



Community Noticeboard

Fortnightly Publication - Wednesday 7th May 2008

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

COMING UP

30th May Community Donations Program Round 1 closes
7th May to 8th June Garden Competition

COOKTOWN'S ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 2008 FLOWER POWER

Enter your garden into this year's Garden Competition that runs from 7th May to 8th June 2008 in a radius of 25km from the Cooktown Post Office.

Categories include:

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

1st Prize \$100.00 voucher

2nd Prize \$50.00 voucher

3rd Prize \$25.00 voucher

Entry forms are available from the Cook Shire Office, Cooktown Library, Natures Powerhouse and Council's website www.cooktowns.com

EVENTS SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS PROGRAM CLOSING 30TH MAY

Council has made a series of changes to the current community donations and event support process. At present, groups/organisations seeking support write to Council requesting assistance when their event or infrastructure project is close to being held/implemented.

Council will now allocate donation/support twice a year.

First round applications close 30th May 2008. For an application form or further information, please contact Council's Community and Economic Development Officer, Mike Tomlinson on 40695444 or mtomlinson@cook.qld.gov.au.

SUN PRINCESS CRUISE—THANK YOU

The Sun Princess Cruise visit on Thursday the 24th April was an outstanding success. Feedback from passengers and locals alike was very positive. Most visitors commented on how well the school ambassadors performed their role. Nature's PowerHouse and Cook Shire Council send a sincere thank you to all who turned out to volunteer their time and efforts from businesses and the community to make the visit by the Sun Princess a memorable one.

Next Cruise Ship – 8th July

Council would like to remind community members that the next visit will be on Tuesday 8th July. If you have ideas or feedback regarding the up-coming cruise ship visit, please feel free to contact Council's Arts, Cultural and Events Officer, Beverley Grant on (07) 4069 5444.

ROADWORKS IN COOKTOWN

Detours are in place with full closure for roundabout roadworks at the Charlotte Street,

Boundary Street and Harrigan Street intersection. The majority of traffic is detoured through Racecourse Road. Local traffic is detoured through Mason Street and Savage Street. Please be aware for your safety and the safety of the crews improving our roads. For further information please contact Council's Manager of Engineering, Tony Lickiss on 40695444.

KEEPING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS

Proposed changes to Local Law No. 6

A number of changes to Local Law No. 6 are currently proposed. These changes will affect the control and registration of most domestic animals including dogs, cats, fowl and larger animals such as horses.

The changes have been proposed so as to better assist in the resolution of animal management issues within the Shire in both rural and urban areas. The proposed Local Law No. 6 places a greater emphasis on registration obligations for both dog and cat owners, a more contemporary approach to nuisance issues such as barking dogs and a more consistent permit system within townships. Restrictions on the number of dogs allowed on certain rural properties without a permit have also been included.

The standard de-sexed incentive and pensioner discounts will still apply.

Council requests that animal owners contact Daryn Higgins, Animal Control Officer for further information and copies of the proposed Local Law on (07) 40695444.

HOW TO REDUCE MOSSIES

- Keep lawns mowed and garden refuse to a minimum.
- 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

LANDCARE UPDATE

South Cape York Catchments (SCYC) donated a native Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamiana*) to be planted at the Cenotaph at Ayton.

On Saturday, 26 April, SCYC volunteers worked on the gabions along the Bloomfield River to remove Guinea grass and weeds. The volunteers had previously planted low-growing native species on batters between the gabions, and the Guinea grass quickly took over. Acetic acid was used against the weeds. This is an interesting trial which will determine the efficiency of acetic acid against weeds in environmental plantings. It was immediately effective against Devil's Apple and appeared to affect the Singapore Daisy within minutes. The site will be monitored this week and the plantings will be mulched. Acetic acid is a component of vinegar.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

- Assistant Environmental Health Officer (HRMCSC41/0708) - closes 9th May 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 or downloaded from www.cooktowns.com Cook Shire Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TENDERS AND QUOTES

Tenders and Quotes

- Cook Shire Council invites Tenders the Purchase and Trade of Council Plant / Vehicles (T28) - Tenders Close 2.00 PM Wednesday the 28th of May 2008.
- Cook Shire Council is Selling Seventeen (17) Vehicles / Items of Plant and Seeks Offers (T29) - Tenders Close 2.00 PM Wednesday the 28th of May 2008.

Tender Documents (Including Specifications) are available by contacting Council's Procurement Officer on 40695444, or by downloading from www.cooktowns.com (See Council, Tenders), email procurement@cook.qld.gov.au or by writing to PO Box 3 Cooktown QLD 4895

ABANDONED VEHICLES

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:

John Street

Toyota Land Cruiser Wagon – No Registration Plates

Hagarty Close

Toyota Camry (Light Blue) – 055 JLY
Toyota Camry (Silver) – No Registration Plates

Ford Falcon (White) – 224 JQE

Minke Road

Hyundai Excel (Beige) – 893 JVI
and are detained at Cook Shire Council's 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, call Sue O'Toole, Manager Corporate Services on 4069 5444.

COUNCIL OPENING HOURS

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

Cooktown Community Pool: 40696928

Opening Hours

Mon to Fri 6.00 to 7.30am

Mon to Sun 1 to 6pm

Aqua Aerobics Sat 12 to 1 pm Wed 5.30 to 6.30

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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