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Bright future for new emergency services group

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The future of emergency services is in safe hands, with the Cook Shire Emergency Services Cadets going from strength to strength, with the support of local team leaders.

A group of 25 local youth have been learning teamwork and the basics of emergency management from local emergency services personnel and cadet group leader and State Emergency Services volunteer Bridget Roberts. The program is run by the Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association (PCYC) through a volunteer adult team leader, and supported by Cook Shire Council. PCYC Acting Emergency Services Cadets Program Manager Rochelle Jenno said the group, which started training in July, was already a strong and engaged unit. "The volunteer adult leaders are doing an excellent job in providing training opportunities with the local services for the cadets," Ms Jenno said. "Opening a new unit is always exciting, but opening a unit in an area like Cooktown that has passionate volunteers, supportive services and determined young people, makes our job easier."

Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said the strong team of young people were a credit to themselves and the leaders. "The next generation of emergency service personnel are not only in good hands, but going to be prepared and ready to serve their community when the time comes," Cr Scott said.

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