



# Community Noticeboard

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

## COMING UP

- 7<sup>th</sup> April - Far North Queensland Ministerial Regional Forum
- 13<sup>th</sup> April - Cruise Ship Visit – 1900 Passengers
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - Rates Discount Closing Date
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Soccer Sign on Day

## FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND MINISTERIAL REGIONAL FORUM

The Ministerial forum will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Nature's PowerHouse. All members of the community are welcome to attend, to take the opportunity to meet the Ministers, Parliamentarians and forum members, and to observe the program of forum discussion at 8.30am for a 9.00am start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. For further information please contact, Community Services Manager, Sian Nivison on 4069 5444.

## ROUNDAABOUT/ROADWORKS GOING AHEAD

Council wishes to inform the community that the postponed roadworks planned for the construction of a roundabout at the Charlotte Street, Boundary Street and Harrigan Street intersection in Cooktown will be going ahead. A media release and fact sheet outlining proposed time-lines and community/traffic impact will be available shortly. For further information please contact Council's Manager of Engineering, Tony Lickiss on 4069 5444.

## CALL FOR NATURE'S POWERHOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Nature's Powerhouse Visitor Information Centre is calling for volunteers to help with providing visitors information to the passengers from the Sun Princess Cruise Ship, arriving on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April and on an ongoing basis. For further information please contact Nature's Powerhouse Co-ordinator, Sandy Lloyd on 4069 6004 or email: [info@cooktowns.com](mailto:info@cooktowns.com)

## RATES NOTICES

Please be advised that Rate Notices for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were issued on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 with the discount period closing on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008. If you have not received your Rate Notice please contact Council's Rates Officer, Gisela Whithear on 4082 0527.

## SOCCKER SIGN ON DAY

The Newly formed Cooktown Wanderers Football Club sign on day will be held at 9.00am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April at John Street Oval. For further information please contact Sport and Recreation Officer, Roger Declé on 4069 5444.

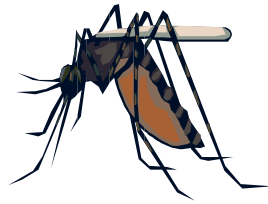


## COUNCIL OPENING HOURS

**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

## ROSS RIVER VIRUS AND BAHMA FOREST



Over recent months Council has been informed by the Cairns Tropical Public Health Unit of a number of cases of Ross River Fever and Bahma Forest in Cook Shire.

In order to minimise the outbreaks of both illnesses Council would like to remind residents of the few simple steps they can take to control outbreaks.

- Empty containers that hold water including pot plant bases, discarded tyres, rainwater tanks with damaged or missing screens and drain sumps
- Clean gutters regularly during the wet months
- Trim any overhanging branches to minimise leaf litter
- Remove and store under cover any tarps or black plastic

For further information contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Shiels Barra on 4069 5444.

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

- **Assistant Sewerage Treatment Plant Operator, Cooktown (HRMCSC38/0708)**  
Closes Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008.
- **Local Government (Health and Environment) Certificate III Traineeship specialising in Animal Control (HRMCSC39/0708)**  
Closes Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 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: [mmulhall@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:mmulhall@cook.qld.gov.au) or downloaded from [www.cooktowns.com](http://www.cooktowns.com) Cook Shire Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## TENDERS AND QUOTES

- **Cook Shire Council Seeks Tenders/Prices for the Sale of a Ford Falcon BF Series (Station Wagon) (Tender No. T27)**  
Closes 2pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- **Cook Shire Council Seeks Tenders - Consulting Services for Preparation of Priority Infrastructure Plan (Tender T26)**  
Closes 2pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Tender Documents are available by contacting Council's Procurement Officer on 4069 5444, or by downloading from [www.cooktowns.com](http://www.cooktowns.com) (See Council, Tenders), email [procurement@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:procurement@cook.qld.gov.au) or by writing to PO Box 3 Cooktown QLD 4895.

## SUN PRINCESS CRUISE SHIP SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008



The Sun Princess Cruise Ship will be visiting Cooktown on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

1900 passengers are expected to start arriving at the wharf from around 8.30am by tender. Cook Shire is proposing to hold Market Stalls and create a Carnival atmosphere, ensuring visitors enjoy their stay and encourage return visits.

Large coaches are being brought in to ferry visitors around Cooktown as well as local tours. The community of Cook Shire are invited to express their interest in holding a market stall at the fishing lease and around the wharf area. Groups interested in other fund raising activities are also requested to submit their interest. For further information on becoming involved in a very exciting event please contact Council's Community Services Division, Mike Tomlinson [mtomlinson@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:mtomlinson@cook.qld.gov.au) or Beverley Grant [bgrant@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:bgrant@cook.qld.gov.au) or phone 40695444.

## REDUCE WASTE THROUGH COMPOSTING

Each year over 3,000m<sup>3</sup> of potentially compostable waste is discarded into the Shire's landfills.

To assist residents in utilising their compostable waste, Council is offering a limited number of "Compost Starter Kits" at the subsidised price of \$23.10.

The pack includes a 210 litre Compost bin, litre Max Air bin and 1 roll of 25 bio-degradable liner bags.

For further information contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Shiels Barra on 4069 5444.

## OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

A survey of overgrown allotments is currently being conducted and a notice to comply will be sent to those owners who have overgrown allotments.

Owners who 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).

Please note poisoning of road side verges is not a suitable method of controlling roadside vegetation.

If you have considered this action please consult Council's Manager of Engineering Services, Tony Lickiss on 4069 5444.



## CONTACT DETAILS

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Web: [www.cooktowns.com](http://www.cooktowns.com)

## 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