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Council's Community team building capacity

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Cook Shire Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team has been boosted with two new roles recently filled by long-time locals.

The newly created Senior Coordinator Economic and Community Lifestyle role has been filled by Cooktown father of four Ivan Hegamaea. "I've been busy meeting my team within Council, and I'm looking forward to working with all our Shire communities to improve on the work Council is already doing in the business and community services sector," he said. Mr Hegamaea brings more than a decade of local government experience with him, with roles in human resources, business and enterprise development and indigenous business development.

Mr Gibson, a father of two from Hope Vale, is Council's new Indigenous (Bama) Partnerships Officer and will increase Council's community relations focus. The Guugu Yimithirr speaker and artist, who grew up in Hope Vale, has had Indigenous leadership roles including Deputy Chair of the Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Director of Cape York Natural Resource Management and most recently worked at Uluru. Mr Gibson will strengthen and build on partnerships between the Shire's Indigenous groups and Council, which is a key focus area for the Community, Economy and Innovation team and Council as a whole.

The Community, Economy and Innovation team incorporates community services, such as the swimming pool and libraries, as well as tourism, events, senior housing, communications and marketing, Indigenous partnerships, economic development and the Cooktown 2020 Festival.

To arrange a meeting with Mr Gibson or Mr Hegamaea, contact Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team via email to mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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