

# Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There goes another month bringing the old fat bloke in the red suit just that little bit closer. So far the outlook is a bit gloomy in regards to the weather but after living in the Gulf for awhile you realise that it does rain up here. What varies is the amount and how general it is.

Hopefully our Commercial Fishermen will be celebrating at the end of the year too. At the moment they are looking down the barrel of being shut down with gill net fishing bans. While it's not council policy to favour one industry or business over others I think the implications to our economy here in the Gulf and North Qld generally, require us to get on the bus and start vocalising support for the industry. Anyone with political connections in state or federal should be chewing their ears off right now. When you start to add up all the support industries such as Freight, Groceries, Fuel, Outboards, Maintenance in general to name a few, it doesn't take long to see the hole that is going to be left, if and when they pack up and go. The fishery is sustainable, and the facts are there to prove it. The fishermen have self-managed their industry for many years and invested a heap of time and money into the

hatchery and restocking programme. They also bought licenses over a period to limit numbers in the Gulf. The biggest threat to any fishery and



reef is weather and we have no control over that. The numbers of big fish caught this year after the extended wet is proof of the old saying "drought on land is drought on water" and vice versa.

The whole deal is being driven by UNESCO (World Heritage) and our clever government is supporting what some shiny tail in Paris has decided. Mayors and Councillors have to be apolitical and not take sides or show preference, but it is virtually impossible when their decisions are going to affect our livelihood and future. Is the Prawn Industry next on the hit list?? Time will tell. The question that bugs me is after the closures, when the Gulf is "teeming with sea life", do the feds do a deal with Southeast Asia and allow their boats into our waters while Australians eat imported junk that breaks every record known for high mercury levels etc. Sorry for the rant but these people are primary producers (and our

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coast watch) and have a right to develop and carry on their businesses to be passed down to the next generation. I think the rec fishermen and the tourist industry should be very aware of the ramifications of these bans also. When you consider the damage to our turtle population and other species caused by feral pigs in the Gulf you could wonder whether all our scientists and officials in Canberra are on drugs or something stronger than coffee.

Your Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO travelled to Winton last week to another Western Qld Alliance meeting. The highlight was probably the fact that the Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Qld senator Anthony Chiscolm made it to Winton. After much checking of records, it was decided that Winton has never had a Federal Treasurer ever come to town. Your mayor lost his way a bit and got side-tracked with our fishing industry problems up here but luckily others took up the cry for better funding deals and more surety of funding. While they were very attentive and sympathetic it was obvious that they won't be rocking the party mantra any time soon.

While I personally, am still coming to terms with climate change (or evolution) we did have a very interesting presentation at the last NWQROC meeting. It was a study carried out by JCU and Southern Gulf NRM group. The findings are interesting if not disturbing with the bottom line being, whilst summer temperatures are not increasing by any great margins, the winter temperatures are. Everyone knows that you need cold snaps to ripen and sweeten your fruit and vegies but when you have mild winters, that doesn't happen. This has been evolving for a long time now and suddenly the failed tomato crop or scrawny carrot patch could have a reason. I guess time will tell but in the future we are going to have to have some serious conversations

regarding shade for people, animals and other plant life. Maybe governments will bring funding deals into their drought strategies to be used for protection from the elements.

On a lighter note, I think its time we acknowledged the work our local "Refuse Operations Officer" (how about that for a title) has been doing out at the tip. Some parts of it are so clean and tidy that you almost feel guilty about chucking your rubbish out and spoiling the look. Many visitors often comment on the landscaping etc so full credit to Danny for turning what could be a tedious job into a challenge and succeeding in a way never seen before. Visitors in general, always comment on the tidiness and friendliness of our towns too, so well done to our residents also.

I guess everyone has seen the "We are One" monument adjacent to the Cenotaph by now. It is worth reading the plaque at the bottom to get an understanding of why and how. Again it was a funded project provided to celebrate the work done by the "Nackeroos" during the War. Made up of stockmen of both Aboriginal and European descent, they were basically our northern eyes of Australia, and by necessity a tough bunch who could live off the land forever if necessary. They will be the centre of attention on Remembrance Day so don't forget the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

News for Karumba is the foreshore protection rock has been ordered and as soon as trucks become available carting will start. The material is coming from Cloncurry and Croydon so it should be all here well before Christmas regardless of storms etc.

While we are still in Karumba it was good to see a big roll up to the Karumba Lodge last night for the fishing comp conclusion. There were some surprised faces when it came to the prizes but over all a very successful and enjoyable weekend

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was had by all. Again, well done Kyra and full respect for your dedication to the littlies of the town.

Lillyvale is finally on the market. It is an anticlimax moment for us, but the mayor and councillors are relieved that it has happened after all this time and cross our fingers that there is still interest out there.

There is a fair bit happening next week with our council meeting in Karumba on Wednesday 11th and then community consultation at the Civic Centre that same evening from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. On Thursday 12th there will be one in Normanton again from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. There will also be Small Business Support training in Normanton on the 9th and Karumba on the 10th, so come along and have a listen. Times will be 5.00 - 8.00pm both towns. If you require one on one consults, contact Chris by email [chris.guthrie@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:chris.guthrie@carpentaria.qld.gov.au) or give the front desk a ring.

On that note I'll sign off and hope to see a big roll up at the community consultations next week. Keep safe.

Jack Bawden

## LILYVALE ESTATE STAGE 1 RELEASE

We are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated launch of Lillyvale Estate's Stage 1 in Normanton. Individual lots are being offered for sale by tender closing Thursday 26 October at 4pm.

Stage 1 of the Lillyvale Estate development comprises 14 lots ranging from 4.61Ha - 12.77Ha\*. Positioned a short distance from town in a rural setting, this newly developed rural residential estate has water and power connections available. The estate has been designed to keep in line with the rural character of the region providing a limited number of larger lifestyle lots and reserved open space.

For more information, please visit Colliers website using the below link or scan the QR Code below:

<http://bit.ly/LilyvaleRuralResidentialEstate>



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## CARPENTARIA DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME 2023

Carpentaria Shire Council has prepared a draft new planning scheme for the local government area in accordance with the Planning Act 2016 and Minister's Guidance and Rules 2023. The draft Carpentaria Planning Scheme is intended to replace the current Shire of Carpentaria Planning Scheme 2008. It integrates State, regional and local planning matters and will provide a framework for regulating new development throughout the whole of the local government area.

You can peruse and acquire a copy of the draft Carpentaria Planning Scheme at the following locations:

Normanton Council Office  
29-33 Haig St, Normanton QLD 4890

Karumba Library  
154 Walker Street, Karumba QLD 4891

Additionally, the draft planning scheme is available for viewing and downloading on the Carpentaria Shire Council's official website:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/draft-carpentaria-planning-scheme-2023>

We welcome input from the community regarding any aspect of the proposed planning scheme. Submissions will be accepted until 40 business days following the publication of notices, concluding on November 4, 2023.

You can submit your feedback through one of the following methods:



[planningscheme@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:planningscheme@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)



PO Box 31 Normanton QLD 4890



Visit our offices during regular business hours

To ensure your submission complies with the Planning Act 2026, please ensure that it includes the following:

- (a) The names and residential or business addresses of all submission-makers.
- (b) Signatures from each person making the submission.
- (c) Submission received by November 4, 2023.
- (d) A clear statement of your grounds, along with the relevant facts and circumstances supporting them.
- (e) A single postal or electronic address for service pertaining to the submission, applicable to all submission-makers.

For additional information or inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on (07) 4745 2200.

## PLANNING SCHEME INFORMATION SESSIONS

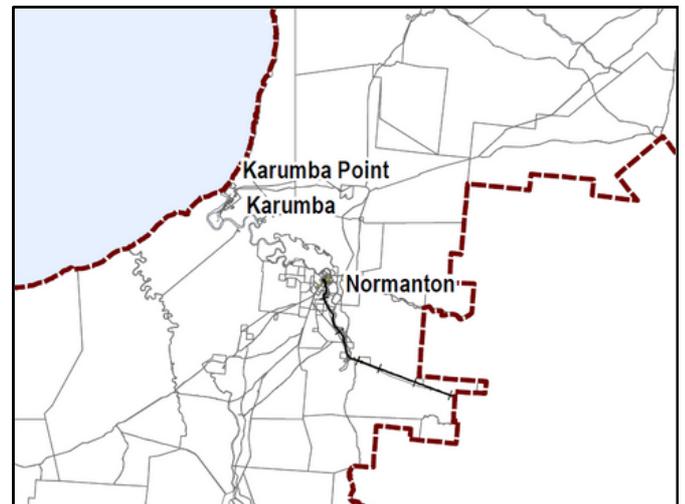
Planning Scheme information sessions will be held at the following locations and times:

### KARUMBA

Civic Centre  
Wed, 25 October  
2pm to 7pm

### NORMANTON

Shire Hall  
Thurs, 26 October  
2pm to 7pm



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## WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY

Mayor Jack, Deputy Mayor Bradley and CEO Mark attended the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly in Winton.

Their attendance at the Assembly provided Mayor Jack with an opportunity to speak one on one with the Federal Treasurer.

This gathering brings together over 170 delegates, comprising representatives from the 24 member councils, Federal and State elected officials, as well as senior departmental executives. The objective is to thoroughly explore the significant challenges and prospects confronting the 24 western councils.



## TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS

Our sewerage pump station faces challenges due to the improper disposal of foreign objects into toilets, which significantly impacts its functionality.

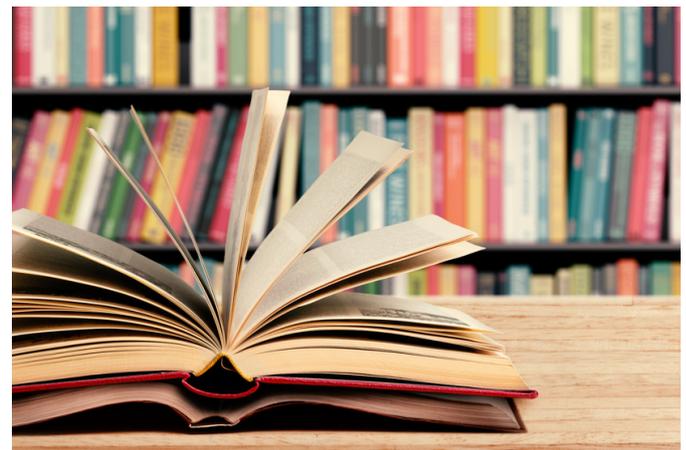
Remember, Toilets Are Not Trashcans.

Flushing foreign objects creates blockages, disruptions, and damage, resulting in costly and preventable maintenance and repairs.



## NEW BOOKS ARRIVING SOON

The Normanton and Karumba Library is in the process of updating its book collection. You can expect the arrival of new books in the upcoming weeks.



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## 'FLOODED WITH ART' PROJECT

Thanks to the Community Innovation Fund, we've secured funding for the 'Flooded with Art' project aimed at addressing social isolation and loneliness during the wet season. We recently put out a call for Expressions of Interest from potential art workshop facilitators, and we're thrilled to report that over 15 local artists have expressed their interest in leading workshops.

Starting soon, we'll be offering a variety of weekly art activities in both Karumba and Normanton. These activities will range from creating wearable art, canvas painting, photography, macramé, and crafting bush Christmas decorations.

The culmination of this creative journey will be the 'Flooded with Art Exhibition,' scheduled to take place at the Karumba Art Gallery in April 2024. We extend a warm invitation to local musicians, participants, performers, and visitors to join us in sharing their artistic works and celebrating this inspiring community initiative.



*Flooded with Art*

Are you a local artist?  
We are seeking expressions of interest to run workshops from September 2023 to March 2024 in Karumba & Normanton  
phone: 0467 707 740  
Email: [barramundi@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:barramundi@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

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## HEAD TO THE SKY

### MENTAL HEALTH ART EXHIBITION

We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully secured funding for the 'Head to the Sky – Mental Health Art Exhibition' through the Queensland Mental Health Week Community Events Program, in collaboration with the Queensland Mental Health Commission. This year's theme is 'Awareness, Belonging, Connection'.

Mark your calendars for October 7, 2023, as the event takes place at the Karumba Art Gallery. We extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us at the Karumba Art Gallery starting at 6:30 pm for a delightful evening of coffee and cake. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer located on the back page of this newsletter.

## FREE BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR CARPENTARIA SHIRE

Carpentaria Shire Council are pleased to announce Cairns based regional and remote small business and Indigenous business specialist Petina Tieman of Complete Business Solutions (AUS) will deliver workshops and mentoring in Normanton and Karumba in October.

- Grant writing tips and tricks
- DIY no cost marketing & social media
- 1-on-1 mentoring - appointments essential

Bookings are essential - please contact [chris.guthrie@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:chris.guthrie@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

### NORMANTON

Shire Hall Training Room  
Mon, 9 October  
5pm to 8pm

### KARUMBA

Venue to be advised  
Tue, 10 October  
5pm to 8pm



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## COMMUNITY MEETING

A community meeting will be held in Normanton and Karumba to discuss Normanton and Karumba specific issues. Please see below date and times of meetings.

Community members are encouraged to submit topics they would like addressed or responses provided from Council prior to the meeting. Topic submissions close on Friday 6th October 2023, 12pm. Topics to be submitted to - [ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

**COMMUNITY MEETING  
KARUMBA**  
DISCUSSING KARUMBA SPECIFIC ISSUES

Submit topics to address to -  
[ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

📅 Wednesday, 11 October  
🕒 5:30PM - 7:00PM  
📍 Civic Centre



CARPENTARIA SHIRE  
*Outback by the Sea*

**COMMUNITY MEETING  
NORMANTON**  
DISCUSSING NORMANTON SPECIFIC ISSUES

Submit topics to address to -  
[ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

📅 Thursday, 12 October  
🕒 5:30PM - 7:00PM  
📍 Shire Hall



CARPENTARIA SHIRE  
*Outback by the Sea*

## PROJECT UPDATES

### WE ARE ONE STATUE

the "We are One" Statue was installed as a key feature of the Landsborough Street Upgrade.



### DISABILITY RAMP

New disabled ramp access at Gidgee Healing.



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## PROJECT UPDATES

### BURKETOWN NORMANTON ROAD

Another 3km of stabilised road ready to seal. Stabiliser has now relocated to Dunbar Kowanyama Road.



### CULVERT

Culvert works well in progress at Burketown Normanton Road at Inverleigh West.



### SIGNAGE

New signage being installed at Little Bynoe



### LEICHHARDT CROSSING UPDATE

Road is open to all traffic. Water is slowly receding.



### ROADWORKS

Crushing operations well in progress at Pixie Pit for roadworks.



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## COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

- Assistant Stores & Purchasing Officer  
*Normanton*
- Educators & Assistant Educators  
*Normanton Child Care Centre*
- Hatchery Technician  
*Les Wilson Barramundi Centre, Karumba*
- Tourism & Events Officer  
*Normanton*

For full details and to view position descriptions, please visit our website:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/employment/positions-vacant>

## MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for October 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 11th, starting at 9:00am in Karumba located at the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre.



Wednesday, 11th October - Karumba  
Thursday, 12th October - Normanton

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Telephone: (07) 4745 2200  
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Karumba Library/Service Centre  
Telephone: (07) 4747 7522  
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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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Anne Andrews Director Community Development, Tourism & Regional Prosperity	0417 306 412
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ADMISSION!**

# Head to the Sky

- Mental Health Art Exhibition

Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre

**7 T H O C T O B E R 2 3**

**6 : 3 0 P M T I L L A T E**

**Light Refreshments Provided**

This event was funded by the Queensland Mental Health Commission through the Queensland Mental Health Week Community Events Grant Program

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