



CARPENTARIA SHIRE
Outback by the Sea®

Welcome to Carpentaria Shire





Acknowledgment of Country

Carpentaria Shire is the traditional country of the Gkuthaarn, Kukatj and Kurtijar people, and we acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this land and nation, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Norman River winds its way through the Mutton Hole Wetlands. The wetlands are of international importance and listed under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

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Mayor's welcome



Welcome to Carpentaria Shire. Whether you've just moved here, planning to move here or you're coming back, this is a great little booklet to have on hand to help you settle in and make the most of living in our region.

This is a beautiful part of the world where I chose to raise my family and run a business. There aren't many places where you can have the freedom and opportunity that we have up here. Kids can ride their bikes and play with their mates, you'll know what's happening in your community and have a chance to be a part of it. There's a lot more to living in Carpentaria Shire than you might think - from fishing to rodeos, to opera and jazz concerts, to kids' sports carnivals, the best fresh seafood, superb steaks, stunning wildlife and landscapes, and of course, the most amazing sunsets over the ocean you'll see anywhere on the planet.

A lot has changed since I moved here from just down the road in Western Queensland decades ago. While we are still a remote place with the usual obstacles, we have things now that would've knocked my socks off all those years ago - all major roads sealed, mobile phone, satellite and internet coverage, world class tourism attractions, plenty of fresh food, a bumper community and events calendar, and top-notch child care, education and health services. Our regular air services and sealed roads not only help bring in tourists but also allow for lifestyle benefits if you're keen for a break in the big smoke, have friends and relatives come for a visit, or to access services in metro areas.

People from all walks of life call Carpentaria Shire home, and we hope you'll enjoy being one of them too. Anything is possible if you're willing to turn your hand to it.

We're proud to be able to welcome you to Carpentaria Shire - where the Outback meets the Sea.

Jack Bawden
Mayor, Carpentaria Shire

The most amazing
sunsets over the ocean
you'll see anywhere on
the planet.

- Karumba Point Beach, Karumba

Snapshot

Traditional Owners: Gkuthaarn, Kukatj and Kurtijar Peoples

- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Normanton
- Karumba
- Cairns (678km from Normanton)
- Townsville (848km from Normanton)
- Mount Isa (499km from Normanton)
- Brisbane (2064km from Normanton)

Transport networks



Gulf Development Road



Port of Karumba



Gulflander Train



Rex Airlines
services to Mount Isa and Cairns



Population
2,159



Area
64,331km²



Median rent rate
\$173/week



Median housing price
\$190,000



186 Local
businesses



Agriculture &
fishing generated
\$171 million in 2015/16



Tourism
\$1.3 million
in 2015/16

Major employment



Agriculture



Public Administration



Preschool and
school education



Accommodation



Food retailing



Connectivity

NBN Satellite and other services,
plus 3G and 4G mobile coverage
with Telstra and Optus
(in Normanton and Karumba centres)

Source: (July 2022): <https://economy.id.com.au/rdanwq>
<https://statistics.qgso.qld.gov.au/profiles>

Carpentaria Shire



Where the Outback meets the Sea.

Carpentaria Shire is located on the Savannah Way in North Western Queensland in the southeastern region of the Gulf of Carpentaria. We proudly have one of the most friendly, laid-back lifestyles and are uniquely placed to offer opportunities and experiences in lifestyle, holidays, employment and investment.

Carpentaria Shire is a place where children have the safety and freedom to ride their bikes down to the river to go fishing after school, and families can set out on weekend discoveries, exploring the rustic, historical towns, rivers and coastlines, to connect, exchange stories and celebrate the untouched beauty of the Gulf.

Carpentaria Shire covers an area of approximately 65,000 square kilometres and has a population of approximately 2,000. Its diverse landscape ranges from vast inland plains to mangrove forests, deltas and salt pans, to beautiful coastal areas along the Gulf. Getting around the region is easy with sealed roads, serviced airports and developed freight routes.

The Shire's diverse industry base of agriculture, fishing and tourism, and government administration, provides most of the Shire's income, with Normanton as the region's government and administrative centre, and Karumba as the region's commercial activity centre. Karumba has an active port and a substantial fishing industry targeting prawns, barramundi, Spanish mackerel, salmon and mud crabs.

Carpentaria Shire Council's vision is for all to "Experience Carpentaria Shire - a great place to live, work, invest and relax", and it's waiting for you.

The journey

Travelling to and from Carpentaria

By Air

The Normanton Airport operates from Monday to Friday with flights to and from locations including Cairns, Burketown, Doomadgee and Mount Isa.

Flight bookings can be made at the Normanton Airport, located on Airport Road. For more information on available flights, visit www.rex.com.au.

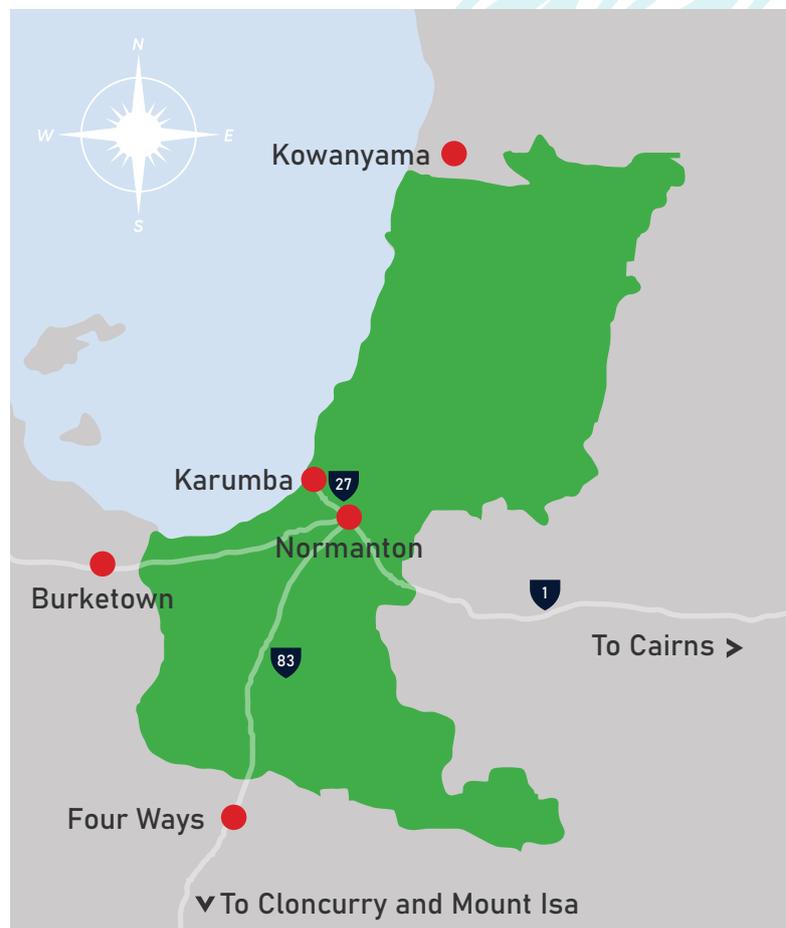
Note: Commercial flights do not operate from the Karumba Airport.

By Road

Exploring the Gulf of Carpentaria by road is one of the best ways to fully appreciate the beautiful landscape and the region's rich history.

Normanton is part of the Savannah Way, the 3,700 kilometre route running between Cairns in North Queensland, through the Northern Territory, to Broome in Western Australia. Make your way to Normanton via the National Highway (Route 1 when travelling from the east) and the Burke Development Road (Route 83 when travelling from the south). If you're travelling to Karumba, you will travel north from Normanton along the Burke Development Road to Karumba.

Carpentaria has so much to explore, with sealed roads – and a few unsealed – Telstra and Optus network reception in Normanton and Karumba (Optus does not work outside the towns), and more self-sufficient caravan and camper facilities, travelling through the Gulf has never been easier.



● Carpentaria Shire Council

The journey

Tips before hitting the road

Whether you're a first timer or an experienced driver in these parts, it is recommended you familiarise yourself with the local landscape before departing on your travels.

It never hurts to ask a local about where you're heading or your travel plans ahead of time. Road conditions and weather can change rapidly and someone with experience, who has recently or regularly travelled the route, may have some valuable tips for you to consider.

Call in to the local Visitor Information Centre, council office, or police station if you have questions about road conditions or closures.

Check your vehicle

Make sure your vehicle is ready for your travels. If it's been a while or you have a big trip ahead visit your mechanic before hitting the red dirt and beyond. If you're on a big trip, carrying some common spare parts for your vehicle is always a good idea as well.

Map out your trip

Plot out your trip and the estimated travel time and distances between locations. DO NOT rely on Google Maps or similar for your planning or on your GPS while travelling – printed maps and local advice still reign supreme out here.

Pack the essentials

Be prepared. For regular local travel, it's always a good idea to have plenty of water, snacks, a first aid kit and spare tyre/s loaded. A car fridge is a common luxury these days which can help keep food for longer journeys.

If you're heading further afield throw in a tool kit, tow rope, shovel, maps, toilet paper, and most importantly, water – take more water than you need (a 20 litre container is ideal).

Check the travel conditions daily

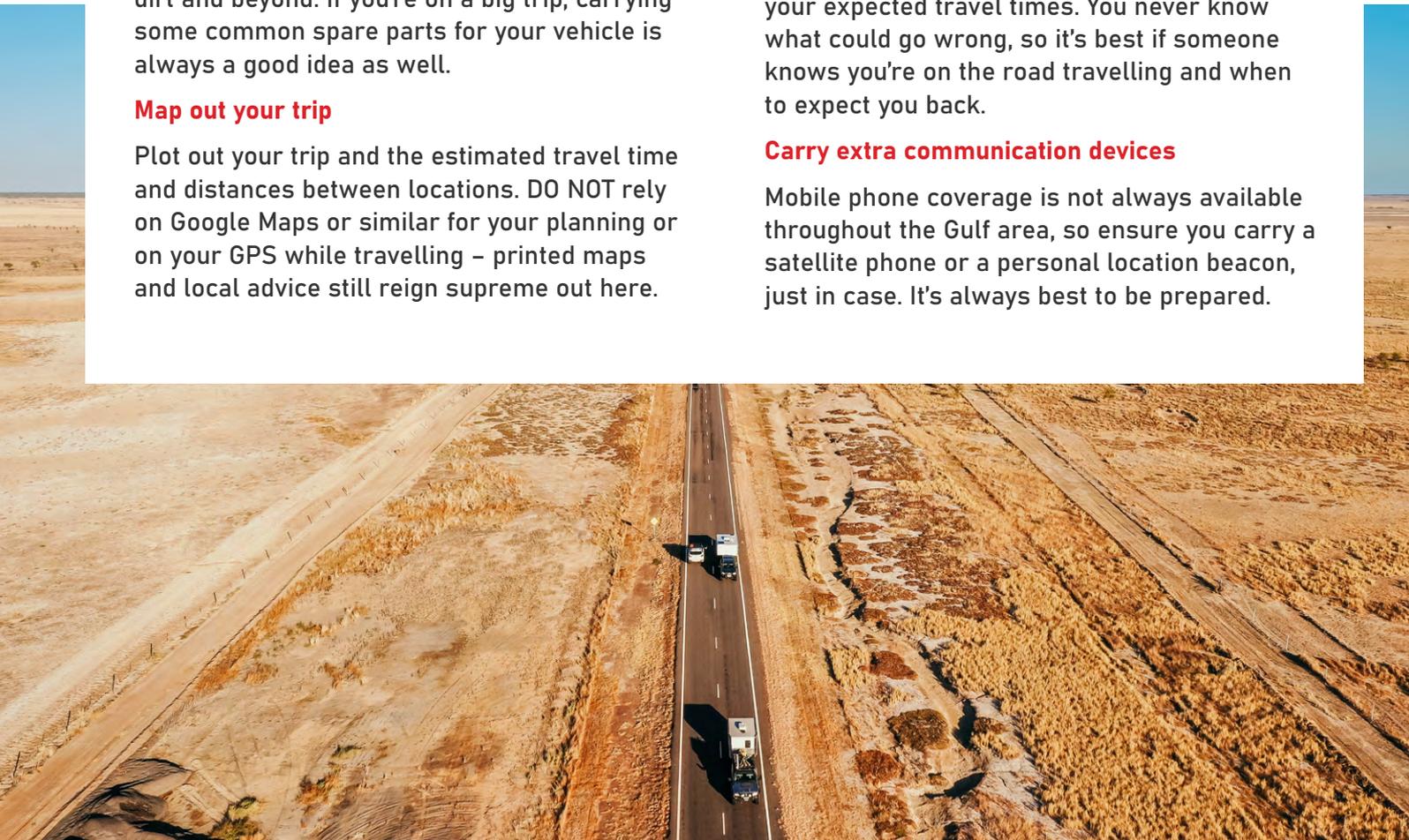
Before you hit the road, check the conditions. Are the roads ahead sealed or unsealed? What are the weather conditions? Remember to drive to the conditions – on unsealed roads, slow down, turn on your headlights and look for potholes and loose gravel.

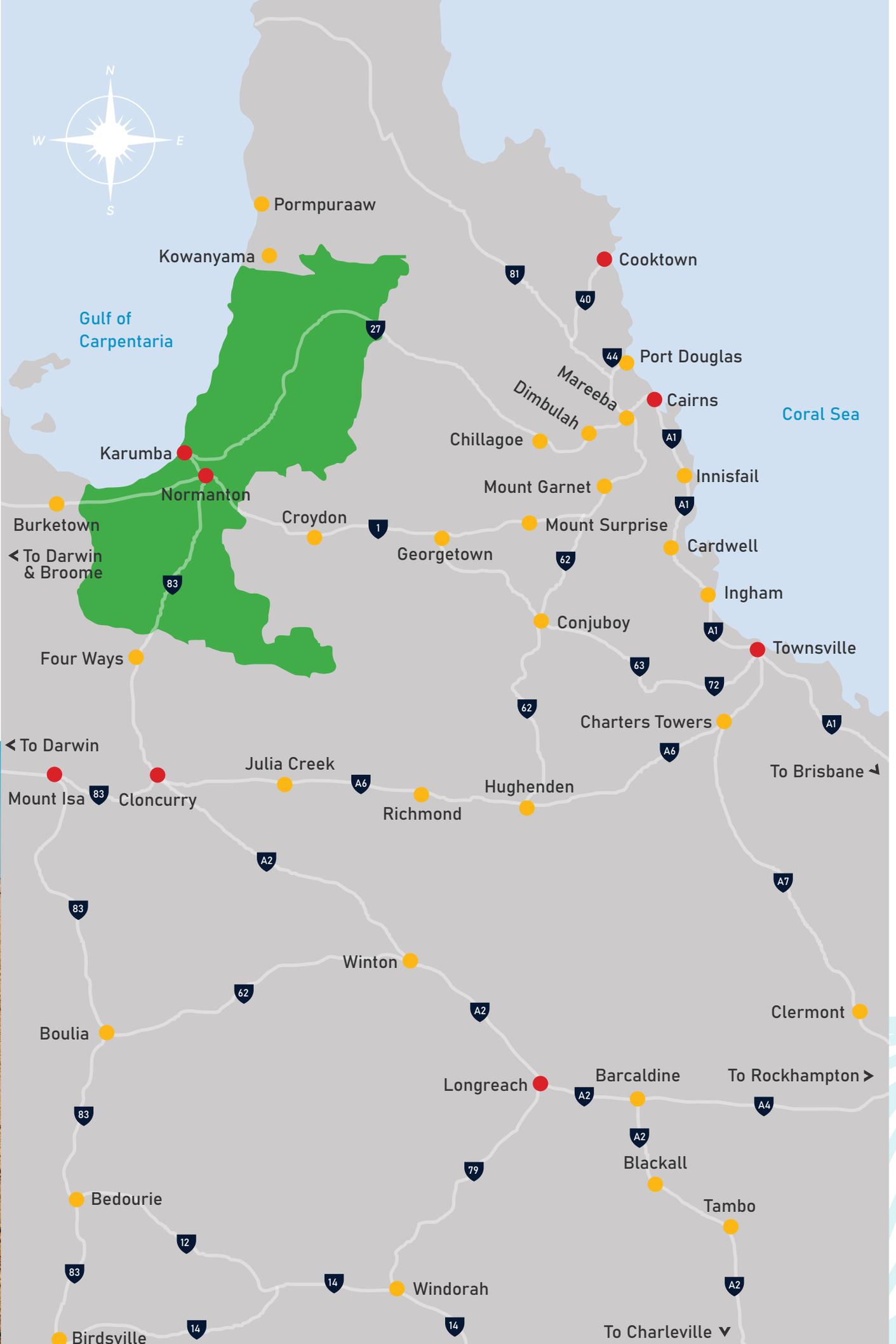
Let someone know

Tell someone where you're travelling to and your expected travel times. You never know what could go wrong, so it's best if someone knows you're on the road travelling and when to expect you back.

Carry extra communication devices

Mobile phone coverage is not always available throughout the Gulf area, so ensure you carry a satellite phone or a personal location beacon, just in case. It's always best to be prepared.





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Travelling by road

Tips for on the road

Wet weather

Be careful of slippery conditions and unstable road edges when the roads are wet. It is best to keep your car's headlights on low beam, and make sure the windscreen and lights are clean. Use your air-conditioner or demister to keep the windscreen clear and remember to drive to the conditions of the road – slow down and double your following distance when required.

Flooding

If you come across a closed road due to flooding, do not attempt to enter it. It is extremely dangerous, and you could endanger your life, and those of your passengers. The safest option is to wait until the water level drops or use an alternative route. Remember, if it's flooded, forget it!

Flood waters in the Gulf sometimes take weeks to go down, not hours.

Regular updates about road conditions can be found at the Department of Transport and Main Roads, by phoning 13 19 40, or by visiting the council's Disaster Dashboard at disaster.carpentaria.qld.gov.au.

Lost or broken down

The first thing to remember is to not panic. Stay with your vehicle and call for help with your mobile phone or emergency communication device (such as a satellite phone or a personal location beacon), and make sure you keep your vehicle visible. Flag down another vehicle and ask for help. Try to conserve your food, water and energy until help arrives.

Sunrise and Sunset

Many of our roads have an east-west orientation. When the sun is low in the sky, and you're driving on many of the outback rounds facing east or west, clear vision can be impossible. It can be hard to see oncoming vehicles or animals crossing the road. It is best to avoid driving before 7am, and between 4pm and 5pm.



Sunset over the Gulf, Karumba

The weather



Port of Karumba on the mouth of the Norman River

The Gulf of Carpentaria holds the world's largest intact savannah woodlands and grasslands. The region has an abundance of eucalyptus and melaleuca trees that can withstand the hot and humid climate of the region's two seasons, wet and a dry season.

Between the dry and the wet season (also referred to as the wet), there is a build up, which is the perfect time to prepare for the wet.

The wet begins around November and ends around April each year, with an average of 17.2 days of rain in one month around January. During the wet season, the Gulf receives around 792mm of rain and gets very humid - keeping the moisture low in your home is essential.

You can keep clothes and your home from going moldy by keeping the fan and/or air-conditioner

on to circulate the air and lower the moisture content.

The dry season begins around May and ends around October each year, with the region receiving an average of 3.64mm of rain during the whole season.

If you love warm weather, the Gulf of Carpentaria is the place to be. The region has warm weather all year round thanks to its location in the tropics. However, this also means during the wet season, large amounts of rainfall are experienced.

Between the dry and the wet season (also referred to as the wet), there is a build-up, which is the perfect time to prepare for the wet. See the 'Your Safety' section on page 13 for important information and tips on how to get ready.



Summer
October to March



Max 37.1°C
Min 23.4°C



Average monthly rainfall
123mm



Winter
April to September



Max 34.8°C
Min 16.1°C



Average monthly rainfall
8mm

Your safety: getting ready in Carpentaria Shire

Local natural disasters

The wet season in Carpentaria Shire is generally a welcome time of year and a natural part of our local environment. Having a 'good wet' means our rivers and landscapes are replenished, which is great for our communities, producers, fishers, and wildlife. It's also the time we can expect cyclones, storms, and floods.

One year can be very different from the next, so the most important thing you can do in a remote area like ours is be prepared no matter the time of year.

- Connect with council: follow our Facebook page and subscribe to our newsletter.
- Keep up to date on what's happening via the links mentioned below.
- Follow the advice on how you can get ready.
- Listen and act on directions when it comes time to respond to an event.
- Speak to a long-time local about their experience and what to expect.
- Local community social media pages help connect with what is happening in the lead up to, and during, an event.

Stock up

Some local businesses will shut or operate at reduced hours over the summer months/wet season. Be sure to check and plan ahead.

- Deliveries may be reduced or cut off due to the impact of weather and service limitations.
- Include long-life food items, household goods, and personal items that you need on your shopping list.
- Ask your pharmacist about dispensing a larger supply on your prescriptions to carry through the wet season.
- Prepare an emergency kit that is easy to access, and everyone knows where to find it. Your emergency kit should contain food supplies for a minimum of 72 hours.



Getting ready in Carpentaria Shire

Ahead of the wet season locals, business and council get ready to make sure their properties, families, employees and communities are safe.



Preparing your home

Have a household emergency plan that everyone in your household knows what to do if dangerous weather happens.

The plan should have important contact information for people in your home or people who can help you.

A plan can also include ways to get your home ready for bad weather and information on where to go if you had to leave.

A plan for you to use can be found at www.getready.qld.gov.au



Things you can do throughout the year:



Make copies or scan important documents

Trim trees to remove leaves and branches that are close to buildings

Check the roof and gutters are not blocked with leaf litter

Clear rubbish from around your home

Make sure windows can be sealed to stop water coming inside

Store chemicals and poisons up high



Check your insurance for correct dangerous weather coverage.

Getting ready in Carpentaria Shire

When was your last tetanus shot? Before the wet season book an appointment with the GP to have a health check, update vaccinations and renew prescriptions.



Preparing your business

Have a Business Contingency Plan in place.

This plan should have staff contact details and resourcing plans should your business be impacted.

Contact details of clients and customers where possible will help to update, cancel and reschedule where relevant.



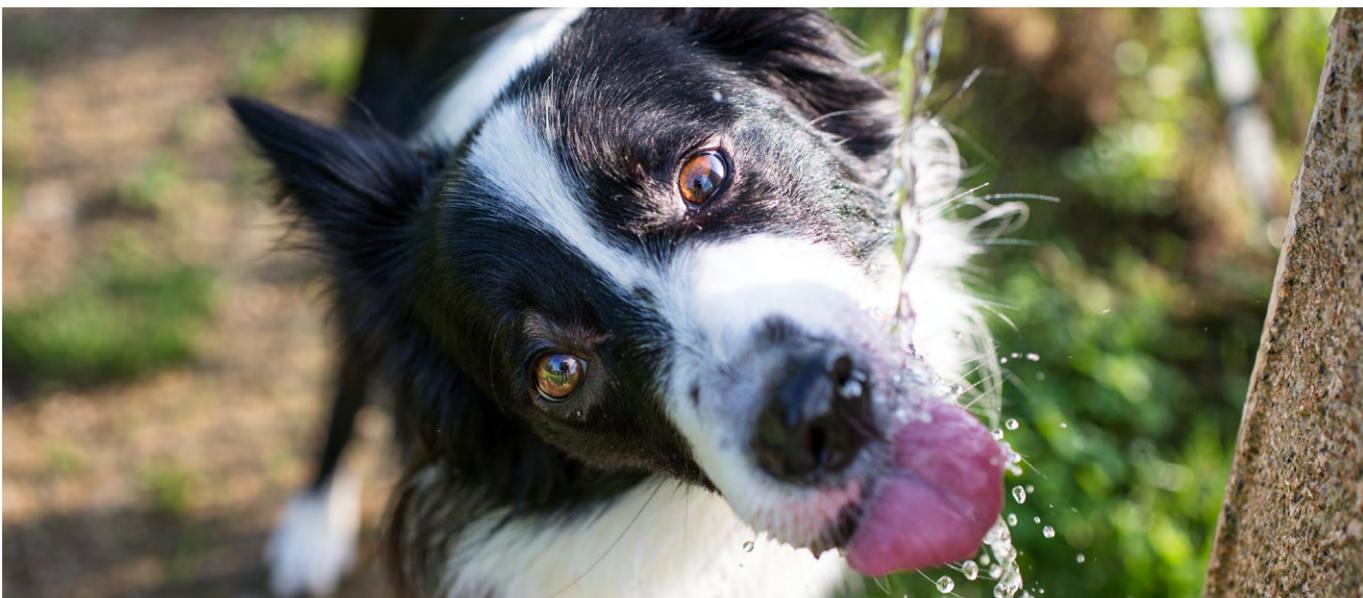
Prepare a business emergency kit and provide training and updates to your staff so they are familiar with plans.

Connect to council's community officer for updates on what is happening with programs such as Get Ready Queensland.



Review your business insurances and business buildings, plant and equipment.

Visit www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/natural-disaster/disaster-hub



Traveling or working across remote areas? A satellite phone, personal locator beacons, back up batteries and power banks are great ways to help keep connected and safe.

Getting ready in Carpentaria Shire



Preparing your property

Many of our get ready tips are already part of everyday life when you're living and working on remote properties. It's always handy to have a refresh on things to consider or share with newcomers to our region.



- Read updates sent from council in preparation each year for the wet season, usually sent to rural property owners in early December.
- Prepare property houses and other buildings by cleaning gutters, clearing nearby debris and reducing possible fuel for fire.



- Consider painting the property name (or refresh the paint job) on a roof near the property house.
- Manage fire fuel loads, access to property, and identify evacuation plans.



- Make sure all household members, staff and regular visitors are familiar with your response plans and how they can stay safe while working or visiting your property/business.
- Check the RFDS medical chest and submit any restock orders.
- Stock up with plenty of long-life food, household necessities and medications.



Provide training and orientation for new staff, particularly those that move to the region, so they understand:

- Property, paddock and enterprise names
- The location and direction of boundaries and neighbours
- Access to property from main roads and towns – keep the GPS coordinates home near phone/radio/computer to help in emergency responses
- What to do and who to contact in the event of an emergency.

What to expect

The build-up

There are lots of ways to describe this time of year, but the most well-known is the build-up. It's the hot, humid time of the year as the dry season comes to an end ahead of the arrival of rain with the Wet.

The wet season (or 'the wet')

You can say we only have two seasons in our region: wet and dry. The wet season (generally November to April) is the time of year with high humidity, temperatures, and when we expect the majority of our yearly rainfall.

The dry season

As the name suggests, this is the dry time of year with less to no rain. Magnificent sunny days with moderate temperatures (generally May to October) this is also the time of increased risk of bush fires.

Cyclones and storms

Cyclones generally intensify over several days, generating severe winds, heavy rain, and flooding. As a cyclone approaches, the wind and rain gradually increase over several hours. Winds caused by cyclones are powerful enough to break large trees, roll over sea containers, and blow away unsecured caravans, and garden sheds. Strong winds associated with cyclones can cause extensive property damage and turn loose items into wind-borne debris that cause further damage.

“Floodwater in our region doesn't just hide debris. Wildlife including crocodiles, sharks, and snakes can be hiding in water, so it's more than a good idea to keep out!”

A young boy is playing in a sprinkler on a lawn. He is shirtless and wearing blue shorts. The scene is bright and sunny, with water spraying around him, creating a playful and joyful atmosphere. The background shows green grass and some foliage.

From flooding and cyclones to bush fires, heatwaves and giant hail, we experience it all in Queensland - it's best to be prepared!

What to expect continued...



Carpentaria flooding

Floods

It doesn't have to rain locally to result in a flood. Flooding in our river system normally comes from up-stream. The water can take days to arrive and also days to go down. However, cyclones and monsoonal conditions can bring general heavy rainfall causing widespread flooding, particularly in the lower areas around Normanton and Karumba.

Bush fires

Bush fire season begins in July and runs through until October. However, bush fires can occur at any time. A good wet season can contribute to higher bush fire risk by increasing the amount of fuel available (grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark).

Heat

Did you know, heatwaves are the deadliest natural hazard in Australia? They lead to the loss of more than 100 lives in just Queensland every year. Heatwaves, and days with high temperatures, occur from September to April. Heatwaves can also affect the transport, agriculture and energy sectors leading to loss of electricity. Short to extended power outages are common during these times.

Health

Health responses including COVID-19 programs are accessible in Carpentaria Shire. Floods can also signal an increase in biting insects like midges and mosquitoes that can carry disease, so it's important to keep up the insect repellent and preventions such as window screens.

How will I know what to do?



The Carpentaria Shire disaster dashboard is your one-stop-shop for what's happening in our region. It contains links and feeds from authorities including weather, road and fire information. <http://disaster.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/>

Get Ready Queensland

www.getready.qld.gov.au



Get Ready NWQ app

www.getreadynwq.com.au



Carpentaria Shire Disaster Guide

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/
community/disaster-emergency](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community/disaster-emergency)



Listen to the local radio.
ABC Radio is the national emergency broadcaster.

A radio with batteries will help keep you informed on any warnings and actions you need to take.

Local bulletins are posted on council and emergency services social media.

Street patrols and door knocking by emergency services personnel may also occur in town.

Emergency contacts

Police – Fire – Ambulance 000
State Emergency Service 132 500
Poisons Information Line 13 11 26

The lifestyle

Things to do and places to visit

Burke and Wills Camp 119

The Burke and Wills Camp 119 is where Burke and Wills made their most northerly camp on their ill-fated expedition to cross inland Australia in 1861. Located 38km out from Normanton, on the Savannah Way, you can discover the region's rich pioneering history and the 'blazed trees', marked by plaques, to prove how far they made it.

Burns Philp Building

The heritage-listed Burns Philp Building is the oldest surviving outpost and demonstrates the role general merchants and shipping giants James Burns and Robert Philp played in the development of Queensland and its economy. Constructed in 1884, it now hosts the Normanton Visitor Information Centre and Library, and the Indigenous Stock Workers and Rodeo Riders displays.

Cnr Caroline and Landsborough Streets, Normanton

Bynoe Arts Centre

The Bynoe Arts Centre hosts contemporary and traditional Indigenous artists' works and is a gathering space for artists to continually grow and create works influenced by the stunning landscapes of the Gulf. Take the opportunity to purchase a piece of artwork including hand-made ceramics, ghost net sculptures, paintings and clothing.

85 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Camping

There is seasonal free camping on the banks of the Norman River in Normanton when the caravan and tourist parks are fulling booked. Apply for a permit at <https://obl.rtbslive.com/obl2/carpentariacamping/availability/fco67gp1ha>.

Limited permits are available for self contained vehicles and you can apply for a permit at <https://obl.rtbslive.com/obl2/carpentariacamping/availability/fco67gp1ha>. Recreational vehicle (RV) travellers can deposit their wastewater (sewage) from caravans and RVs at the council's dumping sites, located at:

The Normanton Works Depot, Old Hospital Road, Normanton.

The Truck Stop, corner of Yappar and Walker Street, Karumba.



The lifestyle

Things to do and places to visit



Gulflander train

The Gulflander, affectionately known as the 'Tin Hare', is a fully operational working tribute to early pioneers. The 1950's railmotor travels from Croydon to Normanton while its passengers are treated to morning tea, trivia, wildlife spotting and storytelling. Don't forget to also visit the Normanton Railway Station to admire the Victorian architecture. The Gulflander experiences leaves from both Croydon and Normanton Train Stations. Check the website for details.

www.gulflander.com.au



'Krys' The Savannah King

Get a photo with the most iconic landmark in Normanton, the immortalised 8.63m crocodile that hunter Krystina Pawlowski killed on the banks of the Norman River in 1957. This replica, life-size saltwater crocodile, boasts the status of the largest crocodile on record ever killed or captured in Australia.

L.E.W. Henry Park, Landsborough Street, Normanton



Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre

The Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre is an interactive, state of the art facility that provides the history, stories, lifecycle, and habits of one of the most sought-after fish, the barramundi. Take a guided tour, visit the hatchery, feed a barra, or relax by the saltwater lagoon displaying flora and fauna straight from the Norman River. There is also the Barra Bites cafe, which is open during the tourist season.

149 Yappar Street, Karumba

www.barracentre.com.au



Morning Glory cloud phenomenon

Karumba, the home of the most awe-inspiring sunsets, especially if your visit is timed to coincide with the morning glory clouds. The Gulf is the only place on earth where morning glory clouds can be predicted and observed on a regular basis.

Morning glory clouds are a rare meteorological phenomenon formed when two sea breezes collide. The best time of year to capture this event is during September to November.

Stop anywhere between Karumba and Burketown.

The lifestyle

Things to do and places to visit

Mutton Hole Wetlands Conservation Park

From November to April, the Mutton Hole Wetlands return to life thanks to the monsoonal rain, attracting various species of birds to gather, breed, feed, and moult after dry season. Bring your binoculars to see broilgas, pelicans, ducks, sarus cranes, and jabirus in this beautiful landscape of mangroves and grassland.

This wetland is part of the largest continuous estuarine wetland aggregation in northern Queensland. But be warned, a few crocodiles live here too.

Located between Karumba and Normanton.



Stargazing and sunsets

The sky lights up as the sun sets in the Gulf of Carpentaria, where you have a front row seat to the sea of stars illuminating the night sky. Don't forget to add the hashtags #gulfcountry and #outbackbythesea when you make everyone jealous sharing on social media.



Sweers Island

Located 30km off the coast of Burketown, Sweers Island is an untouched paradise. Experience the golden beaches, history, and abundant birdlife as you relax and unwind. The island is fisherman's paradise and offers something for the whole family.

Note: access to the island must be made by the individual as no commercial service is currently available. Alcohol is banned on Sweers Island outside of the resort.



Working on Cattle Stations:

Aboriginal Women's Stories display

Visit this stunning photographic display that captures the contribution, resilience and sheer hard work of the Aboriginal women who established the cattle industry in the Gulf Region. The display features poetry, photography, and artefacts of Delta Downs Stations, Australia's first cattle station run by Traditional Owners. The display is located at the Normanton Visitor Information Centre, in the historic and heritage-listed Burns Philp building.

Corner of Landsborough and Caroline Streets, Normanton



The essentials

There are many services stations, shops and cafes in Normanton and Karumba, however, take note of your nearest service stations, roadhouses and grocery stores before travelling to ensure you don't run out of the essentials.

Service stations and roadhouses

Top Servo

56 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Normanton Foodworks Supermarket

57 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Carpentaria Fuels

33 Yappar Street, Karumba

Norman Country Snacks & Supplies

96 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Point Fuels

37 Col Kitching Drive, Karumba

The General Store

90 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Gulf Gate Roadhouse BP

18 Samwell Street, Croydon (155km east of Normanton)

Burke and Wills Roadhouse

Four Ways (199km southwest of Normanton)

Burketown Petrol Station

Burketown (225km west of Normanton)

Tirranna Springs Roadhouse

Doomadgee Road, Gregory (259km west of Normanton)

Georgetown Roadhouse - 24 HR FUEL

18 St George Street, Georgetown (302km east of Normanton)

Banks

Westpac Branch Normanton

88 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Postage and deliveries

Australia Post

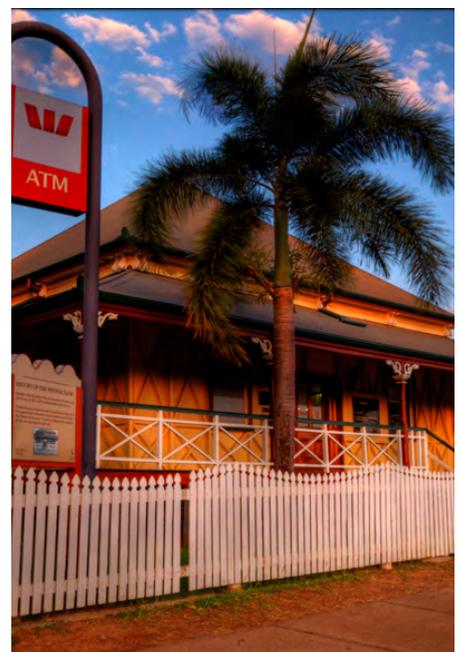
30 Landsborough Street, Normanton

57 Yappar Street, Karumba

Mail and package delivery in the Gulf

Within Carpentaria Shire Council mail is not delivered to homes - residents are required to set up a PO Box. It is a good idea to set up a PO Box prior to your arrival.

If a PO Box number is not accepted for an online delivery, the Australia Post Office address along with your PO Box number can be used (e.g., 130 Landsborough Street, Normanton PB 48).



The essentials



Local freight companies

Scott Freight Company

19 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Hawkins Transport

Lot 1 Old Croydon Road, Normanton

Carpentaria Freight

92 Yappar Street, Karumba

Tuxworth & Woods Carriers

79 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Local groceries

Normanton Foodworks Supermarket

57 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Normanton Stop Shop

32 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Karumba Supermarket and Cafe

63 Yappar Street, Karumba

Norman County Snacks & Supplies - Cafe

96 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Cam's Corner Servo and Mini Mart

29 Yappar Street, Karumba

Ash's At The Point Cafe & Store

21 Palmer Street, Karumba

Groceries in region

Croydon Cafe and Supermarket

Brown St, Croydon

Mini Mart Groceries

Burketown

FoodWorks

41 Ramsay Street, Cloncurry

Closest major shopping centres

Mount Isa Village

2 Simpson Street, Mount Isa

DFO Cairns

74 Mulgrave Road, Westcourt, Cairns

Earlville Shopping Town

537 Mulgrave Road, Earlville, Cairns

Dining out in the outback

Restaurants, pubs and hotels

Albion Hotel

37/39 Haig Street, Normanton

Central Hotel

106/104-106 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Purple Pub Brolga Palms Motel

92 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Gulfland Motel And Caravan Park

11 Landsborough Street, Normanton

Sunset Tavern

2 Ward Street, Karumba

The Anchorage Bar and Cafe

(End of the Road Motel)

26 Palmer Street, Karumba

The Animal Bar (Karumba Lodge Hotel)

44 Yappar Street, Karumba

Ash's At The Point Cafe & Store

21 Palmer Street, Karumba

Barra Bites Cafe (Barramundi Discovery Centre)

149 Yappar Street, Karumba

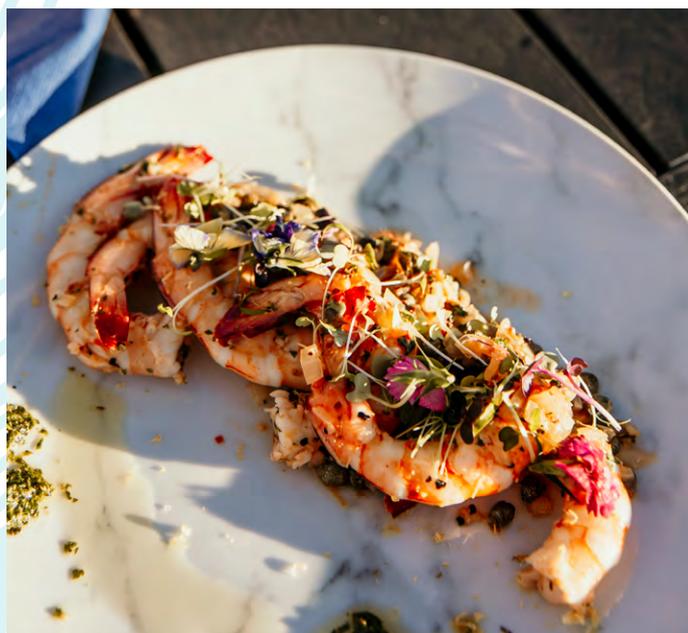
Micks Cafe (Spar Supermarket)

63 Yappar Street, Karumba

Karumba Point Tourist Park

2 Col Kitching Drive, Karumba

PLEASE NOTE: Opening hours are seasonal. Check venue websites and Facebook for operating times. Bookings are advised during peak tourism season.



Your sport and recreation

Staying active is easy in the Gulf

Visit the Shire website for more information.



Karumba Heritage Walk

This pathed walk is a chance to discover the history of Karumba and its surroundings. The walk is a 4km track between Karumba town and Karumba Point and includes many boardwalks for photographers and birdwatchers to capture stunning scenery, wildlife and sunsets.



Karumba Golf Club and Recreation Club

Karumba Development Road, Karumba
Phone: (07) 4745 9100 or (07) 4745 9751

Karumba Sports Centre and Gymnasium

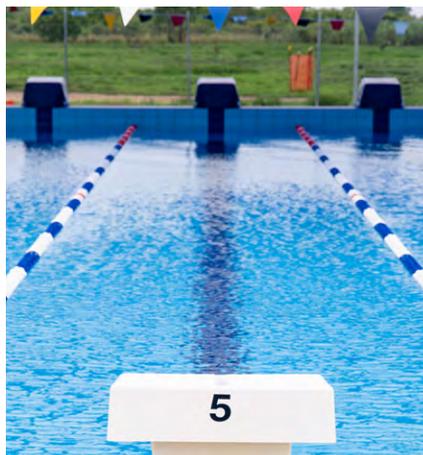
Walker Street, Karumba
Phone: (07) 4745 9600

Karumba Swimming Pool & Water Park

Walker Street, Karumba
Charlie McShane: 0422 932 807
www.facebook.com/Normanton-Karumba-Swimming-Pools-101111566091773

Karumba Gun Club

Karumba Point Road, Karumba



Your sport and recreation

Normanton Bowls Club

Landsborough Street, Normanton
normantonbowlsclub@outlook.com

Normanton Golf Course

Racecourse Road, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 2200

Normanton Gun Club

Old Croydon Road, Normanton
Phone: 0428 460 458 or (07) 4745 1342
Facebook: www.facebook.com/NormantonGunClub

Normanton Sports and Community Centre

Cnr Landsborough and Philp Streets
Phone: (07) 4745 1580
council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au
www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/CarpentariaShireCouncil/

Normanton Rodeo Grounds & Racecourse

Racecourse Road, Normanton
normantonrodeo@outlook.com

Normanton Swimming Pool and Water Park

Cnr Landsborough and Philp Streets, Normanton
Charlie McShane: 0422 932 807
www.facebook.com/Normanton-Karumba-Swimming-Pools-101111566091773

Normanton Swimming Club

Landsborough Street, Normanton
Mel Gallagher - mds12899@hotmail.com

Carpentaria Horse Sports

Normanton Burketown Road, Normanton

Normanton Stingers Rugby League

Dwayne Savo, 0475 436 359
dwayne-savo@hotmail.com

Gulf United (Muddies) Rugby League Club

0417 630 333
gujrlcinc@gmail.com



Swimming – important advice

Cooling off in water is a great Queensland pastime, however in the Gulf it is best to visit the local swimming pools and water parks in Normanton and Karumba. Never swim in the rivers and waterholes as there are plenty of saltwater and freshwater crocodiles about. Be croc-safe!



Your events

Find the most up to date information on all the Shire's events here:



Bring in Spring Festival

July

Carpentaria Shire Charity Ball

August

Karumba Fishing Classic

October

Karumba Markets

Held at the Sunset Tavern every Sunday (April – August).

Normanton Fishing Competition

Easter Weekend

Gun Club Annual Shoot

May

Normanton Rodeo and Campcraft

June

Normanton Show

June

Normanton Sprint Races

September

Outback by the Sea Festival

September



Your education

Carpentaria Shire offers a range of child care, primary school, and high school education, along with TAFE for vocational study. There is also a range of boarding schools available for students of the region.



Day schools

Karumba State School

5 Yappar Street, Karumba
Prep to Year 6
Phone: (07) 4747 6222
www.karumbass.eq.edu.au

Karumba Childrens Centre

104 Carron Street, Karumba
Phone: (07) 4745 9175

Carpentaria Kindergarten C&K

Woodward Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 1259

Gulf Christian College

Brown Street, Normanton
Prep to Year 9
Phone: (07) 4745 1180
www.gulfcc.qld.edu.au

Normanton Childcare Centre

11-13 Balonne Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 1167
www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community/community-services/childcare

Normanton State School

Little Brown Street, Normanton
Prep to Year 12
Phone: (07) 4769 7222
www.normantonss.eq.edu.au

TAFE North

20 Green Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 2000
<https://tafeqld.edu.au/about/campus-locations/far-north-queensland>

Your education

Boarding schools

All Souls

30 Dr George Ellis Drive, Charters Towers
Years Prep to 12
Phone: (07) 4787 1433
www.allsouls.qld.edu.au

Blackheath & Thornburgh College

55-59 King St, Charters Towers
Years Prep to 12
Phone: (07) 4787 5100
www.btc.qld.edu.au

Cathedral School

154 Ross River Road, Townsville
Years 7 to 12
Phone: (07) 4722 2000
www.cathedral.qld.edu.au

Columba Catholic College

6-8 Hackett Terrace, Charters Towers
Years 7 to 12
Phone: (07) 4787 1744
www.columba.catholic.edu.au

Holy Spirit College

Cnr Hope and Burkitt Street, Cooktown
Years 6 to 12
Phone: (07) 4053 4550
www.holyspiritcollege.qld.edu.au

Mount St Bernard College

15 Broadway, Herberton
Years 7 to 12
Phone: (07) 4096 1444
www.msb.qld.edu.au

Peace Lutheran College

Cowley Street, Cairns
Years 6 to 12
Phone: (07) 4039 9000
www.plc.qld.edu.au

Spinifex State College – Residential Campus

83-85 Transmission Street, Mount Isa
Prep to Year 12
Phone: (07) 4745 4333
www.spinifexsc.eq.edu.au

St Augustine's College Cairns

251 Draper Street, Cairns
Years 7 to 12
Phone: (07) 4051 5555
www.sac.qld.edu.au

St Monica's

177 Abbott Street, Cairns
Years 7 to 12
Phone: (07) 4042 4800
www.stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Western Cape College – Residential Campus

50 Tamarind Road, Weipa
Prep to Year 12
Phone: (07) 4090 5333
www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au

There are more boarding school options available in Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Cairns and Townsville, to name a few.



Your business/work

Carpentaria Shire Council is invested in growing our region's economy and communities. Agriculture is our leading industry with many opportunities within this sector and supporting industries. Tourism continues to shine as a growth industry, with ease of access and connectivity helping bring more people to our region than ever before.

You can read more on the regional priorities and opportunities in the Carpentaria Corporate Plan by scanning the QR code below.



Carpentaria Shire Council also has a range of regional development partners to continue growing a sustainable economy by supporting businesses in investment growth and economic opportunities. These partners include:

- Gulf Savannah Development
- Savannah Way
- Outback Queensland Tourism Association
- Tourism Tropical North Queensland
- Chamber of Commerce.



Your health

Karumba Pharmacy

65 Yappar Street, Karumba
Phone: (07) 4745 9955

Normanton Pharmacy

33-37 Brown Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 1263

Normanton Hospital

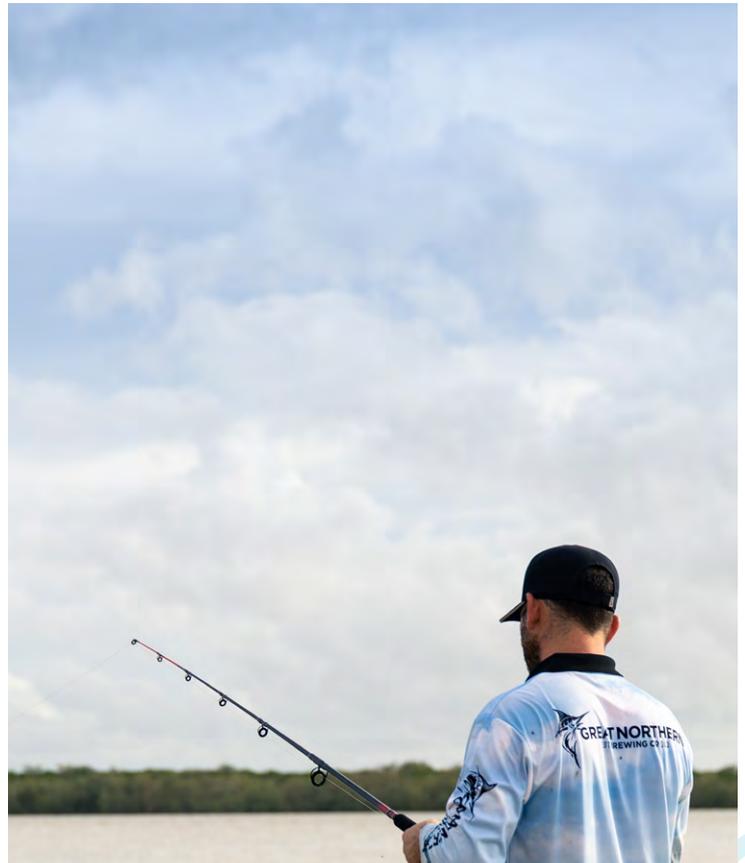
199 Brown Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 2100
www.health.qld.gov.au

Gidgee Healing Medical Centre

32 Brown Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4769 7044
www.gidgeehealing.com

Karumba Health Clinic

160 Walker Street, Karumba
Phone: (07) 4747 6400
www.health.qld.gov.au



Your pet's health

Gulf Veterinary Services

Phone: 0447 240 584
gulfvetservices@outlook.com
www.facebook.com/Gulf-Veterinary-Services-107613878040639/

Burton Vet Contracting

Phone: 0458 659 341
bvcvets@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/burtonvet/



Seniors

The Carpentaria Shire has a range of support services for seniors, as they form an important part of our community.

Centrelink

35 Old Croydon Road, Normanton

Kukatja Place Hostel

65 Landsborough Street, Normanton
Phone: (07) 4745 1599



Religious services

Normanton Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational Australian Christian Church
Sunday Service from 10am
15 Little Brown Street, Normanton
Contact: Pastor Doug Thomas - 0417 747 685

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Catholic Church
Sunday Service from 8:30am
26 Dutton Street, Normanton
Contact: Irene Fitzsimmons - 0429 451 139

St Peter's Anglican Church

Anglican Church
Sunday Service - please call
50 Thompson Street, Normanton
Contact: Nola Gallagher - 0429 676 270

The Christian Centre

Churches of Christ Church
46 Dutton Street, Normanton
Sunday Service from 10am and 7pm
Contact: Cedric Burns - 0487 225 701

Our services



Library and visitor information centres

Karumba Library

The Karumba Library is part of Rural Libraries Queensland, giving you access to over 300,000 books. It's free to become a member to access the vast catalogue of books, magazines, talking books and e-books, onsite wifi connectivity, search your family history, and much more.

154 Walker Street, Karumba

Phone: (07) 4747 7522

www.plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/directory/carpentaria-shire-council/karumba-library

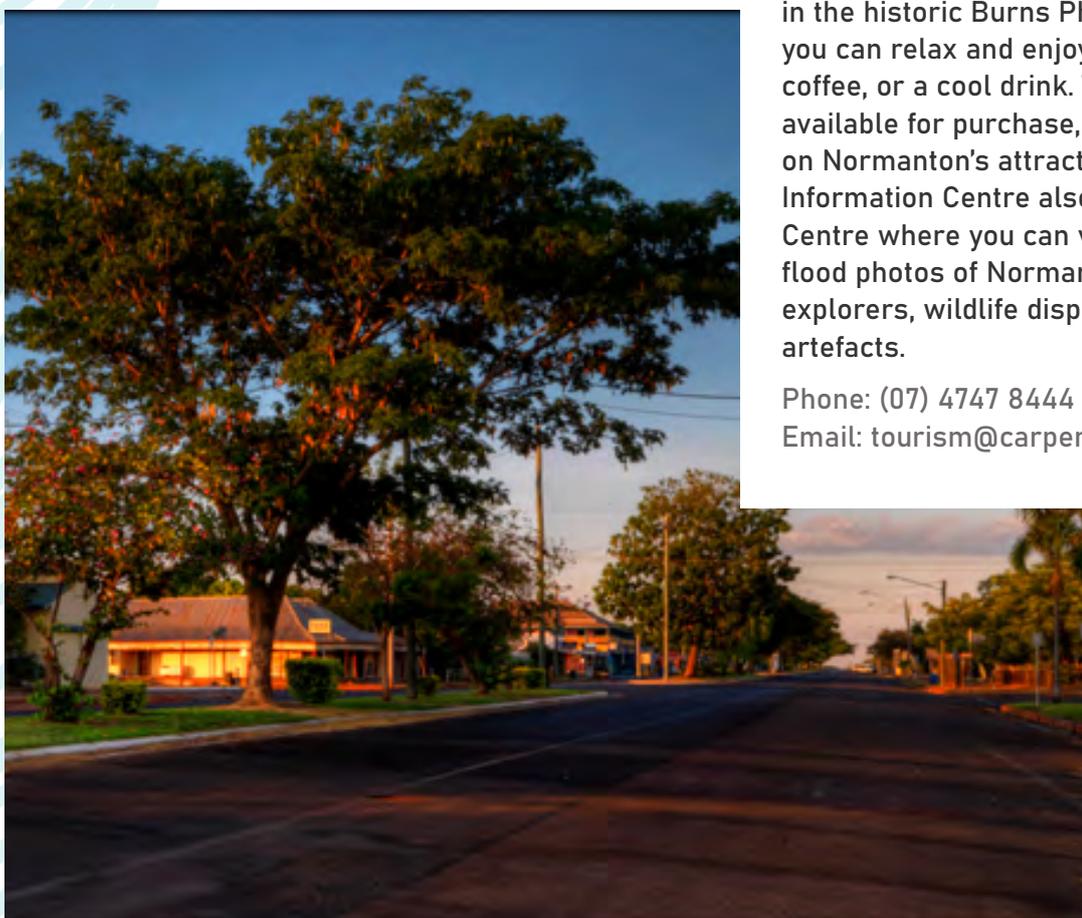


Normanton Library and Visitor Information Centre

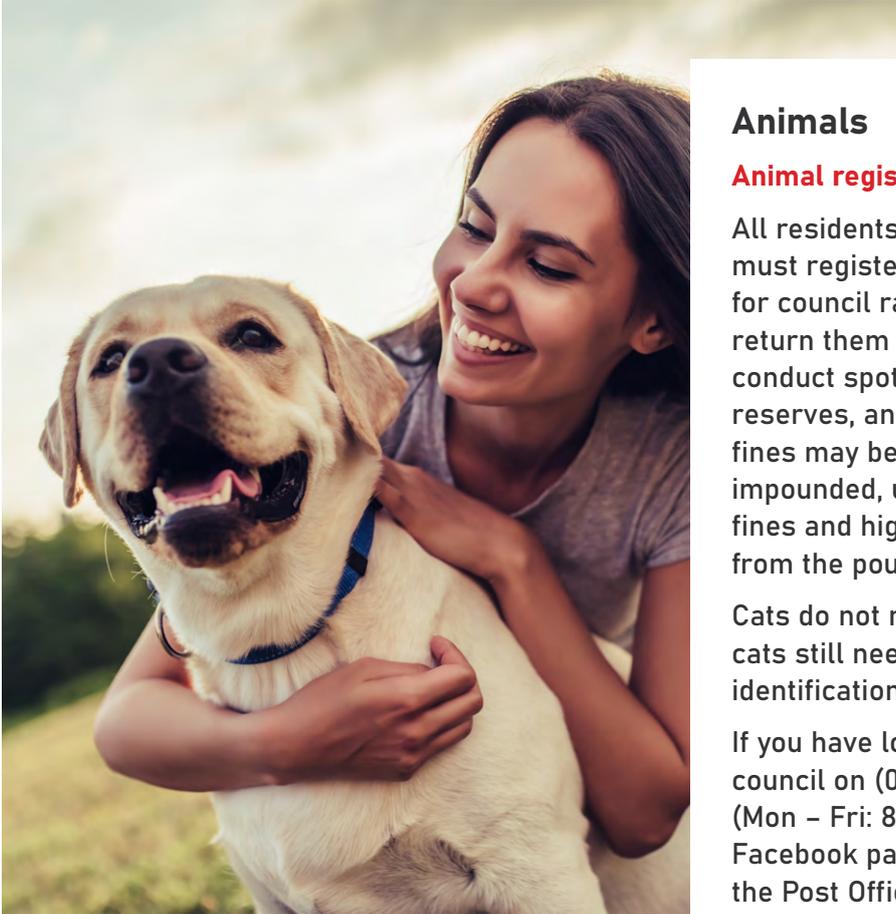
The Normanton Visitor Information Centre is in the historic Burns Philp Building, where you can relax and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, or a cool drink. There are souvenirs available for purchase, along with information on Normanton's attractions and history. The Information Centre also houses the Heritage Centre where you can view displays on the flood photos of Normanton, pioneers and explorers, wildlife displays and historical artefacts.

Phone: (07) 4747 8444

Email: tourism@carpentaria.qld.gov.au



Our services



Animals

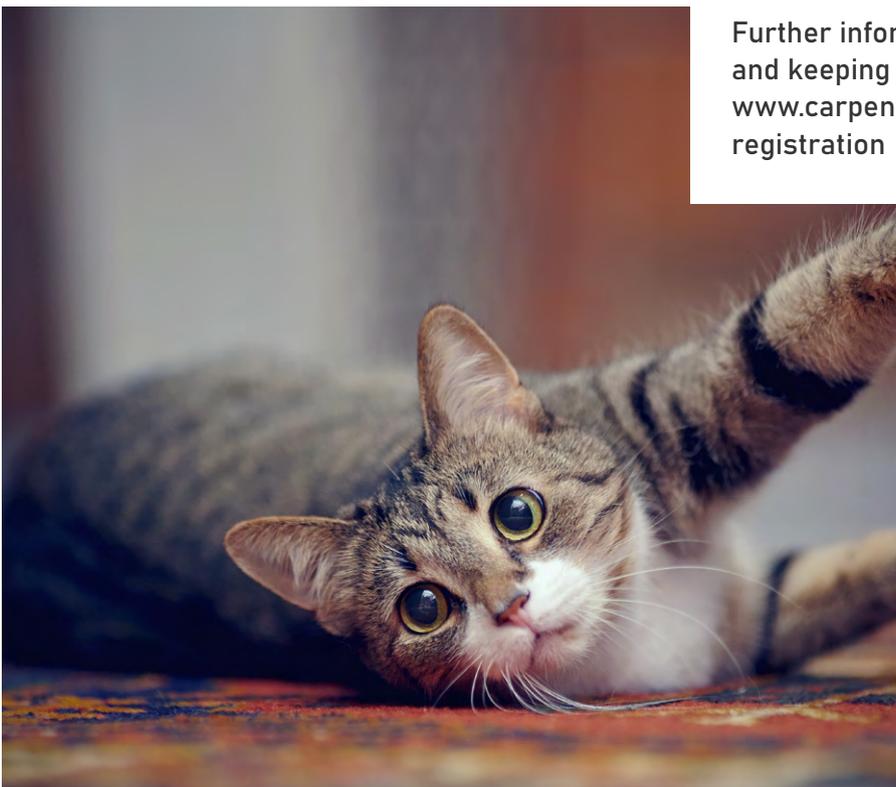
Animal registration

All residents of Normanton and Karumba must register their dogs. This makes it easier for council rangers to identify lost dogs and return them to their owners. If council rangers conduct spot checks of properties, parks and reserves, and an unregistered dog is found, fines may be incurred. If your dog is found and impounded, unregistered dogs may receive fines and higher fees to release the animal from the pound.

Cats do not need to be registered, however, cats still need to be microchipped for identification purposes.

If you have lost your pet, please contact the council on (07) 4745 2200 during opening hours (Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 5pm), check the council's Facebook page and check the noticeboard near the Post Office at 30 Landsborough Street, Normanton.

Further information including registration fees and keeping other animals can be found at www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/services/animal-registration



Our services

Council rates

Council rates are important for the community to help cover the cost of providing and maintaining roads, streets, footpaths, bridges, drainage, parks, playing fields, cemeteries, libraries, swimming pools, halls, playgrounds, public dumping facilities, street lighting, public toilets, noxious weed and pest control, health and building control, economic development and Shire planning services, television relay services and many other services and facilities.

The council's general rates are calculated in the same way as other Queensland councils under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Visit <https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/rates> to find out more information on rates and how to pay them.

Waste

General garbage is collected every week in both Normanton and Karumba, for both residents and businesses. The times and days may vary for Public Holidays and over the Christmas period, however, residents and businesses will be notified.

Normanton

- Residential - Every Thursday
- Business - Every Monday / Wednesday / Friday afternoons

Karumba

- Residential - Every Tuesday
- Business - Every Monday / Wednesday / Friday mornings



Contacts

Carpentaria Shire Council – Normanton office

29-33 Haig St, Normanton Qld 4890

Phone: (07) 4745 2200

Office hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday
(excluding Public Holidays and Christmas Holidays)

Carpentaria Shire Council – Karumba Office

Phone: (07) 4747 7555

Office hours: 9:00am - 1:00pm Monday to Friday
(excluding Public Holidays and Christmas Holidays)

Email: council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au

Postal address:

Carpentaria Shire Council
PO Box 31
Normanton Qld 4890

After hours and emergency

For all after-hours contacts, please call
(07) 4745 2200.

This will direct you through to the after-hours
call centre who will contact the on-call officer if
necessary.



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