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New role a homecoming for Sha-Lane

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For Cook Shire Council's new 2020 Indigenous Projects Officer Sha-Lane Gibson, moving back to Cooktown has been a homecoming.

The former Hope Vale resident moved back to the area after six years in Cairns, and has been relishing her role liaising with communities and traditional owners in the Cook Shire area. "I have been enjoying engaging with communities, traditional owners and groups throughout the Cape getting everyone on board with the Cooktown Expo 2020, highlighting the importance of the Indigenous side of the story, and supporting festival director Merryn Hughes with planning and development of the expo," Ms Gibson said. "It's been really good, everyone is looking forward to the event and the opportunities it will bring and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with people across Cape York."

Ms Gibson, who left Hope Vale in 2014, has a background in financial capability and community engagement, and most recently worked across the Cape, including Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge. In her spare time, she enjoys catching up with her extensive family, fishing, swimming and exploring the great outdoors.

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