



Community Noticeboard

Fortnightly Publication - Wednesday 2nd May 2007

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

COMING UP

- 12th & 13th May** – Motorcycle Muster more details below
- 18th May** – In the Bin Touring Festival more details below
- 22nd – 24th May** – Tidy Towns Judging
- 29th May** - Drum Muster Collection Lakeland
- 1st June** – Submissions close for Draft Corporate Plan

DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2007-2012 HAVE YOUR SAY...

The draft corporate plan outlines the long-term goals and priorities for our community. A series of community meetings are scheduled in order that you have an opportunity to provide feedback to Council.

Come and have **your** say at the following meetings:

- **Coen Old Race Club Hall**
Thursday 17th May at 6:00 pm
- **Laura Town Hall**
Friday 18th May at 10:00 am
- **Lakeland Community Hall**
Friday 18th May at 2:00 pm
- **Ayton Hall**
Thursday 24th May at 1:00 pm
- **Rossville Community Hall**
Thursday 24th May at 4:00 pm

If you 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

POSITIONS VACANT

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

- **Labourers(Roadworks)HRM42/0607**
closes 4.30pm Friday 18th May 2007
- **Survey Assistant HRM23a/0607**
closes 4.30pm Friday 18th May 2007

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 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.

IN THE BIN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

In the Bin Touring Film Festival is once again travelling to Cooktown for this family event. This is a FREE community event and will be held in the Endeavour Park (weather permitting) on Friday 18th May 2007. For further information please contact Councils Arts, Culture and Events Officer, Sally Saw on 40695622 or ssaw@cook.qld.gov.au

RENTAL HOUSING NEEDED

Cook Shire Council is again seeking expressions of interest for the supply of medium to long term furnished or unfurnished rental housing for use as employee accommodation in Cooktown. Please provide details of the property, location, number of bedrooms, any furnishings and rental value. Submissions should be addressed "Expression of Interest, Supply of Rental Accommodation" and received by Council no later than Friday 18th May 2007. Further information may be obtained by contacting Council's Personnel Officer, Melissa Mulhall on 4069 5444.

'WAYNE LEONARDS MOTOR CYCLE MUSTER' will be in Cooktown on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2007. This is a charity ride to raise money for the Hospital Foundation. Each rider raises sponsorship that goes towards the Foundation. About 100 riders are expected over the weekend. For further information please contact Glenys Duncombe on 4050 6327.

UPGRADE OF JOHN STREET OVAL

Work has now commenced on this project. Council is aware that these works may cause a dust problem and will try to minimise this by using water trucks. A sub surface irrigation system will be installed. Locally grown turf will then be laid and irrigated using temporary surface irrigation until root establishment has occurred. A chain wire boundary fence and goal posts are also to be installed and the project is anticipated to be completed before the end of June. For further information please contact Graham Burton, Engineering Technical Officer on 4069 5444.

SPORT, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The kick off meeting for the South East Corner of the Shire's Sport, Recreation & Open Space Plan took place last week. Clubs, organisations will be contacted and community meetings held over the next 4 months to understand current condition of sport, recreation and open space and needs/requirements for the future. Any enquiries please contact Roger Decle, Sport & Recreation Officer on 4069 5622.

COOKTOWN COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTRE

Following the recent \$3mn announcement from the State Government, community consultation regarding the design of the multi-purpose facility will also be undertaken over the next 4 months. Meetings and consultations will be combined on occasions with the Sport, Recreation & Open Space Plan. For any enquiries please contact Sian Nivison, Community Services Manager on 4069 5622.

AQUA AEROBICS

Saturday at 11.30am and Wednesday at 5.30pm. Bookings are essential - Minimum five per session. For further information, please contact the Pool on 4069 6928 during opening hours.

DRUM MUSTER COLLECTION ATTENTION ALL FARMERS

Cook Shire Council will be collecting empty chemical drums from farming properties in Lakeland as part of the Drum Muster program. The drums should be empty and triple washed. If you have any empty chemical drums on your property please take them to the Lakeland transfer station on Tuesday 29th May 2007 between 10am and 4pm. For more information please contact Sheils Barra, Environmental Health Officer on 4069 5444.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The Local Government Reform agenda was announced on the 17th April by the Queensland State Government. A new website <http://www.localdemocracy.com.au> has been established providing the opportunity to access information on the issue of council amalgamations and boundary changes. The website also provides details regarding how formal submissions to the Local Government Reform Commission can be made. The State Government will only accept submissions up until the 25th May 2007.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

This years Tidy Towns Competition will include Cooktown, Ayton, Rossville, Lakeland, Laura and Coen. Judging will be conducted in the Cook Shire region from 22nd to 24th May 2007.

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL 2007 MUSICAL SHIP PREPARATIONS

Cook Shire will once again be participating in the Queensland Music Festival with the launch of the Musical Ship on the 28th July, 2007. In preparation of this exciting event, some minor earthworks will be conducted in Endeavour Park (opposite Coast Guard) in Cooktown, which will be part of the construction and footing phase for the structure. It is anticipated that these will start within the coming weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience during preparation and construction. For further information regarding the Queensland Music Festival 2007 please contact Council's Arts, Culture and Events Officer Sally Saw on 40695444.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Did you know that Australians send 34 printer cartridges to landfills every minute?

Cook Shire Council has now joined with PlanetArk and Close the Loop to encourage recycling of used ink, laser, fax and photocopier cartridges and ink bottles.

When you participate in this program you are helping to:

- Recover resources
- Prevent pollution and
- Keep cartridges out of landfills.

The plastics and metals found in cartridges are recycled and reused. Please make good use of this program in an effort to stop these hazardous products ending up in Cooktowns landfill. A disposal box can be found at the Cooktown Library.

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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