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Three-day closure at Cooktown Airport for critical repairs

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Urgent runway repairs have forced Cook Shire Council to close the Cooktown Airport for several days at the start of December.

The repairs would be completed by a bitumen contractor, and were critical to the integrity of the runway, which was beginning to break down, Cook Shire Council Director Infrastructure David Klye said. "The works must be completed before the wet season, to minimise the risk of failure of the surface and damage to the underlying pavement which would result in a long term closure," Mr Klye said. "Council is fully aware of the inconvenience caused by the closure, however we were unable to negotiate on the date as it was the only availability the contractor had this year. We have made every effort to minimise the length of the closure and have condensed the original eight-day works schedule down to three to ensure as short a disruption to services as possible."

The Airport will be closed from 6am Wednesday, December 4 to 6pm, Friday, December 6 2019, weather dependent. "I would like to apologise to anyone who has been inconvenienced by the closure, however these repairs are absolutely essential to the ongoing safety of our airport, and could not be delayed."

For more information contact Council's Director Infrastructure via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4082 0500.

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