

# council update

## COUNCIL FUNDS

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## Coming Up

### March 20

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting,  
Council Chambers, 9am  
P | 4069 5444

### March 24

Rossville markets, Hatfield marketplace  
P | 4060 3112

### March 26

RSL fortnightly charity trivia night, 7pm

### March 28

Council rates due  
P | 4069 5444

### April 6

Lakeland Easter Frolic, Lakeland Hotel  
grounds, 1pm  
P | 0404 297 344

### April 7

Rossville markets, Hatfield marketplace  
P | 4060 3112

### April 8

Book Club, Cooktown Library, 2pm  
P | 4069 5009

### April 9

RSL fortnightly charity trivia night, 7pm

### April 17

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting,  
Council Chambers, 9am  
P | 4069 5444

### April 18

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

### April 19-22

Easter long weekend

### April 21

Rossville markets, Hatfield marketplace  
P | 4060 3112

### April 25

Anzac Day

### May 5

Rossville markets, Hatfield marketplace  
P | 4060 3112

### May 13

Book Club, Cooktown Library, 2pm  
P | 4069 5009

### May 19

Rossville markets, Hatfield marketplace  
P | 4060 3112

### GRANTS INFO SESSION COMES TO COEN TOWN HALL

Council's Grants Officer will be in Coen for a meet and greet on Wednesday, March 20.

Pop in to the Coen town hall to discuss the Council grants, which are currently open for submissions, between 1pm and 3pm. For more information on Council's grants programs, visit our website.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGM

The Cooktown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Annual General Meeting is coming up at the end of this month.

The Chamber's AGM will be held at Nature's PowerHouse on March 27, with bookings essential, by March 18. The function is catered, and is free for Chamber members, or \$30 for non members.

To book, visit the Chamber's Facebook event page ([www.facebook.com/events/551692208654188/](http://www.facebook.com/events/551692208654188/)).

### LAKELAND EASTER EVENT

Easter is fast approaching, and the Lakeland Progress Association is planning to kick off the Easter season with a family fun event on April 6.

The 2019 Easter Frolic will be at the Lakeland Hotel from 1pm, with fun for all the family, including markets, an Easter egg hunt, Easter craft, raffles, a gourmet barbecue and games.

If you would like to hold a stall at the Frolic, contact Trudy on 0404 297 344.

### REGISTER BY APRIL FOR FREE CHEMCLEAR PICK UP

Registration is due by mid-April for ChemClear's June pickup of unwanted agvet chemicals.

ChemClear offers free collection of Group 1 chemicals - which must have readable labels, still be in original containers, not be mixed with other products, be within two years of expiry or deregistration and from drumMUSTER participating companies. There is a fee for pickup of Group 2 chemicals. Register online at ChemClear's website ([www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical](http://www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical)) or by phone to 1800 008 182. For more information, contact Colin Hoey on 0428 964 576.

### SHIRE HALL CONSIDERED FOR WORKS FUNDING

Council is considering restoration of the Cooktown Shire Hall as a Works for Queensland funding application. Other projects being considered for the funding are a back-up water supply to build disaster resilience and shade for Council's playgrounds and parks. The Works for Queensland program is a State Government initiative aimed at fully funding the renewal or maintenance of assets owned by councils to create local job opportunities.

### PLASTICS TO BE PHASED OUT

Cook Shire Council is a proud Reef Guardian Council and has voted to phase out single use plastics across the Shire this year.

Single use plastics - such as balloons, straws, cups, takeaway containers and bags - have been banned at Council run events since last year. Single use plastics will be phased out at Council controlled venues, such as parks and market places, from July this year, and Council will also be encouraging locals to get on board the movement and stop using plastics.

### CHANCE TO WIN A CHAINSAW AT COEN GET READY EVENT

Locals could win a chainsaw at Coen's Get Ready disaster preparedness event next week.

Council, in conjunction with the Coen State Emergency Services (SES) and rural fire brigade, are holding the fun family event on Wednesday, March 20, from 3pm to 5pm.

Stop in at the SES and fire station to grab a free sausage and enjoy giveaways, plus the chance to win a chainsaw and plenty of information on how to get prepared for bushfire season.

### NEW LUNCH BREAK 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). The library is open from 10am to 5pm weekdays, and 10am to 12.30pm Saturdays.

### HEALTHY DOGS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN COEN

Coen dogs and their owners will be getting a helping hand next week when Seadog Vets and Council roll into town for the regular Healthy Dogs - Healthy Communities visit.

Staff will be on the ground seeing pets on Tuesday and Wednesday, administering tick, flea, worm and mange treatment and birth control. The two-year program, funded by Queensland Health, aims to improve overall community health by treating or removing unhealthy dogs and increasing education around responsible dog ownership and the flow on effects to community health.

For more information on the program, contact Council's Senior Animal Management Officer.

### COOKTOWN BOOK CLUB MEETING MONTHLY

We officially have a Book Club!

The Cooktown Book Club's second meeting was on Monday, with meetings held on the second Monday of every month at the library.

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

### FOOD SAFETY TIP: EGGS

For those who have chickens at home and eat the eggs, it is advised to wash the shells immediately in warm water and store the eggs in the fridge.

Egg shells are porous, so if the shell is washed in cold water, the warm egg will draw in moisture and possibly salmonella and other nasties into the egg.

### PAY RATES ON TIME TO GET GENERAL RATES DISCOUNT

Cook Shire Council's rates and charges are levied twice a year, with the second rates for the 2018-19 financial year issued on February 26.

Rates are due on Thursday, March 28, and rates paid in full by the due date are eligible for a 10 per cent discount on general rates.

If you have not yet received your rates notice, or to arrange a payment plan, please contact our friendly Rates Officer.



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