

CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May-June Edition

COOKING WITH COUNCIL



Ambassadors All 4 Adventures

Council is teaming up with All 4 Adventure for the Cooking with Council Series. Together with Jason and Simon, Council will be selecting the best local recipes to broadcast live on TV!

Get Involved

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An Update From Council

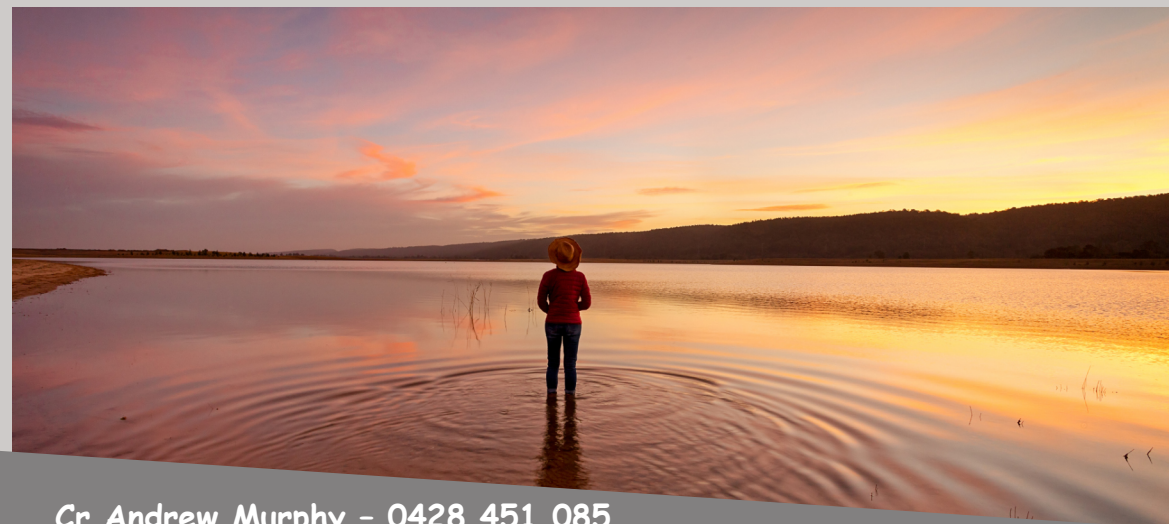
As we welcome the cooler months of the year, we have also seen the permit system stop and more restrictions starting to ease as a result of COVID-19. As more information is being released by the Queensland Government, we are sharing this with our community. We remind people during this time to continue to stay safe.

Council is working with key State and Federal Government agencies on the economic stimulus of the shire's economy post COVID-19. We have seen some wins with some additional funding being released for investment into our works program. Our Tourism manager is also busy finalising the new hatchery and implementing new experiences to maximize our tourism opportunities as restrictions are relaxed.

While borders are still closed, Queensland is open for business, with the State Government investing in several tourism campaigns to promote intrastate travel. We encourage local businesses to jump board and make the most of these campaigns and encouraging travel to intrastate visitors.

Cooking with Council has been a huge hit with Council securing Jason and Simon from All 4 Adventures as ambassadors for the event. We look forward to the many opportunities this will bring with it, including the national TV exposure of our town.

Over the coming months as restrictions continue to ease, we look forward to welcoming more activity and seeing more positive outcomes for the shire.



Get in Touch with your local representatives:

Mayor Jack Bawden - 0427 459 424

Cr Bradley Hawkins - 0418 451 688

Cr Craig Young - 0417 918 760

Cr Andrew Murphy - 0428 451 085

Cr Ashley Gallagher - 0427 453 412

Cr Amanda Scott - 0417 630 333

Cr Peter Wells - 0427 152 136

Additional Works 4 QLD Funding

Council received an additional \$1,590,000 from the Queensland Government COVID Works for Queensland (W4Q) program to deliver valuable projects within the community before 30 June 2021.

This is a great outcome for Council to be able to deliver some key community projects.



QLD Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program



Australian Government

On 22 May 2020 the Australian Government announced a new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program).

This program will support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of this program Council received an additional \$711,924 in funding to contribute to our Roads and Infrastructure Programs.

This additional funding will provide valuable support to our program and keepnig locals actively engaged in employment.



Tourism Makes a Splash

Our Tourism Manager swims with Flossie the Fish to explore new creative experiences that set our shire apart from others.

With a new 12 meter diameter filtered tank on the way for the new hatchery, the guys at the Tourism Center are looking at new and creative ways to really showcase what our town has to offer.

If you think this is a great opportunity for our shire let us know!

Fried and Dyed! Just when you thought you couldn't find another use for this wonderful fish along comes barramundi leather.

The skins are typically collected from wild caught barramundi, dried, treated and then dyed to make a very durable and distinctively marked leather that is then made into wallets, keyrings and of course the ubiquitous stubby holder.

Available for purchase from the Les Wilson Barramundi Centre merchandise shop!



Libraries



The Normanton and Karumba Libraries have received several successful grants recently. In addition to their regular First 5 Forever Reading sessions held weekly and the e-resources they have available to members, this will bring a welcome change to our libraries.

In May, the **Normanton Library** was successful in receiving \$3,000 from the 2019-20 Strategic Priorities Micro Grant for the Children Furniture Project.

A Bit about this Project...

This project focuses on improving the seating and storage in the children's area. This will not only benefit the under 5 children but will also make the area more welcoming for parents and older children who will also be able to enjoy the improved space. With more storage space more activities can happen in the children's area.

The Karumba Library was successful in receiving two grants from from the 19/20 First 5 Forever Innovation Micro Grant;

\$4,290 for the Library inside outside project

\$3,790 for the Blue-Bot digital fun project

Library inside outside brings the library outside for our First 5 Forever reading held weekly at the library. Young children learn through everyday exploration in a safe and stimulating environment. By taking the kids outside this will help improve learning outcomes and will help enhance learning.

slq.qld.gov.au/first5forever

Blue-Bot Digital Fun is a fun way to introduce young children to the digital world. Children from 2.5 years of age will benefit from using the Bee/Blue Bots. They will use them on a regular basis in conjunction with reading activities already being run in the libraries for the First 5 Forever program.

Child Care Learns Sustainability



Council's Daycare have been looking at ways to be sustainable with the children. They started this process by planting some vegetables and herbs. The children have helped with each step of the process.

The first step was to prepare the garden bed by digging out the weeds with rakes. They spoke about how the plants need clean dirt to grow in. Some of the boys made up a song to go along with gardening called "If you're happy and you know it Dig! Dig! Dig!"

Once the garden bed was ready the children helped plant the vegetables and herbs in the ground. Some of the children noticed things hanging from the bottom of the plant and asked what it was for. We talked about how they are roots and the plants need them to grow. They were very careful from then on to not hurt the roots so they can grow nice and big.

We have read books about gardening which taught us that for plants to grow, they need sunlight and water. The children continue to help the plants by watering them each day and checking that no new weeds have grown. This is a great way for the children to learn to respect their environment and learn about life skills and life cycles.



Staff Profile

"Council appreciates the work all of our employees do, whether it's working hard to keep facilities clean, work camps and roadworks or typing up reports, everything is valued and appreciated"

Mayor Jack Bawden

What do you find most enjoyable about your job? Seeing the Grey Nomads return every year. Being able to do my work on my own every day!

What parts of your job do you find most challenging? Cleaning the toilet bowls.

Describe one of your typical works days? Cleaning, Cleaning, Cleaning and making sure everything is alright.

If you could pick any career what would it be? What I am doing, I like my job. I get to talk to everyone and interact with lots of people.

If you could have lunch delivered every day what would it be?
Mexican

What is your favourite thing to do in town? I am a home body, I like mucking around and spending time at home.

Favourite month of year in Carpentaria? August! Its my birthday and I usually take a break from work.

If you could work anywhere, where would it be?
Here in Karumba!

"Rosalie does a great job cleaning the toilets and facilities, they are always very clean and tidy"

Customer Feedback



WHS Training

Key Leaders from our outdoor team took place in Workplace Health and Safety Development Training to advance their knowledge and skills. This was the first virtual training session conducted since the outbreak of COVID-19. Our HR manager is busy getting training plans back in place as restrictions continue to ease.



Rosalie
Works Depo Karumba

Movie Night

Friday 19th June
@ 6.30pm

Bring your camp chairs, blankets and a jumper and join us at the John Henry Oval for a movie and a sausage sizzle!

Please remember that social distancing measures will be in place, so make sure you and your family are spaced 1.5 meters from others!



TENDER Dry Hire of 28 Tonne Refuse Compactor

Carpentaria Shire Council invites interested parties to submit suitably endorsed tenders for the dry hire of a 28 tonne refuse compactor for a 3 year term.

Request for Tender documents are available via the Vendor Panel Public Tenders.

Tenders must be received no later than 10:00am, Tuesday 16th June 2020.

Tender documents outlining required specifications and response forms are available for download via Vendor Panel Public Tenders or by following the links on Council's website under the Tenders & Procurement tab.

Specific queries in respect to this Tender can be asked through the Vendor Panel platform.



Pensioner Application for Council Remission and State Government Subsidy on Rates

(PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF THIS CONCESSION AND YOU ARE STILL THE HOLDER OF A CARD YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RE-SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORM).



To be eligible for the **State Government Rate Subsidy** you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be the holder of a Queensland "Pensioner Concession Card" issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), or a Queensland "Repatriation Health Card-For All Conditions" issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and
- Be the sole or joint owner or life tenant of the property which is your principal place of residence; and
- Have sole or joint legal responsibility for the payment of rates and charges as defined in the guidelines*.

(*Administrative Guidelines for the Queensland Government's Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme)

To be eligible for the **Council Rate Subsidy** you must:

- Be the holder of a Commonwealth Aged Pension or DVA equivalent card;
- Have lived in the Shire for at least 10 years; and
- Any arrears of rates and charges associated must be paid in full.

Applications should be lodged with Council by the **29 July 2020**.

For all inquiries regarding the subsidies, please contact Council on 4745 2200.

Local Spend Report

Month	Total Local Spend	Local Spend %
May 2020	\$2,544,195.77	40%

This includes payment to 41 local businesses

Yearly Comparison

Month	Total Local Spend	Local Spend %
May 2020	\$2,544,195.77	40%
May 2019	\$1,651,938.60	43%

Council contributed \$892,257.17 more to local business in May 2020 than it did in May 2019.

Council's Capital Expenditure July 19 - May 20

Items	Expenditure 1 July 2019 - May 2020	% Funded Through Grants	% Funded Through Council
Buildings	\$64,986	100%	0%
Plant & Equipment	\$1,611,237	1%	99%
Road & Bridges	\$4,125,387	87%	13%
Water	\$1,689,513	2%	98%
Sewerage	\$4,607	0%	100%
Other Structures	\$1,461,399	69%	31%
Housing	\$447,644	62%	38%

Meeting Dates for July 2020

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 15th and 16th of July 2020 commencing at 9am, at the Normanton Shire Council Building.

Due to current events this meeting will remain closed to the general public as maximum attendance numbers are currently in place in line with COVID-19 restrictions. All minutes will be made available online post the meeting.

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

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

