



Community Noticeboard

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

COMING UP

2nd February - "Wetlands" Launch at Nature's Powerhouse. More information below.

3rd February - Learn to Swim program starts

15th February - Streetscape Public Meeting

28th February - RADF Expressions of Interest - More information below.

WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Cook Shire Council invites the local community and visitors to attend a morning tea to celebrate the unveiling of the new Queensland Wetlands Programme an interactive-learning touch-screen wetlands information kiosk.

This interactive kiosk will help the local community and visitors learn more about wetlands and their importance in any ecosystem.

The unveiling will take place at:

Natures Powerhouse,

Botanic Gardens, Cooktown

Friday 2nd February 2007 at 10am

RSVP for Catering Purposes

Thursday 1st February, 2007 by 4.30pm

For more information please contact

Council's Community Services Division

Phone 07 4069 5444

Email ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

LEARN TO SWIM /WATER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The second Learn to Swim Program starts **3rd February 2007**. Lessons are for ages 0 onwards, half an hour long, on Saturday mornings and continue for 9 weeks. Cost is \$45 (includes pool admission) which must be paid prior to 3rd February 2006. Please contact the Pool on 07 4069 6928 during opening hours to register.

STREETSCAPE PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on the **15th February at 6.00pm** in the Lions Hall, Amos Street, Cooktown to discuss the future of Cooktown's historic streetscapes. Award winning Brisbane based firm John Mongard Landscape Architects has the contract to plan the streetscape overhaul and will be in attendance for this public meeting. Mr Mongard will also be available for consultation in the shop opposite the IGA from Thursday 15th February until Wednesday 21st February. A survey is also advertised in this edition for residents' thoughts in relation to the priorities required for the revamp. For any further information in relation to the public meeting please contact Planning and Environment on 4069 5444.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTRE UPDATE

The Community Events Centre Advisory Committee met with the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and consultants from Strategic Leisure on the 23rd of January to kick off the Feasibility Study for this much needed multi-purpose facility. Continual meetings and consultation about needs, requirements and concept drawings will occur over the next coming months. For more information or to contact an Advisory Committee member to discuss this project, please contact Sian Nivison, Community Services Manager on 07 4069 5444.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Council Administration Centre,
121 Charlotte Street, Cooktown**

Expressions of Interest are invited from organisations interested in taking over principal tenancy of Council's existing Administration Centre at 121 Charlotte Street, Cooktown, when it is vacated by Council in the third quarter of 2007. The tenant must be a not for profit organisation. A management plan for the premises must be lodged with the expression of interest. For further details please contact Robert Cooper on 07 4082 0576. The closing date for receiving expressions of interest is 12 noon on Friday 9th February 2007.

RADF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

THINKING OF APPLYING FOR A RADF GRANT NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR? THEN SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST....IT'S EASY TO DO.

Expression of Interests are required to gauge the level of funding Council should request from Arts Queensland to fund the Shire's community's art and cultural endeavours for 2007/08. Arts Queensland have just released new revised RADF Guidelines and there are now eight categories of funding:-

- Contemporary collections/stories
- Developing regional skills
- Regional partnerships
- Building community cultural capacity
- Concept development
- Interest-free arts loans
- Arts policy development and implementation
- Cultural tourism

Projects recently assisted by Cook Shire Council's RADF program include: Festivals, Community art workshops, art and photograph exhibitions, book and music CD productions.

Forms are short and easy to complete and are available to download from www.cooktowns.com or available from the Shire office and libraries.

Expressions of interest close on Wednesday 28th February, 2007. For further information on expression of interest forms or the change to the RADF Guidelines please contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer, Sally Saw on 07 4069 5444 or email ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

COOK SHIRE DEPOT

Public access to the Cook Shire Depot located near the cemetery is restricted to authorised personnel only. The service road is open for the disposal of oils, batteries and effluent. All visitors to the Shire Depot must report to the site office prior entry and all enquiries regarding impounded animals are to be made through the main office at 121 Charlotte Street Cooktown or phone: 074069 5444.

WASTE DISPOSAL FEES AND COUPON DELAY

Please note that have been some delays in the mailing of coupons to residents this week, therefore the introduction of waste disposal fees and coupons for domestic waste at the landfill will be delayed. Opening hours will remain the same.

An update on when fees will commence and when all coupons for domestic waste disposal have been

mailed will be announced in next week's edition and on notice boards.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused with this matter and for further information or enquiries on the coupons, trial landfill hours or fees please contact Sheils Barra on (07) 4069 5444.

COOKTOWN LANDFILL TRIAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	7am to 12pm & 2pm to 4pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	7am to 12pm & 2pm to 4pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	7am to 12pm & 2pm to 4pm
Saturday	7.30am - 3pm
Sunday	7.30am - 3pm

POSITIONS VACANT

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

- **Senior Finance Officer** (HRM32/CSC0607) - Closes 4.30pm Friday 9th February 2007
- **Assistant Building Officer** (HRM08a/CSC0607) - Closes 4.30pm Friday 9th February 2007
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator - Coen** (HRM34/CSC0607) - Closes 4.30pm Friday 9th February 2007
- **Waste Management Labourer** (HRM11a/0607) - Closes 4.30pm Friday 16th February 2007
- **Expressions of Interest - Casual Employment - Cooktown Landfill** - Close 4.30pm Friday 9th February 2007. (Persons interested, should submit their written EOI, with a resume, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and marked Confidential Expressions of Interest (HRM 33/0607). 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. Applications for the above positions must be received by 4.30pm on the closing date. Information kits are available by contacting 07 4069 5444 or via email at mmulhall@cook.qld.gov.au or downloaded from www.cooktowns.com The Cook Shire Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Community Directory first draft was launched at the Australia Day Celebrations. If your community organisation is not listed or you noticed any errors, could you please notify Community Services on 07 4069 5444.

REVEGETATION PACKAGES AVAILABLE AT THE SHIRE NURSERY

Revegetation packages of 10 or more native plants are available at Cook Shire nursery. Staff will advise as to which species are suitable for your location. Plants are \$2.75 each. Appointments are essential.

To make an appointment or for further information please call 07 4069 5672.

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:

9:30am to 1.00pm Tuesday

2.00pm to 5.30pm Thursday

9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday

Coen Library: 11.00am to 3.00pm Thursday

Lakeland Library: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Wednesday

Laura Library: 11.30am to 3.30pm Wednesday

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