

Newsletter

CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL

AUG 25



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are dragging the chain again with our newsletter but there never seems to be enough time in the day as of late. A lot has happened, but I guess the big one is the Budget being adopted on time at the end of June.

It was a really difficult task to be aware of the cost of living crisis driving everyone nuts at the moment and being in the same boat ourselves. After much discussion we finally settled on a rise of approximately 4.0%. This equates to roughly \$3.75 per week for the average householder. We also had a close look at the Fees and Charges and adjusted as necessary. They have not seen an increase for many years, and it was beginning to show. At the end of the day, we have to either cut services or increase the price to try and keep cost neutral. What will throw us into a big spin is if the Feds cut our Financial Assistance Grant money back. I know I am a pessimist but there are some large councils not at all happy with the way the pie has been divided up. For the moment though FAGS is a godsend in allowing us to be able to maintain status quo. The bottom line is for half the cost of a schooner per week we can still deliver all the services that our residents are used to and rightfully

expect. My theory is if the “out” bucket is larger than the “in” bucket we have a problem and I thank Andrew Shaw, our new Director in that department for putting it all together in a way that we could relate to. I think the rates are due out in the next few days



and I along with most other people are not looking forward to them but they are an evil necessity of our world today. About 3-4 years ago it was a known fact that it costs any Council, regardless of size, in excess of \$10 Million a year just to open the doors. I imagine this figure is outdated by now and is even higher today.

I guess events wise we should start with the Melbourne Cup's arrival in town and again have a grin at the pros and cons of being a rural and remote location. Instead of a quick turnaround we had them for near on a week if you count the weekend. They thoroughly enjoyed every part of their stay as much as we enjoyed having them. So much so that “Bossy” the jockey who rode Mackybe





Diva to 2 consecutive Melbourne Cup wins and a Cox Plate win is keen to come back next year and have a crack at being a “ringer”. I’m pretty sure that there will be a fair amount of fishing in the equation as well. Again, I will acknowledge the effort put in by Amanda and her team for putting us in the equation and organising the event so successfully. Remember to watch the race to see what barrier Normanton draws because if it’s the winning horses barrier they will donate \$50,000 to the RFDS as our chosen Charity, again organised by Amanda as part of the deal for them to come out. There are 24 barriers and the Cup visited 24 towns so a 1 in 24 chance is pretty good odds.

From racing to golfing. The Outback Queensland Golf Masters having their final event in Karumba made for another great showcasing of Carpentaria’s coastal attractions. A lot of those people also found their way to Normanton over the weekend and again were suitably impressed. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding from Tourism Events Queensland they have had to discontinue an event that most certainly was good value for all the Shires who paid to be part of it. The Million Dollar Hole in One did not go off and they ended the deal without having to fork out the big bucks.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Queensland Governor and her husband the other day as well. All I can say, the lady who met with the councillors and CEO in the boardroom was a very different person to the one we knew who stood in front of the cameras delivering mostly bad news every day during Covid. After getting to know both of them a bit better you realize it was a team effort with both Jeannette and her husband Graeme (a microbiologist) working together with the sole purpose in their life to get Queensland through the pandemic. I have family in Melbourne and by comparison I know these guys of ours run the show a whole lot more efficiently with people friendly

ideals. We did speak about one size not fitting all and she was in agreement and made the point that the rules weren’t to punish but to assist. Her example of Police in Brisbane carrying and handing out masks to people not complying with the rules instead of handing out fines as they were in Melbourne sort of says it all.

The second last council event was our Charity Ball last weekend and again, was a cracker of a night being well organised by Amanda’s team. I thank them, particularly Tina for their efforts in presenting a really good night. Wayne our auctioneer was in fine form and his efforts helped considerably in raising the total cheque for the RFDS to \$37,500.00. I also want to thank our sponsors of the event because without you there would be no Charity Ball which is a great way for young and old to let down their hair and have a jig or three to some good music. This year the music came from an artist from Malanda, almost local for us. I hope Jacynta’Lee (and Ryland) will find her way back here next year as she does a great job. Thank you to the Ball goers who came and let their hair down too, again without you guys it wouldn’t happen. The next event for the Shire is the Outback by the Sea Festival which will be happening in Karumba.

This list is just the council organised events. When you put the Gun Club, Normanton Show, Rodeo and Campdraft, A couple of fishing Comps, Bring in Spring and coming soon the Sprint Races all together, it makes for a Shire of where there is a lot happening and as such becomes attractive as a destination. We probably don’t do enough to get a combined message out at the start of the year but it’s something we will be working on for 2026 and beyond.

After a conversation at the Ball with someone the other night, I will try to shed some light on the seemingly confusing works program for the last 2-3



years. Because of the crazy weather patterns and Labour shortages we've been having our staff and consultants have had to try and juggle 3 years' worth of flood damage around to try and keep the money in the shire where it belongs. Due to unforeseen and unseasonal rain this has meant shifting and swapping camps and job projects to try and keep the work going. There are already extensions of time projects needing to be completed before the cut-off dates and the money having to be returned. It is for this reason that the program has been turned on its head. The only other thing I will say is that I have not heard any complaints from contractors because they know that it's a tough job and they themselves are suffering labour shortages across the board without worrying about Flood Damage dollars and oddball rain events.

I have probably taken too much space already so I will leave it there with the doom and gloom long range forecast for September being very wet. So, fingers crossed everyone and stay safe.

Jack Bawden





COUNCIL 2025-2026 BUDGET MEDIA RELEASE



MEDIA RELEASE

Council 2025 - 2026 Budget

The Carpentaria Shire Council budget and operational plan for 2025-2026 was adopted at a special meeting of Council on Thursday 19 June.

As part of the budget process several policies were also reviewed including:

Revenue Policy, Investment Policy, Debt Policy, Rates Based Financial Assistance for Community Organisations, Pensioner Rates Concession Policy, Concealed Water Leak Policy, Faulty Water Meter Policy, Debt Recovery Policy and Financial Hardship Policy. These will be available on the Council website in due course.

The Operational Plan for the 2025-2026 financial year identifies key initiatives that will be carried out during the financial year to achieve the Corporate Plan initiatives.

The operational budget is expected to be \$3.75m surplus (excluding depreciation).

The Capital Budget contains projects with a value of \$76.375m of which \$69.107m is covered by grant funding.

As has been the case for the past few years Council continues to hold discussions with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake works for and on their behalf, and will continue to receive funding through such programs as Works 4 Queensland (State Government) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Capital projects are broken up as follows:

- Renewals \$15.673 million
- Upgrades \$54.107 million
- New \$6.595 million.

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COUNCIL 2025-2026 BUDGET MEDIA RELEASE CONTINUED

Council's and, more importantly the ratepayers' contribution towards this investment is \$6.789m, with the balance coming from grant funding and from trade-ins of assets being replaced. Most capital investment is in renewal of assets to increase the useful life of our assets and ensure they continue to service the needs of the community, rather than just adding new assets.

Council has continued its success in obtaining grant funds to reduce the impact and burden on ratepayers to deliver necessary infrastructure. Mayor Bawden said:

"Council will continue to use its best endeavours to access eligible funding for projects that benefit the community and its ratepayers."

Mayor Bawden said during the development of the budget, Council was mindful of the current impacts that cost of living have had on the family household budget and challenges faced by commercial business and the flow-on effect this has for the community. The increase for the average household ratepayer will be \$3.75 per week in Normanton and a \$2.40 per week increase for Karumba Residents."

Residential ratepayers will receive a general rate rise of around 4%, with no increase in excess water charges.

Details of the budget will be available on the Council website for download for members of the public.

Rate notices are planned to be issued in August 2025 and in February 2026.

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RATE NOTICES

Rate Notices
will be issued
on Tuesday
the 19th of
August.

If you have not received your notice by Tuesday the 26th of August 2025, please contact Council on 07 4745 2200 and we will assist you.

VACANT PENSIONER UNIT

Carpentaria Shire Council advises that there is two (2), one-bedroom pensioner units available for rent in Normanton.

Applicants will be asked to complete an application form and will need to provide detailed information of assets and income and supply two (2) contactable referees.

Applications close Friday 29th August 2025.

Please contact Council's Community Development team on 4745 2200 if you have any questions.

DISPOSAL OF GREEN WASTE



What is Green Waste?

Garden and/or green waste includes mulch, branches and lopped material, tree trunks and stumps, leaves, unwanted and dead plants, seeds and fruit.



Small amounts of garden waste can be included in your general waste bin; however, this is far from ideal as green waste will end up in landfill.



Garbage bins have not been designed for and must not hold excessive green waste, soil and branches. Excessive contamination will result in non-collection of kerbside bin/s.



You can dispose of green waste **for free** at your waste facilities in Normanton and Karumba.



Did you know?

When green waste is sent to landfill, it is compressed and buried in the ground with minimal exposure to oxygen, which make the breakdown process very slow, resulting in the production of landfill gases like methane and carbon dioxide.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Help us maintain a clean and litter-free community! There is no excuse for illegal dumping or littering. Our waste facility is available round the clock, every day, and is **free of charge**.

To preserve the cleanliness of our town, the council strictly enforces fines for those caught littering or unlawfully dumping waste. Please dispose of your rubbish in the correct, designated areas at the dump. Each section is clearly signed for specific materials, so be sure to follow the guidelines when dropping off your waste.

If you witness any instances of illegal dumping, please report them directly to the council or through the Queensland Government's website at:

www.qld.gov.au/environment/circular-economy-waste-reduction/litter-illegal-dumping/illegal-dumping



1080 BAITING PROGRAM

The 1080 Baiting Program Round 1 commenced in June 2025 and is nearly complete. The final station will be baited on 11 August. A total of 13 stations in the Carpentaria Shire region participated in the first round of the baiting program. Due to a late wet this year, most stations were busy mustering and weren't able to participate in this first round. The second round of the 1080 Baiting Program will commence at the beginning of October.

For more information on Land and Pest Management, please visit the below link on our website:

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/land-pest-management

CLONCURRY REGION BLACKLEG ALERT

Recent cases of blackleg have been confirmed in the Cloncurry area. Producers are urged to check vaccination status of weaners/young stock and to report sudden deaths or suspect cases to your Vet or DPI immediately.

MELBOURNE CUP TOUR VISITS THE GULF

The People's Cup made its way from New York to Normanton in July, giving the Gulf community a rare chance to see the prestigious trophy up close. Jockey Glen Boss, famous for three consecutive Melbourne Cup wins joined the visit as part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. Following last year's stop in Gregory, Carpentaria Shire Council's successful application brought the iconic Cup to our community.





GOVERNOR VISITS THE GULF

Governor of Queensland Dr Jeanette Young, accompanied by Professor Nimmo, visited the Gulf region in July. Stops included Normanton Foodworks, the new Normanton Hospital, Normanton State School, the historic Burns Philp Building, as well as meetings with small business owners and tourism operators in Karumba.

The visit was part of the Governor's commitment to travel extensively across regional Queensland, visiting every local government area and public hospital during her term.



ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE CHARITY BALL

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual ball on the 9th of August. From our incredible Community Development Team and Gala Ball Committee to the town crew, local contractors, and industry partners, your dedication made all the difference.

Together, we raised an impressive \$37,500 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service!

A special thank you to our generous sponsors whose support brought this event to life. We couldn't have done it without you!



ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE CHARITY BALL



REX MAGAZINE FEATURE

The Gulf of Carpentaria has been featured in the latest REX TrulyAus magazine, showcasing the unique charm of Karumba and Normanton. From spectacular sunsets and world-class fishing to our quirky outback history and cultural attractions. An inspiring showcase for locals and those planning a visit. Check out the full feature at the below link:

<https://rex.trulyaus.com/destinations/the-gulf-of-carpentaria/>

TrulyAus

EVENTS ON IN SEPTEMBER

• 6 SEPTEMBER

Adult Learners Week

Morning Tea and local guest speakers

Normanton VIC / Library

• 12 SEPTEMBER

Outback By The Sea Film Festival - FREE

Short films, music, celebrity judges, food & drink

Karumba Recreation Club

• 13 SEPTEMBER

Outback By The Sea Festival Concert

Featuring a great lineup of well-known

Australian artists including Caitlin Shadbolt,

Wesley Dean and The Buckleys.

Karumba Recreation Club

*** Tickets on sale at the Carpentaria Shire*

Council office in Normanton, the Les Wilson

Barramundi Discovery Centre and the Karumba

Shire Office. For more info phone 07 4745 2200.

• 14 SEPTEMBER

Film Festival Workshop - FREE

Come along and learn how to make your own

short film, hear from the experts including

Australian actor Steve Bastoni and get inspired.

Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre

Refer to the event posters attached for more information.



PORT OF KARUMBA FUNDING MEDIA STATEMENT

\$88 million to strengthen Queensland regions against disasters

An \$88 million investment from the Albanese and Crisafulli Governments will protect critical infrastructure for some of Queensland's most remote communities. This includes \$550,000 for Carpentaria Shire Council to develop the Port of Karumba business case.

The Crucial Access Links Program is being funded through efficiencies realised under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Carpentaria Shire Council thanks the Australian and Queensland Governments for acknowledging the need for and funding a detailed business case for improved access and infrastructure at the Port of Karumba.

Since 2024, Gulf Savannah Development has been working closely with Carpentaria Shire Council, Ports North and industry in North West Queensland to lead the development of a preliminary business case for the sustainable development of the Port of Karumba – the preliminary business case project is funded by the Queensland Government under the Remote Area Boards program.

The Port of Karumba preliminary business case and cost / benefit analysis is nearing completion (expected to be finalised in August – the draft business case is currently at consultation phase).

This DRFA funding provides the necessary funding for Carpentaria Shire Council to continue to partner with Gulf Savannah Development to prepare a detailed business case to sustainably develop the Port of Karumba and provide the entire North West Queensland region with critical access to the port to strengthen community and regional resilience, while also strengthening industry resilience.

The Queensland Cabinet and Ministerial Directory - Media Statements

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/103234>

REEL SUPPORT FOR QLD'S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MEDIA STATEMENT

The Crisafulli Government is delivering a stronger commercial fishing industry, backing the State's peak industry body, the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA).

A \$600,000 grant will support the QSIA to deliver industry development activities over the next four years so Queensland's commercial fishers can continue to produce the world's finest sustainable seafood.

Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett said the collaboration with industry was key to unlocking prosperity and growth in commercial fishing.

"Queensland's commercial fishers are hard-working innovators who are committed to providing consumers with the freshest, most reliably sourced seafood possible," Minister Perrett said.

"Fisheries are a key component of the primary industries sector, and by working together we can drive future investment, create additional jobs and support regional economies to reach the Crisafulli Government's ambitious goal of \$30 billion primary industries output by 2030.

"Importantly, this funding will also drive best practice and innovation in the sector, such as new fishing methods and fisheries to ensure a sustainable and productive industry moving forward.

"I thank the QSIA for embracing this opportunity and taking the lead here to ensure no businesses are left behind."

Queensland Seafood Industry Association Chief Executive Officer David Bobbermen welcomed the funding as an investment in the industry's future prosperity.

"This funding will allow QSIA to confidently expand its operations and significantly enhance its engagement with fishers and other stakeholders, and provide the Queensland Government with timely, informed and representative advice in relation to fisheries management matters," Mr Bobbermen said.

The Queensland Cabinet and Ministerial Directory - Media Statements

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/103239>

RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND - LILYVALE ESTATE MEDIA STATEMENT

The Queensland Government has officially announced Carpentaria Shire Council was successful in seeking funding to connect power to Lilyvale Estate through its residential activation fund.

Four projects will be funded under the Residential Activation Fund in North West Queensland to unlock 94 much needed new homes.

The \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund received 178 submissions – 64 from South East Queensland and 114 from regional, rural, and remote Queensland.

Up to \$1 billion is available in round one, doubled from the original \$500 million, in response to the overwhelming support and availability of shovel-ready projects.

Round one funding focuses on the construction of critical trunk infrastructure needed such as water supply, sewerage, stormwater, and roads needed to unlock new residential developments and ease the housing crisis.

Burke Shire Council Acting Mayor Chris Wilson said the Residential Activation Fund would support critical infrastructure in Burketown.

“Our community is currently facing a critical shortage of accommodation for residents, government agencies, and contractors servicing the region,” Acting Mayor Wilson said.

“This project is a vital step toward addressing that shortage and supporting the town’s long-term growth.”

Carpentaria Shire Council Mayor Jack Bawden said the Fund had already generated significant interest in the sale of lots at Carpentaria Shire’s rural residential subdivision.

“One of the key inhibitors to buyers investing in the subdivision during the past two years was the cost of connecting power to the blocks,” Mayor Bawden said.

“This investment by the Queensland Government means that Council can supply power to the blocks, which is one less cost to the investor, unlocking 28 residential lots for the region.”

Cloncurry Shire Council Mayor Greg Campbell said the Residential Activation Fund would go towards detailed design of residential subdivisions in Cloncurry.

“This funding will allow Council to continue working toward addressing housing supply issues in Cloncurry,” Mayor Campbell said.

Mount Isa City Council Mayor Peta MacRae thanked the Queensland Government for their investment in Mount Isa and the city’s continued growth.

“This funding will open up new land for development by helping relieve pressure on existing road, water and sewer infrastructure services in Healy Heights and the future Gliderport Development,” Mayor MacRae said.

“By easing the pressure on existing infrastructure, this opens up new areas like the Gliderport and the final stages of Healy Heights to be further developed. We will also see improvements in road safety.”

The Queensland Cabinet and Ministerial Directory - Media Statements

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/103289>

LILYVALE UPDATE

Council has resolved to open up Stage 2 of Lilyvale Estate. Watch this space for the Expressions of interest.





PROJECT UPDATES

NORMANTON POOL



Normanton Pool Kiosk



Normanton Pool Change Room

RED BENCH PROJECT

Two new red benches have been installed - one at the footbridge and another at the school dam. These benches serve as a visible reminder and symbol of support for those affected by domestic and family violence, helping to raise awareness.

<https://www.redrosefoundation.com.au/red-bench-project>



ROADS



Work restarted on 89B Betterment Package 1



New Mentana Creek Causeway on 89B

PROJECT UPDATES

ROADS



New 10mm reseal - Truck Bypass Road Karumba



New line marking - Col Kitching Drive



NEW CENTRE MANAGER - NCCC

We're excited to welcome Sarah Blundell as the new Centre Manager at Normanton Child Care Centre. Sarah brings 18 years of experience in early learning and a real passion for working with families, educators, and the community. She's focused on building strong connections and supporting a positive, nurturing environment where children can grow and thrive.

NEW FOOTPATH - KARUMBA

A new footpath has been installed in Karumba town centre to the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre.



COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

- Youth services, Sports and Recreation Coordinator
- Casual Pool Attendants - Normanton and Karumba pools
- Lead Educator- Normanton Childcare Centre
- Childcare Educator - Normanton Childcare Centre

For full details and to view the position descriptions, please visit:

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/employment/positions-vacant

AUGUST MEETING DATE

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for August 2025 is scheduled to take place on Friday the 22nd, 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.



Friday, 22nd August



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Visitor Information Centre
Normanton (07) 4747 8444
Karumba (07) 4745 2211

After Hours Emergencies
Telephone: (07) 4745 2200

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Cr Brad Hawkins – Deputy Mayor	0418 451 688
Cr Andrew Murphy	0428 451 085
Cr Cherie Schafer	0448 324 911
Cr Glenn Smerdon	0429 451 784
Cr John O'Brien	0427 186 939
Cr Leslie Henry	0407 600 024

Anne Andrews Chief Executive Officer	0417 306 412
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Michael Wanrooy Director Engineering Services	0428 131 289
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Andrew Shaw Chief Operations Officer	0417 625 113
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Amanda Farraway Executive Manager Community Development and Tourism	0491 384 890
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Visiting service

We're visiting your community soon.

If you need help with Medicare, Centrelink and Child Support come and speak with our staff.

We're visiting Karumba from:


Wednesday 20th August & Thursday 21st August 2025

You can find us:

Carpentaria Shire Council Office - Wednesday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Carpentaria Shire Council Office - Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm

Walk-ins are also welcome.



For more information about payments and services you can call the Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK

Join us at the Normanton Library/VIC
for a morning tea featuring
local guest speakers!

10am Saturday 6/9/2025

**ADULT
LEARNERS
WEEK**



**1-8
SEPT
2025**

OUTBACK BY THE SEA

FILM FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

KARUMBA RECREATION CLUB (OUTDOORS)

KICKS OFF FROM 6PM

**FREE
ENTRY**

**MUSIC, SHORT FILMS,
CELEBRITY JUDGES,
FOOD & DRINK**

MEET THE JUDGES



CARLA BONNER
NEIGHBOURS



TERRY SERIO
RUNNING ON EMPTY

MAJOR PARTNER



EVENT PARTNERS



EVENT SUPPORTERS



outbackbytheseafilmfest.com.au



OUTBACK BY THE SEA FESTIVAL CONCERT

Featuring a great lineup of well-known Australian artists including Caitlyn Shadbolt, Wesley Dean & The Buckleys

Date: Saturday 13th September 2025
Time: 7pm till late (Gates open at 6pm)
Location: Karumba Recreation Club

COST

Family Pass (2 Adults + 2 Youth): \$80.00
Adult 18+: \$30.00
Concession: \$25.00
Youth (12-17 Years): \$17.00
Child: FREE

Tickets on sale at the Carpentaria Shire Council office in Normanton, the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre and the Karumba Shire Office. For more info phone 07 4745 2200.



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**OUTBACK
BY
THE
SEA
FILM FESTIVAL**

FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

FREE EVENT

10am - 2pm

Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba

Come along and learn how to make your own short film, hear from the experts including Australian actor Steve Bastoni and get inspired.

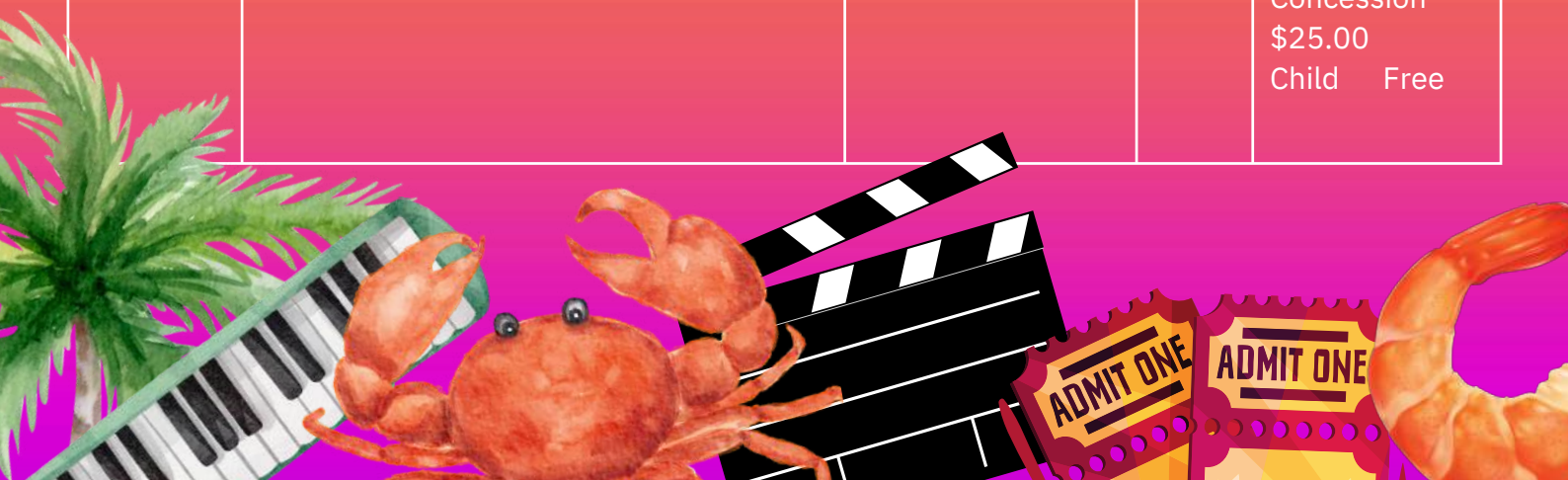
For more information, please visit
www.ooff.com.au



CARPENTARIA SHIRE
Outback by the Sea®

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Time	Event	Location	Entry	Further Details
Friday 12th September				
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Markets	Karumba Recreation Centre	FREE	
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Outback by the Sea Film Festival	Karumba Recreation Centre	FREE	
Saturday 13th September				
9:00am - 11:00am	Arts & Crafts	Normanton VIC/Library	FREE	
10:00am - 10:45am	Mud Crabs Direct Workshop 1	29 Col Kitching Drive, Karumba	FREE	
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Colour Fun Run	Karumba State School 5 Yappar Street, Karumba	FREE	074747 6222
6:00pm - 10:00pm	The Western Queensland Consulting Engineers, Sibanye Stillwater & Wrens Construction Outback by the Sea Concert	Karumba Recreation Centre	\$	Tickets from Carpentaria Shire Council Family \$80.00 Adult \$30.00 Youth \$17.00 Concession \$25.00 Child Free



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Time	Event	Location	Entry	Further Details
Sunday 14 th September				
10:00am - 2:00pm	Outback by the Sea Film making workshop	The Les Wilson Barramundi Centre, Karumba	FREE	
Monday 15 th September				
10:00am – 10:45am	Mud Crabs Direct Workshop 2	29 Col Kitching Drive, Karumba	FREE	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Prawn Peeling & Eating Contest	Ash's @ The Point		\$5 fee which is donated to the Karumba Child Care centre
	Kids Ice Cream Eating Competition	Ash's @ The Point		\$5 fee which is donated to the Karumba Child Care centre





Coolamon Connections
Healing Program

Bystander Training - If You Hear Something or See Something – How Do You Respond?

Join us in a culturally safe and supportive
space where we come together to:

- 🌱 Build skills to gently and safely interrupt harmful behaviours
- 🛠️ Gain confidence and practical tools to respond with care and strength
- 🌿 Understand the root causes of violence and promote respectful relationships
- 💬 Connect with others who share a passion for healing and community wellbeing
- ❤️ Strengthen your role as a protector, supporter, and change-maker

🌟 What You'll Experience

Four days of immersive, culturally-informed professional development to empower individuals, families, and communities. Become certified to facilitate this course to community.

This experience is ideal for:

- Community members
- Elders
- Educators
- Youth leaders
- Community workers within Non for profit and Government roles

*There is no cost to attend—just your
time, heart, and commitment to your
community*

👉 **Community needs you! Become a
Change Maker-Apply Now!**

Bring your voices.
Bring your stories.
Bring your passion for your community.

This fully funded initiative is part of our
shared journey to healing and ending
domestic and family violence—together.

**Hosted by Coolamon
Connections - Healing Program
(AIDRWA)**

When:

22nd to 27th October 2025

Where:

Surprise location, Port Douglas
Expressions of interest:



For more information contact:
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0400 891 171 - 0409 287 973
Applications can also be taken over
the phone or in person.

