

council update

Coming Up

December 14

Council depot closes for Christmas
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Council main office, library and pool closed
for the afternoon from 11.30am
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Christmas craft at the Cooktown Library
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December 15

Christmas Lights Competition judging
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December 17

Christmas Carols in Lions/Endeavour parks
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December 19

Inflatable obstacle course at the pool
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December 21

Christmas craft at the Cooktown Library
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Inflatable obstacle course at the pool
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December 22

Council office closes for Christmas
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December 24-26

Cooktown Pool closed for Christmas break
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December 25

Christmas Day

December 27-30

Cooktown Pool open 1pm-6pm
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December 31-January 1

Cooktown Pool closed for New Year
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January 1

New Year's Day

January 26

Cook Shire Australia Day Awards ceremony
and celebration event
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BE PROACTIVE AND STOP MOSQUITO BORNE DISEASES

Mosquito control around the home is vital to reducing insect numbers and curbing the risk of the transfer of mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever and zika virus.

Council advises residents to check their property weekly for potential breeding sites and tip out, flush, dispose of or store inside any containers which could hold water. Typical breeding spots can include pot plant bases, vases, buckets, tarpaulins, toys, old tyres, boats and trailers, blocked gutters, rainwater tanks, birdbaths and even palm fronds, bromeliads and fish ponds.

You can also use electric mosquito zappers, coils and surface spray under tables, chairs and beds to help get rid of mosquitoes around the home and wear light, loose long-sleeved clothing and insect repellent when outdoors.

CHECK YOUR WATER METER AND SAVE A DROP

Have you checked your water meter this month for hidden leaks?

It's quick and easy to do and could save you an excess water charge. Make sure all your taps are turned off, and check your water meter.

If no red dials are moving, it means there is no leak! If the red dials are moving, there is water leaking somewhere, so time to investigate. Tips for finding a leak include, checking for wet areas around taps and in your yard, or unusually green areas of grass.

If you cannot find any visible signs of a leak, you may need to call a plumber.

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 of up to \$200 annually off your rates.

Forms are available on Council's web site or by contacting Council's rates team.

HOLIDAY FUN AT THE COOKTOWN COMMUNITY POOL

Challenge yourself on the inflatable obstacle course this month at the Cooktown Pool.

The fun course will be in the pool on December 19 and 21, from 1pm to 4pm. The course is open to children aged between 5 and 15, who are competent swimmers. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied by a responsible person aged over 16.

LEFTOVER PRESENTS BOOST WISHING TREE APPEAL

Despite disappointing numbers at this year's Breakfast with Santa event, the leftover presents did not go to waste.

The annual event has been running for more than 15 years, but this year only half the booked children attended. The resulting 60-plus leftover presents were donated to the Cooktown District Community Centre's Christmas wishing tree appeal and will be enjoyed by children who need a little extra sparkle at Christmas this year.

Breakfast with Santa was started by Cooktown businesses and volunteers, and includes a breakfast for all attendees and a present for each child booked, but the event's future was in jeopardy after the second year of poor attendance despite strong bookings.

LOCALS SPREAD KEY DISASTER PREPARATION MESSAGES

Locals from Coen to Wujal Wujal are spreading key disaster preparation messages through a new music video.

Funded by the Get Ready Queensland program, Cook Shire Council brought former Chocolate Starfish frontman Adam Thompson to the Shire to write the song.

The four minute music video features local emergency services, school students, volunteer groups and business people and warns residents to be prepared for bushfire, flood, cyclone and storm season.

Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3oZ1ut46RM or Council's Facebook page to view the full video.

COUNCIL FACILITIES FESTIVE SEASON CLOSURES

Council's main office will close at 11.30am on Friday, December 22 and reopen at 8.45am on Tuesday, January 2.

The Cooktown Library will close on December 11 at 11.30am, and reopen on January 2 at 10am, while the Bloomfield Library will close on December 20 at 4pm and reopen on Wednesday, January 3 at 10am.

The Cooktown Swimming Pool will be closed from December 24 to December 26 and December 31 to January 1. The pool will be open from 1pm to 6pm from December 27 to December 30, and reopen as per usual hours on Tuesday, January 2.

All Shire waste transfer stations will be closed on Christmas Day only. Council's works depot will close at 11.30am on Thursday, December 14 and reopen at 6.30am on Monday, January 8.

For all Council-related emergencies outside office hours please phone 4069 5444, as there is a dedicated after hours answering service.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the team at Cook Shire Council!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BRIGHTEN COOK SHIRE

Make sure to take a drive and check out the Light Up Cook Shire Christmas lights competition entrants.

There are lights at 72, 103, 114 and 2/95 Charlotte Street, 1 Hannam Street, 27 Hutchinson Street, 19 Hope Street, 2 Reid Street, 51 Weary Bay Road (Ayton), 38 Melaleuca Street

GET CRAFTY FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE COOKTOWN LIBRARY

Join us at the Cooktown Library for a morning of free crafting fun, making Christmas cards, ribbon crafts and all sorts of festive decorations.

Christmas craft is at the library on Thursday, December 14 and Thursday, December 21 from 10am to midday.



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