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Discovery Festival gold delivery is back

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COOKTOWN

One of the Cooktown Discovery Festival's longstanding events, the horseback gold delivery, will be back at the annual event in June.

The event has not been held since the 2015 Discovery Festival, but a veritable posse of keen horse riders and amateur actors have been practising for this year's delivery. The event features a cast of local thespians in full period costume, re-enacting a gold-rush era delivery to the majestic former Bank of New South Wales on Cooktown's main street. "It is a great nostalgic event to watch, and in front of the historic buildings it is easy to picture Cooktown in the gold-rush heyday, with weary packhorses bringing back a small fortune and the threat of bushrangers imminent," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said.

The Cooktown Discovery Festival is an annual event, with this year's festival running from Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17. Stand out events include the gold delivery, the re-enactment of James Cook's historic landing at the Endeavour River, fireworks, the Indigenous Warrma, billy kart races and the grand parade. The gold delivery starts at 11am on Saturday on Charlotte Street near the old bank.

Cook Shire Council would like to acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors, the National Trust of Australia (Queensland), Tourism and Events Queensland, Cairns Hardware, Alive Pharmacy and the Cooktown Bowls Club.

Visit www.cooktowndiscovery.com.au for more information on the festival, including the full program and tickets for any paid events.

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