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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I don't have much information this month after being away, and then isolating because of Covid but it was good to see everything was business as usual for September.

Councils last event for the year (apart for our very important Seniors' Christmas Parties) finished with a bang apparently, when the Outback by the Sea festival concluded with the concert under open skies at the Karumba Rec Club. The feedback from both tourists and locals was very positive with the suggestion that the week could possibly be condensed into a long weekend type scenario over 4 days instead of a full week. Our guys in the office agree as well so planning for the next one will start around this idea. The Karumba Childrens Centre's fishing competition this coming weekend will just about tidy up Carpentaria's events for the year so hopefully it will be the success that it normally is, bringing everyone together for one last hurrah before the end of the Barra Season.

It was a pleasant surprise the other day to find out that a grant application to do something on our early explorers in the Burns Philp building was successful. In due course Council will be approaching a few of our local "authorities" to



gather information and ideas for a display so please help us with this important part of the Gulf's history. By all accounts we also have interest from universities who are willing to provide research and information as well. The local knowledge combined with definite facts and figures from historical archives should be a winner. It always amazes me that Burke and Wills could leave Melbourne, find their way to the Gulf of Carpentaria and, then be tracked by one Frederick Walker months later who set up camp a few hundred metres from Camp 119. How good was this bloke? There are so many more

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stories that need to be told on these extraordinary bushmen of yesteryear and this funding, hopefully will be the start.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Northwest Qld ROC's AGM in Julia Creek last week. After 8 years of being Chair, I didn't put my hand up for it this time around. Another reason being, I believe that in the current climate of politics and change I need to focus my attention on Carpentaria's needs. Time and distance were my biggest enemies and quite often I was making choices on priorities between Council and ROC. I feel comfortable in saying that the organization is going very well and under the new leadership of Etheridge mayor, Barry Hughes will continue to do so. Being just that little bit closer to Cairns also means that the effort and time lost travelling is slightly easier too. As I said Barry will be all over it.

Just a reminder that as of last night the State Government is now in caretaker mode so if you are waiting on any announcements (as we are) and you haven't received it then the chances are you won't be getting any.

Don't forget to drop in at the end of the week and have your say at the community consultation regarding our Main Street upgrade and the future of the Showgrounds and John Henry Oval. No idea is a silly one so don't be shy in coming forward and having a say.

On that note I'll sign off and wish you well for the coming month.

Stay safe.

Jack Bawden

RATES NOTICES ISSUED

Carpentaria Shire Council's half yearly rate notices were issued on Friday the 30th of August. Ratepayers are urged to be on the lookout for their notice.

Council recognises that some ratepayers may experience financial difficulties in meeting their commitments on time. A ratepayer may at any time make application to pay off their outstanding accounts by regular payments (subject to guidelines). For more information please contact the Council office on (07) 4745 2200.

FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES, JULIANNE MEIER

On September 24th, we bid farewell to Julianne Meier, our Director of Corporate Services. Julianne has been a dedicated member of Council for the past 3.5 years, leading the corporate services team with excellence, contributing to the executive leadership team, and volunteering actively in the community. Julianne has accepted the CEO role at Diamantina Shire Council.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Julianne and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT CWA MARKET

The Council had a presence at the CWA Markets on Saturday the 1st of September. This provided an informal opportunity for residents to connect with Councillors. Attendees included Mayor Bawden, Councillor Murphy, Councillor O'Brien, and the CEO. The event was well received, and further opportunities for community engagement are being explored.

WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY

Deputy Mayor Bradley Hawkins and CEO Anne Andrews represented Carpentaria Shire at the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly in Mount Isa this month that provided an opportunity for regional collaboration on significant issues and challenges. The group also worked with five-time Olympian and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games director Natalie Cook OAM OLY on opportunities that we can embrace from the 2032 Olympics.



WQAC Mayors brainstorming opportunities from 2032 Olympics.

REMINDER FOR VISITORS OF NORMANTON LAWN CEMETERY

We appreciate the care and respect our community shows when visiting Normanton Lawn Cemetery. However, we have recently received several concerns about items such as furniture and other personal belongings being left at the site.

As a gentle reminder, we kindly ask all visitors to please take any furniture, decorations, or personal items home with you after your visit. This helps maintain the dignity of the space and ensures that the cemetery remains a peaceful place for all.

R U OK? DAY

September 12 was R U OK? day

R U OK? is a public health promotion charity that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives. R U OK? Day is a reminder to start a conversation ANY day it's needed. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ruok.org.au/r-u-ok-day>



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GRANT RECEIVED

We're thrilled to announce that the Normanton Visitor Information Centre has received a grant of \$98,325 to develop the Early Explorers Experience!

This funding is part of the North West Queensland Economic Development Strategy Implementation Plan to 2025. We are eager to bring this project to life! Stay tuned for updates!



FARM ANGELS

Established in 2014, Farm Angels was created to assist primary producers initially impacted by Queensland's prolonged drought. Over the years, the organisation has expanded its reach, providing crucial support to over 4,700 farmers across more than 1,300 Australian communities affected by drought, floods, fires, and plagues.

Farm Angels offers financial aid, food hampers, care packages, and mental health support to those who need it most. Recently, a convoy of 40 Series Land Cruisers made its way through Normanton, raising awareness and showing solidarity with farmers facing hardship.



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OCEAN & OUTBACK FILM FESTIVAL

The Ocean & Outback Film Festival marked the official start of the Outback by the Sea Festival, which is a week-long celebration in the Gulf of Carpentaria. This annual event honours the region's rich heritage, celebrating the legendary barramundi, local seafood, live music, Indigenous culture, and arts and crafts.

Nearly 300 attendees gathered for the inaugural Ocean & Outback Film Festival in Karumba, under the stunning Carpentaria sky on September 14th for an unforgettable evening of film, dance, food, music, and celebrity judges. Film Festivals Australia directors Steve Bastoni and Meg Pascoe led the event, supported by actors Marcus Graham and Totti Goldsmith and Leah McBride from Screen Queensland, who served as judges. The night began with local markets and a captivating performance by the Gulf Christian College Rambullum dance group. Guests arrived with picnic rugs and camp chairs to enjoy this year's top 10 Australian short films in a picturesque outdoor setting. In addition to the main short film competition, the Emerging Filmmaker Category spotlighted locally produced short films, offering new talent a chance to shine. This year, Carla from Gulf Christian College won the award for her film, 'My Life in Normanton'.



Market stalls were held prior to the event.

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OCEAN & OUTBACK FILM FESTIVAL FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

As part of the Ocean & Outback Film Festival, a free filmmaking workshop was held on September 15th, offering a unique opportunity for aspiring filmmakers. Attendees had the chance to learn the art of creating short films from industry experts, including actors Steve Bastoni, Tottie Goldsmith, Marcus Graham, and Leah McBride from Screen Queensland. Participants walked away inspired and equipped with practical insights from seasoned professionals.



MUD CRABS DIRECT WORKSHOP

Mud Crabs Direct held an engaging workshop teaching insights into the fascinating life cycle of mud crabs. Attendees also gained practical skills in catching, tying, and cooking these crustaceans.



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FLIPSIDE CIRCUS

Flipside Circus were in town for the festival week, offering children of all ages the opportunity to learn exciting new circus skills through fun and interactive workshops. Their visit concluded with a captivating performance of 'The Cubby' show, where they showcased their impressive talents.



MACRAME WORKSHOP WITH TRACEY

Tracey led an inspiring macrame workshop where participants learned the art of hand-knotting beautiful designs. Whether they were beginners or looking to refine their skills, attendees enjoyed a fun and engaging session, leaving with new techniques and creative wall hanging pieces to showcase.



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ASH'S PRAWN PEELING AND EATING + ICE CREAM EATING CHALLENGE

Ash's hosted a prawn peeling and eating challenge for adults, alongside an ice-cream challenge for the kids. The event attracted a fantastic crowd who gathered to watch and cheer on the competitors. The impressive winning time for peeling and eating 500 grams of Gulf banana prawns was just 2 minutes and 15 seconds! Winners received a voucher from Ash's.



TRIVIA

During festival week, the Central Hotel in Normanton hosted a fun-filled trivia night. Attendees enjoyed a great evening of competition, with Outback by the Sea merchandise as prizes. The lucky winners also took home tickets to the concert.



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HAWKINS TRANSPORT OUTBACK BY THE SEA FESTIVAL CONCERT

The festival concluded on a high note with the Hawkins Transport Outback by the Sea Festival Concert, showcasing talented artists Fanny Lumsden, Shane Howard, and Split Image.

Nearly 500 attendees gathered with their camp chairs, creating a vibrant atmosphere for an unforgettable evening of music and community spirit. The concert not only highlighted the incredible talent of our performers but also brought together locals and visitors for a night of celebration under the stars.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fantastic event!



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CONCERT FEEDBACK

“Shane and I just wanted to congratulate you on such a great festival. It was a great vibe and the team effort and hospitality was tremendous. Well done to you and your team”.

- Shane and Trish Howard

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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

• 1- 31 SENIORS MONTH

Seniors Month is about celebrating the valuable contributions that seniors make to our community as well as encouraging community connections and participation.



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• 3-4 NORMANTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



• 4-6 COMMUNITY ANGLERS CLASSIC

For more information visit:
www.facebook.com/Karumbafishingcomp



• 13 WALK TO REMEMBER



• 16/17 COUNCIL MEETING

• 25 DAY FOR DANIEL

Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. Event details to be confirmed.



COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

The revised Community Donations policy introduces an application process that will be offered in two rounds each year.

Applications for Round One funding for events and projects occurring between January and June will open October 1st - 31st 2024. Assessment and a report to the Council will occur in November. Applicants will be then notified of the results in December. Round Two will support events and projects taking place from July to December.

For more details, please refer to the updated Community Grants, Donation, and Support Policy available on the Council website:

www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community/donations-grants

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LILYVALE RURAL RESIDENTIAL ESTATE SALES PACKAGE



Council has approved a new pricing strategy for the Lilyvale subdivision with all blocks being reduced by 10%.

Stage 1 of the Lilyvale Estate development is a 14-lot subdivision offering generously sized lifestyle lots ranging from 4.61Ha – 12.77Ha*. The estate has been designed to keep in line with the rural character of the region by offering limited lifestyle lots and reserved open space.

Stacey Quad of Colliers Cairns is the current agent for the sale of the blocks and can be contacted on 0418 773 258.

LOT 1	\$106,200	LOT 8	\$246,600
292m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		Corner position with 427m frontage onto Lilyvale Road, 272m frontage onto Barlawink Road and 272m depth	
LOT 2	\$99,000	LOT 23	\$250,200
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		Corner position with 430m frontage onto Lilyvale Road, 279m frontage onto Barlawink Road and 289m depth	
LOT 3	\$99,000	LOT 24	190,800
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		180m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 539m depth	
LOT 4	\$99,000	LOT 25	\$190,800
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		180m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 539m depth	
LOT 5	\$99,000	LOT 26	\$99,000
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		173m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	
LOT 6	\$99,000	LOT 27	\$99,000
252m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		173m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	
LOT 7	\$99,000	LOT 28	\$90,000
242m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 200m depth		201m frontage onto Lilyvale Road and 289m depth	

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BARNETT PARK

Ergon has completed the power supply for irrigation and shed lighting. Electric BBQ has been ordered.

KARUMBA REVETMENT WALL

All old metal items and concrete rubble that was used to protect the foreshore have been removed from site. The new revetment wall subgrade has been prepared which includes placement of geofabric sheets. The precast concrete structure panels are being installed on top of the prepared subgrade. The next stage of the works will be to complete the infill with material, place rock on the outer wall and construct a concrete footpath on top of the wall.



NORMANTON BURKETOWN ROAD



Normanton Burketown Road - Bitumen Works (Betterment Funded).



Normanton Burketown Road - Concrete/rock Protection Works (TIDS Funded).

Poingdestre Creek - Council has completed the widening of Poingdestre Creek from existing 4.5m concrete floodway to a 9m wide under TIDs funding. The existing floodway will remain in place. Bitumen seal has reached the Normanton side of this floodway.



Normanton Burketown Road - New culvert (near Poingdestre Ck) (TIDS).



Normanton Burketown Road - Widening of Poingdestre Creek.

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MENTANA CREEK

The works will include the installation of four (4) 2700 x 1200 box culverts and the construction of concrete batter protection. TMR has completed Cultural Heritage clearance with Traditional Owners. Work has started with clearing works completed and culvert foundations being prepared. Culverts for this job have been brought to the Clark Creek Pit site. Tight environmental controls are in place for this project.

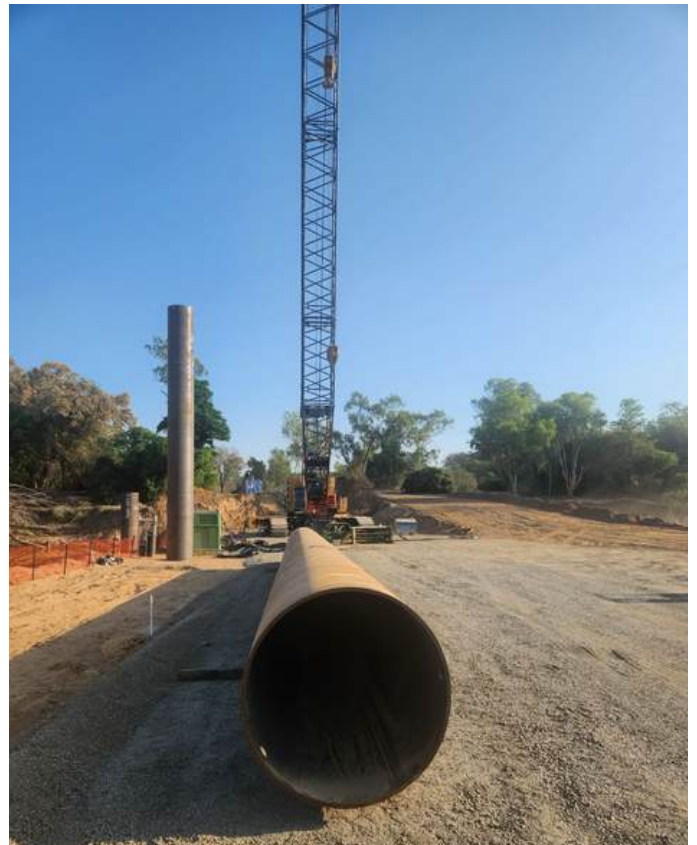


Base slab prep works.



MITCHELL RIVER BRIDGE

The Council is making progress on opening access across the river. A large crane is now in place at the Mitchell River site, and the first pile has been driven. Construction crews are actively working, and the project is well underway.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- Stabiliser crew have started on 89B starting from Smithburne River working north.
- All camps are out and running to capacity and are on target.
- Camp shift from Alexandra to Dunbar. Dunbar crew will assist Koolatah crew on the Koolatah to Dixie Road.

COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

- Childcare Educator
Normanton Child Care Centre
- Records Officer
Full Time
- Customer Service Officer
Part Time

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

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

MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER

The Council's Ordinary Meeting for October 2024 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 16th, starting at 9:00am in the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba.

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, 16th October
Thursday, 17th October



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