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Council Blitz 'Cleans up' at LGMA Awards for Excellence

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Cook Shire Council's popular Community Blitz program has won the Award for Excellence in the category of 'Doing More with Less' at the 2020 Local Government Managers Australia Queensland (LGMA Queensland) Awards for Excellence.

The Council's Blitz program began in 2018 at Coen, when Council staff, community volunteers and stakeholder groups saw an opportunity to work together to implement a community improvement program to tackle issues identified by residents. So successful was the Coen event, subsequent events have been held at the Cooktown Cemetery, then Lakeland and Laura in 2019, and Ayton in 2020 as part of the State and Federal government's Community Development Program.

"Simple but effective, our Community Blitz events are important because they bring the community together to improve not only the appearance of buildings, beaches, gardens and infrastructure, but also help build resiliency in preparation for the disaster season," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said.

"Winning the LGMA Queensland Award for Excellence in this category is a testament to the power of teamwork and cross-Council collaboration, as well as the dedication of all the volunteers, stakeholders and community groups that have been involved," said Cr Scott. "We look forward to being able to deliver the program to other communities across Cook Shire in the years to come."

Although funding for these projects has been provided by both the Australian and Queensland Governments, the material contained herein does not necessarily represent the views of either Government.

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