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Businesses take advantage of streetscape funds

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Cook Shire Council will invest more than \$13,000 into improvements on Cooktown's main street, following the awarding of funds from the Charlotte Street Streetscape and Façade Beautification Program.

The one-off program was developed as part of preparations for Cooktown Expo 2020, and invited eligible businesses, property owners and organisations to apply for a grant of up to \$2500 from Council, with a minimum 50 per cent co-investment from the applicant. The successful applicants included four businesses and two property owners. Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said although Cooktown Expo 2020 had been postponed until 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the program provided a much-needed boost to the local economy. "Not only will these buildings be given a new lease on life and brighten our main street during the Expo next year, but importantly this program will provide a much-needed boost to help our local economy during these tough times," Cr Scott said.

- The owners of the Ferrari Building will receive funds to restore a window and paint, repair and tidy the building.
- The Cooktown Post Office will receive funds to repair verandah rails, steps and posts.
- The Cooktown Orchid Travellers Park will receive funds to clear and replenish the planter boxes, and install a tap for watering on their street front.
- The owners of the Seagrens' Building will receive funds towards a historically accurate renovation of their façade and verandah.
- The Cooktown Croc Shop will receive funds to replace signage; and
- The owners of 148 Charlotte Street will receive funds to install new signage.

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