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Charlotte Street project hits halfway mark

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COOKTOWN

Cooktown's Charlotte Street will be sporting a new coat of asphalt by Christmas, with the project to fully seal a section of the town's main street now at the halfway mark.

The works, which are part of the Charlotte Street Revitalisation Project, started earlier in November, and are scheduled to finish with a coat of asphalt in late December. The project includes removal of unsuitable material and re-forming of the road base, followed by sealing the full width of the road, which previously had dirt verges. The distinctive stone kerbing would be left in place, Cook Shire Council Works Manager Steve Law said. "The heritage kerb will remain untouched, but we will be smoothing out the road profile to make the gutters shallower and parking safer," Mr Law said.

Subgrade was currently being trucked to the site and re-laid, to be followed by pre-base and base, which would result in less dust and material being tracked out of the site from next week, Mr Law said. "We are keeping the dust down with frequent watering, but at the moment the sub-grade material is being picked up by car tyres and carried quite a way up the street. Once the base material goes down, there will be a lot less dust and mud leaving the site."

Mr Law urged people to continue supporting the businesses in the area, including the Seaview Motel, QGAP office and courthouse, police station, Driftwood Café and Jackey Jackey Thai, by parking at either end of the construction site and walking. "The businesses have been very supportive, Driftwood has even been offering a discount to the construction workers," Mr Law said. "The markets on Saturday are also still running, just with no parking along the Charlotte Street side, and HK's Food Shed has temporarily relocated to the corner of Furneaux and Hope streets."

The Charlotte Street Revitalisation Project is a joint initiative of Cook Shire Council and the Queensland Government. For more information contact Council's Infrastructure team via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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