



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I don't really have much to add to this newsletter as the "Council Scribe" has done a very thorough job of updating you with all our good news stories so I will start off with a bit of damage control before it starts.

As stated further on, with Budget raising its head again very soon there will be a chance for the public to give their opinions to the accounting and rates team this week at the Shire Hall in Normanton and the Civic Centre in Karumba (Dates and times are in this newsletter). They will be doing their normal duties remotely as well, so please don't think that it's a holiday for them and remember they are there to help and advise as well. If you are in doubt or still feel the need to have the two-part tariff with water explained again, please come in and ask. One question we need answered is whether people want their water bill sent out 6 monthly or 12 monthly. At the moment it is going to be a 12 month slug so I personally, would rather a half year bill included with the rates. The Mayor and Councillors are going to make themselves available when possible so if you wish we can be part of the conversation as well. Remember, no question is a

dumb question, and no opinion is a dumb opinion so come on down. Remember to have a look at the planned projects also.



One bit of good news that I can pass on is another round of DRFA funding worth a million dollars each to Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria and Doomadgee. This is jointly funded by Federal and State Government and again is about "resilience" (my favourite word.....not) and betterment. A good project for this money would be more work on the Karumba Foreshore, if it is eligible. Given the fact that every event, whether its flood, cyclone or tropical depression causing erosion and eating away at our coastline every year, eligibility shouldn't be a problem. We shall see. In any case it won't be hard to find another worthwhile cause if the foreshore protection doesn't stack up.

We have been very fortunate with funding over the last few years (There is a huge one up North



that hasn't seen a Media Release yet) and skills/labour shortages are making it extremely difficult to meet deadlines, but we are pulling out all stops to make it work. The outdoor crews and contractors have been slow to get in full swing because of surface water and boggy conditions but as the country dries out they are reaching full stride. Even getting through the sand bank (wall) at the Leichhardt River has been a marathon exercise but finally it is open (one lane only) and traffic is starting to flow along the top road again. Another early and extended wet like the last one is something that we would rather not have this year until all our deadlines are met and we have consolidated a bit, but nature is nature, and we will always be grateful for our rainy season regardless.

In respect to Lillyvale. The CEO and I had a meeting with the agent and he has advised to do expressions of interest first and then move to a contract. Council's immediate job now that the drainage problems are being rectified, is to mark the blocks clearly at the front and also make the rear line known. Once that is done he (the agent) will come out and walk the country to familiarise himself with the lay out and then the notices and advertising will start. After all this time we are going to finally see some action.

I (and most of the town I think) went to the first football cluster for the season and it was so good to see the younger generation stepping up into roles that had the older or should I say, more mature members of our community run to a frazzle. Having said that I did see one of those more mature persons running up and down the field with a whistle in hand so we're not dead yet. Well done to everyone involved. The stayers even got to witness our touch of sci fi in the gulf with the asteroid lighting up quite a few surprised faces after the games.

With the cold weather closing in fast, tourist vehicles and cattle truck movements are not slowing down and the increased traffic on all roads are always going to be a risk. Again, I urge everyone to be mindful of drop offs on the edges/verges and give way to the big rigs by getting off the road totally, where possible. Having said that I'll sign off until next time.

Keep safe and warm in the coming months.

Jack Bawden



## NORMANTON LIBRARY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Normanton Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and Library has reopened on the 15th of May.

### Opening Hours

Normanton Library Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm	Normanton VIC Monday - Sunday 9am – 4pm
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## CAMPING

Camping has officially reopened as of the 10th of May on the banks of the Norman River in Normanton. Council has updated the signage at the entry point to the site.

Council is in the process of organising a new sign which will also feature a convenient QR code. This QR code will assist campers in accessing further information regarding permits.

## POOL WINTER CLOSURE

It has been advised both the Normanton and Karumba pools will be closed from 31st of May to the 31st of August 2023 over the winter period.

To optimize cost efficiency, chlorine levels will be reduced during this time. As a result, the pools will be unfit for public use. However, this measure is essential to maintain the integrity of the pumps and filtration systems.

## K150

Karumba 150th Celebrations (K150) is just around the corner! From June 25th to July 1st join us to celebrate Karumba's 150th anniversary with fun events, guided tours, and experiences. See attached updated K150 poster for more details. Don't miss out on this extraordinary celebration of our history and community!



## STORIES FROM THE GULF

'Stories from the Gulf' is a 20-minute film featuring the experiences of elder members of the community and longtime residents sharing their joys, challenges, and hardships of residing in the Gulf region. This project received funding from the Queensland Government. All are welcome to attend.

### Normanton

Mon 12th of June  
Shire Hall  
Time: 10am

### Karumba

Tue 13th of June  
Les Wilson Barra Centre  
Time: 10am

## BUDGET CONSULTATION

It's time to have your say! The Council wants to hear from you. We're inviting the community to express their views on the proposed plans and projects for the upcoming Budget for 2023-2024, by allowing community members to "drop in" during the hours that staff will be in attendance.

The Council is actively seeking the thoughts and opinions of our community, so your feedback truly matters! We also have complimentary tea or coffee for attendees to enjoy.

### Normanton

Date: 29th-31st of May  
Location: Shire Hall  
Time: 8am – 7pm

### Karumba

Date: 1st-2nd of June  
Location: Civic Centre  
Time: 8am – 7pm





## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NORMANTON RODEO GROUNDS

Carpentaria Shire Council invite Normanton residents to a community consultation to develop a master plan for the development of the Normanton Rodeo Grounds and Racecourse area.

Date: 31st of May

Location: Normanton Rodeo Grounds

Time: 5pm-6pm.

## REGIONAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Exciting News! The Today Show Coming to Promote Our Region! We are thrilled to announce that through our collaborative efforts with TTNQ, OQTA, GSD, QITC, TEQ, and the Minister's Office, we have secured the Today Show to showcase our area. This campaign aims to boost visitor numbers to the Gulf.

To kickstart the campaign, the Today Show has launched a competition to win a 12-night Savannah Way Road Trip Adventure.



But that's not all! In late June 2023, the Today Show will be doing live daily weather crosses from Karumba and Normanton. This incredible opportunity allows us to highlight our region's diverse landscapes and attractions, and let everyone know that we're open and ready to welcome visitors. Stay tuned for more updates as we showcase the best of our region on national television!

## AWARD NOMINATIONS

Carpentaria Shire Council has received nominations for the following prestigious awards:

### Awards for Excellence - LGMA QLD

Our Asset Manager and CEO represented the Council in Brisbane, where we received a nomination for an Excellence Award in Innovation for our flood camera program. The ceremony for the awards was held on May 25th, and Carpentaria Shire was among the finalists in the Innovation category.



### National Awards for Local Government - Federal Awards

We submitted a nomination in the Indigenous Recognition Category. The nomination showcased the work done on the CHAS, the Psychological Health, Safety and Wellbeing of staff, Workforce Strategy and Workforce Plan, and our 'One Team' with our new uniform. The winners will be announced at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra which the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO will be attending. The awards ceremony is scheduled to take place on the 13th-16th of June.



## SARUS CRANE AWARD 2023

Southern Gulf NRM is proud to work in partnership with Carpentaria Shire Council to present the Sarus Crane Awards for 2023.



The awards are eligible to those who have displayed an outstanding commitment to preserving cultural heritage during 2022/2023.

If you believe this is you, or someone you know, please contact your local council to ensure a nomination is received. For more information head to the below website:

[www.southerngulf.com.au/?our-work=the-sarus-crane-awards](http://www.southerngulf.com.au/?our-work=the-sarus-crane-awards)

## COUNCIL EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES IN THE 2024 MARCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

To ensure a fair and transparent electoral process, the CEO has developed an Election Guideline for Staff Policy and a template Election Management Plan. These resources are designed to assist Council employees (including contractors and volunteers) who are interested in becoming candidates in the upcoming local government elections.

If you are a Council employee (including contractors and volunteers) and plan to stand as a candidate, it is crucial that you inform your Manager and Director as soon as possible. For further details and to access additional information, please reach out to your manager or directly contact the CEO.

## DOG REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Dog registration is mandatory for all residents of Normanton and Karumba. Annual Renewal Registration forms will be sent by mail this week to owners with current dog registrations. If the information on the renewal notice is correct, kindly sign and return the form to the Council office to receive your new tag.

If the details are incorrect, please update your information at the bottom of the form and return it to the Council office. Your details will be updated, and you will be issued a new tag.

If your completed form is returned by June 30, 2023, the dog registration renewal will be free of charge for the next year. However, if it is returned after this date, a fee of \$22 will be applicable.

If your dog has passed away or if you are planning to move away from the shire, please inform the Council so that our system can be updated accordingly.

Keeping your details up to date will assist Council Rangers in identifying lost pets and reuniting them with their families. If your dog isn't currently registered, simply fill out a registration form online and return it to the Council. Visit our website for more information on Dog Registrations and to access the registration form:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/53/animal-registration>



## WATER METER READS

Council is conducting water meter readings in Normanton and Karumba from 26th of May through to mid-June 2023.



Please ensure the area around your meter is clear and easily accessible.



If you have any pets, please ensure they are restrained or kept indoors during this period.



If access to your meter or property is restricted for any reason, or you have a dangerous dog, please contact the Council to make alternative arrangements.

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## PROJECTS

### MITCHELL RIVER CROSSING

Over \$20 million has been made available to the Carpentaria Shire Council to repair the vital crossing over the Mitchell River following flood damage during the severe monsoon across Queensland's Gulf country.

The assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to fund emergency clean-up and repair costs.

The Mitchell River Crossing Investigation project is progressing with preliminary geotechnical investigations being performed to guide options analysis and structural design.



Mitchell River Crossing 2014



Mitchell River Crossing 2023

### WI-SKY UPDATE

Council received an exciting update that work on the Wi-sky project is moving forward smoothly. The tower feet have been successfully completed to Clarina, just south of Glenore. With everything going according to plan, we anticipate reaching Normanton and Karumba by August or September.

To ensure seamless implementation, we will be working closely with Wi-Sky to develop an agreement for the mounting of equipment at the water towers in Normanton and Karumba. This partnership will play a crucial role in supporting and enhancing the project.

Stay tuned for further updates as we strive to bring reliable and efficient connectivity to our communities.

### CORDUROY

- Undergoing emergent works for Main Roads
- Addressing the damage caused by the recent flooding
- Council has completed stabilisation works
- Bitumen will be arriving in early June
- The final trim will be complete before the bitumen arrives



Road damage from 2023 flooding



Stabilisation works in progress

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### LEICHHARDT RIVER CROSSING

- Sand removal works has been underway to open the road between Normanton and Burketown
- A single lane of the road is now open to all traffic as of the 25th of May. Caution is advised, as the work crew is continuing to widen the road.

*Progress Images:*



*Excavator and Moxy operating on the Normanton side of the sand*



*Loader operating on the Burketown side of the sand*



### ARMSTRONG CREEK CAUSEWAY

- Working on realignment to make road wider and safer
- New and improved causeway
- Road has been raised roughly 900mm higher than existing causeway to reduce closure time from flooding
- Expected to be complete end of June



*Pouring concrete for base of culvert*

### LILYVALE ENTRY SIGN

The Lilyvale entry subdivision sign is now complete. There are plans in place for the installation of lighting in the future, similar to the Normanton welcome sign.





## FLEXIBLE FUNDING GRANTS

Have a project that could help your flood-affected community?

Applications for Round Two of the Flexible Funding Grants are now open, allowing flood-impacted Queensland communities to share in up to \$16.7 million in funding and support. This second round recovery package offers grants of up to \$100,000 each for community-led recovery and resilience projects and is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Applications close 2pm 7 June 2023.

Find out more and submit your application at:

[www.communities.smartygrants.com.au](http://www.communities.smartygrants.com.au)

## MEETING DATES FOR JUNE

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for June 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 21st, starting at 9:00am in the Council's Boardroom located at Haig Street, Normanton.

To have a matter considered at the meeting, items must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.



Wednesday 21st June

Thursday 22nd June

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# Karumba's 150th Anniversary Events

All current and past residents, as well as tourists of Karumba and surrounds are invited to celebrate our 150th anniversary as a township.

*Sunday 25th June - Saturday 1st July*



## Sunday 25th

8am  
Markets at the Tavern

8am  
Golf in the Gulf  
Golf to start at 8am so members are to arrive earlier.  
Contact Andrew on 0427433546

9am - 4pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

1pm - 3pm  
Paint and Sip  
At the front of Pelicans Inn  
Cost: \$5 pp  
To book contact Leeanne at karumba150years@outlook.com

6pm  
Meet & Greet  
Food & Drink available  
Sunset Tavern

## Monday 26th

9am - 4pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

10am  
Prize Bingo at the Rec Club  
Cost: \$15 pp  
To book contact Kyra or Cathy: karumba150years@outlook.com

1pm - 4pm  
Arts & Crafts  
Free to \$5 per item  
Karumba Rec Club  
To book contact Kyra or Leeanne karumba150years@outlook.com

1pm  
Walk Down memory lane  
Karumba School  
Tamsyn Gardiner (Principal)  
0459 897 768

6pm  
Karaoke with Alwyn  
Karumba Lodge Hotel



## Tuesday 27th

7am  
Guided walk from town to point. Breakfast available for \$10. Bus trip provided back to town. Meet at Walker Street, Kath Alexander Park.  
For enquiries contact Leeanne at karumba150years@outlook.com



## Wednesday 28th

7am  
Guided walk from point to town. Breakfast available for \$10. Bus trip provided back to point. Meet at Andy Donald Park, Palmer Street.  
For enquiries contact Leeanne at karumba150years@outlook.com

9am - 4pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

10am - 11am  
Solar Gazing at the Barra Centre  
Bookings essential. 47452200 or rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

10am - 2pm  
Resource Management Information Trailer  
Out the front of the Civic Centre

10am - 4pm  
Ian McIntosh Writers' Workshops at the Barra Centre  
8 to 12 years - 10am to 11:45am  
13 to 17 years - 12pm to 1:45pm  
Adults 18+ - 2pm to 4pm  
Bookings essential. 47452200 or rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

10am - 4pm  
Arts & Crafts  
Free to \$5 per item  
Karumba Rec Club  
To book contact Kyra at karumba150years@outlook.com

2pm - 3pm  
Solar Gazing at the Barra Centre  
Bookings essential. 47452200 or rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

6pm  
Disco for the Kids  
Karumba Rec Club  
Food & Drink available at a cost  
To book email: karumba150years@outlook.com

7pm - 8:30pm  
Star Gazing at the Airport  
Bookings essential. 47452200 or rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

6pm  
Cemetery Tour  
For enquiries contact Leeanne karumba150years@outlook.com

7pm - 8:30pm  
Star Gazing at the Airport  
Bookings essential. 47452200 or rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

## Thursday 29th

9am - 4pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

11am - 3pm  
Community Fun Day  
Rec Club  
Food and drinks available  
Email Kyra for info: karumba150years@outlook.com

6pm  
Trivia Night at the Rec Club  
18+ recommended event  
\$25 per table for 6-8 people  
Food and drinks available  
To book contact Kyra: karumba150years@outlook.com

6:30pm  
Free Family Movie Night  
Kath Alexander Park  
Food & Drinks will be available at a cost.



## Friday 30th

9am - 4pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

10am  
Official opening of the K150 Pavers at Sunderland Park. Nibbles provided following at the Karumba Lodge.  
Contact Cherie: cherie.schafer@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

11am - 12pm  
Arrival of the Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride Riders at the Karumba Point Tavern

6pm  
Bull Dust Band @ Sunset Tavern  
Photo Booth



## Saturday 1st

9am - 12pm  
Displays, Information & K150 Merchandise  
Civic Centre

10am  
Gun Club Shoot  
Robyn Knight: 0438461221  
wgrak@outlook.com

1pm - 3pm  
Paint and Sip  
Cost: \$5 pp  
At the front of Pelicans Inn  
To book contact Leeanne: karumba150years@outlook.com

6pm  
Bull Dust Band @ the Rec Club  
Food, Drinks & Photo Booth





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