

# Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In trouble again, end of month and still thinking of what to put in my column. As the year disappears time speeds up or at least that's how it seems to be.

This last month has been all systems go with the outside workforce kicking some goals with timelines being met for completed flood damage works. It's been a struggle, but they are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Apart from our crews on the Kowanyama Road, there is no risk of anyone being stranded with early storms. Only Toms Tonka's crew remain on the other side of the Mitchell River, and they won't be there too much longer anyway, so everyone is within reach of home. This time last year the far from normal early storms created a fair bit of havoc for our crews so hopefully all the stars line up this time around. A perfect scenario would be for everyone to be able to work right up to Christmas. Anyone who has been on the Burketown Road will have noticed a bit more bitumen has been added up the 7 Mile ridge and finally the culvert at West Inverleigh homestead has been completed. This has been a problem for the 8 years I have been on Council and to say I'm

relieved

relieved that nobody was hurt on it would be a huge understatement.

A quick update on the fishing saga. No responses have been forthcoming from the State Government yet, although there was another promise made on Sunday in Townsville to have answers by this Friday. It is becoming very frustrating for the commercial fishers and all involved. UNESCO keeps getting bandied around as the cause of our woes but the problem is, they only have input into the management of the Great Barrier Reef which is a long way from the Gulf of Carpentaria. In light of this the new angle is to call it out as being a falsehood. I guess "watch this space" is the only thing to be offered at the moment. Carpentaria Shire have lodged a submission to the Department this week and I'm guessing it will be on the website so have a read. If there are any more groups out there with an interest in our future feel free to put in more objections to the harm this will do to our communities in the Shire.



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Don't forget, Lillyvale closes on 8th November so if your keen to be living the dream, don't leave it until the last minute to get your tender in. All the details are listed somewhere in this newsletter, so I won't bore you with more. While I'm on reminders make sure you have your rubbish out on the footpath by the collection dates listed elsewhere. Remember also that this year we will be picking up green waste so don't waste the opportunity as we only do it on alternate years.

Your Mayor, Deputy mayor and CEO went to Gladstone for the LGAQ annual conference recently and were a bit underwhelmed by it. There were no Director Generals or DDG's on the stands at all and the polities floated in and out to quickly make a speech or two and disappear again. As usual they turned up for the Gala Dinner where you can't have a conversation due to crazy noise levels of music and that was that. The only highlight was for Mark. They recognised him and one other CEO as each having 45 years of service to Local Government. Big effort by any standard, particularly in the land of Shire Councils. Not sure whether congratulations or commiserations are warranted but we'll run with congratulations and say well done.

The Local Housing Action Plan committee welcomes 2 new members, being Allan Gurney from Karumba and Derek Lord from Normanton. They had their first meeting last week and good contributions came from both members which was awesome.

For those that don't know yet, you can finally drive up the ramps at the Normanton tip to dump your rubbish, so you no longer have a battle lifting heavy items into the skips which is a blessing for the elderly.....and the not so elderly. That's about all I have for this past month so until the next one, keep safe.

Jack Bawden



## FIRST FIVE FOREVER PROGRAM NORMANTON AND KARUMBA LIBRARIES

The first 5 forever is a statewide program providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years. When children are encouraged to talk, read, sing and play, every day, these positive interactions help build a strong foundation that sets them up for educative success and a lifelong love of learning.

Join a free First 5 Forever session at the Normanton or Karumba library and get ideas to try at home, meet other parents and carers and access fun activities for your child. You can also borrow books to share when you get home. See below session times:

**KARUMBA**  
Library  
Every Wednesday  
10am - 11am

**NORMANTON**  
Library  
Every Saturday  
10:30am - 12pm



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## WET SEASON PREPARATIONS

Carpentaria Shire, it's time to GET READY! We are asking residents to think about how extreme weather could impact your life, make a plan to stay safe, and pack supplies so you don't get caught out.

Think 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 radio in case the power goes out.

These are the basics, but also consider what other items your family might use if you had to stay at home for multiple days.

There are other things you can do to be ready for extreme weather:

- Clean-up – Check around the house and yard and make sure your home will hold up against the elements.
- Sign-up – Subscribe to mobile weather notifications from the Bureau of Meteorology so you're informed and can act quickly.
- Connect – Know your neighbours and connect with your community.
- Get covered – Check your insurance to make sure your property can be fixed or replaced if it's damaged.

Get Ready Queensland has useful information and tips on our website, so be sure to visit:

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

Remember to also get yourself familiar with the Carpentaria Shire Council Disaster Dashboard. The Disaster Dashboard serves as a centralised hub for vital information during times of crisis. It provides real-time updates on emergency news, road conditions, power outages, river heights, Telstra outages, and miscellaneous disruptions:

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



Station	Frequency
Table 1	160.1 (Non-emergency)
Station National	160.2 (Non-emergency)
Radio FM	160.2 (Non-emergency)
Station FM	160.2 (Non-emergency)
Video-Radio Network	67.0 (Non-emergency)
NR FM and 457	88.0 (Non-emergency)
ABC Radio	160.2 FM (Non-emergency)
ABC Radio	160.2 FM (Non-emergency)
ABC Radio	160.2 FM (Non-emergency)
ABC RN	160.2 FM (Non-emergency)
ABC RN	160.2 FM (Non-emergency)
BlackStar Radio	160.2 FM (Non-emergency and Karumba)

Disaster Dashboard

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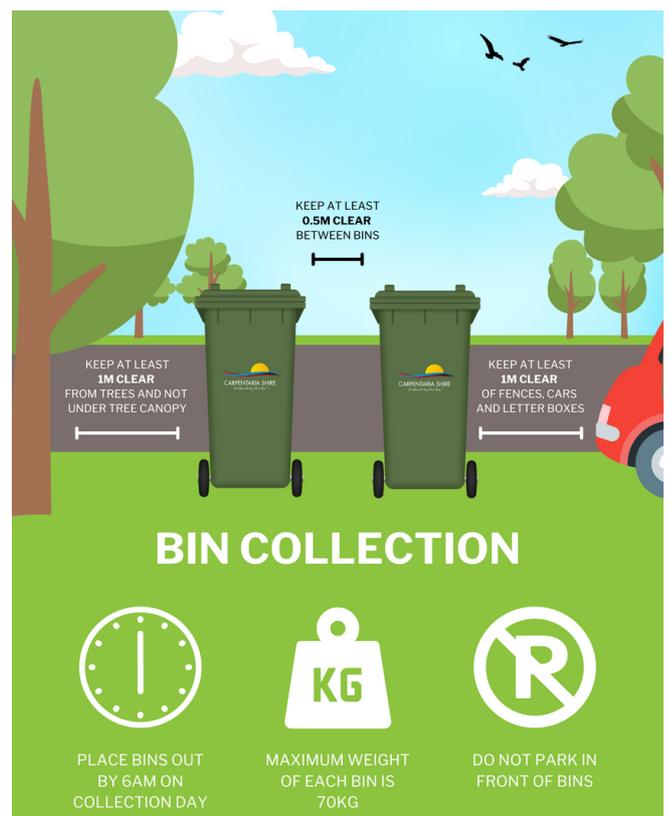
\*Residents who receive an age or disability pension please call Council for assistance to be arranged with the clean-up.



## BIN COLLECTION

Friendly reminder and helpful hints for your regular garbage collection:

- Put your bins out by 6am on collection day
- Position your bin at the road's edge, with the wheels facing your house
- Make sure the lid is securely closed
- Keep the contents loosely packed
- Don't forget to bring your bin back to your property after it has been emptied



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

Interested in running for mayor or councillor in the 2024 local government elections? You're required to complete the "So you want to be a councillor" course within six months of the nomination period, regardless of your previous experience.

To help our Carpentaria community members meet this requirement, the department has scheduled "So you want to be a councillor" training sessions in Karumba and Normanton.

### KARUMBA

Civic Centre  
Wed, 6 Dec  
5pm - 7pm

### NORMANTON

Shire Hall  
Thurs, 7 Dec  
2pm - 5pm & 5pm - 7pm

*\*Please note that these dates are tentative at this stage.*



For more information please visit:

<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-councils/governance/local-government-elections>

## TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS

### WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested, suitably qualified, and experienced parties to submit Tenders for Systems Demonstration, Supply and Installation of Smart Meters. Request for Tender documents are available via the Vendor Panel Public Tenders -

[www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx)

Those parties interested in accessing these Tender Documents may need to register in the Vendor Panel Market Place. Vendor Panel Marketplace Category is '**Construction and Operation**'. If you have any queries or need assistance registering, you can contact the team at Vendor Panel on 03 9095 6181.

Tenders must be received no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday 7th November 2023.

### REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS FOR WET HIRE OF PLANT - 2024 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested, suitably qualified, and experienced parties to submit Tenders to establish a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Wet Hire of Plant for the 2024 construction season. Request for Tender documents are available via the Vendor Panel Public Tenders -

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## LILYVALE RURAL RESIDENTIAL ESTATE – PURCHASE OF VACANT LOTS

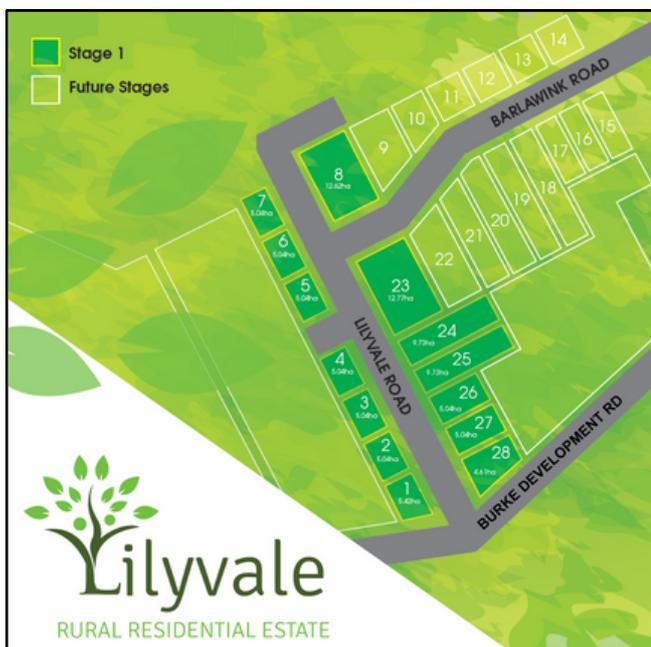
Council is inviting tenders for the purchase of individual, vacant lots located at the Lilyvale Rural Residential Estate.

To obtain a copy of the Request for Tender, including to a copy of the Contract and Special Conditions, interested parties should contact Council's Representative, Stacey Quaid, on 07 4050 1453 or [Stacey.Quaid@colliers.com](mailto:Stacey.Quaid@colliers.com)

Tenders must be lodged with Council's Representative by no later than **4.00pm, Wednesday, 8 November 2023.**

Tenders may be lodged electronically via [Stacey.Quaid@colliers.com](mailto:Stacey.Quaid@colliers.com) or posted or hand-delivered in hard copy to Council C/- Stacey Quaid, Colliers, located at 35 Lake Street, Cairns Qld 4870. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

Council may decide to accept a Tender most advantageous to Council or may decide to accept no Tender.



## PROJECT UPDATES

### NORMANTON DUMP RAMP

The Normanton dump general waste bin is now equipped with an access ramp, and it's officially open for use. This convenient addition will make it much easier for you to dispose of your rubbish.



### NEW SIGNS

New signs for the Karumba business footpath.



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## PROJECT UPDATES

### ROAD WORKS 89A

Shoulder reconstruction work on 89A.



### NORMANTON - BURKETOWN ROAD

Normanton - Burketown Road 3km sealing Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme project.



### INVERLEIGH WEST

Culvert works at Inverleigh West will be completed by 5th of November. Open to all traffic.



### DUNBAR KOWANYAMA ROAD

5km of stabilising works will be sealed on 6th of November Dunbar Kowanyama Road.



### CABBAGE TREE POINT AND PLANE CREEK

Culvert works in progress at Cabbage Tree Point and Plane Creek.



*Cabbage tree creek base slab*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday 11th November

- 10:45am Normanton Cenotaph, Normanton
- 10:45am Sunderland Park, Karumba



Thursday 16th November

11:30am - 1pm Normanton Shire Hall

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

## MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for November 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 15th, 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, 15th November

Thursday, 16th November

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Visitor Information Centre  
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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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# **NORMANTON** **SENIORS**



# Christmas

## **LUNCHEON**



**THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**  
**2023**

**11:30am - 1pm**  
**Normanton Shire Hall**

**Transport is available**  
**RSVP is essential please call Council on 4745 2200**  
**by the 10th of November.**

**60+ event. Partners under 60 welcome.**

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