



MESSAGE from the MAYOR

We have been receiving many positive comments about Cooktown and the Shire, and I acknowledge the pride shown by Council staff and the community in delivering the wonderful events and works programs that showcase our beautiful place.

There have been great improvements and sealing of roads in the urban area, up the valleys and out in our regional areas.

The upgraded entrance to Charlotte Street and the condition of the Waterfront and the Botanical Gardens has prompted many compliments about the tidiness and amenity of Cooktown.

The Indigenous community and our neighbouring councils continue to contribute to fabulous Expo Legacy projects like the Gamaay Dreaming Track, the Walambaal Biri Cultural Centre, Reconciliation Rocks and the Gateway to Cape York project at Lakeland.

We are all anticipating the completion of our beloved Shire Hall and the children's playground at Lion's Park.

Thanks to all those who have chosen to keep their community safer through the COVID vaccination program – we are still COVID free on the Cape and it's the best place to live and visit.

CR PETER SCOTT
Mayor, Cook Shire Council



Council turns up the heat at the pool



Vicky Brown and Karen Whipper enjoying their morning exercises in the warmer waters of Cooktown Swimming Pool

Works to install a heating system at the popular Cooktown Swimming Pool are now complete, and community members, hydrotherapy patients and swim fans are diving right in to enjoy the warmer waters with the swimming pool seeing an increase in visitor numbers since the system was installed.

With \$90,000 in funding from the Queensland Government's COVID Works for Queensland program, the project also included installation of 20kW solar panels to offset the energy required to heat the pool; potentially offsetting more than 70% of the venues total electricity costs.

"The installation of the solar panels is a positive step towards managing Council's rising operational costs, but the real winners here are the community who have wanted this for a long time," said Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott.

"Having a year-round heated swimming and hydrotherapy facility adds to the level of amenity of Cooktown and will help facilitate the ongoing health and wellness of the Shire for years to come."

COMMUNITY GRANTS UP FOR GRABS

Are you a local small business owner or organisation with an idea for a project, activity or event that will add to the vibrancy of our community and the Shire?

Applications are now open to eligible local businesses and organisations, groups and individuals to apply for up to \$5,000

of funding towards hosting a community centred project, activity or event. Applications must be received before 5pm, Friday 15 October 2021. For more information and to apply, visit Council's website or contact Council's Grants Officer via email to mail@cook.qld.gov.au or by phone on 4082 0500.

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Cook Shire Council Rates are due
- 24–26 Wallaby Creek Festival www.wallabycreekfestival.org.au
- 25–27 Cardiac Challenge www.cardiacchallenge.com.au
- 27–4 Learn to Swim Week (2-5 year olds), Cooktown Swimming Pool
- 28 Cook Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting
- 28 International Access to Information Day

OCTOBER

- 1–3 Cooktown Hotel, Cooktown Hog Hunt
- 1–4 Conquer the Corrugations www.conquerthecorrugations.com.au
- 5 Term 4 Learn to Swim starts, Cooktown Swimming Pool
- 9 Opening Alan Wilson Oval, Lakeland
- 11 Cooktown Book Club meeting
- 15 Applications for Community Grants close

