



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

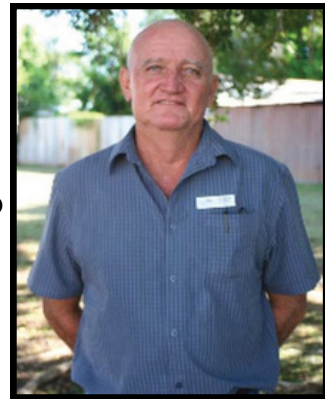
Another month has flown by and we are now looking down the barrel of the end of the financial year again.

This week will see our last council workshop happen regarding rates and then it will be open for public consultation so feel free to drop in and have your say. Also have a look at how we are going financially. As I have said numerous times, we Councillors are guardians of the vault - if you like - but it's always good to have criticism or I like to think of it as a second opinion.

Finally, our construction season has started in earnest and very soon there will be a full compliment of crews out on flood damage works. It is still very wet south but shouldn't be far off starting down there as well. It always amazes me of the difference every year brings with road damage from flooding. One year a certain creek or river floods and stays flooded for way too long and gets you thinking that the crossing needs to be raised and then the following year that one hardly runs and the damage is somewhere else. I think the key point is the fact that you will never flood proof this country but we can certainly shorten the closures and get people back to work a whole lot quicker by improving crossings and the roads in general. Thankfully NEMA (Feds) can see the logic in rebuilding to a higher standard now and they are progressively getting away from the "rebuild to original" condition. This has happened due to a lot of persuading from Local Governments in these flood prone areas and hopefully will continue along this path.

This year's weather has thrown up major disasters down south too unfortunately, so this will affect our funding, but I have no regrets with the poor buggers getting the lions share. There is only so much in the bank and it must be prioritised.

Personally, I'd much rather be in our position than trying to rebuild lives as they are further south.



GSD, TTNQ and Advance Cairns paid us a visit last week and we had a very productive tourism meeting in Karumba. Our CEO took the opportunity to launch the new Carpentaria Visitor Guide and there will be further brochures focusing on the history, heritage and things to do produced for our visitors shortly.

All in all, a good meeting with advice and experience sharing, being freely given by all.

There was also a meeting in Karumba, that wasn't very well attended locally, with the stakeholders in the Port of Karumba. Karumba could be in dire straights if Sibanye-Stillwater finish operations at Century Mine in 2027 and we don't have a plan in place.

At the moment they are looking at more of a common user facility if some junior miners can come on board and share the costs of dredging etc.

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Our road infrastructure needs upgrading in some parts but all in all we would be able to handle trucks from Cloncurry carrying phosphate to port site. Add a potential opening to utilise the pipeline, also carrying phosphate and the potential of the port begins to show with export. Also import and export of Agriculture products with a faint chance of "live cattle" cranking up again. As far as the "wet" goes with road closures we just need land to stockpile during the dry times. Ask yourselves this question. Why can't we import Chinese tires and equipment such as backhoes, excavators, graders and dozers etc. and send the ship back with phosphate and other mining products.

Ports in the capital cities have been doing this forever. For someone a whole lot younger than me there is a great opportunity looming on the horizon and we need to get behind it and support the case.

With dry farming starting to happen, particularly with cotton and mung bean, adding defense into the equation, it could become a very strategic port.

Ports North - by the way - are happy with proceedings thus far but it would help if there was more local interest and ideas.

Karumba does not have a Great Barrier Reef and you do not need a pilot to go through the Torres Straight as is the case with ships from the east coast. If you need to share thoughts and ideas contact myself, Anne (CEO) or Neil O'Brien from GSD. (He will thank me later).

That's about me for the month so I'll sign off and wish the Stingers the best for the upcoming season. I also wish the Normanton Show and Rodeo all the success they deserve and urge everyone to take a look. If you are into photography, craft or cooking there's always treats in the "big shed". If rodeo is your thing, then perch up somewhere and watch it all happen.

Remember that you buy your drinks on site and smuggling your own liquid cheer in won't be tolerated.

Have a great time and please be safe.

Jack Bawden.

New Bird Hides

Residents and visitors would have noticed some work going on around School Dam recently. Through a Grant from the State Government's Bush Tourism Fund, Council has been able to install birds hides and some picnic tables for everyone to enjoy the bird life at the dam. The facilities form part of the activities highlighted in the School Dam Masterplan.



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MELBOURNE CUP TO VISIT

It's an unusual day when you see New York and Normanton in the same headline.

But here we are!

On May 29, 2025, it was announced that the People's Cup will embark on an extraordinary journey from New York to Normanton, giving fans and communities across the world the rare opportunity to see the prestigious prize up close and feel the magic of Australia's most iconic race.

The 18-carat gold trophy, worth \$850,000 will be joined by some familiar faces on the road before returning to Victoria in the weeks leading up to the 165th Melbourne Cup.

Now in its 23rd year, the tour has travelled over one million kilometres, visiting more than 670 destinations, 490 schools and 422 hospitals / aged care facilities.

The Tour has engaged in over 2,200 community events and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local fundraising initiatives.

Introduced in 2019, the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep is an important Victorian Racing Club (VRC) charity initiative which sees 24 rural and regional towns allocated a barrier for the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup.

Representatives from each of the 24 destinations will be flown to Melbourne to watch the Cup live on track at Flemington and the town which draws the barrier of the winning horse will be presented with a cash prize of \$50,000 to put towards a charity of their choice.

The Lexus Melbourne Cup holds historical, cultural and social significance and is held annually on the first Tuesday of November at 3.00pm when it brings Australia to a standstill and is watched by more than 750 million people across the globe.

Keep up with Council's socials and newsletter for more details closer to the event which will be held from Wednesday 9 July - Monday 14 July, 2025.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee met with CEOs of Gulf Savannah Development Neil O'Brien, Advance Cairns Jacinta Reddin and Tropical Tourism North Queensland Mark Olsen recently to discuss opportunities and challenges for the region.

Major issues raised included the late start to the tourism season and the seasons becoming shorter with changing seasonal weather events.

As a collaborative Carpentaria Shire, TTNQ, GSD and Advanced Caris are working together to investigate opportunities to increase visitation to the region including marketing.

The group were also briefed on the business case being developed on the sustainable future of the Port of Karumba and the opportunities being presented to ensure continued growth of the Port.

NEW VISITOR GUIDE LAUNCHED

It's been a busy month with a number of agency directors in town to collaborate with council, the community, business and industry on the region's economic development opportunities including the sustainable future of the Port of Karumba, agriculture and fishing and tourism.

This included the launch of the new Carpentaria Visitor Guide which has already received positive feedback from visitors - many who have picked up the guide from Visitor Centre's outside the region on their travels.

At the launch, we were lucky enough to have the CEOs of Gulf Savannah Development Neil O'Brien, Advance Cairns Jacinta Reddin and Tropical Tourism North Queensland Mark Olsen who had been in the region visiting a number of destinations to discuss opportunities and challenges and ensure that they can advocate on our behalf at a government level.

Carpentaria Shire would like to thank everyone involved in the development of the guide - including: Mandy & Ian Martin, Qaudrio Family, Dana Quirk, Laura Lauks, Alisha Chapman, Greg & Kerry Cameron, Kerry D's Fishing Charters, Andrew and Rania McClymont and their two little boys Monty and Archie, Janelle and Kalam Watson and their three children, Allison, Elena and Nate, Bianca Achurra & Joshua Castray, Candice Harris, Laura Louks and Ricky Steven for agreeing to be the talent for the guide. It certainly means that we can compete in any visitor information centre and not get forgotten because we are not visible on information centre shelves!



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QUARRY CONCERNS

Local Government Minister Ann Leahy has announced a major policy change to support access to quarry pits for crucial business-as-usual (BAU) works such as infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.

For the past two years, many councils – particularly in western Queensland – have experienced challenges accessing gravel due to the renewal process of sales permits for State-owned quarry material under the Forestry Act 1959 (Forestry Act).

Minister Leahy announced the measure would give certainty to councils in accessing quarry pits for BAU works, where there is no reasonably practicable alternative, using s143 of the Local Government Act to safely build and maintain community infrastructure.

Councils are still required to progress the standard quarry sales permit renewal process as the primary mechanism for accessing State-owned quarry material.

Further information detailing how the policy changes will work, will be circulated to Councils in the near future.

FIVE YEAR CORPORATE PLAN ADOPTED

Council would like to thank everyone who contributed the development of the five-year corporate plan which was adopted at the May meeting of Council and can be viewed on Council's website.

Council is now in the process of finalising the 12-month operational plan and 2025-2026 budget and will host community drop-in sessions at Karumba and Normanton.



Budget Drop-in session Karumba

Karumba Civic Centre.

June 10, 2025.

Time: 4pm - 6pm.

Budget drop-in session Normanton

Normanton Shire Hall

June 11, 2025.

Time: 4pm - 6pm.

TRY FOR 5 PROGRAM



The North Queensland Cowboys Try for 5 Program attended both schools during week two of this term to encourage wellbeing and independence with getting ready for school and Gulf Christian College hosted a community BBQ breakfast & Normanton State School hosted BBQ Lunch.

Tilly & Sam then visited the Sport Centre for after school activities, Training and a BBQ with the Normanton Stingers and before heading off popped in for morning tea with the residents of Kukatja Place where they yarned about their favourite players back in their day. (Photos APH Visit 0047 & 0044).



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BIOSECURITY BRIEFING

During May, Mayor Jack Bawden and CEO Anne Andrews attended a biosecurity briefing held at Karumba.

The briefing included representatives from the North West Queensland Region of Councils, the District Disaster Management Group, Qld Police, Agforce, Natural Resource Management Group, Local Government Association of QLD and Queensland's and Rachel Chay, Queensland's Chief Biosecurity Officer.

The meeting was told the three greatest threats to our region include: Foot and Mouth, Lumpy Skin and Avian Bird Flu.

The QLD Government is following through on its commitment to employ 100 biosecurity officers across QLD - with an emphasis on placement in rural, regional and remote areas. The positions will be advertised later this year.

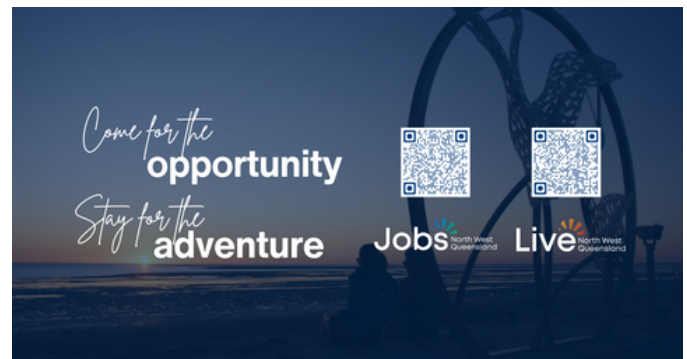
Six feral pig coordinators have been engaged across Queensland, specifically across South-West Queensland, Central-West Queensland, North-West Queensland, North Queensland and Far North Queensland.

SENIOR ROLE RECRUITMENT

Council is currently seeking applications for two senior leadership roles in the organisation - Manager Childcare Services (Centre Manager) and Finance Manager.

The Childcare Services Manager will manage the Normanton Childcare Centre and applications can be made through Astute Early Years Specialists and the Finance Manager role is being recruitment through Elite Executive Recruitment.

Both positions are a part of Council's senior leadership group and we are looking forward to welcoming the new managers to the team.



CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL'S

RFDs Charity Ball

SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST

BURNS PHILP BUILDING

6.30PM - 11.30PM

Entertainment by



Jacyntha 'lee

Theme: Glitter in the Gulf

Tickets

- Adults: \$70
- Youth 6-14: \$40

All tickets include a 2-course meal

Tickets on sale from the Council office on 9th June 2025



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THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM ON 4745 2200

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For more information contact the Community Development team @ Council on 0747452200

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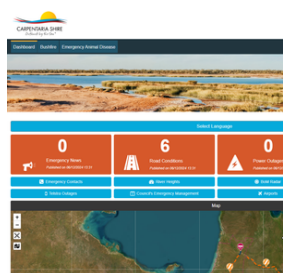
DISASTER DASHBOARD

Carpentaria Shire Council's disaster dashboard is where you find local information before, during and after extreme weather, like storms and floods.

It has essential information including:

- Emergency News
- Road Conditions
- Power Outages
- Emergency Contacts
- River Heights
- Telstra Outages
- Current Fire Bans etc.

<https://disaster.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/>



MEETING DATES FOR JUNE 2025

Council's Ordinary Meeting for June 2025 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18 May, starting at 9:00am in the Normanton Shire Council Boardroom. The annual budget meeting will take place on Thursday 19 June starting at 9:00am.



Wednesday 18 June, 2025.

Thursday 19 June, 2025.



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