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Mau Power takes Expo 2020 road trip

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Influential Torres Strait rapper Mau Power will be spruiking Cooktown Expo 2020 next month from Cairns to Melbourne, on the back of two Q Music award nominations.

The rapper – who is one of the headline acts at Reconciliation Rocks Festival, the first event in the three-week Cooktown Expo 2020 – was today announced as a nominee in the hip hop and Indigenous categories of the Q Music Awards. The Q Music Awards recognise the diverse people and places that make contemporary popular music an invaluable part of Queensland's cultural heritage. Head to www.queenslandmusicawards.com.au to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Mau is heading from Cairns to Melbourne, with numerous media engagements along the way, including Seven's Sunrise breakfast show. "I am so excited to hit the road and spread the word about Cooktown Expo 2020 and help share Cooktown's amazing story of reconciliation and respect," Mau said. "I'm looking forward to being a part of this wonderful event and to experience the culture. We're going to put on a show and I'll be telling all the radio stations up and down the coast so word spreads far and wide."

Expo 2020 runs from July 17 to August 4, and will showcase Cooktown's unique story of 250 years of shared history, stemming from the 1770 arrival of explorer James Cook. The three week regional showcase will put the spotlight on the history, adventure, culture and natural beauty of Cooktown and Cape York. Reconciliation Rocks Festival will also feature country music superstar Troy Cassar-Daley, indie duo Busby Marou and numerous local performers.

Cooktown Expo 2020 is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and Cook Shire Council. For more information on Cooktown Expo 2020 or to volunteer, visit the website at www.cooktown2020.com or contact the Expo team via email at info@cooktown2020.com or phone on 4082 0500.

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