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NEW LIBRARY ACTIVITIES KICK OFF AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS There is a whole new activity calendar scheduled at the Cooktown Library, following the final school holiday activity, Lego Club from 2pm to 4pm on April 12.

The afternoon programs start on April 17, with a different theme for each day. Mathematical Mondays will be a fun session focusing on geometry, which is open to anyone able to use a compass (BYO compass and ruler). The session runs from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Crafty Tuesday sessions run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and are open to school aged children, while Whizkid Wednesdays are an adult's only session highlighting the library's e-resources between 2pm and 3pm.

Thrilling Thursdays are all about storytelling, with an interactive session for children aged 5 and under from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. This is followed by the popular Lego Club from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, open to school aged children.

Focused Fridays are about quiet reading in our Friday Book Club and are open to all ages, provided they are independent readers. Friday Book Club runs from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Bookings are compulsory, and children aged 8 years old and under must be supervised at all times. Phone the Library on 4069 5009 for more information or to book.

MAKE SENSE OF CENSUS WITH FREE BRIEFING SESSION

Council is hosting a free Census briefing to better explain the data from the 2016 Census, and what it says about our Shire community.

Presented by .id - the population experts, the session will leave you wiht a clear picture of the community and economy and the skills to use .id's online tools to make informed decisions, identify opportunities and plan for the future.

The session is on Monday, April 16, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre. Register now with Council's Events Officer.

BEGINNERS' MOBILE PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

If you've always wanted to know how to take those Instagram-worthy pics with your mobile, our free course is perfect for you!

Council's How to Take Awesome Photos With Your Phone course runs over two days in May, under the tutelage of experienced Cooktown photographer Tess Buhmann. The sessions, on May 19 and 20 at Nature's PowerHouse, will cover topics including composition, depth of field and macro photography.

Bookings are essential, contact Tess Photography on Facebook for more information. This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR DISCOVERY FESTIVAL BALL Tickets for the Cooktown Discovery Festival Ball are on sale next week.

The Ball, which is the official opening of the annual Discovery Festival, brings a touch of glamour to the weekend. Guests are encouraged to wear period costume, or formal attire. This year's event will be catered by the award-winning chefs from Cairns' Ochre Restaurant, with entertainment by Brisbane-based Lark Music.

The PCYC multi purpose courts will be transformed into a stunning ballroom, complete with velvet drapes and mood lighting. Visit the Cooktown Discovery Festival website, www. cooktowndiscovery.com.au, from March 19 to book your tickets.

DUMP GARAGE SALE Mark your calendars for this month's Big Garage Sale at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station.

This month's sale will be held on Sunday, April 29, from 8am to 4.30pm (closed between 12noon and 12.30pm for lunch) at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station.

And if you miss this month's sale, don't worry, we hold a Big Garage Sale at the Cooktown Waste Transfer station the last Sunday of every month. POOL CLOSED FOR MOWING EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY The Cooktown Pool will be closed from 9am to 10am every second Wednesday while our crew mow the grounds.

The pool needs to be closed during this time for safety reasons, and the fortnightly closures will begin today, April 11. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD AND BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAGE If you see changed road conditions signage, such as 'roadwork ahead', 'surveyors ahead' or 'mowing ahead' please obey the signage and watch out for our workers on or near the road.

FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS TO KICK START YOUR ENTERPRISE Small business owners and enterprises are encouraged to attend a free workshop, run by Community Owned Enterprises.

The Innovate and Create Your Business workshop includes lunch and will help business owners learn how to develop an independent, locally owned and operated business. Attendees will also pick up skills on accessing support from business industry coaches and how to launch their new businesse idea or upscale an existing business.

The workshops are in Hope Vale on Tuesday, May 15, Wujal Wujal on Wednesday, May 16 and Cooktown on Thursday, May 17. To RSVP, contact Community Owned Enterprises by email at info@coenterprises.com.au or phone on 4033 3587.

BE QUICK FOR MICROCHIP DISCOUNT VOUCHERS Council and our local Seadog Vets have joined forces to provide discount microchip vouchers to owners registering a pet for the first time.

Having your pet microchipped greatly increases the chances of them being returned to you if they are found lost or wandering.

The vouchers will be available for a limited time at Council's main office when owners register a pet for the first time.



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Coming Up

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Cooktown Pool closed 9am-10am for mowing P | 4069 6928

April 12 Lego Club at the Library P | 4069 5009

April 16 .id Census briefing session

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April 22

Cooktown RSL Sub Branch Anzac Memorial Walk P | 4069 6353

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April 25 Public holiday - Anzac Day

April 29

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station P | 4069 5444

April 30

Mathematical Mondays start at the Library P | 4069 5009

May 9

Cooktown Pool closed 9am-10am for mowing P | 4069 6928

> May 19-20 Lakeland Horsesports and Bullride

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How To Take Awesome Photos With Your Phone course

May 27

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Cooktown Discovery Festival