

# CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER  
EDITION

As the wet season is quickly approaching we would like to remind all residents to make sure they are prepared

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Well I'm sure everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. If the festive season continued as it started with Councils break up, then it was a good one. Thanks goes to CJ and her helpers in organising the event and thank you to all who attended. A special thanks also to Jake Daniels, poor old Santa got a good working over in Normanton during December with plenty of appearances and Jake was the guy who picked him up and delivered him home to the North Pole almost every time.



Unfortunately the year didn't end so well for some with a few incidents on the Cairns road. It always amazes me that pretty much all the fatalities and bad accidents seem to happen on the good wide sections of the road. Maybe people take more care on the skinny bits, but those of us who drive it regularly get no joy watching the value of our vehicles drop every time another stone chip peels a bit more paint off, or our wallets shrink with another windscreen replacement.

With a State election looming this year in October (As well as Local in March) Council will be pushing to get commitments for improvements on all our main links to the rest of the world. The Feds have already committed to funding for connectivity from the Territory border to Normanton, so now the job is getting our neighbours between Normanton and Cairns to agree on a State deal and growing the bucket with the Feds.

Yours truly has been away so I'm not sure about progress on the Hatchery in Karumba but we (Councillors) were very happy to see the Weir and the Scrutton River projects reach completion before we broke up for the Christmas break. Unfortunately the Karumba Road is a Main Road so we are tied to their specs and didn't get the side tracks cleared away before first storms due to concrete curing times etc. That's not a whinge either. We are proud of our ongoing working relationship with Main Roads and appreciate the employment they provide to our Shire. Mind you it would be good to be given the go ahead with the annoying bit of outstanding road works at Glenore.

On a personal and different track altogether. As a mayor I have to be neutral when it comes to governments and parties etc so it wouldn't matter to me who was the government of the day for obvious reasons, but I cannot condone the personal hate and harassment of one man that social media is dealing out at the moment. It wouldn't matter if he was Liberal, Labour or from the moon, no one person can or should be accused of causing the devastation that these fires have caused. People (arsonists), nature (lightning strikes) and bad policies (fuel for the fires) caused this devastation, not the Prime Minister and his so called disregard of climate change.

What all our ministers and shadow ministers on both State and Federal levels have to do is get real scientific knowledge, work together and change policies on clearing and burn offs etc based on facts, not heart tugging emotional fairy tales. If this doesn't happen, then in ten years time it will be all on again with no lessons learnt.

That is my personal vent and not from all Councillors though, I doubt that they would disagree and in fact would probably have more to add if given the chance. In any case welcome to our new decade and hopefully the beginning of the next one will be more joyous for all of Australia.

The next event for Council will be Australia Day which is in Karumba this year. Don't forget the 26th this year is a Sunday so go to the celebration at the "Rec Club" and do a spot of fishing on the Monday. I may even give the old Abu a hit of Wd40 and outfish wifey again (in my dreams).

Keep safe and looking forward to working with and alongside staff and Councillors for a happy productive 2020.

Jack Bawden.



# FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Calendar of Events

Council's Community Services Department is currently collating a list of community events for display on our website. To ensure we are able to promote your event please submit your community events and their respective dates to council at [council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au).

This will provide the community with one central location to be able to view upcoming events.

## Community Services Funding

Carpentaria Shire Council contributed a total of \$3,248.77 in-kind support to local community groups in December 2019.

## COUNCIL'S LOCAL SPEND REPORT

Month	Total Local Spend	Local Spend Percentage
December 2019	\$4,475,434.01	65%

This included payment to 43 local businesses within the shire during December 2019



CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS

## AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

Celebrate what's great!  
**2020 Award Nominations are now open!**

**JANUARY 26, 2020 | BREAKFAST 8AM | AWARDS 9AM | KARUMBA REC CLUB**

Free entry to Normanton & Karumba Pool precincts between 1PM - 6PM



# CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION WINNERS

## Karumba Winners

### Residential

Equal 1st Place

Lisa Wells

Crista Bridges

3rd Place

Graham Nicholson and Michelle Munro



### Businesses

1st Place

Jay Seas Holiday Units

2nd Place

Bill Knight Building Services

3rd Place

Wells Plant Hire



## Normanton Winners

### Residential

Equal 1st Place

Troy and Mel Gallagher

Nev and Nola Elms

3rd Place

Virginia Edwards and Danny Andrews

### Businesses

1st Place

Gulf District enterprises

2nd Place

Purple Pub

3rd Place

Nil

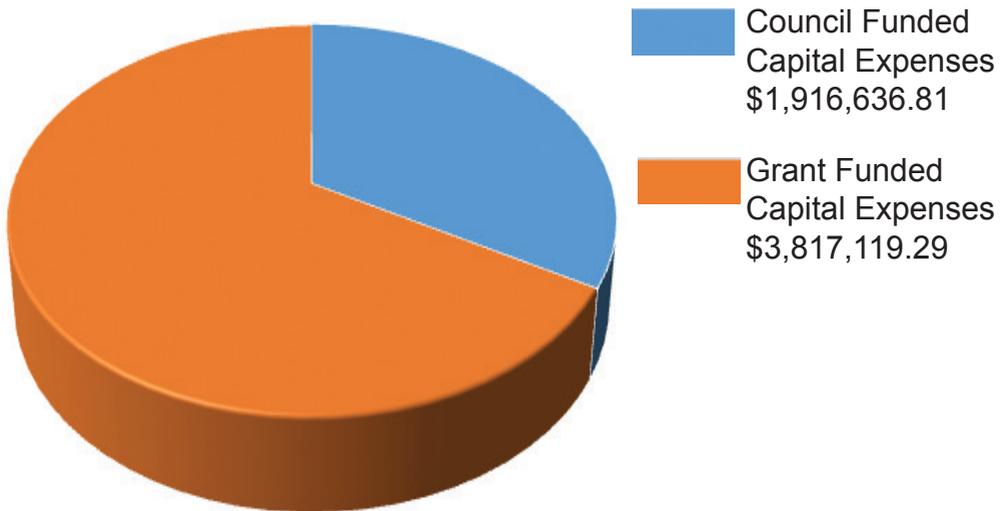
**Well Done!**



# COUNCIL'S CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

## JULY—DECEMBER 2019

Items	Expenditure 1 July - 30th December 2019	% Funded Through Grants	% Funded Through Council
Buildings	\$65,189.25	99%	1%
Plant & Equipment	\$915,017.17	0%	100%
Road & Bridges	\$3,296,731.01	94%	6%
Water	\$745,074.25	1%	99%
Sewerage	\$7,085.12	0%	100%
Other Structures	\$561,296.12	90%	10%
Housing	\$143,363.18	100%	0%



# **THE SHIRE HALL HAS A NEW PA SYSTEM**

Council received \$35,000 in funding through Works 4 Queensland for the purchase and installation of a new PA system within the Normanton Town Hall. This has now been installed and is operational. The system has significantly improved the quality of sound within the shire hall. For town hall bookings please contact Council's reception on (07) 4745 2200.



## **SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

Council invites all current, new and future suppliers, to a free information session to provide information on doing business with Council.

Council acknowledges the importance of doing business locally and we are working towards a collaborative relationship with our suppliers to foster an inclusive, supportive and responsible contracting community.

Council will be welcoming two guest speakers:

**Brian Atherinos** from Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning who will be presenting on tendering and effective capability statement writing.

**Vivek Thilkan** from Vendor Panel.

Supplier engagement sessions will be held as follows:

### ***Normanton Shire Hall***

Tuesday 4th February, 2020: 3pm to 5pm

### ***Normanton Council Boardroom***

Wednesday 5th February, 2020: 8am to 10pm

### ***Karumba Civic Centre***

Wednesday 5th February, 2020: 1pm to 3pm

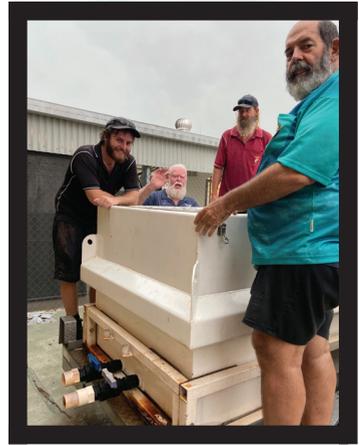


*In the meantime, we strongly encourage all businesses to register for free on the Vendor Panel Marketplace, [www.vendorpanel.com.au/marketplace](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/marketplace)*



# MOUNT ISA PICK UP FINGERLINGS

The Mount Isa Re-stocking group picked up 20,000 fingerlings from the Karumba hatchery early in 2020 to re-stock within Lake Moondarra for recreational fishing. Carpentaria continues to sell fishlings to surrounding communities to assist with off-setting the cost associated with breeding. These relationships allow us to be able to ensure economic growth in the fishing industry with stocking of our waterways. A key tourism driver in our region.



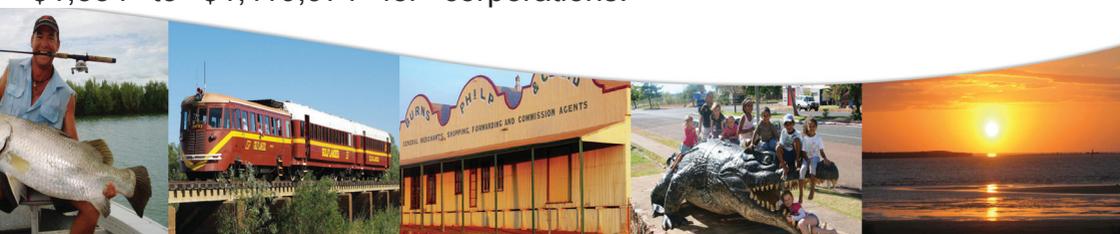
## Glenore Weir

Works on the Glenore Weir have been completed in time for the impending wet season. Further works will continue to be carried out during dry season.



## Illegal Dumping

Council is currently experiencing illegal dumping within the shire. We would like to remind all residents that all rubbish must be disposed at the appropriate landfill sites in Normanton or Karumba. Council will not tolerate illegal dumping. Fines for people caught dumping illegally will apply. Fines under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act range from \$266 to \$222,194 for an individual and \$1,334 to \$1,110,971 for corporations.



# 2019 Christmas Party



**Carpentaria Shire Council would like to thank the community for a vibrant 2019. We look forward to working with you all in 2020.**









# **Meeting Dates: February 2020**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 26th & 27th February 2020 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.

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**Cr Craig Young—Deputy Mayor**

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**Cr Andrew Murphy**

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