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## Gateway to the Cape project underway

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Work is underway on a new \$1.28 million tourist information centre on the Mulligan Highway at Lakeland.

Ground works started last month on the Gateway to the Cape project, which will include a purpose built tourist information centre, rest stop and interactive sculpture park. "It is exciting to start work on this fantastic project, which will not only improve the visitor experience for tourists heading to Cape York, but also provide an important education tool," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said. "An important aspect of the centre will be education, and it will feature information on the ecology of Cape York, as well as information about responsible disposal of waste, how not to spread weeds and respecting owner's land rights."

The information centre will house a mix of static and interactive displays, with other information for travellers to include where to stay and what to do in national parks, four wheel drive adventures, places of interest, local culture, heritage and environment. "A highlight of the rest stop, that we hope will become a tourist drawcard, is the interactive sculpture park," Cr Scott said. "The park will be created as a map of Cape York, with sculptures representing different communities across our beautiful region."

The project budget is \$1.28 million, with \$998,000 funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program and the remainder funded by Council. Proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with Cook Shire Council.

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