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## Council bins and bags help residents stay tidy

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COOKTOWN

Cook Shire Council is helping keep our town clean, with more cigarette butt bins and dog bag dispensers installed around Cooktown.

Earmarked as the most hated litter in our area in a Council waste survey, cigarette butts are the most prevalent form of litter on earth, leaching toxins into the environment, being picked up for food by birds and marine life and causing bushfires. To help smokers do the right thing, Council fixed cigarette butt bins to the street bins in public areas around town. Butt bins are located at Finch and Quarantine bays, the airport, Lions, Anzac and Endeavour parks, Queen's Oval, Cook's Landing Kiosk, Cooktown Hotel and the Post Office. Most recently, butt bins have been installed at the waterfront development. "There really is no excuse not to dispose of your cigarettes responsibly," Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Linda Cardew said.

Dog owners can also pick up after their pets with ease, with dog bag dispensers fixed to public bins in numerous locations around town, including Finch and Quarantine bays, Lions, Anzac and Endeavour parks, the Botanic Gardens and at the waterfront. Dog owners are reminded that it is illegal not to pick up after your dog, and fines of up to \$260 could apply.

For more information contact Council's xxx team via email at [mail@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@cook.qld.gov.au) or phone on 4069 5444.

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