



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

How things have changed over the last couple of weeks. Up until Easter it was doubtful as to whether the fishing competition would be a success or not due to roads and river heights and here we are now with the Normanton Barra Classic successfully done and dusted with only a few nominations short of last year. The locals I spoke with assured me there were plenty of fish out there even though the record breakers weren't that plentiful. I think a lot of eskies got filled up in the week before and during Easter.

Karumba has been going gangbusters also with bag limits on King Salmon and Barramundi being reached in record times. It's a terrible state of affairs, when you have to target other species a couple of days into your 2-week pilgrimage to the fishing Mecca of Australia. The "Banana Season" has also proven to be a huge one with tons of prawns being caught and freighted out. This proves once again the local's theory that a drought on land is a drought in the sea and extended periods of flooding flushes the rivers and swamps out, which are the breeding grounds for all our famous species up here.

ANZAC Day was well received in both towns with the Karumba event being ably led again by our John Moran. Thanks John. The "fly buys" are becoming a bit of a legend in Karumba. So much so, that I'm wondering whether we do the Dawn Service in Karumba and the 10.00am Service in Normanton. Feedback required please. We don't want to overstep our mark of knowing all the community needs and wishes and won't change a thing if there is a demand for a Dawn Service to be still held in Normanton. Talking to one of our more mature locals the other day I was told that Normanton has always had a 10.00 am service but not always the other. In any case give your Councillors some feedback so we can make the correct choice.

We had our Normanton public consultation the other night and it was good to see quite a few there. One of the topics that took quite a bit of time was our juvenile crime in Normanton. It is



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a subject that can be discussed for hours on end and we can blame Police, Council, and any other number of agencies but at the end of the day, until the State or the Feds (or both) put some rules around "Parenting" we are flogging a dead horse. It all comes back to Welfare and the need to manage it in a way that promotes good parenting.

Another comment from the same meeting prompted me to do a bit of a quick audit of the streets around Normanton. Yes, there is a 10-year resealing programme for our streets in both towns but it's not a reseal that is required at the moment. All our busy streets need shoulder repair work done asap and I believe this is something that could be fitted into our works programme once end of year deadlines are met and acquitted. As a point of interest, we come up looking pretty good when our town and streets in general are compared to bigger places if you take note as you drive through them.

As for Tutt Bryant, they have been leaving their equipment in our Depot since about 2011-2012 (which is well before this Council's time) and in those days, I wasn't interested except that it made good sense to save on transport costs toing and froing every year (I'm sure their fitters would much rather be doing the servicing in the comfort of their own workshop as well). We also use their gensets and other items of plant over the closure on a regular basis when required. The CEO is organising the correct data for the remaining questions of the auction etc. so that will be available soon.

We won't dwell on that anymore. The good news is that work has started with camps being mobilised immediately after ANZAC Day and it is full steam ahead to achieve all our end of

financial year deadlines. During a quick drive to Augustus yesterday early, then around to have a look at the Leichhardt Crossing and home via the Burketown Road, I was pleasantly surprised at the condition of the roads. The crews have done a great job of the opening grades and repairs where needed. Mind you it's going to be awhile before the Leichhardt crossing is open to all vehicles. There is sand banked up this side to a depth of at least 10 metres in the river itself and it is still quite soft. How the poor old loader driver gets his bearings is a mystery, but they are well and truly into the river now.

Again, with the work's programme, locals have first bite of the cherry as per normal so everyone one should be working within the first 3 weeks or close to it. Cattle truck movements have begun as well so I would like to remind everyone to be mindful of the soft and sometimes scoured edges on our roads at present and when confronted by a road train, remember if he is bigger than you, give him the road and get out of the way.

I'm running late as usual, so I'll sign off until next month.

Keep safe
Jack Bawden

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APRIL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Council agenda and minutes can be accessed on the Council website, specifically under the Council section. The links to the agendas and minutes are as follows:

Agendas

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/council-meetings/council-agendas

Minutes

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/council-meetings/council-minutes

Some of the highlights from the April Agenda:

MOSQUITOS

In the townships of Normanton and Karumba, multiple initiatives have been implemented to control the mosquito population. Typically, mosquito fogging takes place during the early morning hours from 4am to 6am and in the evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. With the completion of the recent treatments and the stabilising of the weather, any future treatments will only be conducted as per request.

NORMANTON LIBRARY & BURNS PHILP BUILDING

The Normanton Library has been closed from February to April for essential repairs. Unfortunately, the presence of mould has been detected in the building, requiring professional cleaning before it can be safely reopened. However, we are pleased to report that rectification works are currently underway, and we anticipate the library to reopen in May. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this closure and appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

ROAD REPORT

Our community's roads have sustained damage due to the recent flooding, and it's our priority to ensure the safety of all motorists as we commence repairs on these affected areas. We kindly remind drivers to be cautious and drive to the conditions, especially in areas where damage has occurred. Our dedicated road crews have begun conducting repairs and will continue to carry out thorough road inspections to identify any other areas that require attention. Your patience and cooperation during this time is greatly appreciated as we work to keep our roads safe and functional for everyone. For up-to-date information on our roads, please visit our website.

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/services/roads-and-weather

CEMETERY ROTUNDA

The construction of a rotunda for the cemetery in Normanton has officially commenced. This new addition will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the cemetery, but also provide a peaceful gathering place for loved ones to pay their respects. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.



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WATER METER AUDIT AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

A Water Meter Audit and Condition Assessment is scheduled to take place from April through early May. The purpose of this project is to gather crucial information that will guide future works required as part of our meter replacement program. In addition, this audit will enable us to detect leaks at an early stage to reduce water losses. By updating our database, we can proactively plan our asset renewals. It's important to note that the Condition Assessment and Audit will not require the use of water. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work towards improving our services.

GLENORE WEIR

Council is pleased to share with the community that the rock placement implemented to protect against scouring has proven successful, even during the recent floods. This preventative measure has proven to be a reliable solution to protect against erosion and ensure the stability of our infrastructure.



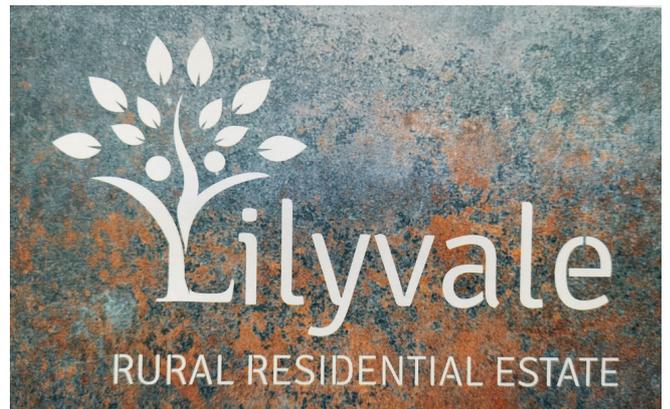
TV BROADCAST FACILITIES

We are pleased to announce that the Normanton Channel 7 transmitter has undergone a replacement, and we now have all three 7 channels up and running. Moving forward, the Council is exploring maintenance options for these facilities.

LILYVALE ESTATE

We would like to inform the community that all construction works on the Lilyvale estate, including the installation of essential infrastructure such as gravel road, electricity and water pipework, have been successfully completed. The road recently experienced flood damage, however it has since been restored.

Furthermore, we are excited to inform you that the Lilyvale entry subdivision sign is currently being erected and is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. This addition will not only enhance the aesthetics of the estate but also serve as a clear landmark for residents and visitors alike.





MAGGIE'S SEAT - KARUMBA

We are delighted to announce the successful installation of Maggie's seat in Karumba, which stands as a testament to the remarkable generosity of community members who supported this meaningful project. The table and seating pay tribute to the beloved Maggie McNeill from Karumba. Her memory lives on through this installation, which overlooks the picturesque Norman River.

It is worth noting that the funds for this seating area were raised entirely by the community, highlighting the depth of appreciation and gratitude for Maggie's contributions.

Furthermore, a commemorative plaque in honor of Maggie McNeill will be added shortly, featuring a QR code that, when scanned, will showcase a variety of videos, photos, and voice recordings submitted by those who wish to pay their respects.



THANK YOU LETTER

The construction of a wheelchair accessible, covered seating area has been completed along the waterfront near Karumba Marine services. This seat is in commemoration of Margaret (Maggie) Jean Mcneill.

A Big thank you to all the members of the community and local businesses for their donations toward this project and a special thank you to Bernie and all the ladies that run Saturday Bingo for their generous donation. Thanks also to Hawkins Transport for delivering the seating from Cairns and to Carpentaria Shire Council for their donation of the slab and the erection of the seating.

Hopefully this can be a spot for our community and the tourists that visit our town to take in the lovely view of our beautiful Norman River as Maggie liked to do.

*Alicia Tempany
Gulf Country Caravan Park*

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Normanton Community Consultation meeting was held on the 26th of April at the Shire Hall. The purpose of the community consultation was to discuss Normanton specific issues. Approximately 45 people were in attendance. While there were no questions received prior to the meeting there were plenty of questions from the floor.

Questions in relation to Council services were raised in the areas of the process for the sale of land due to rate arrears, street lighting, the Council Auction of surplus plant and equipment, 10-year repeal program, the sale of land at the Lilyvale Rural Residential Estate and the Cemetery.

Questions were also raised in relation to the Hospital Development, the Youth Crime that still occurs within Normanton, the Adopt a Cop program, potential bans for youth, and the possibility of introducing Private Security, these items are the responsibility of other providers including the State Government, however the Council recognises that this is a concern for the community, and we will continue our advocacy efforts on the communities behalf.

A full summary of the questions and Councils response will be available on the Council website.

POSITION VACANT

The Council currently has an exciting opportunity for an Electrician to join the team, based in Normanton.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please visit our website at:

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/positions-vacant-1

TENDER – MANAGEMENT OF THE NORMANTON SPORTS CENTRE

The Carpentaria Shire Council is pleased to extend an invitation to all qualified and experienced individuals or organisations who are interested in managing the Normanton Sports Centre. We are now accepting tenders starting on Thursday, April 13th, 2023, with a deadline for submission by 2:00pm on Thursday, May 4th, 2023. For more information, please visit our website.

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/46/tenders-and-procurement

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- K150 Celebrations
25th June to 1st July
Poster of events attached.



July

- Outback Masters Golf Karumba
15th to 16th July



Outback QLD Masters is also hosting a Free Junior Golf Clinic where the Outback Queensland Masters 2023 is touring, ideal for kids 5 years and older. If you know a champion golfer in the making or a young person who may be interested in trying their hand at golf for the first time, you can visit the below website to register.

www.outbackqldmasters.com/juniors

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MEETING DATES FOR MAY

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for May 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 17th, starting at 9:00am in the Council's Boardroom located at Haig Street, Normanton. The Council warmly welcomes and encourages all members of the public to attend.

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. The Council Standing Orders, which contain information about participating in Council Meetings, are available on the website.

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/governance/policies

COUNCILLORS

ATTENDANCES & MEETINGS

DATE	FUNCTION
17 & 18 May	Ordinary Meeting

FEEDBACK

We value your feedback! Would you like to suggest any content for the next month's newsletter? Please get in touch with us.

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Karumba Library/Service Centre
Telephone: (07) 4747 7522
Fax: (07) 4747 7566

Visitor Information Centre
Normanton (07) 4747 8444
Karumba (07) 4745 2211

After Hours Emergencies
Telephone: (07) 4745 2200

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Cr Brad Hawkins – Deputy Mayor	0418 451 688
Cr Craig Young	0417 918 760
Cr Andrew Murphy	0428 451 085
Cr Amanda Scott	0417 630 333
Cr Doug Thomas	0417 747 685
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 [instagram.com/carpentariashirecouncil](https://www.instagram.com/carpentariashirecouncil)

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 - Saturday 1st July

Sunday 25th

8am
Markets at the Tavern

8am
Golf in the Gulf

are to arrive earlier.
Contact Andrew on 0427433546

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

12pm - 3pm
Paint and Sip
At the front of Pelicans Inn
Bookings essential
Leeanne Crossland: 0427459588
karumba150years@outlook.com

6pm
Meet & Greet
Karumba Tavern



Monday 26th

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

10am
Prize Bingo at the Rec Club.
Bookings essential.
karumba150years@outlook.com

12pm - 3pm
Craft Afternoon at the Rec Club
Bookings essential. Email:
karumba150years@outlook.com

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

6pm
Karaoke with Alwyn
Karumba Lodge Hotel



Wednesday 28th

7am
Guided walk from point to town.
Breakfast available at own cost.
Bus trip provided back to point.
Meet at Andy Donald Park,
Palmer Street.

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

10am
Prize Bingo at the Rec Club
Bookings essential
karumba150years@outlook.com

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

10am - 4pm
Gidgee Wellness Clinic
Civic Centre out the back at the
BBQ area

10am - 4pm
Ian McIntosh Writers' Workshop
Artists Day at the Barra Centre
Bookings essential. 47452200 or
rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

12pm - 3pm
Paint and Sip @ Shelly Beach
Bookings essential.
Haylee Reeves: 0476228806

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

6pm
Karaoke with Alwyn
Karumba Lodge Hotel

6:30pm
Cemetery Tour
Leeanne Crossland: 0427459588
karumba150years@outlook.com



Tuesday 27th

7am
Guided walk from town to point.
Breakfast available at own cost.
Bus trip provided back to town.
Meet at Walker Street,
Kath Alexander Park.

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' Workshop
Artists Day at the Barra Centre
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2pm - 3pm
Solar Gazing at the Barra Centre
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7pm - 8:30pm
Star Gazing at the Airport
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rosie.callope@carpentaria.qld.gov.au



7pm - 8:30pm
Star Gazing at the Airport
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Thursday 29th

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

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

6pm
Trivia Night at the Rec Club
Food and drinks available
Bookings essential:
karumba150years@outlook.com

6:30pm
Family Movie Night
Kath Alexander Park
Food & Drinks will be available



Friday 30th

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

10am
Official opening of the
K150 Pavers
Food provided
Contact Cherie: 0429146741
cherie.schaefer@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

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

6pm
Bull Dust Band @ Sunset Tavern
Photo Booth



Saturday 1st

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

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

12pm - 3pm
Paint and Sip
At the front of Pelicans Inn
Bookings essential
Leeanne Crossland: 0427459588
karumba150years@outlook.com

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

