



Community Noticeboard

Fortnightly Publication - Wednesday 6th February 2008

...The latest Council News, Community Events, Job Vacancies, Tenders...

COMING UP

14th February 2008 – Training Ombudsman visit to Cooktown
21st February 2008 – RADF Round 2 Funding Program Closes
22nd February 2008 – Farm and Nature Tourism Workshop
15th March 2008 – Local Government Election Polling Day

NATURES POWERHOUSE UPDATE

Council are pleased to announce that Sandy Lloyd has been appointed the new Co-ordinator of the Nature's Powerhouse with Lucie Higgins as her Relief Co-ordinator. The Vera Scarth Johnson Gallery has been painted, a new hanging system installed and is now open once again with Bloomfield sculptor Neil Laughton's exhibition "The Journey". The renovations of the café have now commenced and will re-open as soon as possible. The shop and Visitor Information Centre are open 9.00am to 4.30pm 7 days a week. For any further information please contact Council's Nature's Powerhouse Co-ordinator Sandy Lloyd on 4069 6004.

POSITIONS VACANT

Highly dedicated and motivated persons are now invited to apply for the following positions:

- **Accountant** (HRM22/CSC0708)
Closes Friday 8th February 2008
- **Building Surveyor** (HRM23/CSC0708)
Closes Friday 8th February 2008
- **Storeperson** (HRM24/CSC0708)
Closes Friday 8th February 2008
- **Labourer – Pest Management** (HRM26/CSC0708)
Closes Friday 8th February 2008
- **Sexton (Casual)** – (HRM28/CSC0708) –
Closes Friday 29th February 2008

Cook Shire Council is currently seeking applications for the following traineeships:

- **Information in Tourism Certificate III** within Council's Community Services Division (Two year tenure)
Closes Friday 15th February 2008
- **Business Administration Certificate III** within Council's Planning and Environment Division (One year tenure)
Closes Friday 15th February 2008
- **Business Administration Certificate III** within Council's Corporate Services Division (School Based – two year tenure)
Closes Friday 15th February 2008

Applicants must obtain information kits and address the specific selection criteria.

All applications should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and marked Confidential Job Application with the relevant HRM No. Information kits are available by contacting: 4069 5444 or via email: bnorris@cook.qld.gov.au or downloaded from www.cooktowns.com Cook Shire Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

RADF - ROUND TWO 07/08 IS NOW OPEN

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) can provide funding for you as an individual or an organisation for a wide range of arts and cultural activities.

Applications for Round Two closes **Thursday 21st February 2008.**

New guidelines and application forms are available from the Cook Shire Council office, Shire Libraries or online from www.cook.qld.gov.au/community/radf.

The RADF Advisory Committee are available to assist applicants with any questions they may have on eligible projects and on the application forms.

For further information please contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer, Sally Saw on 4069 5444 or email ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

KEYDATES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Polling day: Saturday, 15th March 2008

Close of nominations: Tuesday, 19th February 2008, 12 noon

Every vote counts towards the outcome and voting is compulsory, and will be conducted through a postal ballot.

Nominations as a Candidate – Councillor or Mayor will open 2nd February and close 19th February.

Contact www.ecq.qld.gov.au for details on how to nominate, the process or for further electoral information or contact Stephen Wilton, Returning Officer, Cook Shire Council on 4069 5444 to discuss any queries.

ABANDONED VEHICLES - PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under Section 100 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management Act 1995) the following vehicles, which are suspected by Cook Shire Council of being abandoned and have been removed from:

- Endeavour Valley Road (near Isabella Creek Bridge) - Nissan Patrol - Registration 464JGT
- Mulligan Highway - Nissan Van - White - No Registration Plates

These vehicles are detained at its Charlotte Street Depot.

If these vehicles are not claimed and released within one (1) month from the date of this notice the Council proposes to dispose of the said vehicle in accordance with the provisions of section 44 of the said act. For further information please contact Council's Manager Corporate Services, Sue O'Toole on 4069 5444.

2008 COMMAND CENTRE SPORTSTAR AWARDS

Nominations are being called for the North Queensland Sportstar Awards. Categories are Junior, Senior (18years and over) and Service to North Queensland Sports. Applications close 11th February 2008. If you would like further information or to nominate a person for either of the categories please contact Council's Sport and Recreation Officer, Roger Declé on 4069 5444.

FARM AND NATURE TOURISM WORKSHOP

A workshop will be held on 22nd February at 1:30pm at Shadows Restaurant aimed at property and land owners who may be considering developing a tourism venture as a means of value-adding to their current farming /land operations. Participants will be able to discuss their ideas to help them determine the potential of their chosen venture. The workshop is designed to help participants develop tourism ideas as a viable and sustainable economic option. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Michelle Thompson on 4042 1371.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT TRAINING OMBUDSMAN VISITING COOKTOWN

The Training Ombudsman can provide free, impartial advice about problems with apprenticeships, traineeships and offer advice to any one concerned about training. Training Ombudsman Peter Ruhanen will be at the Council's Administration Office on Thursday 14th February from 9.00am to 12noon to answer your questions. To make an appointment please phone 1300 306 699.

MOWING OF FOOTPATHS/NATURE STRIPS

A letter has been sent to all residents outlining the recent changes to mowing. A "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet provides details of the changes and in what circumstances Council will still continue to mow the footpaths. If you have not received a letter or wish to obtain further copies of the information please contact Council's Customer Service Team on 07 4069 5444.

ROAD WORKS - COOKTOWN

Council will be undertaking essential road-works in Cooktown at the beginning of April. The road-works will consist of the construction of a roundabout at the Charlotte Street, Boundary Street and Harrigan Street intersection. A media release and fact sheet outlining proposed timelines and community/traffic impact will be available shortly.

For further information please contact Council's Manager of Engineering, Tony Lickiss on 4069 5444.

OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

A survey of overgrown allotments will be conducted in the near future and a notice to comply will be sent to those owners who have overgrown allotments.

Owners receive a notice will have 21 days to comply.

If this notice is ignored, Council will then send in a contractor to slash or clean up the property and the owner will then be invoiced for costs (including administration costs).

SHOW DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 25th August 2008 will be the public holiday for the Shire of Cook for the purpose of the Cook Shire Agricultural Show Day.

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 Sunday

Aqua Aerobics: Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Saturday 12.00noon - 1pm

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
2.00pm to 5.30pm Thursday
9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday

Coen Library: 10.00am to 12.00noon Thursday
4.00pm to 6.00pm Thursday

Lakeland Library: 3.00pm to 7.00pm Wednesday
Laura Library: 11.30am to 3.30pm Wednesday

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