

council update

Coming Up

June 15-17

Cooktown Discovery Festival
www.cooktowndiscovery.com.au

June 15

No computer access from 10am-12noon,
Cooktown Library

June 19

Fundraiser trivia night, Cooktown RSL Club

June 19

No computer access from 10am-12noon,
Cooktown Library

June 20

Cooktown Pool closed 8.45am to 10am for
mowing
P | 4069 6928

June 22

No computer access from 10am-12noon,
Cooktown Library

June 24

Big monthly garage sale, Cooktown Waste
Transfer Station
P | 0428 793 147

June 26

No computer access from 10am-12noon,
Cooktown Library

June 27

60s and Better morning tea, Cooktown
District Community Centre
P | 4069 6098

June 28-30

Laura Horsesports, Races and Rodeo

June 29

No computer access from 10am-12noon,
Cooktown Library

June 29

Sprout Festival
P | 0448 546 718

June 30

Mungumby Mountain Bike Muster
P | 4060 3158

July 2-3

Breastscreen service in Lakeland
P | 13 20 50

July 4

Cooktown Pool closed 8.45am to 10am for
mowing
P | 4069 6928

July 20

Cook Shire Public Holiday



Cooktown Discovery Festival June 15-17

PUBLIC INVITED TO ENJOY WATERFRONT SITE

The Cooktown waterfront, including the children's water park, will be open to the public from Friday, June 15.

There is plenty of space for all the family, with the viewing and fishing platforms, gym equipment and water play park open for use. There is still some work ongoing on some aspects of the project, but the site is now safe and open for the public to enjoy. The coin operated barbecues are expected to be connected to power in coming weeks, and the exercise stations and walkways, featuring engraved pavers, are all accessible.

Visitors to the area are asked to be mindful of the areas of freshly laid turf and growing grass, and stay to the paths where possible. The children's water park is expected to be open on weekends, school and public holidays, with definite operating hours still to be finalised. When it is completed, the site will include further landscaping and the kiosk will be opened. A gala official opening is planned for later this year.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FESTIVAL

One of Cooktown's biggest annual events, the Cooktown Discovery Festival, kicks off this Friday.

The three day event features a full program of fun, including rides, grand parade, scavenger hunt, billy karts, fireworks and the re-enactment of the indigenous people's meeting with Captain Cook in 1770.

The full program is available at www.cooktowndiscovery.com.au or printed programs are available at local businesses and on the weekend at the information tent in Endeavour Park.

FIREWORKS EXCLUSION ZONE

All boat users are reminded there is an exclusion zone on Saturday, June 16, from 5.30pm-8.30pm, for the Cooktown Discovery Festival fireworks.

Boat users must not moor or boat within the zone, which is a 160m diameter circle adjacent to Bicentennial Park.

FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURES

The following roads will be closed for the 2018 Cooktown Discovery Festival, over the weekend of June 15 to 17.

- Charlotte Street from the Walker Street intersection to the Boathouse, from 7am to 2pm Saturday.
- Charlotte Street from the Walker Street intersection to the West Coast Bottleshop from 2pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday.
- Charlotte Street parking at Bicentennial Park from 6am Saturday to 4pm Sunday.
- Walker Street from the Hope Street intersection to the Adelaide Street intersection from 9am to 4pm Sunday.

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

As exciting as the fireworks and musket and cannon firing is for us, our pets often don't appreciate the loud noises.

Cannon firing will take place in Endeavour Park on Sunday, June 17 at about 11am. The musket firing will take place on Friday, June 15 at the Sovereign Resort Hotel at 6pm and on Sunday, June 17 in Bicentennial Park between 9.30am and 11am. The fireworks are in Bicentennial Park from 7.45pm on Saturday, June 16. To ensure your pets are safe during these events, please keep them in a secure location. If your pet does go missing, remember to contact Council to report it.

CHECK YOUR WATER METER

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, then check your 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 include checking for wet areas around taps and your yard, or unusually green grass.

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

COUNCIL GRANTS STREAMLINED

Council's grants programs are being streamlined to make the process easier for applicants.

Council's in-kind support program is being replaced by a community donations program, which is open year-round for applications under \$1000.

The current sponsorship program is being replaced by a \$1000 to \$3000 community sponsorship program, which is open twice a year.

The community and economic development grants program is being replaced with the community small grants program, open twice a year for amounts up to \$5000. Visit the grants page on Council's website or contact our Grants Officer for more information.

WATERFRONT TRAFFIC CHANGES

Please be aware of changed traffic conditions on the waterfront this month.

Heavy machinery will be working on the Webber Esplanade road, and to ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety, traffic will be detoured at times during the works.

Please obey signage and staff in the area, and expect traffic and parking changes this month.

TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Tech Savvy Seniors is starting again at the Cooktown Library, every Tuesday and Friday. Public computers will not be available in the computer room at the library on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 12noon.

The Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland program has been funded by Telstra and the Queensland Government through State Library of Queensland.

BREASTSCREEN VAN COMING TO LAKELAND IN JULY

If you are a woman aged 50 to 74, book in now for the mobile breastscreen truck which is headed to Lakeland on July 2 and 3.

The service is also available to women under 40 and over 75, and is completely free. Bookings are essential, and can be made online at www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au or by phone on 13 20 50.



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