

council update

Coming Up

March 11

Coen Women's Group

March 12

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

March 12

Touch football, Coen Oval

March 15

Wind Spirit cruise ship scheduled, 10am-4pm

March 16

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

March 17

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library
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Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
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March 19

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
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March 19

Touch football, Coen Oval

March 20

Expo 2020 market stall pre-registration due
P | 4082 0500

March 21

Lakeland Sports Oval official opening

March 23

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

March 24

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library
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March 24

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

March 25

Free My Health For Life Program,
Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

March 26

Cook Shire rates due
P | 4082 0500

March 26

Lego Club, Cooktown Library



Cook Shire RATES DUE March 26

*Pay in full by the due date to receive
a discount on your general rates*

TREE THREAT TO SHIRE HALL TO BE REMOVED

A tree which is threatening the historical Shire Hall and water and sewer lines in Cooktown will be removed next week.

The milky pine and attached fig in front of the heritage-listed building on Helen Street were assessed by an independent arborist, who found the plants were damaging the building's foundations and also located directly above the water and sewer lines which service the street.

Work on tree removal is scheduled to start on Monday, March 16, and be completed over several days.

While in the area, the contractors will also remove a dangerous rotten mango tree on West Street and large blue gum on Broadway Street in Ayton to protect public safety.

SAILING CRUISE SHIP STOPPING IN COOKTOWN

The distinctive luxury cruise ship Wind Spirit is scheduled to bring her 140 passengers to Cooktown on March 15.

The four-masted ship is booked to arrive at 10am and leave at 4pm. Council staff will be at the wharf to greet the visitors, and local businesses are encouraged to make them feel welcome.

APPLY NOW TO SPRUCE UP MAIN STREET SHOP FRONTS

Applications are open until March 31 for the Charlotte Street Streetscape and Facade Beautification Program.

This one-off opportunity is provided to eligible local businesses, property owners and organisations on Charlotte Street as part of preparations for Cooktown Expo 2020.

Privately owned eligible local businesses, property owners and organisations are invited to submit a request for investment to upgrade their shop facades. Council will invest up to \$2500 per business or organisation with a minimum 50 per cent co-investment required (co-investment can be in-kind).

For more information or to apply, visit Council's website or contact Council's Senior Grants Officer.

BE PREPARED FOR FLOOD AND CYCLONE SEASON

With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting flooding and a possible cyclone, it is a timely reminder for Cape York residents to ensure they are prepared.

Preparation is the key to ensuring your home and family are safe during a natural disaster - do you have an emergency evacuation kit? Have you planned what to do with your pets during a disaster? Do you know where your nearest place of refuge is? You can find tips on being prepared 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 road closures, and emergency news updates.

CORONAVIRUS - HAVE YOU GOT YOUR LOCAL FACT SHEET?

The Cook Shire Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) is planning for the possibility of a novel coronavirus outbreak in our area, but the key message is to remain calm and follow Queensland Health advice.

While the LDMG is ensuring service providers and businesses are prepared in the event of an outbreak, locals are urged to stay informed but not to be alarmed.

The LDMG is distributing a fact sheet, which will be available on Council's website and widely around Cook Shire, with locally-relevant information on what you can do to protect your family from coronavirus and be prepared for a possible outbreak.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR EXPO 2020 MARKETS CLOSING SOON

Council is calling for pre-registrations of interest to hold a market stall during Cooktown Expo 2020.

Registrations will be assessed and stallholders will be contacted if their registration is accepted. If accepted, stallholders will then be required to submit an application and pay the application fee. Register online at www.trybooking.com/BINWP - registration is due by 3pm on Friday, March 20.

PUBLIC ARTWORK WANTED FOR RECONCILIATION SITE

Cook Shire Council is inviting submissions for the creation of public artwork as part of the Reconciliation Rocks Precinct Development Project.

It is proposed to establish a cultural space, including landscaping and public art, at the site of the first recorded act of reconciliation. The Traditional Owners in Cooktown and surrounding areas want to tell the story of the naming of the kangaroo (Gangurru) and the first act of reconciliation between the 'little old man', who, upholding the laws of the Guugu Yimithirr lands, came forward to resolve a conflict that had taken place between James Cook and the Waymburr-Warra people during Cook's 48 day stay in 1770.

The public art will form part of the fabric of this important site, which will commemorate the first act of reconciliation and inform visitors on the significance of the event that occurred on the site. Submissions are due by Tuesday, March 31 2020.

For a detailed artist brief, and to submit, visit the tenders page on Council's website.

PERFORMERS AND ARTISTS REGISTER OPEN FOR EXPO

Visual and performance artists are encouraged to register their interest to take part in Cooktown Expo 2020, which runs from July 17 to August 4 this year.

The Expo offers opportunities including performances, showcases, guest speaking, MCing, live music, workshops, promotion and art exhibitions.

Register online at www.cooktown2020.com by Tuesday, March 31, or for more information contact Council's Regional Arts Officer.

RATES DUE ON MARCH 26

Cook Shire issued rates on February 25, which are due for payment on March 26.

Those who pay in full by the due date are eligible for a discount off their general rates. If you haven't received your rates notice, or for any other enquiries such as arranging a payment plan, contact Council's friendly rates officer.



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