Carnarvon Visitor Centre

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- Local Products & Preserves

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Welcome to Our Friendly Town

Carnarvon is your year round holiday destination. Step out of your car, plane or bus and slip into the relaxed atmosphere of our friendly coastal community and enjoy the many wonderful experiences Carnarvon has to offer.

You’ll find our weather as warm and inviting as our community, providing the perfect environment to enjoy our many attractions. You’ll soon see that Carnarvon offers holiday experiences as diverse as the many travellers we welcome here year round.

If fishing is your passion, you’ll love dropping a line off our famous One Mile Jetty, the beaches, the creeks, the rocks or offshore. The One Mile Jetty is also a star attraction for history buffs as the home to our wonderful heritage precinct.

Or discover history of the outer-space kind at Orford, as the many travellers we welcome here year round.

With a Carnarvon holiday you can be as active as you want to be. There’s no end of water sport activities including boating, swimming, surfing, kite boarding, paddle boarding and windsurfing.

The Fascine waterway also provides the idyllic location for a relaxing walk, a scenic bike ride, a canoe paddle or a quiet barbecue.

Mangrove creeks of the Gascoyne river mouth offer canoeists the untouched beauty of a bird haven, fish sanctuary and a myriad of desert-meets-ocean sights, sounds and smells.

When it comes to fresh food, whether from the land or sea, you’ll delight in sampling our delectable, fresh local produce direct from the producers’ doors or in the town’s cafes, hotels and restaurants.

Carnarvon offers an excellent range of accommodation options from backpackers and caravan parks to motel and hotel accommodation and short term house rentals.

You can settle in for the holidays or come and go, using Carnarvon as a base for exploring the wonders of the Gascoyne region.

With the two World Heritage Areas of Shark Bay to the south and the Ningaloo reef which starts just to the north and the outback experiences of the Kennedy Range or Mount Augustus, to the east, Carnarvon is central to it all.

The Carnarvon Visitor Centre is your one stop touring shop, located on Robinson Street in the heart of town. The Visitor Centre provides a professional and comprehensive booking service for accommodation, tours and Integrity Coach Line services. Drop into the Visitor Centre upon your arrival, pick up some holiday information, maps, brochures and more.

Our friendly staff are available to provide you with all the information you require to make your stay in Carnarvon a memorable one. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Karl Brandenberg
President, Shire of Carnarvon.

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Carnarvon is located 904kms north of Perth, sitting approximately 4m above sea level and positioned right on the edge of Western Australia's Coral Coast, in the centre of the Shark Bay and Ningaloo World Heritage areas. Carnarvon is the only town in Australia where the central desert reaches out to the sea. Carnarvon’s population census is approx 9,046 (2,145 rural and 6,901 urban). Carnarvon’s tidal range is approximately 0.1m to +1.8m.

Climate
Carnarvon has an average temperature of 26 degrees and the average yearly rainfall is 229mm. We are often 10 degrees cooler than Exmouth in the summer months and 10 degrees warmer than Perth in the winter months.

How to get here
ROAD ACCESS
Travelling from Perth or the south to Carnarvon along the North West Coastal Highway, 6km before Carnarvon turn left and take the HIMAS Sydney Memorial Drive, an alternative access road into Carnarvon town centre.
If you miss the turn off, don’t despair just turn left at the T junction of Robinson Street and North West Coastal Highway, opposite Caltex and head into town.
Travelling from the north to Carnarvon along the North West Coastal Highway, just continue down Robinson Street.

COACH SERVICE
Integrity Coach Line currently operate several bus services travelling both north and south to and from Carnarvon. For reservations contact the team at the Carnarvon Visitor Centre on (08) 9941 1146 or for after hours reservations contact Integrity on 1800 226 339.

AIRCRAFTS
Skippers Aviation currently operate daily flights from Perth to Carnarvon. For reservations please contact Carnarvon Travel Centre on (08) 9941 1950 or contact Skippers Aviation on 1300 729 924.

Distances from Carnarvon
NORTH
Minilya .......................................149
Coral Bay ....................................228
Exmouth .....................................368
Nanutarra ...................................375
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Years (10 Year Medial Average)
Whether you are heading off on your driving adventure for a week or just a day, preparation and planning is the key to a safe drive experience in WA’s North West. Follow the advice below when planning your next journey:

**Come well prepared**
- Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy.
- Have a current and accurate map for the area you intend to travel handy and know how to read it.
- Pack plenty of water (4-5 litres per person per day)
- Always notify someone of your travel plans and of any changes you make to your itinerary. Mobile phone coverage is limited outside major regional centres.
- Plan your refuelling stops as fuel (especially unleaded and LPG) is not always available in some remote areas

**Road Conditions**
You should check road conditions prior to your journey by phoning Main Roads on 138 138 or contacting the local council office for information on local roads. It is important to check weather reports when travelling to the North West, taking note of cyclone/tropical low warnings during cyclone seasons and bushfires during hot and dry conditions. Caution is required at all floodways and unsealed roads, as road conditions can change rapidly due to local rainfall and run off. If flood waters cover the road then only attempt the crossing if you absolutely must and only after checking if it is safe to do so.

**Sharing the roads with Trucks**
Overtaking road trains and oversized loads can be a risky manoeuvre on narrow country roads and highways, particularly when you are towing a caravan or trailer. Practice these tips to stay safe on our roads;
- Maintain a safe distance behind the road train, ensuring the driver is aware of your presence prior to attempting to overtake.
- Only overtake when the road is clear and it is safe to do so
- Allow for slight tail swing from the rear trailer(s) and be prepared for the wind buffer as you pass
- Keep in mind; heavy vehicles require longer braking distances

**Outback Pedestrians**
Straying livestock and wildlife are often found on roads and contribute to a large percentage of vehicle crashes in the Gascoyne area. You should safely reduce your speed if you spot an animal on or near the road as they can be unpredictable. It is recommended to avoid travelling at night; however when travelling into the dark you should reduce your speed and only drive within the range of your headlights.

Road safety is your responsibility. For more information or your free copy of the Outback Road Safety Survival Guide visit your regional Main Roads WA office

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Or visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
The Carnarvon area was first settled in 1876 and the town named after Lord Carnarvon, the then British Secretary of State for the Colonies. Carnarvon’s unique location, warm sunny winter and mild summer makes the town a wonderful place for a truly memorable holiday.

Carnarvon, has grown in stature over the years as a popular base to shop, sample locally grown produce, relax, fish, enjoy local Indigenous culture and explore outlying areas which provide a diverse range of natural attractions.

Carnarvon is a travellers dream with a host of excellent caravan parks, motels, hotels, apartments, backpackers and facilities, an ideal location for resting, relaxing, restocking supplies, fuelling up, banking and utilising essential services including medical and health, airport and general repairs.

Precincts

Town Centre - The town's waterfront is known as the Fascine, home to a variety of boats and water activities and is edged by a pretty palm lined walkway. This is just a short stroll from the main shopping area in the CBD which offers all the essential services.

Heritage Precinct - a walkway from the town centre links the historical precinct which is located at the end of Babbage Island Road, three kilometres from the town centre. The One Mile Jetty, home to the ‘Coffee Pot Train’ acts as the centrepiece of this area, which is steeped in history. The Railway museum, the Shearers Hall of Fame, the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage and many other relics offer an insight into the past.

Plantations - The lifeblood of Carnarvon is its fertile river delta on the Gascoyne River, where a vast array of fruit and vegetables are grown and often made available through road side stalls and farm shops. These plantations mainly run along north and south river roads, about five kilometres from the town centre with a self-drive pathway around the river being a great way to experience the area.

Camping

Camping is only permitted in the Gascoyne region in designated camping areas and registered caravan and camping parks. Inquire at the Visitor Centre for designated camping areas in and around Carnarvon.

Kids and Dogs

Travelling with the entire family? Carnarvon welcomes all family members and there are plenty of activities available for you to do in Carnarvon.

Kids can enjoy the playground and Water Park at Baxter Park, enjoy a swim at the Aquatic Centre (Nov-Apr) and local beaches, practise their skills at our skate park, try their luck fishing at the jetty or enjoy a movie at our Camel Lane Theatre. During the school holidays the PCYC has a range of activities and holiday programs.

Dogs are welcome on most beaches and along the Fascine, with free doggy bags available along the Fascine walkway. Please pick up after your dog(s) and ensure that they are kept on a lead at all times.

There are a few caravan parks in town that are pet friendly and we also have local boarding kennel and grooming services available. Just ask at the Visitor Centre for more information.

TropiCOOL Festival

The Carnarvon TropiCOOL Festival (29th May - 1st June) is a part of the Gascoyne in May Festival. It is held over the long weekend in 2015 and features a range of activities, food, performances, produce and workshops that celebrates the diverse and vibrant culture that represents the regional hub of the Gascoyne, there is something for everyone and most of it is free.

Gascoyne Food Festival

A three day event celebrating the region’s sumptuous produce. Well renowned Perth chefs visit producers and showcase their amazing produce at events in Carnarvon such as the BBQ on the Beach, Long Table Lunch and Gascoyne Growers Markets.
The Gascoyne Dash
This locally run desert endurance motor race draws competitors from around the nation. The two day, 300km race along outback station tracks and down the sandy Gascoyne River bed stops the town in its tracks! If you are nearby in early November, be sure to witness the Gascoyne Dash when motorbikes, quad bikes, custom built 4WDs and buggies challenge themselves as well as each other. Winning is something, finishing is everything!!

Carnarvon Speedway
For the rev head and speed demon, come down and get revved up at the Carnarvon Country Speedway. The season runs each year from February to July.

CarnarFIN
Popular annual fishing competition held in May/June each year.

Carnarvon Races
For horse race enthusiasts or if you just like getting dressed up for a day at the races, then the Carnarvon Race season is just what you are looking for. Races are run from May to September each year. The Carnarvon Cup and Ladies Day are a must and there is a free local bus charter service running from accommodation outlets to take you to and from the races. Check in with the Visitor Centre for race day schedules.
Did you know?

- The Gascoyne River is 764km long.
- Charles Kingsford Smith started the Gascoyne Transport Company.
- Carnarvon’s One Mile Jetty is one of the longest jetties in WA.
- Carnarvon supplies 70% of WA’s winter vegetable requirements.
- Carnarvon’s OTC dish (Earth Tracking Station) was built in conjunction with NASA in 1966 as a satellite communications and tracking station. The station was involved in the Apollo space missions. The dish is 29.6m in diameter and weighs 300 tonnes.
- Jack Buzolic produced the first bunch of Carnarvon Bananas in 1928.

- The town of Carnarvon is situated at the only point of the Australian coastline where the central desert reaches out to the sea.
- Carnarvon is home to Australia’s rarest Thornbill - the slender beak. It can be spotted at Bush Bay.
- Bananas are not actually a tree; they are the world’s biggest perennial herb.
- Carnarvon produces over 30,000 tonnes of fruit and vegetables every year from its 176 plantations.
- Many varieties of stone fruit are grown and produced in Carnarvon for commercial sale.
- NASA Tracking Station 1964-75 was involved with the Gemini, Apollo and Skylab space projects.
- Chinaman’s Pool used to be the main source of fresh water for the town.
- Mt Augustus is twice the size of Uluru but clad in low shrub and is 1,650 to 1,750 million years old.
- Dampier Salt Mine, situated on Lake MacLeod 65kms north of Carnarvon is one of the major industries in the region. Producing both salt and gypsum, this large coastal lake occupies 2,072 square kilometres, is 110kms long and 40km wide and is only separated from the ocean by coastal dunes and outcrops of rock.
- That the “burrowing bee” - “Mungurrgura” is not found anywhere else on the planet - Visit Gwoonwardu Mia to see the story.
### JANUARY 2015
- **26** Australia Day

### FEBRUARY 2015
- **7** Carnarvon Speedway
- **21** Carnarvon Speedway

### MARCH 2015
- **14** Carnarvon Speedway
- **28** Carnarvon Speedway

### APRIL 2015
- **11** Carnarvon Speedway

### MAY 2015
- **2** Carnarvon Speedway-WAMDA Modified series and modified perpetual
- **8-9** Carnarvon Speedway- WASCF Modified State Title
- **26** Ladies Day - Carnarvon Race Club
- **26** Melbourne Comedy Festival - live show
- **29-31** Carnarvon TropCOOL Festival
- **30-31** North West Championships and Sprint car perpetual
- **Saturdays** Gascoyne Growers Markets and Arts & Craft Markets

### JUNE 2015
- **1** Carnarvon TropCOOL Festival
- **13** Carnarvon Speedway
- **TBC** Carnarvon Race Club
- **27** Carnarvon Speedway
- **Saturdays** Gascoyne Growers Markets and Arts & Craft Markets
- **TBC** 360 All Stars- live show

### JULY 2015
- **TBC** Carnarvon Race Club
- **Saturdays** Gascoyne Growers Markets and Arts & Craft Markets

### AUGUST 2015
- **13-15** Gascoyne Food Festival
- **TBC** Carnarvon Race Club
- **Saturdays** Gascoyne Growers Markets and Arts & Craft Markets

### SEPTEMBER 2015
- **TBC** Carnarvon Cup

### OCTOBER 2015
- **TBC** Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash

### NOVEMBER 2015
- **3** Melbourne Cup - The Race that Stops the Nation!
- **TBC** Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash

### DECEMBER 2015
- **TBC** Christmas Markets

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**Contact the Visitor Centre for “What's On” in 2015.**

• Disclaimer – the information provided in the “Whats On” section is correct at the time of printing, however please contact the Carnarvon Visitor Centre on 08 9941 1146 or visit www.carnarvon.org.au to confirm dates and any changes prior to the events.
Carnarvon Heritage Precinct
Immerse yourself in local history at the Heritage Precinct, located on the site of the 1890's Port of Carnarvon, just 3km from the centre of town.

One Mile Jetty
As the pastoral industry developed in Carnarvon in the late 1800s the local population pressured the government of the day to develop a port for the town.
By 1897 the jetty had been built and wool and livestock produced in the region began to be exported to Fremantle and essential goods for the town imported using state shipping.
In 1904 the head of the jetty was added and in 1912 the jetty head was widened because of increasing traffic, including passengers.
Carnarvon was the first port in Western Australia which loaded livestock on board ships for transport to markets.
The One Mile Jetty once boasted an animal race the length of the jetty along which the sheep and cattle were driven from holding yards where the Interpretive Centre is today.
The jetty transport system and diesel loco’s on the tramway ceased in 1966 when state ships stopped calling.
Road train transport commenced and the jetty began to fall into disrepair until 1998 when the community banded together to save what is the longest jetty in the north of the state.
You can walk the jetty, throw in a fishing line or catch the Coffee Pot train.

OMJ Interpretive Centre
Enjoy coffee & cake or lunch at the 1 Mile Station Restaurant situated in the Interpretive Centre at the base of the One Mile Jetty.
The Centre houses a commercial kitchen, café, offices, merchandise area, ablutions and museum galleries.
The famous Australian battle off the Gascoyne Coast in 1941 is remembered and told in the Centre. Also details of the search and discovery of both ships on the ocean floor. View one of the lifeboats in which 46 German survivors came ashore north of Carnarvon.

Shearing Hall of Fame
The Heritage Group in collaboration with The Gascoyne Pastoral and Shearing Museum Inc have opened Western Australia’s first Shearing Hall of Fame.
Read about gun shearers and big sheds. Learn about the golden days of the Gascoyne shearing industry in the 1950s.

Carnarvon Tramway
This 2.5km walk trail connects the town with the heritage precinct. The Tramway Bridge across the south arm of the Gascoyne River was constructed during the 1900s to transport goods between the port of Carnarvon and the town centre.
The first wagons were horse drawn and in 1909 they were replaced by steam locomotives and later by diesels. Signage on the local flora and fauna can be found along the trail.

Precinct Museums
Step back in time to the early 1900s. Take a walk down memory lane through the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage Museum, restored to the times of our pioneers who looked after the Lighthouse. Visit the Railway Museum home of the fully restored Kimberley Steam train that operated from the Jetty to town in the 1950s.

War Memorial
The war memorial now stands where the original water tanks once stood in the centre of town. This memorial was shipped from Perth and erected in 1923 to serve as a reminder of the tragic loss of life in the Great War. Plaques representing the losses of life in the Second World War, Korean and Vietnam Wars were added later.
The wall of remembrance erected at the war memorial was unveiled on November 23rd 1991 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Sydney II by the German Raider, the HSK Kormoran, off the shores of Carnarvon in 1941. This is in memory of the greatest single Australian maritime loss of lives during the Second World War. HMAS Sydney II Memorial Drive was constructed at the south entrance to Carnarvon in 2001. This avenue of 645 plaques and palms along the road identifies the individual loss of life from this tragic battle.
A HMAS Sydney II memorial cairn was erected on Quobba Station where a memorial service is held every November 19th. Quobba Station, Red Bluff beach and 17 mile beach were the landing sites of two of the HSK Kormoran life boats with survivors.
onboard. View one of the Life Boats in which 46 German survivors came ashore at the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct.

**Murals**
Wander around the Central Business District and take in the views of the Murals which are located at various locations around the area. Ask at the Visitor Centre for more information.

**OTC Dish**
Dominating the Carnarvon skyline is a huge communication satellite dish, which was opened in 1966. Although no longer used the dish still stands as a reminder of days gone by when Carnarvon participated in the space race and helped put man on the moon in 1969.

Once used by NASA for enabling communications and data directly back to the USA, it was from here that Australia also received its first satellite television broadcast. The Station closed after assisting in tracking Halley’s comet in 1986. The station is now home to the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum.

The area offers a terrific panoramic view of the town, plantations and surrounding countryside – especially at sunrise or sunset.

The site is continually being upgraded by local community groups following the official opening of the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum (stage one) by Dr Buzz Aldrin in June 2012. Open daily from 10am to 3pm (seasonal).

**Gwoonwardu Mia - Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre**
The Gascoyne regions five Aboriginal language groups come together to celebrate and recognise Indigenous culture. You can experience the Gascoyne’s Aboriginal history, art, heritage and culture by visiting Gwoonwardu Mia.

**Burlganyja Wanggaya – Old People Talking** – Visit this remarkable National Award winning interactive permanent exhibition that tells the stories of the Gascoyne’s Aboriginal people in their own words. The exhibition includes the 32,000 year old shell necklace, images, artefacts, the amazing “Burrowing Bee” film, an interactive light table and a sky dome experience.

Walk through the ethnobotanical gardens and explore a variety of flora native to the region and discover their cultural relevance. Not only can you meet local Aboriginal people and purchase artworks but you can delight in the cuisine available at the Café. The Centre includes Galleries, Conference & Meeting Rooms, Gallery Shop, Artist in Residence and Performance Space. Open weekdays 9am-4pm. Closed during Christmas holiday season.

**Parks**
**Pioneer Park and Baxter Park**
Pioneer Park has two enormous bones from a blue whale, forming an arch over the entrance, leading to a pleasant picnic spot.

Further along Olivia Terrace is Baxter Park, another grassed area with excellent playgrounds, including a water park, BBQs and fitness facilities, adjacent to the Fascine.

**Pioneer Cemetery**
Located in Richardson Street, reveals much of Carnarvon’s early history.
Carnarvon Plantations

The plantations surrounding Carnarvon utilise 1,020 hectares of cultivated land on fertile river delta flats.

The diversity of the produce available in the area is substantial, including a range of tropical fruits such as bananas, mangoes and paw paws, citrus and stone fruit, grapes, avocados and star fruit as well as varieties of melons.

Vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, capsicum, asparagus, sweet corn and pumpkin are also grown.

Many plantation operators also produce a massive range of quality sauces, jams, pickled fruit, ice-creams and dried fruit.

From the end of May until early October, growers sell their produce direct to the public at Saturday morning markets or alternatively you can take a drive down North or South River roads to buy produce year-round from their roadside stalls (the variety and availability of produce will depend on the time of the growing season).

Working plantations provide shop fronts (some are only open for the growing season) and offer preserves, dried fruits and ice creams made fresh from local produce, along with seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Banana and mango smoothies are also on offer and are always a favourite with all the family!

A Plantation Café which is perched on the banks of the Gascoyne River opens from May to October and offers light lunches and refreshments in the tranquil setting of a working plantation.

Ask the Visitor Centre for more information.

Seafood

Much of the state’s seafood comes from the waters off Carnarvon with a thriving prawn, scallop, crab and fishing industry operating from Carnarvon. During the season freshly caught seafood can be purchased directly from outlets.

Gascoyne Food Trail

Catch a taste of the great life as you follow the Gascoyne Food Trail. It will take you to producer direct seafood and horticultural outlets as well as to venues incorporating local produce in their menu. Pick up a copy of the Gascoyne Food Trail brochure and map from the Carnarvon Visitor Centre.

Carnarvon Courtyard Craft Markets and Gascoyne Growers Markets

Every Saturday morning from the end of May to early October the Carnarvon Courtyard Craft Market and Gascoyne Growers Market operates from the Civic Centre courtyard, right outside the Carnarvon Visitor Centre.

On offer at the markets are tropical fruits, homemade ice-creams, a wide variety of vegies, herbs, honey, cakes, jams, relishes, plants and handmade arts and crafts.

Enjoy a coffee and a muffin or cake, while you stroll the stalls, listen to the buskers and pick up a few tips from the growers themselves.

The markets are plastic bag free, so be sure to bring along your green bags.
Gascoyne River

The Gascoyne River is often referred to as the life blood of Carnarvon, considering that the town and surrounding plantations get their water supplies from bores below the dry river bed, this is not surprising to hear!

The river is unusual in that the water sits unseen below the riverbed in underground reserves protected from evaporation by the sand. Periodically the river flows visibly after heavy rains inland, providing an impressive display of nature at its best.

This water filters through the rivers and to underground aquifers, and from here water is drawn for the town supply and the plantations.

The Fascine

Carnarvon’s central waterway, known as the Fascine, was named after an 1800s building technique used to construct the embankment on the south arm of the Gascoyne River. Fascine means “water held back by a pile of sticks.” In 1896 flood waters caused severe damage to Olivia Terrace and a tender was called to build a flood protection system. Stately palms line the water way, making it a lovely spot for a picnic or a stroll. The sunset views are magnificent and you may even see a dolphin.

Pelican Point

Drive to the very end of Babbage Island Road to find yourself at Pelican Point facing the Carnarvon town site. With its beautiful white sandy beaches, beautiful sunsets and panoramic ocean views, this is a beautiful spot for walking the dog, swimming, fishing and wind and kite surfing or enjoying some time out and getting away from it all. No camping permitted.

Dorre & Bernier Islands

These islands which are located some distance off the coast of Carnarvon and accessible by boat are one of Carnarvon’s best kept fishing secrets. Fish such as Pink Snapper, Spangled Emperor, Red Emperor, Coral Trout, Baldachin Groper, Cod, Spanish Mackerel and Cobia are just a few of the fish caught in the area.

The best time to visit the Islands are from April to October, with Bernier Island allowing access during the day only and no camping permitted on the island.

Dorre Island being an A1 class reserve means access to the island is prohibited at all times, however there are many bays around both islands in which you can anchor and sleep on your boat overnight.

During the months of May to November it is common to spot whales frolicking in the crystal clear waters during their migration period. Contact the Visitor Centre for information regarding fishing tours or Department of Fisheries for more general information.

Gascoyne River Mouth – Dwyer’s Leap

The Gascoyne River was named by Lieutenant George Grey in 1839. Two islands, Whitlock and Babbage, originally formed the river mouth.

Both of these islands are accessed by the Tramway Bridge and are home to a large variety of flora and fauna. In addition to the jetty, other popular fishing, swimming, wind and kite surfing spots are at the river mouth. No camping permitted.

Miaboolya Beach

Travel along Bibbawarra Bore Road and turn left. Miaboolya Beach is 22kms from Carnarvon and is part of the Gascoyne River delta and home to a rich array of species and habitats. This beach is popular amongst the locals and tourists for recreational fishing, crabbing and swimming. This is the only beach in the Gascoyne where clothes are optional! No camping permitted.

Fishing in Carnarvon

Fishing is an extremely popular pastime in Carnarvon. Great fishing spots are in abundance for all skill levels, from the beach at Pelican Point, Miaboolya Beach and Dwyer’s Leap, to the One Mile Jetty or the small boat harbor – Carnarvon has it all, including sunken wrecks.

The most popular fishing spot in town is the One Mile Jetty, with the end section spanning a deep channel, the big ones are often caught there! Common catches include Molloway, Tailor, Snapper, Bream, Mackerel, Tuna and Shark, as well as Blue Manna crabs from May to August. A very popular annual fishing competition, the Carnarfin, is held each year in May/June in Carnarvon.

South of Carnarvon are fishing and crabbing spots including Oyster and Uendoo Creeks, New Beach, Bush Bay and Gladstone. Also adjoining the area is the world’s largest heritage listed sea grass bank at Wooramel and the Shark Bay World Heritage area, home to dolphins, dugongs, turtles and sharks.

North of town enjoy spectacular beach fishing at Miaboolya Beach, or game fishing from the Blowholes and all the way up the Quobba Coastline to Gnaraloo Bay. For tide times and fishing tips contact the team at the Visitor Centre or drop by our tackle shops for some inside information.

Catch the Waterways & Fabulous Fishing

Photograph courtesy of Peter Jecks
**Day Time Options In Carnarvon**

- Fish from the One Mile Jetty, Miaboolya Beach, Pelican Point.
- Take a walk or bike ride along the Fascine.
- Visit plantations along North and South River road and sample or stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Try a banana or mango smoothie or pick up some local preserves, fruit leather or ice creams from one of the Plantation shops.
- Take in the awe and magnitude of the OTC Dish before visiting the Space & Technology museum to learn more about the town’s role in the space race.
- Canoe or kayak the mangrove creeks of the Gascoyne River mouth or mangrove shores south of town.
- Walk for miles along Miaboolya Beach, enjoying quiet, deserted shores.
- Learn about the Indigenous heritage and history of the Gascoyne, browse the local art on display.
- Indulge in the National Award winning interactive permanent exhibition which tells the stories of the Gascoyne Aboriginal people in their own words, or maybe just sit and enjoy a coffee or a meal at Gwoonwardu Mia - Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre.
- Take a stroll around the Heritage Precinct taking in the museum collection, historic relics and fascinating history.
- Enjoy a tranquil swim or walk at Pelican Point within the protected confines of the fascine entrance.
- Stock up on local produce and seafood and enjoy a leisurely barbecue on the Fascine or at Baxter Park.
- Stroll the stalls of the Saturday morning Craft and Growers Courtyard Markets (late May to early Oct).
- Take a fishing charter and get amongst some of the offshore fishing grounds – the most productive in Western Australia!

**Around Carnarvon**

- Visit the Blowholes and watch in awe as mother nature forces seawater 20-plus metres into the air.
- Drive along the Quobba coastline taking in some of Australia’s most spectacular coastline including cliffs, beaches, reefs, powerful ocean swells and rugged scenery.
- Drive to Gnaraloo Bay for an overnight stay and experience one of Australia’s whitest beaches fringing a tranquil turquoise bay – just magic!
- Visit Red Bluff and take a seat on the Point watching surfers ride awe-inspiring waves or watch majestic whales play in the bay during the season – Bluff Bliss!
- Drive to Kennedy Range and view the remarkable honeycomb-like formations, cliff faces, bird life and seasonal wildflowers. Camping options available.
- Visit Bush Bay or New Beach and try your luck at catching some of the prized local fish or relax along the shores.
- Take a picnic to Rocky Pool and enjoy the tranquil setting, birdlife and scenery.
- Take a charter flight over Shark Bay, the Quobba Coast or inland to the Kennedy Range and Mt Augustus.
- Visit beaches at Point Quobba, snorkelling amongst coral and fish within a safe, calm cove.
Coastal
Blowholes and Point Quobba
Located just 75km north of Carnarvon along a bitumen road, this natural phenomenon is an awe inspiring sight to see. Powerful ocean swells force water through sea caves and up out of narrow holes in the rocks, jets of water erupt into the air, sometimes to a height of 20 metres, creating a spectacular sight.

Just 1km south of the Blowholes is Point Quobba, a calm coral filled lagoon with fish and shells in abundance. With a white sandy beach this area is ideal for snorkeling, safe swimming, sun bathing and a great family picnic spot much favoured by locals. This is also a camping area with an overnight fee to be paid to the site ranger.

Although the coast is serene it can be deadly, with a dangerous swell that can turn into king waves, capable of crashing over the top of the rock ledge. This coastline needs to be treated with caution and care - lives have been lost by unsuspecting souls here.

Quobba Station, Red Bluff, Three Mile and Gnaraloo Homestead
Heading north of the Blow Holes and Point Quobba, you’ll find beachside hideaways at Quobba Station, Red Bluff, Three Mile and Gnaraloo Bay, the southern end of the World Heritage listed, Ningaloo Reef. This magnificent stretch of coastline boasts towering cliffs, rugged coastline, and sandy white deserted beaches. Great for fishing, surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, swimming, snorkeling, whale watching and sight-seeing.

The cliffs provide the ideal platform to view Humpback whales just metres off the coast during their annual migration from June to November. Gnaraloo Station also works closely with DEC to protect the local marine turtles that come onto the station lands to nest each year. Camping sites soon fill during the winter months as surfers chase the swell of the warmer northern waters.

Quobba Station is renowned for its ballooning - perhaps the most exhilarating form of land based game fishing. Imagine a surface strike plainly visible to the naked eye, 30kg of Spanish Mackerel leaping 8ft clear of the water to smash your bait, hanging below a gas balloon some 30ft above. Regardless of your level of experience every strike will force a spike of adrenalin through you and all observing. This coastline is the only place in Australia where you will see the outback meet the ocean.

Warroora Station
Warroora sits to the south of Coral Bay and can be accessed from the Minilya/Exmouth Road. Situated on the Ningaloo Reef, with pristine beaches, an abundance of wildlife fish and marine life.

Coral Bay
The Coral Bay settlement is less than 3 hours drive north of Carnarvon on the Minilya/Exmouth Road. The Bay offers a myriad of water based activities such as scuba diving, coral viewing (glass bottom boat) and feeding of the fish with a range of accommodation and tours available.

With the Ningaloo Reef just metres from the shoreline, amazing views of pristine beaches and clear turquoise waters the settlement exudes a laid back holiday vibe all year round. Allowing visitors to enjoy life at a more relaxed pace.

Experience the wonders of the reef and the marine wildlife that call it home, by swimming and snorkelling at locations such as Bill’s Bay, a calm & protected area which is a sanctuary zone (fishing not permitted) or take advantage of one of the tour companies offering combined coral viewing and snorkelling tours to various hotspots just within the outer reef, home to an abundance of coral, tropical fish, turtles & manta rays. Snorkelling equipment is available for hire through various operators in Coral Bay.

For the adventurous land lovers, there are Quad bike tours available allowing visitors to explore some of the more remote beaches, bush tracks & dunes that surround Coral Bay with tours to a number of locations.

With Whale Sharks being found along the length of the Ningaloo Reef from April to August following the coral spawning, and the Reef is deemed as one of the most reliable and easily accessible locations in the world to swim with the whale sharks (which can grow up to 18 metres in length). A range of professional tour operators within Coral Bay offer visitors the chance to swim with these gentle giants. Coral Bay also boasts a large population of Manta Rays and offer visitors the unique opportunity to swim with these graceful & gentle creatures all year round providing an unforgettable experience. Manta Rays do not possess the protective stinging barb on their tails and as such are harmless to humans.

Catch the experiences around Carnarvon
Like much of this stretch of coastline from Carnarvon to Coral Bay, a large variety of tropical & sub-tropical fish species provide a range of options available to fishing enthusiasts including deep sea bottom fishing, game fishing & beach fishing. Please be aware that there are a number of Sanctuary Zones between Carnarvon and the Coral Bay area that don’t permit fishing & it is best to check the location of these before dropping a line in the water.

Wooramel
Discover the unique campgrounds nestled amongst majestic river gums on the Wooramel River. Join in on a ‘tag along’ mill run tour, do some birdwatching, put your boat in for a fish at Gladstone or just sit back and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of station life.

Gladstone Beach
Gladstone Beach is located 160 km south of Carnarvon and is home to masses of Dugongs who frolic both in the waters near the Old Jetty ruins at Gladstone and also in the sea grass around Carnarvon. Camping at this location is available with a nominal fee provided to the Honorary Ranger on site.

Outback & Beyond
Rocky Pool
This beautiful, deep, fresh water pool is situated 55km east of Carnarvon on the Gascoyne Junction Road. There is a chance you may find small specimens of chalcedony, petrified wood and even fossils which have been washed down from the Kennedy Range. This location is renowned for attracting wildlife, particularly birdlife and is ideal for a picnic, a stroll or a short day trip. No camping permitted.

Gascoyne Junction
A small country town, 177km east of Carnarvon situated on the banks of the mighty Gascoyne River with a permanent waterhole almost 4kms in length. The town is considered the gateway to the Kennedy Range and Mt. Augustus National Parks. A new state of the art Tourism Precinct Facility which includes a roadhouse with 24 hour fuel, tavern, restaurant and caravan park has recently opened with the town also containing the local administration Office for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne and a Community Resource Centre.

The Kennedy Range
The Kennedy Range which lies roughly 230km East/North East of Carnarvon and runs north from Gascoyne Junction, is simply stunning. The Range is 75km long and up to 25km wide and is remnant of a million years of erosion where the natural force of winds, rains and movement in the earth’s crust have combined to etch out valleys and push up spectacular cliff faces. Bush camping is permitted at designated sites & fees apply.

Outback Pathways
Embark on a self-drive outback adventure on the Kingsford Smith Mail Run. Pick up your Outback Pathways brochure and map at the Carnarvon Visitor Centre. It is advisable to contact the Carnarvon Visitor Centre to confirm current road and weather conditions prior to departure.
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• Ethnobotanical Gardens – experience plants from the region, bush tucker, bush medicine and more.
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One Mile Jetty

Stretching 1493m and constructed in 1897, this jetty is of significant historical and social importance to Carnarvon. Responsible for bringing tourism & trade to the town, the jetty was restored & reopened in 1996 as part of the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct. The “Coffee Pot” tram ferries tourists to the jetty which is popular for fishing, crabbing and viewing magnificent sunsets.

Levee Bank System

Many schemes for diverting floodwaters have been tried since 1908 when a channel was cut from the south arm of the Gascoyne River to Oyster Creek. Currently the town is protected by a levee bank system.

Footbridge

Part of the original tramway linking Carnarvon with the One Mile Jetty. It was restored and reopened in 1996 & is listed with the Heritage Council of WA.

Pelican Point

A popular fishing & windsurfing spot. Dog friendly areas.

The Fascine

Meaning “Bundle of Sticks”, the name was derived from early attempts to stop erosion of the foreshore. Lined with stately palms, it is a popular spot for picnics.

Small Boat Harbour

Home of the fishing fleets (prawn trawler, snapper and crab boats). Fish and seafood may be purchased in season.

Chinamans Pool

A permanent pool & swimming spot. In the 1890’s it was a source of fresh water for the town. Shady rock pools & a nature reserve attract a variety of birds.
Gascoyne River

Discovered by George Gray in 1839, it is 550km long & commonly referred to as the blood stream of Carnarvon. Its mainly subterranean water supply & fertile red sands provide life to the town & its flourishing plantations.
**WORLD HERITAGE**

**NINGALOO REEF AREA**

- Seasonal whale watching.
- Beach, one km south, enables coral viewing and 4WD required to access boat ramp. A protected cave, and jets of water are forced up into the air.

**HARTOG ISLAND**

- HSK 'Kormoran' on the 19th November
- HMAS Sydney II and the German raider the Compendium, commemorates the battle between the HMAS Sydney II Memorial.

**SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA**

- Excellent fishing with big game fish, snapper, and sharks.

**Gnaraloo Bay Sanctuary Zone**

- Boat launching can be achieved over the beach from this point.

**Three Mile Camp**

- Lagoon area for swimming and snorkelling but no fishing permitted. No fresh water available.

**Red Bluff**

- Recommended surfing location. No fresh water available.

**HMAS Sydney II Memorial**

- Commemorates the battle between the HMAS Sydney II and the German raider the HSK 'Kormoran' on the 19th November 1941.

**Kingsford Smith Mail Run Pathway**

- The route follows links between lonely outposts where the early mail drivers placed the outback delivering mail through the hostile terrain. Using primitive trucks some of these men, like Sir Kingsford Smith have become world famous, while others remain local legends.

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Catch some Family Fun

**Catch a Train**  – Ride the “Coffee Pot” Train to the end of the one Mile Jetty or inspect the last of the steam trains to operate in the north of the state at the Heritage Precinct.

**Cycle**  – explore the town or the river area in your own time whilst enjoying the wonderful weather.

**Self Drive Tours**  – head out on the river or to the Heritage precinct and beach area and follow one of the self guided tours.

**Treat the kids**  – enjoy a chocolate coated banana or perhaps a mango or banana smoothie from one of the local plantations.

**Picnic and Play**  – gather what you need and pack a picnic or make the most of our takeaway outlets and enjoy the wonderful climate.
- Baxter Park – including a Water Park and shaded playground
- Town Beach or North Water picnic area in the centre of town
- Pioneer Park overlooking the Fascine waterway
- Pelican Point Beach (dog friendly too!) – just past the Heritage precinct along Babbage Island Road
- Rotary Park – on the banks of the Gascoyne River near the 9 mile bridge
- Rocky Pool – a permanent water pool in the Gascoyne River with an abundance of birdlife, 50km east of the town.

**Relax at the local Swimming Pool**  – swim some laps or just relax in the attractive surrounds and enjoy a cappuccino on the lawn under the shade sails. With a shaded children’s playground and toddler pool, it’s a great way to ‘chill out’. Open October - April. The Skate Park is also located next to the pool for those more active, adventurous kids!

**Kayak or Canoe**  – take a journey through the mangrove creeks to the Gascoyne River’s mouth or along the Fascine Waterways.

**Fish**  – try your luck from the Carnarvon Fascine, the One Mile Jetty or the Pelican Point Boat ramp.

**Catch an interactive experience**  – let the kids guide you through the National Award winning interactive exhibition at Gwoonwardu Mia, Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre while they learn about the history of the region. Let the kids design a “take home” hard copy reminder of their experiences in the exhibition.

**Visit Carnarvon School of the Air**  – see the workings of Carnarvon School of the Air and see how the children in outback regions interact with their teachers and complete their Distance Education from remote locations. Bookings are essential during school term.
Fishing - enjoy a spot of fishing choosing from the beach, the boat or the jetty.

- South of Carnarvon – seek out the fishing & crabbing spots at Oyster and Undoo Creeks, New Beach, Bush Bay, and Gladstone.
- North of Carnarvon – enjoy spectacular beach fishing at Miaboolya Beach or land based game fishing from the Blowholes and along the Quobba coastline (extreme caution required), including Gnaraloo and Red Bluff (also well known surfing spots).
- Enjoy a day of sun, fishing and/or diving and take your boat or a fishing charter to visit Dorre or Bernier Islands for the day or stay onboard your boat overnight in one of the bays to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the uninhibited islands. Camping is not permitted on either of the islands and landing is prohibited on Dorre Island.
- The Jetty is a popular spot, with the end section spanning a deep channel with common catches including Mulloway, Tailor, Snapper, Bream, Mackerel, Tuna and Shark. Or, why not try the Prawning Jetty or Pelican Point. Blue Manner crabs generally run from May to August.

Bird Watching - take in the local scenery and find your vantage point to do some bird watching. Look out for Australia’s rarest Thornbill, the Slender Beak Thornbill. It is best spotted at Bush Bay. Other locations to bird watch include Chinaman’s Pool, Dwyer’s Leap, Bribiawana Bore, Gascoyne River, Rocky Pool and Water Treatment Plant and Levee banks.

Coral Bay - A three hour drive north is a unique natural landscape comprising of pristine sandy beaches, clear turquoise waters and the Ningaloo Reef which starts just metres from the shoreline. Coral Bay offers the opportunity to interact with a diverse range of marine wildlife including turtles a range of tropical fish species, Manta Rays (year round), Whale sharks (April-August) and whales (June-Oct).

Blow Holes, HMAS Sydney, Red Bluff & Gnaraloo
- Pack a picnic and take a drive up the coast to enjoy the sights, sun and swimming (a mask and snorkel adds to the experience with an abundance of marine life in the sanctuary!).
- See the spectacular jet of water from the Blow Holes (extreme caution required).
- Catch the waves or wind at Red Bluff or Gnaraloo (overnight stay).
- Spot the many whales along our coastline (during the season).

Rocky Pool (in the Gascoyne River) - Pack a picnic and drive inland to experience a taste of the out back landscape at a permanent pool which is home to an abundance of bird and animal life.

Take a Scenic Flight – contact our local air service provider and arrange a flight
- Mount Augustus, the Kennedy Range National Park and inland areas
- Coastal flights to the north and south including the World Heritage Listed areas
- Or you choose your destination!

Outlying Attractions - why not consider a trip inland:
- Gascoyne Junction
- Kennedy Range National Park
- Mount Augustus – the world’s largest monolith
Catch the Fresh Local Produce

The Gascoyne is also known as the ‘Food Bowl of WA’ with a diverse range of fruit and vegetables, tropical fruits and seafood. Follow the Gascoyne Food Trail and experience the fresh flavours of the Gascoyne.

Fresh Local Quality Produce – Direct from the Growers
- Visit the Gascoyne Growers Markets – every Saturday morning from late May to early October and purchase direct from the growers.
- Take a drive down the South and North River Roads and Robinson Street and visit plantations to select your fresh produce direct from the growers.
- Exotic fruit, full range of fruit & vegetables, dried produce and preserves and fruit filled ice creams.

Visit a Plantation and/or Café
- Purchase refreshments and light snacks, dried produce and preserves.
- Enjoy a mango or banana smoothie, light snack or refreshment at one of the plantations shops or cafes.

Fresh Local Seafood
- Visit the Small Fishing Boat Harbour and seafood outlets and purchase fresh prawns, scallops, squid, fish and crabs from local businesses.

Carnarvon Race Club - catch the free bus and spend an afternoon experiencing a day at a country horse race meeting (May – September) and meet many local identities around the town.

Windsurfing, Kitesurfing, Kayaking or Boating - take advantage of the surrounding waterways and winds to enjoy an afternoon of windsurfing, kitesurfing or kayaking or use your small boat to fish or go crabbing.

Kickstarter’s Gascoyne Dash - a 300km off road desert endurance motor race, drawing competitors from around Australian and overseas.

TropiCOOL Festival - part of the annual Gascoyne in May Festivals, providing events and fun for all the family.

Taste of the Gascoyne - an annual celebration providing a taste of fresh local food and live entertainment, hosted within a unique natural local landscape.

CarnarFIN - an annual week long fishing competition attracting large numbers of visitors.

Gascoyne Food Festival - an annual celebration of food including chef cooking demonstrations and live entertainment at the Gascoyne Growers Market, long table lunch & more.

Movies and Theatre - find out what is showing at our local Civic Centre and enjoy a movie or maybe a live production.

Sunsets - capture a breath taking sunset at various locations around town. Grab some fish & chips and sit on the One Mile Jetty, the edge of the Fascine or one of the Parks or beaches. Alternatively pack a BBQ and cook up a storm while admiring a sunset at one of the public BBQs at Baxter Park or on the Fascine.

Murals - wander around the CBD and take in the views of the Murals which are located at various locations around the area. Ask the Visitor Centre for more information.

Coffee, Cake and Laughter - visit one of the cafes or hotels and relax and enjoy the laid back lifestyle over a coffee or a drink while you watch the world go by.

Events - check out the Events calendar and join in the fun of a local or regional event.
Accommodation in Carnarvon

Where to Stay
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Why not drive around the plantations and down to the seafood outlets and gather what you need, before heading off to a location such as the barbecues in Baxter Park or town beach overlooking the Fascine, the beach, the river or your accommodation facilities to suggest a few, to cook up a gourmet delight.

Alternatively, for those choosing not to be so adventurous and wishing to choose from a menu there are a variety of restaurants, hotels, motels, cafes and food outlets located around the town which provide a range of meals in a relaxed atmosphere.
Catch a taste of the great life...

Carnarvon’s unique location makes it a tropical oasis 904km north of Perth on the west coast. We have an abundance of attractions, a host of accommodation and exciting opportunities for people who are visiting or who have made the choice of a truly wonderful lifestyle.

Community Facilities
Carnarvon is abundant in facilities, reserves and natural wonders that provide opportunities for relaxing, playing sports and socialising. These include the Aquatic Centre, Camel Lane Theatre, Fascine reserve, Baxter Park Play Ground and Water Park, parks and beaches.

Aquatic Centre 9941 1415
Join in summer fun!
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- Shaded lawn areas
- Fully shaded and fenced children’s playground
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- Kiosk
- Pool season: October to end of April

Prominent events include:
- Annual TropiCOOL festival - (part of the Gascoyne in May festivals)
- Main Street Parties
- Gascoyne Food Festival
- Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash
- Council website contains an event calendar

Visitor Centre 9941 1146
Your friendly information team:
- Accommodation, tour and bus bookings
- Souvenirs, internet access, maps and local products

Civic Centre 9941 4200
Entertainment Venue and Facilities:
- Theatre/Movies - Live performances & movies
- Woolshed facilities available for function hire & events
- Gascoyne Growers Markets and Arts & Craft (late May to early October)

Library Service 9941 3727
The excellent collection includes:
- Temporary membership for visitors
- Local history and community displays
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- Internet facilities including WiFi
- Art Gallery

Other Services
- Water Park (Baxter Park)
- Long Vehicle Parking (Hill Street)
- Dump Point (Hill Street)
- BBQ & Playground (Town Beach)
Catch the Services

Health and Emergency Services

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Carnarvon Medical Centre ............................................................. 9941 1169
Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corp. ................................ 9941 2499
State Emergency Service (SES) ..................................................... 9941 2121
Carnarvon Volunteer Sea Rescue ................................................... 9941 3613
Carnarvon Dentist ........................................................................... 9941 1882
Carnarvon Chiropractic ............................................................... 9941 1490
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Internet Services

Internet access is available at several locations around Carnarvon. Ask our team at the Visitor Centre for locations.

Other Important Contacts

Carnarvon Visitor Centre .............................................................. 9941 1146
Shire of Carnarvon ........................................................................ 9941 0000
Department of Environment and Conservation ......................... 9941 3754
Department of Fisheries ............................................................... 9941 1185
Department of Planning and Infrastructure ................................. 9941 1830
Gascoyne Development Commission ......................................... 9941 7000

Other Community Services and Facilities

Aquatic Centre .............................................................................. 9941 1415
Carnarvon Taxis ............................................................................ 13 10 08
Collins Cabs ................................................................................. 9941 1605
Vallies Taxi ................................................................................... 9941 1224
Carnarvon Public Library ............................................................. 9941 3727
Carnarvon Civic Centre .............................................................. 9941 4200
Woolworths Carnarvon ............................................................... 9941 2477
IGA Carnarvon ........................................................................... 9941 1403
Carnarvon School of the Air (Distance Education) ...................... 9941 1015
RAC (Roadside Assistance) .......................................................... 9941 1488

Fuel Stations and Roadhouses

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KCD Fuel Supplies ........................................................................ 9941 8105
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Overlander Roadhouse ............................................................... 9942 5916
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Sporting Groups and Clubs

Department of Sport and Recreation ............................................ 9941 0900
Police and Citizen’s Youth Club (PCYC) ....................................... 9941 4116
Carnarvon Tennis Club ............................................................... 0427 413 259
Carnarvon Golf Club ................................................................... 9941 1024
Carnarvon Bowling Club ............................................................ 9941 1075
Carnarvon Yacht Club ................................................................. 9941 2565
Carnarvon Rotary Club ............................................................... 0427 080 072
Carnarvon Lions Club ............................................................... 9941 1911
Carnarvon Senior Citizens Club ................................................. 0410 368 078

Churches and Religious Groups

Aboriginal Outreach ....................................................................... 0428 174 719
Anglican Church .......................................................................... 9941 1571
Catholic Church ........................................................................... 9941 1768
Living Waters Church ................................................................... 9941 1355
Uniting Church ............................................................................. 0428 527 032
Jehovah’s Witnesses ...................................................................... 9941 1934
Church of Christ ........................................................................... 0417 967 832

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ANZ Bank ....................................................................................... 13 13 14
Bankwest ....................................................................................... 13 17 19
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