

# council update

## Coming Up

**February 13**

South Cape York Catchments Group  
general meeting, CWA Hall, 6pm  
RSVP | [admin@scyc.com.au](mailto:admin@scyc.com.au)

**February 14**

Library Lovers' Day  
P | 4069 5009

**February 14**

Valentine's Day

**February 20**

Cooktown Community Gold Network  
meeting, Bowls Club, 5.30pm

**February 25-March 1**

Council information stall, CWA Hall,  
9am-4.30pm  
P | 4069 5444

**February 28**

Council rates issued  
P | 4069 5444

**March 4**

New lunch time closure starts, from  
12.30pm-1.30pm, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**March 5**

Community grants and RADF grant  
programs open for applications  
P | 4069 5444

**March 8**

Contact Council if you have not received  
your rates notice  
P | 4069 5444

**March 12**

Book Club, Cooktown Library, 10am  
P | 4069 5009

**April 9**

Book Club, Cooktown Library, 10am  
P | 4069 5009

**April 18**

Applications for Community Grants and  
RADF program close  
P | 4069 5444

**April 19-22**

Easter long weekend

**April 25**

Anzac Day

**May 14**

Book Club, Cooktown Library, 10am  
P | 4069 5009

**June 7**

Weipa Fishing Classic



## Have you visited the Cook Shire Disaster Dashboard?

### COME AND MEET COUNCIL AT THE CWA HALL

Several Council initiatives will be on display at the Cooktown CWA Hall from February 25 to March 1, with officers on deck to answer any questions.

The display will focus on Council's single use plastics ban, animal management and local laws and the concept plan for a new Cooktown waste facility.

Officers will be available at the CWA Hall from 9am to 4.30pm during that week.

### COOKTOWN POOL PROGRAM

If you are looking for a cool spot to workout, somewhere to take the kids on the weekend, or need to boost your water skills, look no further than the Cooktown Pool.

The Pool is open weekdays from 5.30am to 6pm and weekends from 1pm to 6pm.

Aqua aerobics is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am, Wednesdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 12noon. Parents and Toddlers group is on Wednesdays at 9am and Underwater Hockey is every Monday at 6pm.

For more information on what is on offer at your pool, phone 4069 6098 or drop down to the pool at 10 Charles Street.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Australian Government has announced financial assistance for those affected by flooding in Burdekin, Cook, Douglas, Townsville and Wujal Wujal shires.

For more information or to claim visit [www.humanservices.gov.au/disaster](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/disaster) or phone 180 22 66.

Personal hardship assistance is also available for certain areas of Cook Shire. For more information phone 1800 173 349 or visit [www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies](http://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies)

### BOOK CLUB KICKS OFF

We officially have a Book Club! The Cooktown Book Club's inaugural meeting was yesterday, February 12, with meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at the library.

If you would like to be involved, contact the library on 4069 5009 for more information.

### CENTENARY IMAGES WANTED

Cook Shire Council is creating a coffee table book to celebrate our 100th anniversary, and we would like to include your images, especially those from outside Cooktown.

Council was formed in 1919, and we are seeking images from then until now, which showcase everything that Council has been involved in, including our towns and communities, facilities such as libraries, pools, playgrounds and halls, staff, road works and community events.

Images can be emailed to Council, or hard copies can be posted or taken to Council and will be scanned and returned. The Cooktown History Centre on Charlotte Street can also scan hard copy images and pass them on to Council.

The History Centre is at 121 Charlotte Street, and is open 9am to 12pm Monday to Wednesday.

### NEW LUNCH HOURS FOR COOKTOWN LIBRARY

The Cooktown Library lunch break hours are changing.

From Monday, March 4, the library will be closing from 12.30pm to 1.30pm (instead of the current 1.15pm to 2pm closure).

### IF IT'S FLOODED, FORGET IT

With record-breaking rain and flooding around much of the Far North since Christmas, it is a timely reminder for common sense when travelling during the wet season.

Many roads in Cook Shire become flooded during the wet season or during a cyclone, and Council advises people to check road conditions before travelling. Council has a "one stop shop" for road conditions and river heights with the Disaster Dashboard on our website.

The Dashboard has a link to the Bureau of Meteorology's river heights table, a map showing current road conditions on Cape York and other valuable disaster preparation information.

Visit [www.cook.qld.gov.au/services/disaster](http://www.cook.qld.gov.au/services/disaster) for more information, or click the quick link on the Council website home page.

### COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS OPENING IN MARCH

Council's Community Grants programs and Regional Arts Development Fund will open for applications next month.

Visit the Grants, Sponsorship and Donations page for more information, including eligibility criteria. If you would like to discuss your application, contact Council's Grants Officer for a confidential discussion.

Applications open on March 5 and close on April 18. For more information, contact Council's Grants Officer.

### NATURE'S POWERHOUSE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

Nature's PowerHouse and the Cooktown Visitor Information Centre are closed for maintenance work and expected to re-open the first week of March.

FOOD AIR DROPPED TO COEN  
Supplies were flown into flood-isolated Coen on the weekend, with two flights on Saturday and two more on Sunday.

A local helicopter pilot was also contracted to re-supply six remote stations in the Laura area.

The Cook Shire Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) would like to thank the Coen and Cape residents for their patience while waiting for State Government approval for the re-supply and the Coen State Emergency Service for their assistance.

### NEW LOOK FOR ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

If you are an online book hunter, you will be familiar with the Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) online catalogue.

The RLQ site has recently been revamped, and has a new website address. The site can be accessed via the link on the libraries page of our website, or directly at <https://qld.auroracloud.com.au/Montage/>

The online catalogue has not only books, but also e-books, audiobooks, tutorials, magazines, videos and more. And of course, it's all free!

Jump online and check it out now, or for more information drop in and see the team at your local library.



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