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Regional arts and Expo 2020 Cape York road trip

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Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team are hitting the road this month, visiting communities from Cooktown to Bamaga, culminating in a networking event in Coen on August 30.

Cape York and Torres Regional Arts Officer Waratah Nicholls, Cook Shire Council Indigenous Partnerships Officer Shane Gibson and 2020 Indigenous Projects Officer Sha-Lane Gibson will be stopping at Coen, Portland Roads, Lockhart River, Bamaga, Seisa, Injinoo, Umagico, Weipa, Mapoon, Napranum and Aurukun, as well as the NPA Show and Red Dust Rodeo. "We will be visiting communities to consult, discuss and share information about the programs we're delivering in the region," Ms Nicholls said. "We will be setting up information stalls and holding meetings with stakeholders in each place, and would love to hear from residents."

"We will be talking to communities about involvement in the Cooktown Expo 2020 and how people can use the event as a platform to showcase Indigenous culture, and how businesses and artists can get involved." The networking event in Coen is open to all artists, arts organisations and business people who would like to connect and discuss the Expo and other ideas for their community, or farther afield. Cooktown Expo 2020 will be held in July and August next year across three weekends to commemorate the 250th anniversary of James Cook's arrival at the Endeavour River and the unique shared history of the Cape York region.

The road trip will begin in Coen on August 19 and 20, followed by Portland Roads on August 20, Lockhart River on August 21, Northern Peninsula Area on August 23 and 24, Weipa on August 26, Mapoon on August 27, Napranum on August 28 and Aurukun on August 29. The road trip will culminate with the networking event in Coen on August 30.

RSVPs are essential for the August 30 networking event only, and must be made to Council by Wednesday, August 28. For more information or to RSVP, contact Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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