

# council update

## Coming Up

**November 14**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

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Junior touch football, PCYC  
P | 4082 1400

**November 15**

Community/RADF grant applications close  
P | 4082 0500

**November 16**

Poison Creek Rural Fire Brigade Open Day  
P | 0400 695 514

**November 18**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**November 18**

Sunset with Santa registration closes  
P | 4082 0500

**November 21**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**November 21**

Junior touch football, PCYC  
P | 4082 1400

**November 25**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**November 28**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**November 28**

Junior touch football, PCYC  
P | 4082 1400

**November 22**

Australia Day Award nominations close  
P | 4082 0500

**December 4-6**

Cooktown Airport closure  
P | 4082 0500

**December 6**

Christmas Wishing Tree donations close  
P | 4082 1400

**December 7**

Sunset with Santa, Cooktown waterfront  
P | 4082 0500

**December 9**

Book Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

## BUSHFIRE ALERT HIGH FIRE DANGER - AVOID ALL FIRE ACTIVITY!



### OPEN DAY FOR POISON CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

You could win a Stihl chainsaw, and you will definitely get a free burger, if you attend the Poison Creek Rural Fire Brigade's open day this Saturday.

Poison Creek area residents are invited to the day, which will include a barbecue and membership drive, at the Poison Creek Rural Fire Shed on Minke Road on Saturday, November 16 from 2pm to 7pm. Current brigade members can also request new personal protective equipment, and property owners are encouraged to provide contact details to allow the brigade to get in touch in the event of an emergency.

RSVP to First Officer Cass Sorensen on 0438 699 379 or Secretary Nikki Darvell on 0400 695 514.

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON

Do you know an unsung hero who deserves recognition? Nominations are closing soon for the 2020 Cook Shire Australia Day Awards.

Our local Australia Day Awards are a great way to recognise a group or person who is doing good things in your community. Categories are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Volunteer of the Year (Group or Individual); Sports (Group, Individual or Event); Arts and Culture (Group, Individual or Event); and Environment.

Nomination forms are available at Council's office, the Cooktown and Ayton libraries or on our website.

Nominations close next Friday, November 22, 2019. The awards ceremony will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020.

### FIRE GROUP URGES FIRE BAN

The Cook Shire Fire Management Group is urging residents to avoid lighting any fires, including backyard fires and campfires, during the current extreme fire risk conditions. Please also be mindful of your actions and dispose of cigarettes responsibly, and avoid parking vehicles in dry grass and slashing of any kind. For bushfire safety tips, visit Council's emergency management dashboard at <http://disaster.cook.qld.gov.au/>

### COOKTOWN AIRPORT CLOSURE

The Cooktown Airport will be closed for urgent repairs from 6am Wednesday, December 4 to 6pm, Friday, December 6 2019, weather dependent.

The repairs are critical to the ongoing safety of the runway and must be completed before the wet season. Council sincerely apologises for the inconvenience caused by this closure, and would like to thank airport users for their understanding and patience while we complete this essential work.

For more information, contact Council's Director Infrastructure.

### GET PREPARED FOR CYCLONE SEASON WITH FREE DUMPING

It's cyclone season, and to help residents prepare, Shire waste transfer stations will be accepting all sorted domestic waste free from Friday, December 6 to Sunday, December 15, 2019.

All waste must be sorted into separate streams, such as household, mixed recyclables, green waste and whitegoods. Non-sorted waste will incur a fee. More information on sorting waste, as well as the opening hours of your nearest transfer station, can be found on Council's website.

### GRANTS CLOSING THIS WEEK

Council's Community Grants and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) programs are closing this Friday, November 15.

Head to the community grants page on Council's website for more information or to apply online, or email our friendly Community Grants Officer.

### PORT STEWART AND OLD COEN ROAD CLOSURES

One lane of the Port Stewart Road range section will be closed from November 12 to November 15 while geotechnical survey work is underway. Please expect minor delays and obey traffic signage.

The Old Coen Road range section will be closed to all traffic from November 18 while damage is repaired. The road is expected to be re-opened on November 20. Please plan travel around the closures, and thank you for your cooperation while we improve your roads.

### PLAN TO BE WATERWISE DURING A DISASTER

Having access to adequate supplies of water during and immediately after a disaster such as a cyclone is an important part of protecting your health.

However, water may not be available or safe to drink during and immediately after a disaster. As a result, you should include adequate supplies of safe drinking water in your emergency kit, and fill water containers and bathtubs at home for essential use.

Immediately following a disaster, when water is turned back on, strict water restrictions will be in place until notified otherwise by Council. Please be mindful of the limited water supply and ensure all residents have access to adequate water by not using more than necessary for essential hygiene, cooking and drinking purposes only.

### UNDERWATER HOCKEY WEEKLY AT COOKTOWN POOL

Do you love hockey? Do you love the pool? Why not combine the two, and enjoy a fun workout in the cool of the pool with underwater hockey.

Games are open to all competent swimmers, and are held at the Cooktown Pool every Monday at 5.30pm. If you have your own mask, snorkel and flippers (short fins only) please bring them along, or there are spares for those without their own.

### INTERACTIVE STORYTIME

Head to the Cooktown Library every Tuesday from 10.30am for a fun interactive story session.

Interactive storytime is open to youngsters from birth to age 5, and their carers. Each week our storytellers bring popular children's stories to life with a fun interactive reading style.

For more information, contact the Cooktown Library on 4069 5009.

### COOKTOWN BOOK CLUB WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

If you're a keen book reader, the Cooktown Book Club is always welcoming new members.

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month at the Cooktown Library between 2pm and 3pm.



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