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Road and footpath safety blitz

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COOKTOWN

Road and footpath safety in Cooktown will be stepped up as Cook Shire Council cracks down on illegal parking around town.

Cars targeted would be those parked on town footpaths and in non-parking zones, Council's spokesperson said. "We have cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooters using our footpaths, and if a car is parked across it, it's a safety and an amenity issue. We also have vehicles in no parking zones across access driveways and too close to intersections, which prevents people accessing their properties and impedes the view of motorists using the intersection."

Residents have several weeks' grace before Council will begin issuing fines. "Those parking in prohibited areas will begin receiving courtesy notices to let them know what they should be doing. We want to give people fair warning. This isn't a revenue-raising exercise, but a safety one."

Parking sign installation and line marking for parking spaces has started, and residents are urged to pay attention before parking. "If you're blocking a public footpath or in a no parking zone, once the grace period is over you will be issued with an infringement notice and could be liable for a fine."

For more information contact Council via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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