risk of having it cut the following round. Hence the reason the Mayor and Councillors get a bit rough around the edges when timelines are short.

I guess what I’m saying as well is please let it rain but not just yet (it’s called wanting your cake and eating it). There have been some good storms all around but they are pretty scattered so far.

Finally, the fibre optic project with Telstra has commenced. Our monitors completed the first clearance walk the other day. I don’t think there will be any more action now until after the wet.



Christmas Shut Down

Operational Staff (excluding skeleton staff on RMPC, Town Crews and W&W)

Closed from COB Friday 20th December – Monday 6th January 2020.

Office Based Staff

COB Friday 20th December – 6th January 2020.

Child Care Centre

Provision of child care services to cease at usual closing time Thursday 19 December 2019. Re-commencing on 7th January 2020.

Close down for staff Friday 20 December 2019 – 6th January 2020.

Libraries, Normanton Sports Complex and Normanton VIC

COB Friday 20th December – 6th January 2019.

Normanton & Karumba Pools

Open 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm each day.

Closed Christmas

Re-commence normal operations from Monday 6th January.

Barramundi Discovery Centre

Closed on Public Holidays only

Mayors message Continued...

Wouldn't be a good idea to be dragging D9's or whatever they use up here now. Telstra have given us the end of September 2020 as their finish date though.

It was good to see a good roll up to the Seniors Christmas luncheon last Friday. The Mayor apologises for being tardy but a late flight into Cairns the night before didn't help his cause. What the drive did for me though was make me hungry and sample the food on offer when I got home. Definitely good tucker so well done again to the caterers who I think was the Central.

With the end of the year comes all the graduations etc and it's been really good to be part of a couple. The attitude and respectfulness (if that's a word even) of the young people is a credit to all concerned so take a bow for a job well done. I will take this opportunity to wish our Carp Shire graduates all the best for their future. It is a big step for those going away to College and the "homesickness" will kick in at some stage but from someone who has been there I can tell you that it does get easier with time (that's for first time parents as well). The only advice I have for you is to believe in yourself and be proud of who you are and where you come from....go the gulf.

On that note the staff, I and the Councillors would like to wish everyone a very merry and happy festive season and thank you for your support over last 12 months.

Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Jack Bawden



CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

Celebrate what's great!

2020 Award Nominations are now open!

JANUARY 26, 2020 | BREAKFAST 8AM | AWARDS 9AM | KARUMBA REC CLUB

Free entry to Normanton & Karumba Pool precincts between 1PM - 6PM



Australia Day Nominations NOW OPEN

Know someone who contributes meaningfully to our community? Be sure nominate them for their commitment and achievement

The award categories are:

- ~ Citizen of the Year
- ~ Young Citizen of the Year
- ~ Sports Administrator of the Year
- ~ Senior Sports Person
- ~ Junior Sports Person
- ~ Arts/Cultural Award
- ~ Community Event of the Year
- ~ Committee of the Year
- ~ Volunteer of the Year
- ~ Rural Citizen of the Year
- ~ The Mayor's Award

For more information or for an application form please contact Council's Community Services team on (07) 4745 2200.



Working with the Electoral Commission QLD

Are you interested in working for the electoral Commission?

Follow the below link to lodge an expression of interest. Eligibility criteria and requirements are available on the website.

www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/working-at-an-election.

Normanton Community Christmas Party

Friday 13th December 2019

Council works hard to ensure the event is free for the community. To make this happen we will need your support for donations to the BBQ.

Events for the evening will include;

A gift and family photo with Santa

Jumping Castle

Face Painting

Movie by the Pool

BBQ

If you are able to donate to this community event please contact Candice at the Sports Centre on 4745 1580 or drop in after 12pm during the week for a chat!

Community Services Funding

Carpentaria Shire Council contributed a total of \$4,821.82 in-kind support to local community groups in November 2019.

SES received grant funding to purchase two new trailers for location in Normanton and Karumba. These trailers will assist during emergencies and better equip SES to help the communities in time of need.



FNQROC Federal Priorities

Cr Hawkins represented Carpentaria Shire at the end of November, as part of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Council's (FNQROC) who met with 26 Ministers, Senators and Shadow Ministers in Canberra. The group came together to advocate on identified priorities for Far North Queensland. FNQROC's Federal Priority Projects include the following;

Critical and Regional Road Investment, Water Security, Environment, Indigenous Liveability, Digital Connectivity Tourism Investment, Arts & Culture, Infrastructure Investment, Agriculture and Energy.



State Emergency Services



So you want to be a Councillor?

The Local government has introduced a new requirement under the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 for all candidates who wish to lodge a nomination with the Electoral Commission Queensland. It is now a requirement that all candidates complete the mandatory training.

The training is being offered online <http://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor.html>.

Alternatively you can register for Face to Face training sessions being offered <https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/governance/training.html>.

If these options do not work for you please contact the department on (07) 3452 7148 to request a hard copy version of the training.

November Events 2019

Seniors Lunch 2019



Remembrance Day 2019



Upcoming Tenders

Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the supply of Plant Hire—2020 Construction season.

Carpentaria Shire Council invites Plant Hire Contractors to submit suitable endorsed tenders for inclusion on Council's register of pre-qualified suppliers for the 2020 Construction Season as follows:

- Grader
- Bulldozer
- Excavator
- Water Truck
- Low Loader/Float
- Scraper
- Front End Loader
- Crane
- Side Tipper

A mandatory tender briefing will be held at the Normanton Shire Hall on Monday 9th December 2019 @ 10am

Request for Tender documents are available via the Vendor Panel Public Tenders.

Tender documents outlining required specifications and response forms are available for download via Vendor Panel Public Tenders or by following the links on Council's website under the Tenders & Expressions of Interest tab.

Specific queries in respect to this Tender can be asked through the Vendor Panel platform.

Tenders must be received no later than 5.30pm, Friday 10th January 2020.

Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategy— Phases 3-6

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested parties from the Local Buy Suppliers list to submit a Tender for the Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategy— Phases 3-6;

Phase 3—Identify areas exposed to current and future coastal Hazards.

Phase 4—Identify key assets potentially impacted.

Phase 5—Undertake a risk assessment of key assets in coast hazard areas.

Phase 6—Identify potential adaption options.

Tender documents outlining required specifications and response forms are available for download via Vendor Panel.

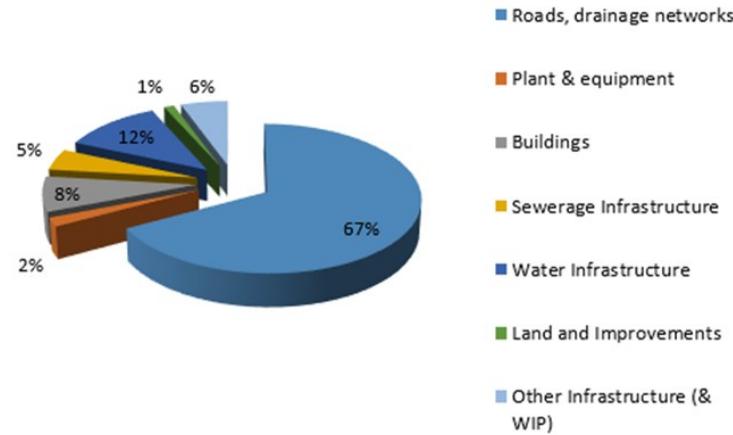
Tenders must be received no later than 2.00pm, 10th December 2019.



Annual Report 2018/2019

Community Assets

Roads, Drainage Networks	\$245,853,082
Plant & Equipment	\$7,138,651
Buildings	\$28,335,811
Sewerage Infrastructure	\$17,188,016
Water Infrastructure	\$42,921,180
Land and Improvements	\$4,360,900
Other Infrastructure (& WIP)	\$20,262,020
Total	\$366,059,660



November Events 2019

Indigenous Stock Workers Display—Official Opening



Land Management Plan Draft—John Henry Memorial Park

Carpentaria Shire Council are currently undertaking a community consultation process to receive feedback on the development of a Land Management Plan for the John Henry Memorial Park.

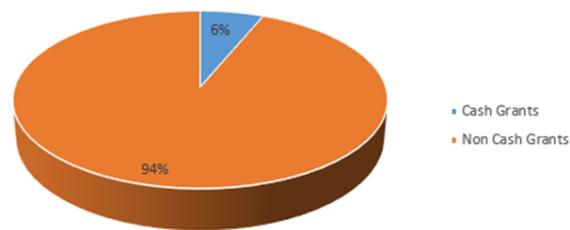
As Trustees of the land, Council are required to submit a Land Management Plan. The plan is used to outline the sustainable use, development and management of trust land for the benefit of the community.

Council is now requesting feedback from the community on the draft plan. Copies of the draft Land Management Plan for the John Henry Memorial park are available on Council's website, Administration Offices and Libraries.

Feedback on the draft Land Management Plan is required by Friday 27 December 2019. Feedback can be provided in person at the Normanton and Karumba Administration Offices or by emailing council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au.

If you have any further queries please contact Council's Director of Corporate Services Mr Justin Hancock on 07 4745 2200.

Expenditure on Grants to Carpentaria Community Organisations



Cash Grants	\$4,019.61
Non Cash Grants	\$60,094.63
Total	\$64,114.24

For a full copy of the Annual Report 18/19 visit Council's Website
Carpentaria.qld.gov.au

Annual Report 2018/2019

Water Meter Readings

Council would like to advise that courtesy mid-year water meter readings for Normanton and Karumba will be undertaken from **13 January to 7 February 2020**.

There will be no charges from this reading, however Council will advise you if you are tracking to be in excess of your allocation.

Meter readers will be required to enter your property to gain access to the water meter. Property owners and tenants are encouraged to ensure clear access to water meters and restrain pets during these times to allow for staff to undertake the readings. In any circumstances, such as a dangerous dog or restricted access which may impede personnel from entering the property, please contact Council on (07) 4745 2200 before **10 January 2020** to make alternative arrangements.

Council has now engaged EFTsure

EFTsure protect companies and their customers against Fraud and error.

EFTsure protects over 2 billion payments per month and has verified over 1 million businesses.

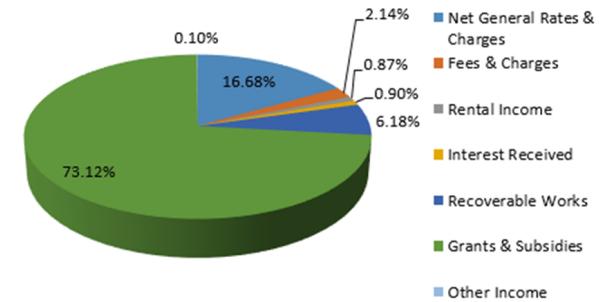


Releasing of the Barra Fingerlings

The Barra Fingerlings have now been released into the water ways to grow in time for our Tourism Season. This reproduction system is an important part of Carpentaria Shire's economic viability.



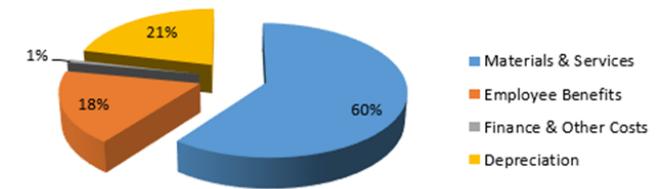
Operating Income



Net General Rates & Charges	\$7,652,558
Fees & Charges	\$981,020
Rental Income	\$400,589
Interest Received	\$412,314
Recoverable Works	\$2,836,326
Grants & Subsidies	\$33,541,551
Other Income	\$45,211
Total	\$45,869,569

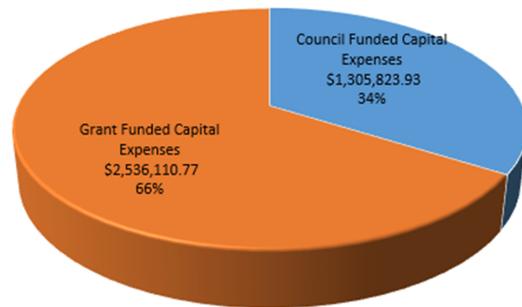
Operating Expenditure

Materials & Services	\$35,601,546
Employee Benefits	\$10,489,670
Finance & Other Costs	\$426,356
Depreciation	12,556,888
Total	\$59,074,460



Council's Capital Expenditure July—November 2019

Items	Expenditure 1 July—30th November 2019	% Funded Through Grants	% Funded Through Council
Buildings	\$43,843.81	99%	1%
Plant & Equipment	\$913,237.39		100%
Road and Bridges	\$2,165,036.25	95%	5%
Water	\$243,951.77		100%
Sewerage	\$7,085.12		100%
Other Structures	\$363,702.58	90%	10%
Housing	\$105,077.78	100%	



Month	Total Local Spend	Local Spend Percentage
November 2019	\$3,466,267.27	52%

This included payment to 45 Local businesses within the shire during November 2019.

Congratulations Tibau!!

For completing your apprenticeship as a Diesel Fitter. Tibau is now a full time Diesel Fitter with Council . Congratulations on your hard work and achievement.



Keep an eye out for our upcoming Apprenticeships and Traineeships on offer. These will be advertised on our Facebook page and website in the coming month. What a fantastic opportunity for you to grow and develop your skills like Tibau.

The Finance and Administration Team



Council's finance and administration team look after a range of Council's core business ranging from your inside workforce who focus on accounts, capital, budgets, rates, information technology, procurement, environmental health and customer service. To those a bit more hands on like the Council ranger and stores department. In charge of all things corporate, this team works hard to ensure Carpentaria Shire Council operates in accordance with diligence and legislation when governing rate payer monies.

Mosquito Fogging

Mosquito fogging has commenced throughout both Normanton and Karumba.

If you are experiencing issues with mosquito's please contact Council's customer service on 4745 2200.





Council is seeking expressions of interest for their Disaster Resilience Scorecard Project Working Group

Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from local community members within Normanton, Karumba and surrounding Cattle Stations to contribute towards Carpentaria Shire's Disaster Resilience Scorecard Project.

Council are seeking members of the community to join a working group that will utilise toolkits and surveys to measure the Shire's current level of resilience towards disasters and identify required areas of improvement.

Council is looking for a diverse range of community members, varying in age, gender, ethnicity and similar factors to ensure divergent perspectives and representation by the whole community.

If you would like to register your interest or have any queries, please contact Crystal Ploenges, Community Development Officer (Disaster Recovery) on (07) 4745 2200 or by emailing council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au.

How will I know when a cyclone or flood is coming?

Cyclone and flood warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). These warnings are broadcasted on all major television stations and radio stations. Other weather advices relating to storms, heavy rain and tsunamis are also issued by BOM. You can visit the BOM at ww.bom.gov.au.

What do I do if my power and water goes off?

Your emergency kit should contain food supplies for a minimum of 72 hours, a battery operated radio and spare batteries, so you can stay in tuned to your local radio stations for updates. Whilst your kit will contain items to last you up to 72 hours, be aware that disasters here in the Gulf may leave you isolated for an extended period of time and this should be taken into consideration when preparing your emergency kit.

Power Outages — Unplug electrical equipment such as TVs and computers to avoid damage caused by power surges. Important to remember to never touch fallen power lines.

Evacuation

An evacuation order for a cyclone is only issued if lives may be at risk from a storm tide surge or significant flood. Emergency services will inform you. Listen to your local radio station.

Road Closures

Listen to your radio and also check the Council website for flood cameras and road reports. Road reports are prepared and distributed by Council at regular intervals during a disaster.



The 3 Steps to Get Ready



STEP 1—Have a Plan

An emergency evacuation plan will ensure everyone in your household knows exactly what to do if the worst happens. It is important to understand your local potential risks before making your plan. The plan should address the risks relevant to you and your household. Get Ready QLD have some great templates if your not sure where to start.



STEP 2— Pack Supplies

Natural disasters can cause major disruptions to essential services like power, gas and water, and access to supermarkets and pharmacies for crucial supplies. Start pulling together supplies and preparing your household emergency kit and evacuation kit now.



STEP 3— Make sure your Covered

It is important to ensure you have adequate building and contents insurance in place. Never assume you are covered or that you will never be hit by a natural disaster. Both renters and homeowners should check their policies.



For more information visit getready.qld.gov.au

Council's Disaster Dashboard is now Live

Disaster.Carpentaria.qld.gov.au

<p>0 Emergency News <i>Published on 26/11/2019 10:54</i></p>	<p>0 Weather Warnings <i>Published on 26/11/2019 10:56</i></p>
Emergency Contacts	River Heights

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BoM Radar	Current Fire Bans

Your link to Emergency News, Weather Warnings, Road Conditions and Power Outages!

Some Handy Apps & Websites to have during Wet Season to keep up to date



Are you Disaster Ready?

When preparing for a natural disaster, as a priority you should focus on how to prepare your home, your loved ones (including pets) and protect what's most important to you. When a disaster hits there are many scenarios that can unfold within your local community.

You need to understand 'the big picture' so you can best prepare and put a plan in place for your household about what to do if anyone is unable to get home, or needs to leave home unexpectedly.

Although the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) and Council have early warning systems and alerts in place that you can subscribe to, some disasters build and move very quickly – separating family members and isolating homes, schools, workplaces and entire neighbourhoods. They can also severely limit access to medical facilities and the day to day essentials we take for granted like supermarkets and petrol stations.

So as you can see, you need to understand the big picture of how you can be affected, so you can best prepare for the next natural disaster – as it's not a matter of if, but when.

Remember;

- Check the condition of your house and make any necessary repairs.
- Make sure loose items are secured
- Make copies of important documentation and make sure they are kept with family and friends not within the flood zone.
- Identify where your mains are in case supply needs to be turned off.
- If your in a flood prone area make sure all of your poisons are raised above ground level.

The Big Picture



Prepare your home



AND your family ...



Don't forget to have a plan for your animals..



AND your Properties

For more information visit
getready.qld.gov.au

