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Council funding boosts community groups

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COOKTOWN

Six community groups will share in more than \$21,000 following the awarding the latest round of Council's 2019-20 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) and Community Grants programs.

Council's grants programs are open for applications twice a year, with the RADF program supporting arts and cultural activities which provide public value and build local capacity, cultural innovation and community pride. The Community Grants program supports community groups to help build healthier and stronger local communities and maintain the wellbeing of our residents.

The Qld Country Womens Association, Cooktown Branch will receive \$4178 for purchase and installation of an air conditioner in their hall. Dabu Jajikal Aboriginal Corporation will receive \$5000 towards designing and painting a cultural interpretive sign at the Weary Bay Beach entrance at Ayton. The Cooktown Men's Shed will receive \$2222 for the purchase and installation of security cameras to help protect Club Shed, Cooktown. The Cooktown Kindergarten Association will receive \$1138 for upgrades, including a softfall play area.

Cairns and District Chinese Association Inc (CADCAI) will receive \$8033 through the Regional Arts and Development Fund for their project Through the Eyes of a Chinese Lion. CADCAI members will repair an old lion from the Chinese community to be blessed by local Indigenous leaders and displayed in Cooktown at Cooktown Expo 2020. The group will also hold community arts and crafts workshops to allow the public to engage with the journey and story of the restored lion and learn of the importance of Chinese Lions to the Chinese community. Lainie Franzi from the Bloomfield Art Club received a RADF grant for \$5000 to create a ceramic mural to be permanently installed in Bloomfield. Rossville, Bloomfield and Wujal Wujal residents will develop collaborative ideas, designs and drawings and sculpt tiles for the mural.

Visit our website at www.cook.qld.gov.au/community/grants for more information on Council's grants programs.

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