



Newsletter

February 2023

Mayor's Message Advocacy Action

Probably around about now we should stop wishing for more rain and let the country dry out a little and the rivers to drain off. It has been a great season so far but I personally am becoming a bit scared of BOM. I don't think they have got it wrong yet for 2023 and when they say more rain is coming I actually believe them instead of the old standard yeah, yeah whatever.

Just a quick reminder that the barge ramp is open for use by the public while the road to the boat ramp is closed, during the day only. Please keep in mind that the concrete area in the Burns Philp yard is actually a set down area for freight so for your own sake keep the area clear of vehicles and trailers in case a forklift or telehandler has to load the barge or other boats while you are away.

The awaited calendar of events has been completed as promised so I will leave room for it here instead of boring you with my scribbling skills. Thanks Tracey for your efforts.

Keep safe
Jack Bawden



At the February General Meeting the Council adopted an Advocacy Action Plan. Council wanted to let the community know what they can expect from the Council in relation to our advocacy efforts on your behalf and we encourage you to hold us to account.

Mayor Bawden said "while putting together the Advocacy Action Plan we picked up some of the items covered in the Carpentaria Community Plan 2012-2022 that are progressed through the advocacy efforts of the Council, on behalf of the community. Now that 2022 has rolled past we wanted to pick those Focus areas up in this Advocacy Action Plan to ensure they were not lost, and Council will continue to advocate on behalf of the Communities."

"Your Council is committed to providing a good quality lifestyle in the Gulf and we often need the other levels of Government to provide the additional services that also contribute to that quality lifestyle. Councils with their very limited rate base are not able to be all things to all people and while we often become the providers of last resort we cannot control those important things like health, education, and aged care," he said.

The Advocacy Action Plan sets out what the Council will do in relation to those matters which the Council has no jurisdiction. Those things like education, health, aged care, which are the responsibility of the other levels of Government, but those things that also matter most to members of the community and ultimately ensure we have a good quality of life and access to services that people in larger populated centres take for granted.

View the plan on our website
<https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/advocacy>

No Excuse for Abuse.

At the February Meeting held in Normanton on Wednesday 15th February, Council was presented with a new Policy for consideration and adoption in relation to abuse against staff members from members of the community.

In recent months the level of abuse and disrespect shown towards our staff had increased to a level that the development of this policy was considered necessary.

Council endorsed the policy, and we will start to inform the community of its intent and the provisions contained in the policy.

Carpentaria Shire Council staff are brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, mums, and dads, some are even grandparents; they are members of the community, they often help with sporting and community groups, volunteer and are part of the community they live in. Our staff don't deserve to be treated with aggression, abuse, and disrespect.

This policy is being developed to protect our staff and create a more respectful relationship between members of the public and the Carpentaria Shire Council employees.

Our staff will continue to provide service to the community that they serve in a respectful manner and record as much detail as possible of instances of abuse.

Community members can assist by treating staff with respect and refrain from any type of abusive behaviour.

There is no excuse for abuse.



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Community Plan - Report Card

In 2012 the Council adopted a Community Plan outlining the Focus for the Council for the 10 years from 2012 through to 2022. As 2022 has now drawn to a close we have prepared a Report Card outlining the achievements to date and identifying those areas that still require focus and advocacy.

The Report Card provides a red, yellow, green highlight on the community comments and the Focus areas identified from 10 years ago. The Community Plan was required to be adopted by Council under legislation but in 2015 the requirement to have a 10-year plan was removed from the legislation.

Council has adopted the Report Card to provide feedback to the community members who contributed to its development and to ensure the community that plans such as this do not just become dust collectors and are utilised to plan and provide for the community.

Mayor Jack Bawden said “the Focus areas that still require implementation and advocacy efforts from the Council will be picked up in the Tourism Strategy, Economic Development Strategy and a new Advocacy Action Plan.”

“There are many great initiatives that still remain a Focus for Council and these continue to be worked on and will not be lost now that 2022 has passed”, he said.

We want to thank the many community members who contributed to the development of the Community Plan in 2011 and 2012 and especially thank the children who contributed the drawings of what they wanted their Shire to look like.

We commend the Carpentaria Community Plan 2012-2022 – Report Card to you and copies are available on the Council website at the following link <https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/advocacy>

RRUP Funding

Council has received \$4,206,681 funding to conduct road improvements on the Iffley Road with gravel sheeting for almost 40kms and widening from 6m to 8m for just over 30km on Koolatah to Dixie Road for \$2,477,642.

Welcome Booklet

For new and aspiring residents to the area and available on the Website, is useful information for potential candidates looking to move to Carpentaria. Found under the Community Tab on our Website.

Planning Scheme

Council adopted the Draft Planning Scheme for the purpose of the formal State Interest Check required under legislation. Following the State Interest Check, the plan will be returned to Council to make changes to address conditions in the State Planners Notice. Following this step, the Proposed Planning Scheme will be available for public consultation. More information will be provided when returned to Council.



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Normanton (07) 4747 8444

Karumba (07) 4745 2211

After Hours Emergencies

Telephone: (07) 4745 2200

Up & Coming

We continue to conduct inspections in relation to Animal Management, Dog Registrations and mosquito breeding areas. Contact us for further information.

Website Updates

If you notice a section which needs updating on our website or *Discover Carpentaria*, please Contact Us! by emailing council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au.

Wet Season

Resupply continues for our community. For more information or to seek support, please contact council.

Remember, If it's flooded - FORGET IT.



Feedback

We want to hear from you! Is there something you would like to see in next Month's newsletter? Information you would like on our website? Contact Council today!

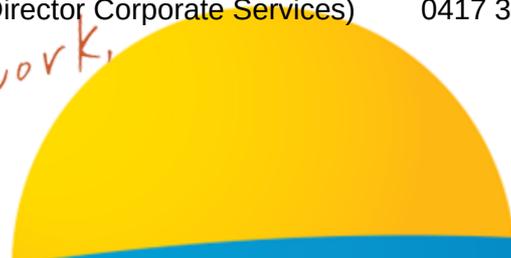
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*It's a great place to work,
live and play*



2023 Events Calendar

JANUARY

18/19 - Ordinary Council Meeting
26 - Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14/15 - Ordinary Council Meeting

MARCH

03 - Clean Up Australia Day
15/16 - Ordinary Council Meeting

APRIL

08/09 - Normanton Barra Competition
19/20 - Ordinary Council Meeting
25 - ANZAC Day

MAY

17/18 - Ordinary Council Meeting

JUNE

08 to 11 - Normanton Rodeo & Campdraft
09 - Normanton Show Holiday
09/10 - Normanton Show
21/22 - Ordinary Council Meeting
25 to 30 - K150 Celebrations
29 - C2K Bike Ride arrives in Normanton
30 - C2K Bike Ride arrives in Karumba

JULY

01 - K150 Celebrations
02 to 09 - NAIDOC Week
15/16 - Outback Masters Golf
19/20 - Ordinary Council Meeting
22 - Bring in Spring Festival

AUGUST

05 - Carpentaria Shire Gala Ball
16/17 - Ordinary Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER

20/21 - Ordinary Council Meeting
25 to 29 - Outback by the Sea Festival
TBA - Normanton Sprint Races

OCTOBER

01 to 03 - Karumba Fishing Classic
18/19 - Ordinary Council Meeting
27 - Day for Daniel Walk

NOVEMBER

11 - Remembrance Day
15/16 - Ordinary Council Meeting
TBA - Normanton Senior's
Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER

13/14 - Ordinary Council Meeting
TBA - Christmas Lights Competition
TBA - Youth Christmas Party

