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Popular nursery rhymes to receive local Indigenous translation

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Cook Shire Council and the Cooktown Library are working with Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale Indigenous communities to translate three popular nursery rhymes into local Ku Ku Yalanji and Guugu Yimithirr languages.

The project forms part of the State Library of Queensland's First 5 Forever (F5F) program and is aimed at teaching children to respect, learn and engage with the First Nations peoples and traditional languages of Australia.

"The First 5 Forever nursery rhyme project is a wonderful opportunity for all children in our community to learn and appreciate local Indigenous culture and heritage," said Lawrence Booth, Director Community, Economy and Innovation at Cook Shire Council.

The rhymes will be used in the F5F Rhyme Time sessions at Cook Shire libraries. They will also be published and shared with Indigenous Knowledge Centres throughout the region.

First 5 Forever is a family literacy program delivered by public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres with the primary aim of providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years.

For more information contact Cook Shire Council via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or by phone on 4082 0500.

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