

Cook Shire Council Community Plan 2011-2021

FAQs

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- Q. What is a community plan?
A. *A community plan is a high level plan that identifies community needs and articulates the long-term vision, aspirations and priorities for the community.*
- Q. What is the purpose of a community plan?
A. *The plan will inform longer-term decisions made by council and provide a means of informing other levels of government about our aspirations.*
- Q. Do we have to have a community plan?
A. *Yes, the Local Government Act 2009 requires every Local Government to develop a long term community plan.*
- Q. How long is it for?
A. *The plan is for 10 years. It will be reviewed each year and updated every four years.*
- Q. How long will it take to develop the plan?
A. *The final plan will be adopted by council in September 2011.*
- Q. What does the plan cover?
A. *It is multi-issue and can cover all community issues, not just those that are the business of council.*
- Q. Will the issues in my area be included?
A. *Cook shire is using a place based planning approach to ensure the vision, aspiration and issues of each area are reflected in the plan.*
- Q. What about all the other plans?
A. *The community plan when supported by the long term financial management plan, the asset management plan and the planning scheme will be the key driver for the five year corporate plan and will influence all other plans of council.*
- Q. How can the community be involved?
A. *Engagement activities are being held in Bloomfield, Rossville, Cooktown, Lakeland, Laura and Coen. People who are unable to attend activities can contribute via mail, telephone, internet or email.*
- Q. Who can be involved?
A. *The intent is to ensure that all members of the community including those who are hard to reach can have their say.*
- Q. When can the community be involved?
A. *There are opportunities for community feedback throughout the development of the community plan up until the comment period on the draft plan is closed.*
- Q. Where can I find out more information and updates on the community plan?
A. *Community plan updates are published in the Cooktown Local News each week. There is a community plan page on the council website and updates on the council Facebook site. Cook Shire councillors are champions of the community plan and their contact details and those of the community plan coordinator are available from the council office or website.*