

# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I can't believe how quickly things can take a turn for the bad with very little or no warning. First, we are looking at losing an important industry that contributes to our economy as a whole (Commercial Fishery) and to top things off Karumba gets whacked by a rat plague, just to rub salt into the wound.

Unfortunately, there is very little that can be done except to protect your homes as best as possible. Council is committed to keeping boat ramps and footpaths clean, also the foreshore where it is accessible to our guys without putting them in any danger. We have put some traps on the paths along the sea wall in both Karumba and The Point but I really don't think we are going to dent the rat population very much. Homeowners can copy the crude design quite easily and use them in your sheds and under the house etc because they are quite effective. People are using the same in Normanton and because the numbers are nowhere near as high it is proving to be a worthwhile exercise. Just keep your fingers crossed that there is no second wave coming through as they are starting to thin out now. Of

course, after the rats we can expect the cats, I guess. Something else to look forward to.

Without trying to sound like a doomsday

messenger, Winton are still being tortured by them and they have been there for months.

The rain has thrown our work schedules out quite a bit but with a bit of luck all will be back on track pretty soon. There are some who are happy to work through to Christmas so hopefully they can be utilised with fine weather leading up to the "Fat Boy's" appearance. This will help make up for the late start at the beginning of the season and missed work due to storm activity. You can rely on good old nature to keep throwing challenges at us.

It was a relief to see the Federal Government honouring the funding promised by their predecessors with the announcement of the 80/20 split of \$20M for the sealing of the Normanton Burketown Road. This money will



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pretty much give us tar all the way to the Leichhardt joining up with Burke Shire's bitumen. All that's left now is to get the Territory motivated to seal from the border to Borroloola and the "Top Road" becomes another vital link for the cattle industry, tourism and defence as well as our remote communities. It's been a long struggle, but we made it.

The gabion rock has turned up in Karumba and hopefully before Christmas the proper big stones from Cloncurry will be carted so the seawall construction can begin as soon as possible. Contracts for the work should be awarded early in the New Year.

The Seniors Christmas luncheons went well with good turn ups in both towns. Congratulations to Rose, Jockey and their little band of volunteer organisers for the Karumba event. A lot of work goes into making it an enjoyable meal with a lot of festivity mixed in. Carol's chef did an excellent job with the food and the setting was spot on. Normanton's numbers were down slightly but was still a top class event and meal for our elderly thanks to the Normanton volunteers and Amanda. It was Amanda's first rodeo so look out next year you oldies. Again, the food was great so well done to the Albion. It is always a bit sad to look around at both these events and note all our old mates who have passed on but there is still plenty of sting and fight left in the ones still with us so that is good.

Just quickly before I head off to a ROC meeting today, don't forget to get your nominations done for the Australia Day awards, which should be on the website and able to be filled out online. If you have any problems contact Amanda Faraway and she will put you on the right track.

I'm not sure when this goes to print but remember the Council Christmas party this Friday night. It is for all staff and contractors to let their hair down a bit after a good productive year regardless of the issues faced.

With that I'll close until next month so keep safe and look out for "rats".

Jack Bawden

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## WATER METER READS

Water Meter reads will be taking place from the 23rd of November and are expected to be completed by mid-December.

 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.

 If you require an appointment for the Water Meter Condition Assessment, please contact Council to schedule a suitable time.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Land Management Plan Recreation Reserve (LOT 2 on Crown Plan LS11)



Carpentaria Shire Council is currently undertaking a community consultation process to receive feedback on the development of a Land Management Plan for Lot 2 on Crown Plan LS11.

As Trustee of the land, Council is required to submit a Land Management Plan. The Plan is relied upon when determining the sustainable use, development and management of Trust land for the benefit of the community.

Council is now requesting feedback from the community. Feedback on the draft Land Management Plan is required by 15 December 2023. Feedback can be provided by emailing [council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

The draft Land Management Plan for Lot 2 on Crown Plan LS11 can be viewed on the Council website:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/have-your-say>

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Australian Government Allocates \$16 Million for Vital Infrastructure Project

The Australian Government has reaffirmed its commitment to infrastructure investment with a \$16 million allocation for the Cairns to Northern Territory Border Corridor Upgrade – Burketown-Normanton Road Upgrade project. This decision follows the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP), part of the Government's broader reform agenda for infrastructure investment.

The Australian Government, in the Independent Strategic Review, emphasises responsible and sustainable infrastructure investments aligned with market capacity and resource availability. The Infrastructure Policy Statement, released alongside the Review, guides the Commonwealth's future investment decisions.

The government appreciates the contributions of stakeholders, including local communities and government representatives, to the 10-year, \$120 billion pipeline infrastructure investment. The outcomes of the recent review, addressing three recommendations related to sub-programs like Roads to Recovery and Black Spot programs, will be announced soon.

Commenting on the \$16 million funding allocation for the Cairns to Northern Territory Border Corridor Upgrade project, Mayor Jack Bawden said, "This is great news for the Gulf. The 80/20 split in this case, between the Federal Government and Local Government totalling \$20M will ensure Normanton to Burketown is sealed, providing Doomadgee and Burketown all weather access to the east coast. The funding will also be a boost to our local workforce who are predominantly First Australians providing employment over a four-year term."

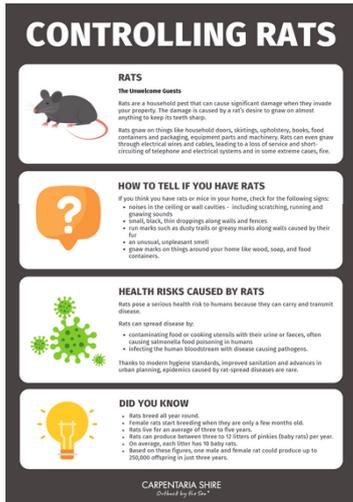
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## CONTROLLING RATS

In light of the recent rat infestation, a helpful fact sheet is now accessible on the Council's website to provide assistance.

Fact Sheets:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community>



Scan this QR code to download the fact sheet

## PRE-CYCLONE SEASON CLEAN UP

As a part of the yearly pre-cyclone cleanup initiative, the Council will be addressing the removal of storm and cyclone hazardous waste.

It's time to get your yard ready for the cyclone season by trimming trees, shrubs, and bushes, and clearing away any general yard debris.

This cleanup is specifically tailored for items that present risks during cyclones and is not intended for general spring cleaning. Please refrain from placing household rubbish, commercial waste, batteries, or white goods. Ensure that all designated items are placed on the footpath for scheduled collection.

Collection will commence on the following days:

### KARUMBA

Mon, 4 Dec to  
Wed, 6 Dec

### NORMANTON

Thurs, 7 Dec to  
Fri, 8 Dec

## SO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR TRAINING/INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of face-to-face sessions are being hosted for potential candidates. These one-hour sessions provide information on the online training and give an opportunity to ask questions in person. There's no need to RSVP, simply arrive at the venue at the designated time.

**SO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR?**  
Join a face-to-face training session

*Training Sessions:*

<b>KARUMBA</b> Wed, 6 December 5pm to 7pm Karumba Civic Centre	<b>NORMANTON</b> Thurs, 7 December 12pm to 2pm & 5pm to 7pm Shire Hall
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For more information, visit the below link or scan QR code:  
[https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-the-community/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor?](https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-the-community/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor?fbclid=IwAR34UgQR9NwSrcQ7Ve6DOrt6qiD7IRdLU8PwjzPCaeE-2asQDOAvA00D8)  
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**PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP STARTS DECEMBER**

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED ON THE FOOTPATH  
NO HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH, COMMERCIAL WASTE, BATTERIES OR WHITE GOODS

CARPENTARIA SHIRE  
Duck by the Sea™

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## STEPS TO GET READY AHEAD OF THE UPCOMING WET SEASON

1. Understand your risk – Impacts from extreme weather are different for everyone. Learn what can happen where you live and how it could affect how your family lives, works, moves and plays in your community.
2. Have a plan – Make a household emergency plan so your family knows what to do and who to contact in extreme weather. It will give you peace of mind to have important information in one place.
3. Pack a kit – Grab a few extra items next time you are at the supermarket for your emergency kit.

Thinking about packing:

- Long life food and toiletries in case you can't get to the shops
- Drinking water in case the water supply stops working
- Batteries, a torch, and a radio in case the power goes out



## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOURS

### Normanton VIC (including library services)

Open from 9am - 12pm

Wednesday to Sunday

### Karumba VIC (including the LWBDC)

Open from 9am - 12pm

Friday to Tuesday

*Please Note: The specified hours are not applicable on public holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day).*



Below are the upcoming dates and activities for the remaining sessions of the First 5 Forever program at Normanton and Karumba Libraries.

### Normanton

- Saturday, 2nd December 10:30am - 12pm
  - Macrame - Santa Bauble
  - Angel Keyring



- Saturday, 9th December 10:30am - 12pm
  - Wooden Santa Bauble
  - Christmas Tree Wreath



### Karumba

- Wednesday 6th December 10am - 11am
- Wednesday 13th December 10am - 11am

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## COUNCIL OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Carpentaria Shire Council Office will be closed for Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday, 2nd January 2024, as per normal trading hours.



## COMMUNITY EVENT

### Head to the Sky - Mental Health Art Exhibition

During 'Head to the Sky – Mental Health Art Exhibition' the Barra centre was transformed into an outdoor art gallery, showcasing a variety of First Nation and local artists projected onto the building.

The immersive experience was well received amongst the community, with many participants reporting a sense of togetherness and pride.



## YOU CAN HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Do you want to play a part in the future economic prosperity of Carpentaria Shire or the growth of the visitor economy?

Council will shortly call for Expressions of Interest from interested people for two new committees - the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Expressions of interest will be open until January 31, 2023.

The Economic Advisory Committee will assist Council to deliver the actions of the Carpentaria Shire Economic Development Strategy, highlight opportunities and challenges facing business and industry to inform Council's Advocacy Strategy and support the delivery of Small Business Commission initiatives.

The Tourism Advisory Committee will champion the actions from the Carpentaria Tourism Strategy, promote the Outback By The Sea Brand®, and advise on the development and promotion of the Outback By The Sea Festival®.

Applications for the two committees will be available on Council's website until January 21, 2024.

For information, please contact Anne Andrews, Director Community Development, Tourism and Regional Prosperity.

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## AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

The Carpentaria Shire Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the hard work and commitment of individuals, community groups and events throughout our Shire. These awards give an opportunity to publicly recognise and celebrate those who are doing wonderful things in our community.

Please see below link to nomination form to download or complete online. Hard copies are also available at Council Administration Office.

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/australia-day-nominations](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/australia-day-nominations)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### DECEMBER

2023 Christmas Lights Competition -  
Normanton and Karumba

To register and be included on the map, call the Council office on (07) 4745 2200 or email [council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

*Please refer to poster at back of newsletter for more information.*

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS CALENDAR

Council is working with Bynoe, Deadly Choices and Gidgee Healing to deliver a calendar of activities for young people during the Christmas school holidays.

Keep a look out for the program on social media or pick up a copy from Council's administration building, Normanton Library, Bynoe, Deadly Choices or Gidgee Healing.

For more information contact Council's Community Development Team on 4745 2200.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### COASTAL REEF HABITAT DEPLOYMENT

Installation of the artificial reef.



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### KARUMBA REVETMENT WALL

Revetment wall rock being delivered to Karumba.



### FLINDERS RIVER

Premix repair at the Flinders River - Normanton Burketown Road.



### SCRUTTON RIVER

First 5km of seal Scrutton River stabilising project, works progressing on the second 5km to be sealed on 5th December.



### CABBAGE TREE POINT AND PLANE CREEK

Cabbage Tree and Plane Creek nearing completion.



*Cabbage Tree Creek*



*Plane Creek*

### PIXIE PIT

Crushing operations Pixie Pit Donor Hill to August Road.



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## TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS

- Tender No. 23-0019 Karumba Boat Ramp Groyne Construction
- Tender No. 23-0020 Karumba Revetment Wall Construction

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested, suitably qualified, and experienced parties to submit Tenders for Karumba Boat Ramp Groyne Construction and for the Karumba Revetment Wall Construction. These Tenders opens on Tuesday 28th November 2023.

Tenders must be received no later than 2:00pm, Wednesday 20th December 2023.

Please refer to website for more information:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/tenders-procurement>

## MEETING DATES FOR DECEMBER

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for December 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 13th, 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, 13th December

Thursday, 14th December



## CONTACT 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
Cr Ashley Gallagher	0427 453 412

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LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY  
*Christmas Lights Competition*



CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL IS ONCE AGAIN RUNNING A  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION IN  
NORMANTON & KARUMBA

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



PRIZES

1ST PRIZE - \$300  
2ND PRIZE - \$200  
3RD PRIZE - \$100



CATEGORIES

RESIDENTIAL DISPLAY  
COMMERCIAL DISPLAY  
COMMUNITY GROUP DISPLAY

TO REGISTER & BE INCLUDED ON THE MAP CALL THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
47452200 OR EMAIL [COUNCIL@CARPENTARIA.QLD.GOV.AU](mailto:COUNCIL@CARPENTARIA.QLD.GOV.AU)