



Community Noticeboard

Fortnightly Publication - Wednesday 30th May 2007

...The latest Council News, Community Events, Job Vacancies, Tenders
- it's all here on the Noticeboard...

COMING UP

1st June – Submissions Close for Draft Corporate Plan

1st June – Local Government Week BBQ & Stall

9th – 11th June - Cooktown Discovery Festival

DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2007-2012 ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY...

A series of community meetings have been held in order for community members to have an opportunity to provide feedback to Council. If you would like to make a submission or have any questions about the draft corporate plan, please contact Mike Tomlinson, Community and Economic Development Officer by phone: 4069 5622 or email: mtomlinson@cook.qld.gov.au

REQUEST FOR TENDERS FOR THE SALE AND SUPPLY OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

T1. Supply of Council Fleet Vehicles/Plant
T2. Sale of Council Fleet Vehicles/Plant
Closes 2.00pm Friday 8th June 2007

Tender documents are available by contacting Ellanna Gilson at the Council Chambers, 121 Charlotte Street, or by telephoning: 4069 5444, facsimile: 4069 5423, email: egilson@cook.qld.gov.au downloaded from www.cooktowns.com or by writing to: PO Box 3 Cooktown QLD 4895.

REQUEST FOR SITE SPECIFIC ART WORKS DESIGN AND EXECUTION

Council is requesting suitably qualified public and community artists/crafts people to submit potential designs for either of the following:

- Painted Tiles
- Carved / Burnt / Painted Battens

Successful applicants will have their works displayed within the new Administration Centre. Submissions are to be received no later than the 8th June 2007 at 2.00pm. For further details and specifications (required sizes, colours, themes) please contact Council's Procurement Officer, Ellanna Gilson, or Council's Arts Culture and Events Officer, Sally Saw, on 4069 5444.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM COOK SHIRE COUNCIL SUBMISSION

The Local Government Reform agenda was announced by the Queensland State Government last month and a website <http://www.localdemocracy.com.au> has been created to provide information on the issue of council amalgamations and boundary changes. Cook Shire Council has taken the opportunity to make a submission to the Boundary Reform Commission and the submission is available on the Cook Shire website: www.cooktowns.com. More information will be forwarded through to the communities of Cook Shire as Council receives it. If you have any concerns or queries regarding these reforms please contact Mark Pitt, CEO on 4069 5444.

POSITION VACANT

Water & Sewerage Labourer HRM04a/0607
Closes 4.30pm Friday 15th June 2007. For further details please contact Melissa Mulhall on 4069 5444 or email mmulhall@cook.qld.gov.au

COOKTOWN BOWLS CLUB LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Land Management Plan (LMP) for the Cooktown Bowls Club is available for review by members and other stakeholders at:

- * Cook Shire Council offices (Front Counter)
- * Cooktown Bowls Club (ask at the Bar)
- * <http://www.cook.qld.gov.au/council/publications.shtml>

Feedback is invited by writing to mail@cook.qld.gov.au or PO Box 3, Cooktown 4895. Please send your comments in by 29th June 2007, after which time the LMP will sent to the State Govt (DNRW) for approval.

COOKTOWN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL

Will be held over the June long weekend from the 9th to 11th June 2007. For further information please contact Cooktown Booking Centre on 4069 5381 or download program from www.cooktowns.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE ART SECTOR?

Cook Shire Council is now calling for expressions of interest from residents to become part of a new Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee to help implement the new RADF guidelines in the Shire. Submissions are now being called for and the selection criteria can be obtained at Council Offices and Libraries or from www.cooktowns.com. For further information please contact Council's Art, Culture & Events Officer, Sally Saw on 4069 5444 or email: ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK DISPLAY

This week provides opportunities for the community to learn more about Local Government. Cook Shire Councillors and staff invite residents and visitors to join them for a FREE Sausage Sizzle at the Cook Shire's Admin Office, 121 Charlotte Street, Cooktown on Friday 1st June from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Many of the Shire's school aged children participated in a colouring competition and entries will be on display as well as information on Council's Services and Departments.

For further information please contact Community Services Division, Sally Saw on 4069 5444 or email ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

SPORT, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The first meeting for the South East Corner of the Shire's Sport, Recreation & Open Space Plan took place last month. Clubs and organisations are being contacted and community meetings will be held over the next 4 months to understand current conditions of sport, recreation and open space needs/requirements for the future. To ensure the widest possible consultation, consultants will be visiting Rossville, Ayton, Marton, Cooktown, Lakeland and Laura, to have one-on-one meetings with community members and groups. This is your opportunity to have a say in the types of facilities your community needs. Any enquiries please contact Roger Declé, Sport & Recreation Officer on 4069 5622 or email: rdeclé@cook.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The Swimming Pool will be closed 9th, 10th and 11th June for the long weekend. Aqua aerobics will be cancelled for the 10th June session. The pools normal opening hours recommence on Tuesday 12th June 2007.

COOKTOWN COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTRE

Community consultation regarding the design of the multi-purpose facility will be undertaken over the next 4 months. A recent meeting was attended by representatives of the Student Council who provided useful information on the needs of young people. Council looks forward to similar groups providing their ideas via the consultation process. Meetings and consultations will be combined on occasions with the Sport, Recreation & Open Space Plan. For any enquiries please contact Mike Tomlinson, Community and Economic Development Officer on 4069 5622 or email: mtomlinson@cook.qld.gov.au

CAMPING IN COOKTOWN

With the commencement of the tourist season it is timely that Council reminds visitors to the region that under Section 22(1) of Local Law No. 22 (Caravan Parks and Camping) there is to be **no camping, except in a caravan park**. If you are found to be illegally camping within a 15km radius of Cooktown you could be fined up to \$1500.00. The Cooktown region has many caravan parks that will accommodate tourists in beautiful surroundings to enable relaxation and an enjoyable holiday. If you have any enquiries please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Sheils Barra, on 4069 5444.

COOK SHIRE COUNCIL ROADWORKS UPDATE

Bitumen sealing is due to be carried out on Pryde Street, Garden Street, Kimberley Street cul-de-sac and Annan Road before the end of June, weather permitting. If you are travelling throughout Cook Shire, a 'current road conditions' report is located on our web site at www.cooktowns.com which is updated at regular intervals as conditions change. For further queries please contact Tony Lickiss Engineering Services Divisional Manager on 4069 5444.

COOKTOWN'S ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION

Have you got a garden that you think deserves an award? Enter it in the Cooktown Garden Competition Categories include:

- Best Small Residential Garden
- Best Large Residential Garden
- Best Businesses or Club Garden

Great Prizes to be won. Properties are to be within the greater radius of 25km from the Cooktown Post Office.

Competition runs from 1st to 29th June 2007 Judging to take place and winners announced early July. Entry forms are available from Cook Shire Office, Cooktown Library, or downloaded from www.cooktowns.com

COUNCIL OPENING HOURS

Main Council Administration Office:
8:45am to 4:45pm Monday to Friday

Cooktown Community Pool:
6:00am to 7:30am Monday to Friday
1pm – 6pm Monday to Friday
1pm - 6pm Saturday and Sunday

Cooktown Library:

10am to 1:15pm – 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday
9am to 12.30pm Saturday

Ayton Library:

9:00am to 1.00pm Tuesday
1.30pm to 5.30pm Thursday
9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday

Coen Library: 10.00am to 2.00pm Thursday

Lakeland Library: 3.00pm to 7.00pm Wednesday

Laura Library: 11.30am to 3.30pm Wednesday

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