

February/March 2021

Carpentaria Shire Council Newsletter



CARPENTARIA SHIRE  
*Outback by the Sea®*

# experience outback by the sea

## TROPICAL CYCLONE IMOGEN

**“The cyclone ends, the sun returns, the lofty coconut trees lift up their plumes again, man does likewise. The great anguish is over, joy has returned, the sea smiles like a child.”**

~ Paul Gauguin

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**GULF UNITED JNR RUGBY  
NORMANTON & KARUMBA ATHLETICS CLUB  
NORMANTON SWIMMING CLUB**

## Upcoming Events

**Clean up Australia Day  
Pool kids activities & movie night  
Flipside Circus workshop**

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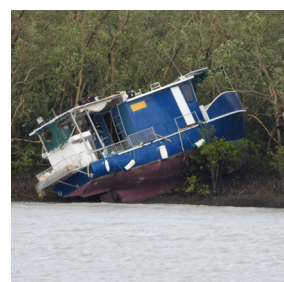
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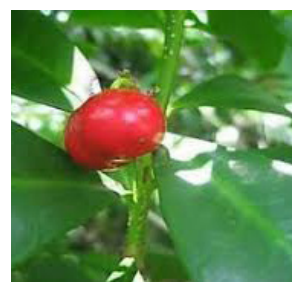
WHO AM I



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



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THE MULCH

# Acknowledgement of country

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



## Capturing Pictorial & Oral History of Flood Events



Council would love to hear from members of the public who wish to share their experiences with the Moonsoon event through photos, video and stories, including the 1974 floods and/or other events through the years.

These images will form part of a display to highlight the impact of flooding of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Members of the public will be asked to provide details like, name, address, where the image was captured and identifiable landmarks, some of your feelings and stories behind the photo or video and of course providing permission for Council to use your image.

“Members of the public will be interviewed and their stories will be kept for others to appreciate the impacts of flood events on peoples lives in the Gulf of Carpentaria” Mayor Jack Baldwin.

**This project has been jointly funded by the Australian & Queensland Government through the FNQ & NQ Moonsoon Trough Category C Flexible Funding Grants Program.**

## FROM THE CEO MARK CRAWLEY

Welcome to the second Newsletter for 2021 and with a busy start to the year weatherwise we continue to monitor the Bureau’s Weather advice for more potential storms. Imogen was quite destructive as a category One Cyclone and caused some structural damage where a lot of trees were brought down. It is a friendly reminder that we must continue to ensure loose items are well secured and are not able to be blown around. These loose items can cause further damage if not stored correctly. I noticed driving around following the cyclone a few items, like a trampoline, were now located in the middle of the road.

Carpentaria Shire has a lot of information available for residents to assist with preparing for cyclones and other Natural Disasters. If you have trouble locating these on our website please contact the office and we will endeavour to get the information to you. What is your “What If” Plan?

Council wishes to apologise for the previous two editions of the Newsletter which were distributed late with some of the information in the newsletter being older news as some events had passed by the time they were released. Sorry about that, we aim to do better. We do hope that you enjoyed the new layout with the last newsletter being a bit bigger in size, (allows for a bit bigger print). We are now aiming for a Quarterly Newsletter with four separate issues following this one, the first being at the end of March – April edition, second at the end of June – July edition, third at the end of September – October edition and the final at the end of December – January (the New Year) edition.

The Executive Leadership Team at Council will be undertaking a Service Review over the coming six months to get a better understanding of the

services provided to the community and the costs associated with the delivery of these services. Some of the services we undertake are purely undertaken through necessity because of legislation and licensing from other levels of Government, through this process we will be able to get a clear picture of where money is spent and how much compliance actually costs the Council. We have the traditional local government services like roads, rubbish, water, sewerage and Parks and Gardens as well as some of the services that are community driven, like the provision of child care or provision of housing for our seniors in the community.

Council continues with the delivery of the program to restore our road network damaged by cyclone and monsoon rains from 2017-2020. 2017, 2018 and some of the 2019 has been completed and contracts for the 2021 construction season will be assessed and presented to Council for the February Meeting.

I trust that everyone has had a good break following what was a very different year in 2020 and I am looking forward to a busy and productive 2021.

Until next time, cheers.



# MAYORS MESSAGE

JACK BAWDEN

February already. The year has well and truly fired up and normal business (or as normal as Covid will allow) is starting to tick over.

With Australia Day behind us and the schools back into it, it's hard to imagine why all the Mums and Dads are so full of joy. Some parents are doing it tough though with the older ones off to boarding school and we sympathize with them and their first timers. A lot of kids will slip into the boarding mode straight away but there will be the ones who don't. Its cold comfort but those of us who have been there, understand and can assure you that it does get easier for both parents and children as time goes on.

As I said Australia Day is now behind us and it was a great day in both Normanton and Karumba. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. Being nominated makes you a winner anyway but unfortunately there can only be one "badge of glory" so to those who got the badge, well done and well deserved.

At the risk of repeating myself (you do that a fair bit as you get more mature) we need to see more nominations for the judges to choose from. Every year we hear the same remarks of "who should have and why didn't" but the fact is the judges choose winners out of a pool put up by the public so if you believe someone or some club is deserved then nominate them so they have a chance.

Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers for your assistance on the day in both towns to make it what it was. Especially the SES breakfast cooks and the Karumba J&R United cooks.

It was good to see the Prime Minister revisit the West again last month, we just have to convince him that the Gulf is where all the action is.

The whole group of our Northwest Qld ROC councils met with him in the Curry and were all pretty happy at how it went. He is in no doubt anymore that we as a region are getting short changed by the Banking industry and Insurance companies.

Where it goes from here is now up the PM and his troops but they did listen and took notes on the fact that housing shortfalls, employment opportunities and a host of other issues relate directly back to the reluctance of banks to loan.

I will take this opportunity to acknowledge our new Senator for Queensland, Susan McDonald as being the best thing to happen to this region in a long time. As a Councillor I/we have to remain unbiased or "A political" as

they say but as a representative for us "scrubbers" she is doing a great job promoting, advocating and generally mixing it with the best of them. Susan was in the party that visited Cloncurry and assisted us greatly during the discussions.

I'm not sure when this goes to print but if it is before the week beginning 22nd February I would like to ask Karumba to have all your issues around the internet and mobile phone, ready for a Telstra representative who is coming up to look at our problems in the town.

We had a good meeting with them today (11/02/2021) and hopefully will move forward from now on. We also need to get an idea of who is using Skymuster (NBN) and how effective they think it is so please contact your councillors or the front desk so we can build a report for them.

Another day to keep in mind is March 12th which has been earmarked by the department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide a grant application/writing workshop in Normanton from 5.30-8.30pm. This is so businesses in both towns get a chance to participate so keep your eye open for the notices.

This comes off the back of the 2019 flood and the stink we kicked up so it would be good to see a good roll up and is actually in your own interest to do so. Those who know Bruce Scott and Tahna Jackson (and of course boss man Shane Stone) will agree that they are doing their utmost in looking after us so we need to show that their efforts aren't wasted and show support with our presence. They have a huge area to cover and the opportunity should be taken when presented.

Seeing as it's me that's dragging the chain I will leave it there so the staff can get this to the printers and hopefully the above dates will be still valid when this appears in your PO box.

Stay safe

Jack Bawden



## Council Meetings



- **March 17th**
- **April 21st**
- **May 19th**

**Please check the schedule  
closer to the date to  
confirm details**

**Council meetings commence  
at 9am and are open to  
the public  
(with exception of confidential matters)**

**Minutes of meetings  
can be viewed on the  
Council website**

**<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/council-meetings/council-minutes>**

## Sports & Recreation Fairplay Vouchers

- Round 4 opened on 20 January 2021
- 17 March 2021: Round 4 applications close (or earlier if fully allocated)
- 12 May 2021: Vouchers expire and must have been presented to an activity provider
- 26 May 2021: Vouchers must be redeemed by activity providers

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply>

### Clubs involved in the scheme:

- Gulf United Junior Rugby League Club Inc
- Normanton Athletics Club Inc
- Normanton Swimming Club Inc



### Normanton Sprint Horse Racing

will be holding their Annual Event on 11 September 2021

# Community

## Normanton & Karumba Athletics Club



The NKA Club will be holding a **free Level 1 coaches' course** on Saturday the 6th March for anyone interested. Please contact the club if you wish to participate.

Sunday 7th of March will be the **sign on day** (along with the Jnr football). For those keen to have a go please come down as well as join in the colour run. Times to be advised.

Training will commence in March and continue to be held on Wednesdays for the whole club, with specialised event training for any interested on a Monday alternating between Normanton and Karumba.

The first carnival will be held in Cairns in May.

Athletics Club meets every Wednesday in Normanton John Henry Memorial Oval at 4.30pm.



### Normanton Swimming Club attend Richmond 8

**RICHMOND** - Jiden Daniels - 25m fly 3rd, Jase Daniels - 50 back 4th, Payton Hill - 50m back 3rd, Montana Hookey - 50m fly 3rd, Aimee Scholes - 50m breast & Free 1st in both,

**MALANDA** Warwick Crossland - 50m free, back & fly 1st

# sports

## Normanton Swimming Club

Learn to swim mini - 4pm

Mums & Bubs, Learn to swim Mod & Adv - 4.30pm

Junior & Mod Squad - 5pm

Senior Squad - 5.15pm

Training will resume on the 2nd of February 2021.

We had a group of swimmers attend the Richmond Swimming Carnival towards the end of last year with great success. There was plenty of medals brought home and plenty of new personal records set by our swimmers.

We aim to hold our own carnival sometime in March.

New members are welcome.



### Malanda competitions

Jenna Gallagher - 50m free 2nd,  
Annalee Quirk - 50m breast 4th,  
Thomas Scholes - 25m fly & free 2nd

## Gulf United Jnr Rugby League

GUJRL will be holding a sign on day on Sunday 7th of March (along with athletics club).

Training will commence for the entire club at the start of term 2.

For those children that are 11 or 12 yrs old this year, will start training in March, in preparation for the carnival being held during the Easter school holidays.

Days and times yet to be confirmed



**Normanton Bowls Club** - looking for volunteers. Open Friday nights 6pm and Sunday afternoons 2pm onwards.

# Macadamia & Cranberry Slice

MAKES 20 PREP 15MINS  
COOK 25MINS



## INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups SR Flour sifted
- 1 cup dried canberries
- 3/4 cup macadamia nuts chopped
- 185g melted butter
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 1 tspn Vanilla Essence
- icing sugar to dust

## METHOD

1. Preheat oven to moderate, 180c.
2. Lightly grease and line a 20cm x 30cm slice pan with baking paper
3. In a large bowl, combine flour, cranberries & macadamia nuts.
4. Stir in butter, sugar, egg and vanilla.
5. Spoon into a pan and smooth surface
6. Bake 20-25 minutes, until cooked when tested.
7. Cool in pan. Dust with icing sugar and cut into squares.
8. Keep sealed in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.



# THE MULCH

## Dog's Balls Shrub

This low lying shrub with broad velvety leaves can be found across the northern parts of Australia.

This plant has been used for medicinal purpose by Indigenous people for thousands of years to treat dysentery and diarrhoea and also goes by the name 'dysentery bush'.

It was later discovered by Europeans near the Endeavour River Queensland and given the common name 'Dog's

Balls Shrub' by Sir Joseph Banks for its appearance.

The fruit generally has two seeds that are fused together side by side, covered in soft hairs, that hang down on a short stalk.

After 250 years the plant has been given a new scientific name - **Grewia savan-nicola**, which means 'savanna-dwelling'.



👉 Dog's Balls Fruit



👉 Dog's Balls Shrub

## How time swims by, the life mission is ready to begin

These littlies arrived into the nursery on 3 December and life took off with thousands of little bubbles and eating through millions of rotifers several times a day. It's been an intense time for the hatchery staff growing zooplankton, grading and moving the fingerlings around the tanks to ensure that the centre has the best results of survival.

It only seems like yesterday that the word in the hatchery was the "Love Tank" now the Barra Centre are very excited as preparation was made to farewell the first successful spawn in the new hatchery. Handover to the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association (GBRA) saw these little guys start their life mission into waterways within the Gulf region.

With delight the hatchery handed over 96,000 fingerlings on 14 January to the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association. These little guys were released into the Norman River to continue their journey in the Southern Gulf Barramundi cycle of life.

- 1 for every fingerling bred, over 1mil rotifers are bred
- 2 fingerlings are graded every 2-3 days to avoid cannibalism
- 3 fingerlings are distributed to restocking associations at 25-28mm



ADOPT-A-FINGERLING - [www.barracentre.com.au](http://www.barracentre.com.au)



## Catch of the Day

Barra Season is open with an awesome catch of a 72cm fish in the Norman River by Craig

Lure: Craigo's Critter deep diver

Fishing is such a big part of our lives here in the Gulf. Share your catch by sending in your favourite fishing pics.

email:

newsletter@

carpentaria.qld.gov.au

## REPTILES OF THE GULF

### Gilbert's Dragon

These lizards are colloquially known as "Ta Ta" lizards, due to their habit of "waving" after running across hot surfaces.

They are more than meets the eye. Did you know:

- males stake their claim on 'daily activity areas' where they forage for food
- males guard their territory against other males, but not females
- both males & females shift their daily activity area on sequential days
- they use sight & auditory cues to locate prey
- prey is caught every 92 minutes or 6-7 times per day
- they adopt three different stationary postures: defensive, vigilant and aggressive
- Males have a courting posture that involves head bobbing, body pressing and tail twitching
- they are good swimmers and will dive into the bottom of water to avoid capture



### WHO AM I?

I am not very common in the southern parts of Australia, however, I am found congregating in marshlands during the dry season.

Sometimes it's difficult to tell me apart from another species that quite often frequents the same areas.

I partner for life with a life expectancy of up to approximately 40 years.

We breed between December and January, with females laying two spotted blotched white eggs.

Our eggs are laid in large heaps of grass & sticks, usually in shallow water but occasionally well away from water.

We both incubate the eggs between 28-32 days. Our chicks will fledge at 90 - 100 days.

The chicks reach maturity at 2 - 3 years, then they will start to seek out mates at 3 - 4 years of age.

We are famous for our majestic courting dance.

Our wingspan extends to 2.3 metres, we stand up to 1.3 metres high, we are omnivores, we eat a variety of wetland plants, insects and amphibians and are even known to eat mice, have a heavy beak like a crowbar to wedge the ground open to turn it over in search for food.

Did you know I have a gland in the corner of my eye that helps pass the excess salt. I am famous, there is a big statue of me in Townsville, I was also featured on the Queensland Coat of Arms in 1977 and am the only one within my species to be native to Australia. Who am I?

# Flipside Circus is coming to town

Ever dreamed of joining the circus? This is your opportunity to learn circus skills the Flipside Circus. Workshops will be held for children between the ages of 4 to 16 yrs of age at Karumba (1 day) and Normanton (5 days). Flipside will be in Normanton the first week of Term 2. Further details will be provided shortly.



## QIDA Addition Funding



Queensland Government

Additional funding has been made available through the Drought and Flood Agency for the 2019 Monsoon Trough and administered through QRIDA.

Eligibility criteria is now online, follow these links;

<https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/north-queensland-resilient-kids-grants>

<https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/north-queensland-telecommunications-energy-improvement-grants>

<https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/north-queensland-economic-diversification-grants>

## Be disaster prepared

Council is working hard to ensure the region is ready for disaster and it is important that you are prepared as well. Residents and visitors have been issued magnets with relevant information to assist during a disaster. Further helpful information can be found online via the Carpentaria Disaster Dashboard.

**IF A DISASTER SHOULD HAPPEN... KNOW WHAT TO DO.**

**CARPENTARIA DISASTER DASHBOARD:**  
<http://disaster.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/>

**DURING AN EMERGENCY, TUNE IN TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS:**  
ABC North West QLD - Normanton **105.7FM**  
ABC North West QLD - Karumba **106.1FM**  
KIK FM Normanton **88.0FM**  
4KZ Karumba only **1611AM**

**INFORMATION ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY:**  
<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community/disaster-emergency>

**CONTACT THE LOCAL DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE**  
(only during an emergency) Carpentaria Shire Council - 07 4745 2200

Emergency News	Weather Warnings	Road Conditions	Power Outages
Emergency Contacts	River Heights	BOM Radar	Current Fire Bans

SES 132 500

LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES 000

COUNCIL 4745 2200

<http://disaster.carpentaria.gov.au>





# Gym Membership

Memberships are now available for 16 & 17 year olds. Membership applications can be obtained from Councils' front counters in Karumba & Normanton or downloadable from the council website. Prior to gym use, an appointment will need to be made to complete an onsite induction with a Council member.

## Requirements for underage membership applications

- complete the current gym membership application
- membership fees are applicable
- be supervised by a parent or adult over 25yrs old that holds a current membership

For further enquiries contact the Manager of Community Services via email:  
[cherie.crossland@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:cherie.crossland@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)



Does your small business need support?

## Small Business Disaster Grant

Small business disaster recovery grants of up to \$10,000 are still available to small businesses across North and Far North Queensland affected by the 2019 monsoon trough.

For more information about the grants, which are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, visit [www.business.qld.gov.au/recoverygrants](http://www.business.qld.gov.au/recoverygrants) or contact the Small Business Recovery Centre on 0459 873 781 or at [sbrc@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:sbrc@desbt.qld.gov.au)



### Grants Links

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants>  
<https://www.rda-ddsw.org.au/funding/>

## ROAD CLOSURES

The monsoon season sees a variety of weather events occur within the Gulf Country.

Council works hard to ensure that update to information is readily available to you regarding road closures with this information readily available on our website.



Website: <https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au>

Navigate to the Disaster dashboard which details all that you need to know regarding Emergencies, Weather Warnings, Road Closures and Power outages within the shire.



## Doing business with Council

Check out opportunities on our website:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/tenders-expressions-of-interest>

# EVENTS

## KARUMBA

4 March - Clean up Australia Day

March\* - Kids Activities & Pool Movie Night

April\* - Flipside Circus Tour

24 May - Shitbox Car Rally

8 June - Shitbox Car Rally

26 June to 2 July - Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride

3 July - Karumba State School Fete

25 Sept to 4 Oct - Outback by the Sea Festival

## NORMANTON

5 March - Clean up Australia Day

March\* - Pool Movie Night

April\* - Flipside Circus Tour

10 to 13 June - Normanton Rodeo & Campdraft

20 August - Normanton State School Fete

11 October - Shitbox Car Rally

## MARKETS

**Karumba Point Markets**  
Easter weekend\*

**Normanton Hope Family Markets**  
1st Saturday every month 8am to 12pm  
\*dates to be confirmed



**4 March - Karumba State School**

Registration 1.15pm Clean up 1.30pm

**5 March - Gulf Christian & Normanton State**

Registration 1.15pm Clean up 1.30pm

**2.30pm Free Sausage Sizzle & Swim at both Council Pools after clean up**

# Echo Creek Adventure Camp



A group of young Carpentarians were selected by the Bynoe FaCe team to attend the Echo Creek Adventure Camp where life skills & team-work were part of the daily activities in early December.

Archery, raft building, hiking, swimming, snorkelling, Laser tag, talent show and Volleyball are just some of the wonderful activities undertaken. An awesome week had by all.



## FINGERLING RELEASE



**KARUMBA RELEASE** - what an awesome spawn this year! The Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association was delighted to receive the call that we had fingerlings galore to supply to them. The members arrived with their IBC container to collect 96,000 fish and headed out to Karumba Point to release the first batch into the mouth of the Norman River. GBRA gained police approval to travel through the floodwaters distributing fingerlings in tributaries running into the Norman River between Karumba and Normanton.

# FAMILY FUN DAY



The **Emergency & Community Family Fun Day** was held in both Normanton & Karumba. The event was co-ordinated by Council's Community Development Officer, Sharni. The festivities were attended by family & friends who thoroughly enjoyed the complimentary BBQ, freebies, facepainting, jumping castle and learning from the Get Ready Qld team, SES, Ergon Energy, Emergency Services members. Congratulations to the lucky door winners Krystine Gofton - Karumba & Kelly Harris - Normanton. Thank you to all those volunteers, businesses & organisations who donated their time in making this event successful.



**CROYDON RELEASE** - Croydon Fish Stocking Association took supply of 23,600 fingerlings. The release of the fingerlings into the Belmore Dam was celebrated by the entire community who were invited to participate in the release. This event was enjoyed by all of those who were involved & finished a hot day swimming with the barra and a bbq.

You can obtain a permit to fish in Lake Belmore at:  
[www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au)



Come along and join the **free sessions** in the State Library of Queensland's **First 5 Forever Program** designed for children between the ages 0-5 years.

These sessions are held once a week at the **Normanton and Karumba Library** where you can get ideas to try at home, meet other parents and carers, access fun activities for your child, borrow books to share with your children when you get home. Lots of fun to be had with the dedicated library staff.

**Karumba** - every Monday 9.30 - 11.30am

**Normanton** - every Friday 10.30 -11.30am

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/first5forever>



## Normanton & Karumba

### Pool hours

1pm - 6pm daily



# “WETLANDS & WATER” World Wetlands Day



Celebrating 50 years since the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)

**What is the Ramsar Convention?** The Ramsar Convention aims to halt the global loss of wetlands and to conserve those that remain through wise use and management.

Australia listed its first wetland in 1974 under the important significance of the Ramsar Convention. Today, between all states and territories, there are 66 wetlands sites that are protected, with the first wetland site listed being in Cobourg Peninsula, Northern Territory.

The theme for 2021 is “Wetlands and Water” to highlight the role wetlands play in:

• clean water • water supply • ecosystem resilience • sustainable livelihoods and jobs • biodiversity conservation • storm protection • carbon storage • climate change adaptation • health and wellbeing • tourism and recreation

Even though Muttonhole Wetlands might not be listed as a Ramsar site, it definitely plays an important role in its own unique way. Mutton Hole Wetlands Regional Park is part of the largest continuous estuarine wetland aggregation of its type in northern Queensland and lies within the Southern Gulf Aggregation which is listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia (DIWA). It is included in and surrounded by the Gulf Plains Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) due to its significance as a bird habitat. Eleven species of internationally conservation significant bird species have been recorded in the area.





# Australia Day 2021

It's with great pleasure Council announced the recipients at the ceremony held in Normanton on 26 January. Congratulations to those who were nominated and for those who were recognised for their invaluable contribution within our community.

## 2021 Recipients

- The Mayor's Award** - Mel Gallagher
- Volunteer of the Year** - Jake Daniels
- Committee of the Year** - Gulf United Rugby League
- Event of the Year** - Karumba & Normanton Athletics Tri-Series
- Arts/Cultural Award** - Sylvia Hammann
- Junior Sportsperson** - Xavier Lord
- Senior Sportsperson** - Clay George
- Sports Administrator of the Year** - Amanda Scott
- Young Citizen of the Year** - Justin Blackburn



**Citizen of the Year - Terry Nimble**

## Business Papers

Business papers are available to download online at:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/council-meetings/council-minutes>

Topics include:

- Mayoral minutes
- Reports from the CEO
- Reports from Director of Corporate & Community Services
- Reports from Director of Engineering
- General Business

## Council Publications

A range of publications are available online at:

<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/council/publications>

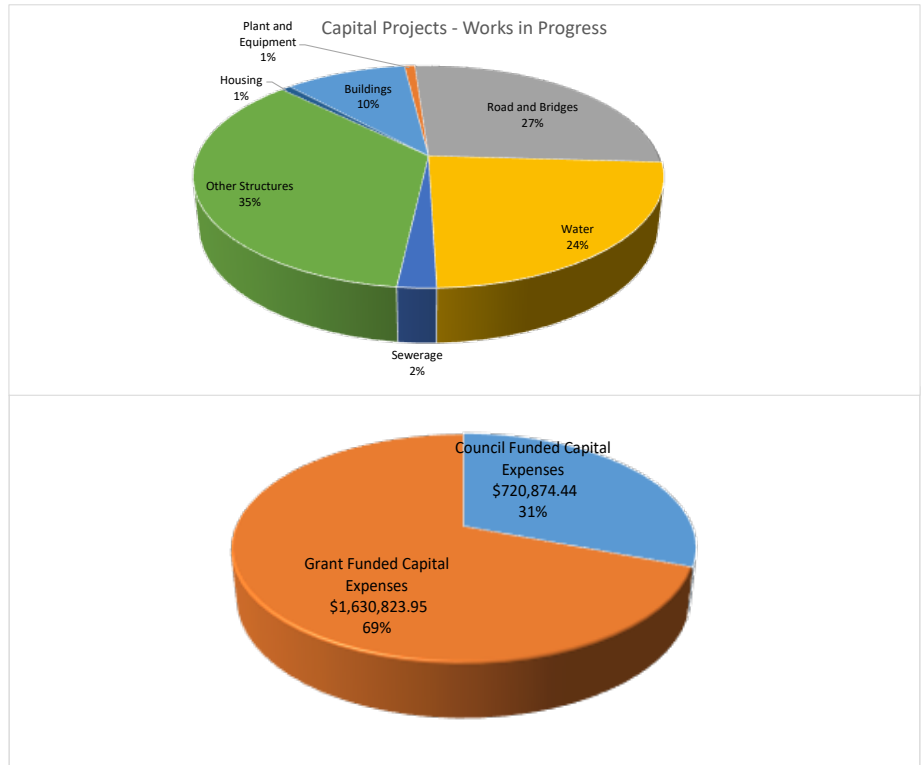
Topics include:

- Budget
- Annual Report
- Annual Operational Plan
- Corporate Plan
- Planning Scheme



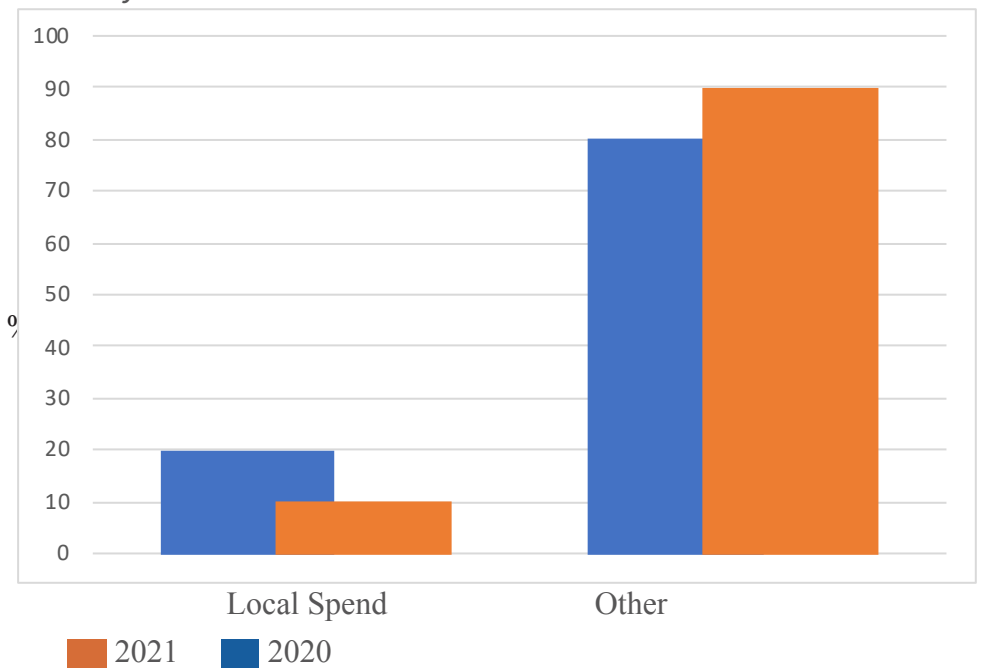
# Capital Expenditure Report

1st January to 31st January 2021



## Local Spend Report

January 2021



Local spend this calendar year is \$29,831,740.89 which is 45% of total expenditure



## Karumba planning to celebrate 150 years

Council is seeking expressions of interest from Karumba Community members interested in joining the K150 committee.

The committee will be required to assist with a range of preparations for the celebration including but not limited to:

- Attend meetings
- Make suggestions on events & activities to be run
- Assist with organising & event promotion
- Take on associated tasks

Please email [emmy.gallagher@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:emmy.gallagher@carpentaria.qld.gov.au) if you would like to join the committee.



## SHITBOX CAR RALLY

The awesome Shitbox Car Rally will be traversing through the shire on the following dates:

**Autumn Rally (OUT) – Alice Springs to Gold Coast**  
 Karumba – Monday 24th May

**Autumn Rally (BACK) – Gold Coast to Alice Springs**  
 Karumba – Tuesday 8th June

**Spring Rally – Mackay to Darwin**  
 Normanton – Monday 11th October

The first support car may come through any time from 2 to 3pm (sometimes earlier) but the rally can spread over hundreds of kilometres so the cars will start arriving in groups from about 4 to 5pm...at a guess! Leaving the next day about 8.30 to 9am so there is the opportunity to see all the cars leave together.

So make sure to put the dates in your diary and be sure to check out all the excitement for such a wonderful cause of raising awareness for cancer.



**Bus Fun:**

Shoniquarne Bynoe, Tyquasia Gilbo, Garth Bowtel, Jai & Eugene Logan, Chloe McGilvary, Donald Douglas, Xavier & Andrew Keeman, Laylarni Tucker, Rickeam Bynoe, Tamzin Rapson, Taea & Cale Pascoe-Mcleod, Messiah Crampton, Montana Hookey

# Bynoe School Holiday Program

School Holidays are a very exciting time for the children of the Gulf, especially because the Bynoe FaCe team offer a variety of activities.

As an end of the school holiday program reward the FaCe team embarked on a fishing trip to Karumba and a visit to the Barra Centre.

You can find information about the programs on offer through their Facebook page, so keep an eye out for the upcoming April school holidays.



# Feedback

The Carpentaria Shire Council strives to produce a well-informed Newsletter to keep locals and visitors up to date with Council news, local events and much more.

We hope you enjoyed reading and we encourage you to share your comments, suggestions and feedback with us.

Articles, photos, events and good news stories would be appreciated.

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I am a:  
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## Get to know your neighbour - Q & A



Stephen Gao - Karumba Butcher

**Describe your first car & what you loved about it...** A Honda Civic, I like it because it's an efficient car and the right size for singles too.

**What's the most unusual item in the workplace?....**a bandsaw and it's my first time in my life using one. It makes me feel uncomfortable as a single little mistake means you would regret it.

**What is on your bucket list?...**win a jackpot.

**If you were a pasta shape what would you be and why?....** I think I would be a penne because you are what you eat.

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the Traditional Owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. You can share your story at [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



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