



Queensland Local Governments – Shaping Communities

The Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre has breathed life back into the lungs of the Karumba community through the creation of an exceptional centre inspired by local fishermen and reimagined by Bud Brannigan Architects who were instrumental in creating a unique and unmatched tourist experience that includes feeding the genetically distinct southern gulf barramundi, a fish that is bred nowhere else in the world.

This amazing long-term project was a collaborative effort between state and local government, made possible by the Building our Regions Program designed to improve recreational and tourism offerings and support liveability.

The impacts on the local community are extensive and long lasting. The creation of a community hub that is innovative and incorporates a Visitor Information Centre; lease-hold Café; a Theatre and Art Gallery featuring local stories and celebrating culture; Conference Centre/Gymnasium; an Interpretive Centre offering educational opportunities and a Hatchery and Research Facility. It is safe to say that this *'little fish has made a big impact'*.

Carpentaria Shire Council nominated this initiative into the Community Shaping category of the LGMA Queensland Awards for Excellence. Winners and finalists will be announced on Thursday 27 August 2020.

