



CARPENTARIA SHIRE
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Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor



G'day again. I won't even attempt to apologise for the lack of a newsletter over the last 3 months but rest assured we are back on track now and finally we have a Media/Comms person on board to drive the bus (so to speak). I will take the opportunity now to introduce and welcome Jess Hancock into the team but I'm sure many have met her already. It is Jess's job to be a sticky beak and find out what's going on in the Shire so feel free to have a yarn with her anytime that you think you may have something to contribute.

It has been quite hectic and challenging over the last 2 or 3 months and time has flown at an unbelievable rate of knots. Who would think that there are 8 more Fridays until Christmas....won't be long before we are counting "sleeps" up to the big day.

Last February's Monsoon Event has been a bit of a concern to us, though we seem to be slowly making headway now, with the position of a Community Development Officer being allocated to Carpentaria finally. The position application closed week before last and a letter of offer has gone out so hopefully we will have someone in the role very soon. (Maybe even before this goes to print). It is a funded position which is an added bonus.

Councilor's Young, Gallagher and Bawden spent a couple of days in Cloncurry last month discussing the benefits and locations of more rain and flood gauges on our rivers. Fortunately we also had AA company and Stanbroke as well as other grazier's there adding their knowledge too. Hopefully the message that we need to know what is coming down the different river systems got through to those running the show.

We were a bit gobsmacked to find out that there are 2 Doppler Radar systems going in at Charters Towers and Maxwellton with no plan of moving the Mornington Island Radar to the mainland (there is a planned upgrade to happen in 20-21 but to remain on the Island). It amazes me to think that a 100 year event can create a knee jerk reaction such as this and where there are cyclones and events on regular occurrences that affect all the communities in the Gulf, there is no plan as such.

While we are talking challenges.

By far our biggest challenge over the last few weeks has been the loss of workers in the workforce due to the use of drugs and alcohol whilst on the job. It may seem tough if or when you get caught out but the fact is, for the safety of all, workers and public, ZERO tolerance means zero tolerance.

October 2019

Christmas Shut Down

Operational Staff
(excluding skeleton staff on RMPC, Town Crews and W&W)

Closed from COB Friday 20th December – Monday 6th January 2020.

Office Based Staff

COB Friday 20th December – 6th January 2020.

Child Care Centre

Provision of child care services to cease at usual closing time Thursday 19 December 2019. Re-commencing on 7th January 2020.

Close down for staff Friday 20 December 2019 – 6th January 2020.

Libraries, Normanton Sports Complex and Normanton VIC

COB Friday 20th December – 6th January 2019.

Normanton & Karumba Pools

*Open 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm each day.
Closed Christmas*

Re-commence normal operations from Monday 6th January.

Barramundi Discovery Centre

Closed on Public Holidays only



Meeting Dates for November 2019

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 20th and 21st November 2019 commencing at 9am, at the Normanton Shire Council Building.

The Mayor and Councillors will be in attendance and available for your questions, comments or any business concerning Council matters that you may wish to have discussed.

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Items to be considered at a Council Meeting must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer no later than the Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting

Be aware that medication (Cold and Flu tablets, heart pills etc) may put you in a tight spot if you don't declare before you are tested, so be up front and speak out if in doubt. The policy covers everyone working on Council Projects with the same level of consequences whether Employee or Contractor.

With a facility such as Gidgee's Centre up beside the Hospital the opportunity is there to seek and get help to kick any habit. These guys have the runs on the board now and run great programs, so think of your families, young ones in particular and start getting yourself back on track. When it comes time to maybe seek employment with CSC again the effort will be acknowledged. The main ask though is to look after yourself first. The only winner when it comes to drugs and alcohol abuse is yourself once you get it under control.

Enough negative stuff. On a positive note the new stabiliser crew are powering ahead with a few hiccups with servicing and parts etc. but all in all we are proud of their efforts and they are "all over it". Special mention to the new foreman and his mentor, the "old" final trim operator. We even have a local operator for the machine who hit the ground running. It's only going to get better. I'm sure our DOE will have some photos to showcase the new investment.

Thanks to those who made themselves available for the forums in both Normanton and Karumba to assist with the development of an Economic Development Strategy for the Region. There were a lot of good ideas thrown about and they have been taken down and recorded. The Department of State Development are assisting us with the final plan/strategy so when the draft is finished you will be asked to look at it again. When you add up staff wages etc it does cost a fair bit to have these public consultations so its good to see some numbers show up. For us the meetings are required by regulation so there is no choice but to have them.

Just a couple of quick ones. I have been asked on a number of occasions if we are still on water restrictions and why. The answer is simply that we cannot treat any more water than we are now and the treatment plant is maxed out. Even though there is more water now than ever before at the weir, until we can lighten the load on the treatment plant we have to maintain the level one restrictions which will be listed in this newsletter. There is a plan for raw water usage starting in Normanton but that is still a fair way off so for the moment "it is what it is" unfortunately.

The other one is the wheel chair access problems that we have on our streets in both towns. Council are doing an audit at the moment so feel free to have input as to where you think we need parking spots marked and gutters modified. You can speak to your Councilor's or the front desk but please give us some input. Bear in mind that Council has no jurisdiction over private property or business access, only public facilities.

With that I'll save something for next month (yes there will be a next month) and leave you to it to have a little bet or two on the Cup this afternoon.

Happy punting and keep safe

Jack Bawden



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A Note from Community Services

Australia Day Nominations COMING SOON

Know someone who contributes meaningfully to our community? Keep an eye out for our Australia Day Nominations and be sure to nominate them.

The potential award categories are:

- ◆ Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Young Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Sports Administrator of the Year
- ◆ Senior Sports Person
- ◆ Junior Sports Person
- ◆ Arts/Cultural Award
- ◆ Community Event of the Year
- ◆ Committee of the Year
- ◆ Volunteer of the Year
- ◆ Rural Citizen of the Year
- ◆ The Mayor's Award

**note – Award categories are yet to be confirmed by the Australia Day Committee.*

Keep an eye out for our application forms on Facebook and the website.

For more information please contact Council's Community Services team on (07) 4745 2200.



Savannah Art Trail

The Regional Arts Services Network is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts QLD to deliver Indigenous and Regional Arts Services across the State. Regional Arts Services Network is a network of local arts service providers who, supported by the State Coordination Office, deliver on-the-ground Arts Services across eight regions. Carpentaria Shire have partnered with Arts QLD to develop and deliver the Savannah Arts Trail.

As part of this work one feature artwork will be developed and produced in Normanton and Karumba. Council is calling for feedback from the Community on iconic buildings within the shire that could be painted as murals or areas that could be developed into live artworks. We are looking for a building and or/area in both Karumba and Normanton that will enhance our region and artwork that will tell a story. Let us know your feedback by **Monday 25th November**.

Normanton Feedback email – cherie.schafer@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

Karumba Feedback email - verena.olesch@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

Economic Development Strategy

Carpentaria Shire Council is working with the State Government to develop an Economic Diversification Strategy for the Shire. Council's Economic Development Strategy will emphasise the economic opportunities within our region and will be linked to the broader North West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy.

Council met with the community in September 2019 and has sought feedback from local businesses in October 2019. This comprehensive feedback on the Strengths, Challenges and Opportunities for the region will build the foundation for the strategy. The full outline of the community's consultation notes and feedback can be found on our website.

Community Services Funding

Carpentaria Shire Council contributed a total of \$19,691.71 in-kind support and \$1,100 in cash support to local community group's from the 1st July 2019 – 31st October 2019. Council prides itself on working with community groups to be able to deliver projects and activities within the Shire.





October Events

Walk for Daniel



Don't Forget About Our Level One Water Restrictions in Place

**Normanton Residents
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Sunday.**

**Karumba Residents
Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday and Sunday.**

Sprinklers may only be used 4 days per week in each town from **6am - 9am and 6pm - 9pm.**

Boats and vehicles are to be cleaned by pressure cleaners, buckets and restricted to grassed areas.

Hand held hoses for watering gardens only is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes daily between **6pm - 8pm.**

Dripper systems may be used daily for one hour between **9pm and 6am** the following day provided the system has been inspected and approved by Council and is connected to a programmable timer.



Spooky Spectacular





The Energy Project

Carpentaria Shire Council is striving for better energy efficiency instigating several projects within the shire to reduce energy consumption. These include the following;

This year Council's Electrician replaced the lighting within the Normanton Shire building to LED, reducing energy consumption by 60-70%.

The Air-conditioning control system was upgraded, including new compressors, which operate at a better energy level. This included the isolation of offices with split systems, meaning air-conditioning is only running in the areas it needs to!

The Normanton Pool's Tariff has been changed, which has increased pump efficiency and is expected to have an approximate savings of \$10,000 per year.

The Energy Project, a specialist energy consulting firm was engaged to conduct an independent analysis of the Shire's current energy consumption and identify opportunities for energy saving. The identification of energy saving functionality will enable Council to establish and implement a Sustainability Strategy which will build a long term future for energy saving in the Shire, including respective cost efficiencies.

So watch this space as there is plenty more to come!



Doing Business with Council

Council will be conducting another community session on all things procurement in the new year. This information session will explore all aspects of procurement including the new Vendor Panel Software used for the Procurement of goods and services. Keep an eye out for our community session. If you have any queries in the meantime feel free to contact our procurement officer on 07 4745 2200.



Rates Discount Period is Now Closed

The Rates discount period has now closed. Council recognises that some ratepayers may experience financial difficulties in meeting their rate commitments on time. A ratepayer may at any time make an application to pay off their outstanding accounts by regular payments (subject to guidelines). For more information contact your rates officer on (07) 4745 2200.

Tenders

RFT 19-0504 Supply and Delivery of a New Garbage Truck

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested parties in submitting Tenders for the Supply & Delivery of a New Garbage Truck to service the townships of Normanton and Karumba.

Carpentaria Shire is located on the Savannah Way in North Western Queensland in the South Eastern Region of the Gulf of Carpentaria and covers an area of 64,373 km² and has a population of approximately 2,500.

This tender closes on Friday 8th November 2019 at 11am



The Guardian Project

Council's new and upcoming initiative to effectively manage disasters as they occur and to better position them to plan for community recovery.

Providing you with important information in real time. This software will be available to the community through our website. As part of a further initiative to keep residents and visitors informed during emergencies Council has also sought the development of a Disaster Dashboard similar to those used by other Councils. We are busy working with consultants to get this up and running for you and will let you know when it's released!





Did you Know....

Council now have their own Chlorine Dosing System at the Normanton Water Plant and Karumba Sewerage Plant!

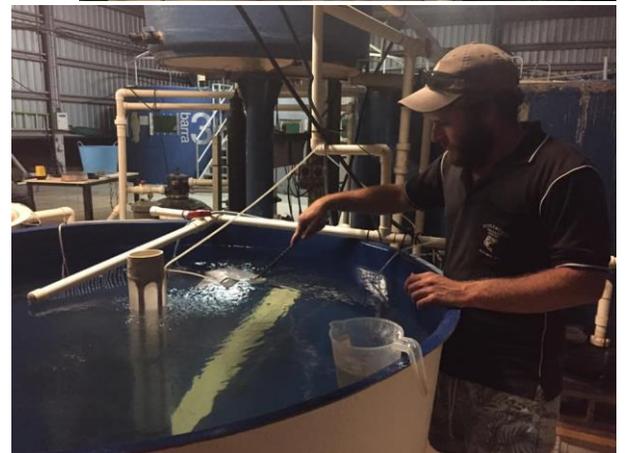


What does this mean for the community you ask? This installation of this new chlorine generation system means a \$20,000 a year saving for the Carpentaria Shire.

Barramundi Breeding Season



The Karumba Hatchery has fertilised eggs and larvae! Exciting times ahead as we watch these little ones grow – Barramundi reproduction is an important part of our economic viability, facilitating the restocking of our waterways for Tourism and local Fisherman.



Karumba Levee Scoping Study

Council has received funding through the FNQ and NQ Monsoon Trough flexible funding grants to undertake a study into the feasibility of constructing Levees in Karumba to mitigate flooding. Understanding the practicality of Levee design, will allow Council to better comprehend whether it is beneficial for the community in improving flood resilience and thereby reducing the need for community evacuation. Engineering consultants will be engaged as part of this scope of works to deliver the study. What a great initiative for the Karumba Community.

An initiative jointly funded under the Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements





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Hatchery Upgrade

The Hatchery Upgrade is an initiative of the Queensland Government. The upgrade to a new hatchery will better position the facilities to be in close proximity to the new Barramundi Discovery Centre. This will consolidate both centres into one accessible location for optimum tourism impact. This is an important development for our community which will enhance the economic sustainability of the shire. Works are currently underway for the building.



Indigenous Stock Workers Display

Carpentaria Shire received funding through the Year of Outback Tourism Events Program for An Indigenous Stock Workers Display at the Normanton Visitor Centre. Further funding for this project was received from the Normanton Rodeo Association, Carpentaria Fuels and Morr Morr Pastoral Co Pty Ltd. Without all of their support this project would not have been possible.

This display is an informative and interactive display in recognition of the resilience, spirit and sheer hard work of the indigenous men and women who played a vital role in the establishment of the cattle industry in the Gulf Region. The display will enhance the experience at the Normanton Visitor Information Centre, housed in the historic and heritage listed Burns Philp building. The works are currently being undertaken, with the official opening to be held on the 15th November.



Welcome to the
INDIGENOUS STOCK WORKERS

OFFICIAL OPENING
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

*Celebrating the
Indigenous Stock Workers
of our region*

5.00-7.00pm
Welcome to Country
Mayor's Welcome
Refreshments

Normanton Visitor Information Centre
Burns Philp Building
Car Landsborough and Caroline Streets
Normanton

Meet the New Media, Coms and Grants Officer



Jess has recently joined Council as the new Media, Communications and Grants officer. She will be busy preparing your monthly newsletters and is here to assist with any grant enquiries you may have. Jess is looking forward to meeting you all and keeping you informed with what's happening at Carpentaria Shire Council.

Normanton to Burketown Road

Council is currently working on the Normanton to Burketown Road Development. With 4.2km of bitumen seal laid and plenty more to come...



Scrutton River Raising Causeway

Council has been busy with the upgrade of the Scrutton River causeway. This upgrade has involved the widening and lifting of the current bridge. This will have long term benefits of reducing closure times during flood season.



The Workplace Health and Safety Team

Getting you home safe!

Council's workplace health and safety team are busy working with our teams to create and maintain safe working environments.

An integral part of the consultation process informing our Council of policy and legislative updates. In charge of our noise register, fire safety management and implementation, return to work, safety management systems, rectification action plans and our key conjugant between external providers. And this is just some of the great things they do for our workforce. This team works hard to ensure the wellbeing of our staff, both physical and mental. Making sure we all get home to our families at the end of each day!





Carpentaria Crocs Make a Splash at the Rural Management Challenge



Representatives from Carpentaria Shire Council competed in the 2019 Rural Management Challenge at the end of October in Cairns. Council's team from all across North Queensland came together to compete in the challenge, which focused on skill development and team building. During the challenge teams take on the roles of different positions within the organisation and are given tasks that simulate different business related concepts that Council's traditionally manage. The challenge is a great way for team members to be able to expand their knowledge base and interact with other Councils.

Well done Crocs!

Innovation and Improvement Funding



Council has received funding from the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning for a property based data system project. Council will be utilising this funding to be able to capture our data into a digitalized format. This will include building plans and anecdotal data that is only currently being stored in paper format. Council has hired a casual Admin Officer and the Scanner has been purchased!



Capturing Oral and Pictorial History of Disaster Events

Council has received funding through the FNQ and NQ Monsoon trough flexible funding grant to be able to capture the data from disaster events. This will assist Council in developing plans that will feed into the overall local disaster management plan. As part of this project Council will be engaging with the community to get their feedback on the recovery process. What a great way to build the shire for our future. Community engagement activities will be advertised to the community soon.

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Community Recovery Plan

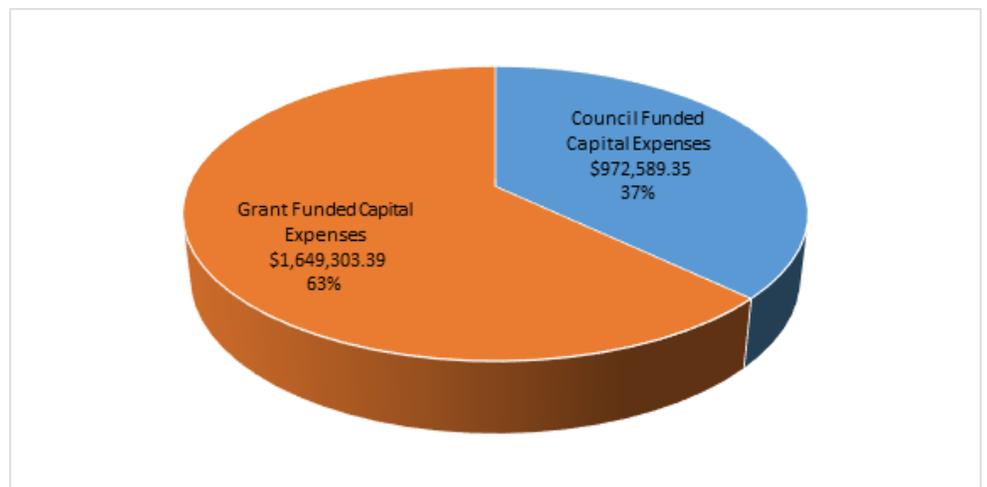
Council has received more funding from the FNQ and NQ Monsoon trough flexible funding grant for the development of a Disaster Recovery Plan. Council will be engaging a contractor with strong credentials to develop a strategy aimed at mitigation for community and local businesses. This community recovery plan will be released to the community once finalised.

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Councils Capital Expenditure

Items	Expenditure to date 1/07 - 31/10	% Funded Through Grants	% Funded by Council
Buildings	\$43,843.81	99%	1%
Plant & Equipment	\$893,201.13		100%
Road and Bridges	\$1,217,717.38	100%	
Water	\$71,890.64		100%
Sewerage	\$7,085.12		100%
Other Structures	\$332,464.15	100%	
Housing	\$55,690.51	100%	



Council's Local Spend Report

Month	Total Local Spend	Local Spend Percentage
July 2019	\$2,435,047.95	41%
August 2019	\$3,809,346.98	62%
September 2019	\$2,591,735.32	48%
October 2019	\$2,732,821.69	60%

This included payment to 37 local businesses within the shire between July to October 2019

So you want to be a Councillor?

The Local government has introduced a new requirement under the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 for all candidates who wish to lodge a nomination with the Electoral Commission Queensland. It is now a requirement that all candidates complete the mandatory training.

The training is being offered online

<http://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor.html>.

Alternatively you can register for Face to Face training sessions being offered

<https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/governance/training.html>.

If these options do not work for you please contact the department on (07) 3452 7148 to request a hard copy version of the training.



The roadshow is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The **Back on Track roadshow** is coming your way to support all small businesses to adapt and grow following the devastating floods. Representatives from council, the government, business and industry are on the bus ready to assist businesses that need a helping hand.

Come and join us for a chat when the Back on Track roadshow comes to a town near you. The roadshow is a hub for information sharing, networking and community events and will include information on loans and grants, disaster preparedness and mental health services for small businesses.

Chat to a business mentor for **free** about your own business challenge.

When businesses get back on track so does the community!

When

Normanton – Friday 29th November and Saturday 30th November 2019

Karumba – Monday 2nd December 2019

*(*Locations to be confirmed in the coming weeks)*

To register your interest visit the [website](#) or call the Small Business Recovery Centre on 0459 873 781



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Congratulations Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre!

Coming home with the Award
for best New Tourism Business
at the Outback Queensland
Tourism Awards.



Remembrance Day 11 November

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.



Date: Monday 11 November, 2019

Time: 10:30am

Location: Normanton Cenotaph & Sunderland Park, Karumba

Contact: Community Development Department

Organisation: Carpentaria Shire Council

More Information: Both services will be followed by a BBQ lunch held at the Normanton Shire Hall & Karumba Civic Centre.



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Council would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay respect to elders past, present and future.



Carpentaria Shire would like to invite all permanent Normanton residents over the age of 60 years old to attend the

CARPENTARIA SHIRE SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**November 29th
11am to 1pm
Normanton Shire Hall**

Should your partner/ spouse be under 60 years of age they are very welcome to attend with you. Fulltime carers under 60 years of age will be considered if attendance is essential.

RSVP IS ESSENTIAL

Please either email or contact Council to RSVP.

Email council - council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au

or call 4745 2200 to rsvp no later than 5pm

on Wednesday 27th November 2019.

Transport is available!

Please contact Bynoe on 4714 9030 to book your seat to and from the luncheon.

