

# Newsletter



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well, the media managed to hype things up again with cyclone Kirrily, but I guess they did get everyone on their toes. Not too often cyclones make it over The Great Divide, but it did happen in 2019 with the tropical low that gave us all a lot of heartache so you can forgive BOM for their predictions now considering the flack that they have copped over the years (and still getting on a regular basis at present). In any case Ethridge seemed to get the bulk of the rain and much to everyone's surprise, lost an approach to the bridge at Routh Creek on the Newcastle Range. The Gulf is still in quite a precarious situation for Cairns freight with the Kuranda Range Road being dangerous and very slow for trucks, the Palmerston is still out of action which will also be extremely slow and dangerous if and when they get one lane opened. Presently all Cairns freight is coming around through Townsville. It is a long haul to come from Cairns for those of us who've done the drive at this time of year in the past. Hopefully it won't happen, but we should all be aware of any road updates and make sure our pantry has plenty of tucker so panic buying won't throw the shops into chaos if the roads do go out.

The Australia Day ceremony was a wash out or rather a block out with Walkers Creek claiming a win this year. It's the first time in 8 years this has happened, so we have been quite lucky, I guess. Thanks to Amanda all the events still happened though which meant that people still got to have their day out as per usual, regardless of being limited for choice of town. The Stingers kept everyone going with plenty to do and Split Image did a great job of wowing the crowd at the oval (as per usual) and I believe the cut off at 10.00pm caused some disappointment, meaning Gary and the lads were doing a good job. Haven't had any updates from Karumba but I believe there was a damper cooking competition among other things. I'll assume that our own "Rob Dylan" provided the music for the Rec Club which means everyone there would have had a good time too. Not sure when we will call a date for the ceremony but this weekend could be too "iffy" with a heap of Miranda



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water still to come down Walkers so we might keep it in “park” for the moment.

I'd like to acknowledge and congratulate John Moran for his Medal of the Order of Australia award this year. John has been involved in many different types of service over the years, the most memorable for me being the radio commentator in the days of “Foley Shield” football. Lucky you weren't biased in any way shape or form John. Well-deserved and don't forget to modify your signature from now on Mr John Moran OAM.

The Lillyvale blocks have finally been valued and the info is (or should be) on display on the council notice board out the front of the building. Unless you have had some leasehold land converted to freehold recently, you will probably think that they are overpriced but really, the size of the acreage makes them excellent buying. The mud map with the blocks and prices are going to be added to this newsletter so have a look and find your piece of laid back rural living while being still in town close to shops, schools and other amenities.

2024 hasn't cranked up yet, and probably won't for quite some time so with the elections looming and the “caretaker period” being called for the end of this month, I'll sign off and let you know that this will be the last message from the Mayor and Councillors until after the elections in March.

Until then keep safe and beware of water and missing pieces of road when travelling.

Jack Bawden

## FLOOD RECOVERY PACKAGE MEDIA RELEASE

### **\$119 million flood recovery package for northern and central Queensland**

Media release

Exciting developments for Carpentaria Shire Council and other flood-affected Councils! We're pleased to share the news of extra funding for the Region, announced by the National Emergency Management Agency on January 17th.

A new \$119.1 million recovery and resilience package will be jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments to help communities impacted by the prolonged 2023 monsoonal floods experienced across northern and central Queensland.

The package will build upon previous assistance, and will support infrastructure reconstruction and long-term community, economic and environmental recovery.

➔ \$100 million Betterment Fund to rebuild infrastructure to a more resilient standard across all impacted Local Government Areas (LGAs).

➔ \$15 million Environment Recovery Package for environmental investigations, the clean-up and recovery of waterways, biodiversity and invasive species management, and national park recovery in

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Bouliá Shire Council, Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council, Mornington Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council.

➔ \$2.2 million Human and Social Recovery Package for community recovery and resilience in Burke, Doomadgee and Carpentaria LGAs.

➔ \$1.4 million Economic Recovery Package including tourism recovery and resilience investments, and livestock and grazing land recovery.

See below link for more information:

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/99504>

## APPROVED INSPECTION PROGRAM

From the 1st of February, Council will be undertaking inspections relating to:

-  Dog Registrations
-  Keeping of Animals
-  Mosquito Breeding Sites

For more information, please visit the Council website:

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/news/articel/771/approved-inspection-program](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/news/articel/771/approved-inspection-program)



Dog Registration Information:

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/53/animal-registration](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/53/animal-registration)



Mosquito breeding sites factsheet:

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/53/animal-registration](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/53/animal-registration)



## MOSQUITO FOGGING



Last week in Normanton, mosquito fogging operations were carried out during the late afternoon/evening and early morning hours. This strategic timing was chosen to minimize any disruption to local native species, particularly bees.

## ROADS AND RIVER HEIGHTS

Please refer to the below links for the latest information on roads and river heights.

For more information on the roads and access to the flood cameras, please refer to the Council website:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/homepage/71/roads-and-weather>



For the latest river heights in the Gulf, refer to:

[http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap\\_fwo.pl?IDQ60296.html](http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDQ60296.html)



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## ROAD SIGNAGE

Council wishes to discourage people causing damage to and moving the signage provided on the roads to ensure public safety.

Interfering with signage is putting lives in danger and increases the likelihood of accidents.



## NATIONAL CORRECTIONS DAY

On Friday the 19th of January, Krys the croc and the town's welcome signs were illuminated in blue to show support for National Corrections Day 2024.

NCD is an opportunity to celebrate the unsung work of our correctional officers across the State and raise awareness about the important work they undertake each day to make our communities safer for everyone.



## LIBRARY

### First Five Forever Program

The First Five Forever program has resumed for the new year at both the Normanton and Karumba libraries.

- Karumba - Every Wednesday  
10am - 11am
- Normanton - Every Thursday  
10am - 11:30am



### Rural Library Member Benefits

#### *Aurora Montage*

Online access to the Statewide collection of titles, ability to reserve/request titles and receive updates on arrival.

#### *Online Collections*

Bolinda BorrowBox, Story Box Library & Libby - these resources provide access to a variety of collections covering titles for both Junior and adolescent readers, Audio books and online ecopies etc.

#### *Book club collections*

RLQ now provides titles in lots up to 12, enabling members wanting to share their reading experience with others through a book club/reading club.

#### *Ancestry.com*

RLQ provides members with onsite computer access to Ancestry.com Library edition. This is available to all members wanting to come in and find out about their family tree.



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## AUSTRALIA DAY

Regrettably, the Australia Day Award Ceremony and BBQ breakfast scheduled in Karumba has been postponed due to ongoing floodwaters. Stay tuned for the new date announcement once conditions improve! All other planned activities in Karumba and Normanton proceeded as scheduled.

Please refer to the back of the newsletter for a complete list of our Australia Day 2024 nominees.



## JOIN OUR NEW COMMITTEES

We've established two new committees:

- 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®.

If you're interested in joining or want additional details, check out our website. Expressions of interest will be open until February 29, 2024.

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



Some snapshots from Australia Day Celebrations in Normanton

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## LILYVALE RURAL RESIDENTIAL ESTATE SALES PACKAGE



For more information please contact the marketing agent.

Stacey Quaid - Managing Director  
stacey.quaid@colliers.com  
0418 773 258

<b>LOT 1</b>	<b>\$118,000</b>	<b>LOT 8</b>	<b>\$274,000</b>
292m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		Corner position with 427m frontage onto Lilyvale Road, 272m frontage onto Barlawink Road and 272m depth	
<b>LOT 2</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 23</b>	<b>\$278,000</b>
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		Corner position with 430m frontage onto Lilyvale Road, 279m frontage onto Barlawink Road and 289m depth	
<b>LOT 3</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 24</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		180m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 539m depth	
<b>LOT 4</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 25</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		180m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 539m depth	
<b>LOT 5</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 26</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		173m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	
<b>LOT 6</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 27</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		173m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	
<b>LOT 7</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>LOT 28</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		201m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	

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## PROJECTS ROAD RESEALS



*Col Kitching Drive*



*Intersection of Dutton and Balonne Street*



*Karumba Transfer Station*



*Kowanyama Road Betterment Works - 5km  
completd two coats of bitument seal project*



*Balonne Street*

## SIGNAGE



*Call Point Sign at Flinders River - Normanton  
Burketown Road*

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## PROJECTS

### CAUSEWAY UPDATES



*ATSI TIDS - Cabbage Tree Creek under construction*



*ATSI TIDS - Plains Creek under construction*



*ATSI TIDS - Cabbage Tree Creek causeway - Kowanyama Road*



*ATSI TIDS - Plains Tree Creek causeway - Kowanyama Road*

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## OUTBACK BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Council is planning for the Outback By The Sea Festival to be held in Normanton and Karumba from September 13 – 21, 2024.



This year the event will incorporate Australia's newest short film festival – the Outback and Ocean Film Festival – where local film makers will be able to show their short film on the big screen.

Council is also calling on Expressions of Interest from individuals and organisations interested in hosting workshops, events and exhibitions.

If you are interested or have an idea contact the Community Development Team on 4745 2200 or email: [festival@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:festival@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

## MEETING DATES FOR FEBRUARY

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for February 2024 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 February

Thursday, 22nd February



## CONTACT US

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Website: [www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

### Normanton Office

Telephone: (07) 4745 2200  
Fax: (07) 4745 1340

### 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

Cr Jack Bawden - Mayor	0427 459 424
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

Mark Crawley Chief Executive Officer	0417 996 567
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Michael Wanrooy Director Engineering Services	0428 131 289
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Julianne Meier Director Corporate Services	0417 337 547
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Anne Andrews Director Community Development, Tourism & Regional Prosperity	0417 306 412
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# 2023

## LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY *Christmas Lights Competition Winners*

### NORMANTON RESIDENTIAL DISPLAY

- 1ST - MEGAN & ALAN GLASGOW, DUTTON STREET
- 2ND - IAN & MANDY MARTIN, LANDSBOROUGH STREET
- 3RD - NICOLE NASH, LANDSBOROUGH STREET

### NORMANTON COMMERCIAL DISPLAY

- 1ST - GALLAGHER BUTCHERY
- 2ND - THE PURPLE PUB
- 3RD - NORMAN COUNTY SNACKS



### NORMANTON COMMUNITY GROUP DISPLAY

- 1ST - ANGLICAN CHURCH 50-52 THOMPSON STREET



### KARUMBA RESIDENTIAL DISPLAY

- 1ST - "WHAT'S A COOKIN"  
17 HENRY STREET
- 2ND - JOE & MEL MCCALLUM,  
35 YAPPAR STREET
- 3RD - MISSHALIA & GLEN CREED,  
CARRON STREET

### KARUMBA COMMERCIAL DISPLAY

- WE HAVE A TIE FOR 1ST PLACE
- 1ST - CAMPBELLS DEPOT, YAPPAR STREET
- 1ST - KERRY D FISHING, COL KITCHING DRIVE
- 2ND - BILL & ROBYN KNIGHT,  
94 KARUMBA DEVELOPMENTAL ROAD

**AUSTRALIA DAY  
NOMINEES  
2024**



**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR**

Graham (Jack) Coogan  
Bronwyn Milne  
Peter Lister  
Melissa Gallagher

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**ARTS/  
CULTURAL AWARD**

Neighbour Hood Centre  
Bev Mezzan

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**COMMUNITY  
EVENT/ORGANISATION  
OF THE YEAR**

K150  
Womens Rodeo Heels N Reels  
Heels N Reels Committee  
Normanton Stingers

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**JUNIOR SPORTS  
PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Blake Gregory  
Ella Gallagher

**AUSTRALIA DAY  
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**SENIOR SPORTS  
PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Angeline Pascoe

Troy Gallagher

Jake Daniels

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**VOLUNTEER  
ADMINISTRATOR/S  
OF THE YEAR**

Tiaywana Young

Peter Lister

Normanton Stingers

Melissa Gallagher

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**YOUNG CITIZEN  
OF THE YEAR**

Emmy Lou Gallagher

Bianca Gofton

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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Graham (Jack) Coogan

Cherie Schafer

Jake Daniels

Bronwyn Milne