

council update

Coming Up

September 9-16

Cooktown boat ramp closed for maintenance
P | 4069 5444

September 13

Cooktown MPHS redevelopment community forum, Cooktown PCYC, 10.30am

September 14

Lakeland Photo Comp event, Lakeland Town Hall, 3pm

September 19

Cook Shire rates due
P | 4069 5444

September 19

National Reading Day, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

September 24

School holiday craft, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

September 24

Inflatable obstacle course, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

September 26

School holiday Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

September 26

Inflatable obstacle course, Cooktown Pool
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September 30-October 4

Free learn to swim lessons, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

October 1

School holiday craft, Cooktown Library
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Inflatable obstacle course, Cooktown Pool
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October 3

School holiday Lego Club, Cooktown Library
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October 14

Cooktown Book Club, Cooktown Library
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Did you know we have a 24
hour phone service?

CALL ANY TIME!

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BUSHFIRE SEASON IS HERE

Spring is here, and so is bushfire season, with South East and Central Queensland having the worst start to the fire season in recorded history.

The Cook Shire Local Disaster Management Group would like to remind residents to be prepared for a bushfire, wherever they live. Fires can start not only in rural areas, but also in town with dumped green waste, overgrown allotments and residential areas backed onto bush blocks all risk areas.

Preparation is the key to ensuring your home and family are safe during a fire. You can find useful tips on Council's disaster dashboard - just follow the link on our website home page.

The dashboard also contains useful information during a disaster, with an interactive map showing fires and road closures, and emergency news updates.

DOG REGO RENEWALS DUE

If you are a Cook Shire pet owner, don't forget your dog must be registered and microchipped, and annual renewals are now overdue.

For more information on dog registration and fees, or if you have not received your dog registration renewal notice, visit our website, or contact our friendly Animal Management team.

SENIORS INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR LIBRARY TECH TRAINING

The Tech Savvy Seniors program is running again at the Cooktown Library.

The program helps seniors learn how to use computers and the internet. Sessions will run every Monday and Friday from 2pm to 4pm, until the end of November.

To express your interest or find out more, contact the library on 4069 5009 or drop in and see your friendly librarian.

REGISTER FOR A PENSIONER DISCOUNT NOW AND SAVE

Do you have a Pension Concession Card? Do you live in your own home or are a life tenant?

If you answered yes to both questions you could receive a subsidy off your rates. Forms are available on Council's web site or by contacting Council's rates team.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN

Lego WeDo will be taking a break over the school holidays, which run from September 23 to October 7.

But don't worry, we have some fun activities planned to keep youngsters occupied! On Tuesday, September 24 and October 1, there is fun craft from 11am to 12pm. And on Thursday, September 26 and October 3, Lego Club is on from 11am to 12pm

And don't forget Thursday, September 19 is National Reading Day! To share the love of reading, we are inviting anyone with a spare hour to come along and enjoy a book and a free cuppa at the library between 10am and 12pm on the 19th.

HOW TO CONTACT COUNCIL

Council has a dedicated after hours answering service and residents are reminded that all requests for assistance outside business hours should be directed to the 4069 5444 phone number.

The trained call centre staff will assess each request and contact the relevant Council officer, who will deal with the enquiry or contact the caller as necessary. This ensures that enquiries are dealt with promptly and by the appropriate officer, rather than contacting a staff member via their direct number which may not be answered if they are on leave or not on call.

Non urgent enquiries should be emailed to Council at mail@cook.qld.gov.au, and will be responded to as soon as possible during business hours.

RATES NOTICES ISSUED

Cook Shire's six monthly rates were issued on August 21.

If you haven't received your rates notice, please also contact Council. Rates are due for payment on September 19 - pay in full by the due date to receive either 10 per cent off the differential general rate or \$150 (whichever is the lesser).

Pensioners not already receiving the pensioner rates concession are also encouraged to apply. Forms are available on Council's website or by contacting our Rates Officer.

NEW EXPO 2020 WEBSITE

Everything you need to know about the biggest event in Cooktown in 2020 is now in one place!

The new Cooktown Expo 2020 website is live, with details including the three week program and tips on how to plan your trip.

The site also includes general information about what to see and do in Cooktown and Cape York while you're here for the Expo. Visit www.cooktown2020.com and let us know what you think!

POOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The temperature at the pool is warming up and we have lots of fun in the sun planned during the school holidays.

We are offering free learn to swim lessons through the Laurie Lawrence and Poolwerx program between September 30 and October 4. Lessons are open to children under 5, and run from 8am-12pm - contact the pool to book a spot.

Weather permitting, the inflatable obstacle course will be in the pool for older children, between 1pm and 4pm on Tuesday and Thursday during the holidays (September 24 and 26 and October 1 and 3). Children must be competent swimmers to take part.

For those wanting to keep fit, the water has been a balmy 26 degrees for aqua aerobics, which is every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am - no bookings necessary! For more information, drop in to the pool during opening hours - 5.30am-6pm weekdays and 1pm-6pm weekends - or contact the pool on 4069 6928.

COOKTOWN HEALTH SERVICE REDEVELOPMENT FORUM

Queensland Health is inviting the public to hear about the plans for a redeveloped Cooktown Multi Purpose Health Service (MPHS), and to have their say to make sure the plan works for the community.

The forum will be at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre on Friday, September 13 from 10.30am to 12pm.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to have your say on the current facilities at Cooktown MPHS and the proposed redevelopment, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q57XCTY to take a short survey.



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