CARPENTARIA SHIRE
Outback by the Sea ®

FACT SHEET

Mosquitoes

Mosquito Management During the Wet!

Mosquito numbers are likely to increase due to the rainfall that is experienced and over the 'Wet Season' months. Remember, even small amounts of water can breed large numbers of mosquitoes under the right conditions.

Protect Yourself

- Use repellent containing DEET if you are outside;
- Wear long sleeve shirts and trousers, light colours are best;
- Check around the home for any containers holding water and empty;
- Check items such as BBQ covers which maybe holding water;
- Spray screens with residual products;
- Increase light and air movement around dark and damp areas;
- Outdoor areas can be treated with products containing BiFenthrin for control over longer periods; and
- Limit time outside around dawn and dusk.

What you can do:

- Throwing out containers in the yard that hold water (eg. tyres, tins, jars, etc);
- Changing water in bird baths and pet bowls frequently;
- Cleaning roof gutters on a regular basis;
- Emptying pot plant saucers every week or filling them with sand;
- Keeping swimming pools clean and chlorinated;
- Keeping ornamental ponds and fountains stocked with fish; and
- Creating a frog-friendly garden.

Rainwater Tanks

- Rainwater tanks can provide ideal conditions for mosquitoes and midges to breed.
- A hole the size of a matchstick end is enough to allow mosquitoes into the tank and for thousands of larvae to develop.
- Tanks must be checked on a regular basis.
- Checks should include the screens on every opening, such as the overflow.

What we're doing:

- Mosquito fogging is arranged with our Contractor and completed when conditions permit.
- Conducting inspections in the community to ensure breeding sites are addressed

Questions & Concerns

- **If you have any concerns about mosquitoes and their breeding areas, please contact Council.**

- **For more information about Mosquito Borne Disease Prevention please visit the Queensland Government's website.**