

council update

Coming Up

January 17

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

January 19

Bloomfield Library business hub opening,
9am-12noon
P | 4060 8342

January 21-24

Mulligan Highway bridge works, expect
delays
P | 13 19 40

January 22

School holiday craft, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

January 22

Interactive Storytime, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

January 23

Ordinary Council meeting
P | 4069 5444

January 24

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

January 26

Australia Day Awards ceremony, Nature's
PowerHouse
P | 4069 5444

January 28

Australia Day public holiday (Council
facilities closed)

January 29

Interactive Storytime, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

January 29

First day of school

January 30

Pre-qualified supplier tender briefing,
Cooktown PCYC Events Centre
P | 4069 5444

January 31

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

February 5

Interactive Storytime, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

February 5

Chinese New Year Banquet, Nature's
PowerHouse
P | 4069 5763



BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY OPEN DAY AND HUB OPENING

Come and meet your local library staff and check out the services on offer at the Bloomfield Library Open Day and official opening of the Business Hub.

The Hub, installed last year, includes brand new computers in a new space. Come along and enjoy a free morning tea between 9a and 12noon this Saturday, January 19.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS AT NATURE'S POWERHOUSE

Join us at Nature's PowerHouse next Saturday, January 26 to celebrate what's great about our great nation.

The event will include our inspirational Australia Day ambassador Tasman Bain, presentation of the 2019 Cook Shire Australia Day Award recipients and a free morning tea.

Tasman is co-founder of Meri Toksave, a youth-led gender equality initiative in Papua New Guinea. He is also chair of the Australian Red Cross Queensland Youth Advisory Committee, a Youth Commissioner of the National Youth Commission into Youth Unemployment and a Youth Delegate to the CSIRO National Youth Outlook Project.

Come along from 9am-12noon to join in the fun.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mosquito control around the home is vital to reducing insect numbers and curbing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever and zika virus.

Council advises residents to check their property weekly for potential breeding sites and tip out and wipe, dispose of or store inside any containers which could hold water.

Typical breeding spots can include pot plant bases, vases, buckets, tarpaulins, toys, old tyres, boats and trailers, blocked gutters, rainwater tanks, birdbaths and even palm fronds, bromeliads and fish ponds.

You can also use electric mosquito zappers, coils and surface spray under tables, chairs and beds to help get rid of mosquitoes around the home and wear light, loose long-sleeved clothing and insect repellent when outdoors.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE COOKTOWN LIBRARY

Pop into the Cooktown library this school holidays and enjoy the air conditioning and some special activities for youngsters.

At Cooktown Library, children aged 0 to 5 years old can enjoy Interactive Storytime every Tuesday from 10.30am to 11am, and for older children there is craft on Tuesdays from 11am to 12.30pm and Lego Club on Thursdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

HAVE YOU PREPARED YOUR DISASTER PLAN?

Cyclone, flood and storm season is here, and our recent flooding and storms are a timely reminder to ensure you are well prepared.

Now is the time to check your emergency kit, prepare your evacuation plan and make sure your rural number is easy to see. For more tips on being well prepared for fire, storm, flood and cyclone, visit our disaster dashboard on the Council website.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have a good idea? Or constructive feedback or a complaint?

Contact Council via Facebook, phone, post or email and we will respond as soon as we can.

CENTENARY IMAGES WANTED

Cook Shire Council is turning 100 this month, and as part of the celebrations we want to share images from our 100 years of service.

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 3pm Monday to Saturday.

PLENTY OF FUN IN THE COOKTOWN POOL THIS MONTH

The Cooktown Pool is the place to stay cool during the school holidays, with pool games on Mondays and Fridays and the inflatable obstacle course on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both from 1pm to 4pm.

There's also plenty to keep adults occupied this month and after the school holidays, with aqua aerobics from 5.30pm-6.30pm on Wednesdays, 9am-10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 12noon-1pm on Saturdays.

Underwater hockey is also on every Monday at 6pm, with no prior experience necessary. Bring your own short flippers and mask and snorkel if you have them, or we can provide you with a set.

For more information on all the activities on offer, phone the Pool on 4069 6928.

AUSTRALIA DAY CRICKET FUN

Hope Vale and Cooktown PCYCs are teaming up for some sporting fun this Australia Day.

Children aged 8 to 12 are invited to join in at the PCYC Reconciliation Cup, with transport and food provided. There are limited seats from Cooktown to Hope Vale - book with PCYC Sport and Recreation Officer Lesley Gibson-Brown.

For more information on the event, contact Senior Sport and Recreation Officer Teneille Nuggins on 0499 238 760.

MULLIGAN HIGHWAY BRIDGE WORKS

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will soon be starting bridge works on the Palmer River and Spear Creek bridges on the Mulligan Highway.

There will be delays between 7am and 3.30pm on the following dates, as well as complete closures at the marked times. Palmer River Bridge: January 21, closed 8am-8.30am and 1pm-1.30pm. January 23, closed 8am-8.30am and 1pm-1.30pm.

Spear Creek Bridge: January 22, closed 8am-8.30am and 1pm-1.30pm. January 24, closed 8am-8.30am and 1pm-1.30pm.



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