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## Dangerous coconut palms to be removed

## December 9, 2019 COOKTOWN

Contractors will remove three large coconut palms which hang over a Cooktown public footpath next week.

The palms, on the corner of Walker and Helen streets, are scheduled for removal on Monday, December 16. Cook Shire Council is responsible for maintaining the trees, and the regular costly de-nutting required for public safety reasons is no longer financially viable. Pedestrians are advised to use alternative routes during the work as the footpath on the northern side of Walker Street will be cordoned off from the public during the removal. Council is working towards a landscape plan for Cooktown to add further street plantings of suitable species in suitable locations to improve shade and public amenity into the future.

For more information contact Council's Parks and Gardens team via email at <a href="mail@cook.qld.gov.au">mail@cook.qld.gov.au</a> or phone on 4082 0500.

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