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Get on board for Cooktown Expo 2020

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The countdown to the biggest event in Cooktown's history is on, with the eyes of the nation turned on Cooktown from July to August next year for Cooktown Expo 2020.

With eight months until the first weekend of the three-week event, Cook Shire Council's Expo 2020 team are working hard behind the scenes to lock in an exciting program, under the expert guidance of 2020 Director Merryn Hughes. "This is a truly epic event, a real regional showcase to celebrate 250 years of shared history since Captain Cook landed here in 1770 and to commemorate the first recorded act of reconciliation which happened right here in Cooktown and is recorded in local Indigenous oral history and Cook's journals."

Reconciliation Rocks Music Festival is the first weekend of the Expo, running from July 17 to 19, with the highlight being a free concert featuring country superstar Troy Cassar-Daley, indie duo Busby Marou and Torres rapper Mau Power, as well as a host of local supporting acts. "Reconciliation Rocks is going to be an absolutely amazing start to the Expo," Ms Hughes said. "Not only do we have world class musicians on show, but the weekend will also feature many exciting events, including the Back in Time showcase, which celebrates Indigenous culture with bush tucker tasting, weaving, Indigenous art and fashion."

The second weekend of the Expo, the Discovery Festival, runs from July 24 to 26, and will feature many of the much-loved events associated with the long-running annual Cooktown Discovery Festival. "We will have all the events locals and visitors love, such as the Re-enactment of Captain Cook's landing, amusement rides, Poet's Breakfast and street parade," Ms Hughes said. "A highlight of the Discovery Festival will also be the arrival of the *HM Bark Endeavour* replica and the Encounters Shore to Ship exhibition, as well as the Cape Agriculture and environment Expo."

The Expo's final weekend, from August 1 to 4, is the Endeavour Festival, which is themed around Cape York's strong marine culture. The Endeavour Festival will feature a Boating, Fishing and Marine Expo, river cruises, marine showcase and much more.



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The famous Re-enactment of Captain Cook's landing on the Endeavour River will be featured on all three of the weekends, while the *HM Bark Endeavour* replica will be present from July 25 through to August 4.

Cooktown Expo 2020 is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and Cook Shire Council. For more information on Cooktown Expo 2020 or to volunteer, visit the website at www.cooktown2020.com or contact the Expo team via email at info@cooktown2020.com or phone on 4082 0500.

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