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Focus on Council in third quarterly report

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Easy to read Council statistics and a snapshot of Council's work for the quarter is now available in Council's third quarterly report.

Council began releasing the quarterly Council in Focus reports in October, and following positive feedback, the third report was adopted at last week's Council meeting, charting progress for the January to March 2020 period. "The work of local government is often seen as just roads, rates and rubbish," Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Linda Cardew said. "In reality, it is much more complex, particularly in remote areas where options are sometimes limited and Council provides a valuable link to programs, services, opportunities and funding. This report provides a snapshot of some of the well-known and maybe not so commonly known activities Council has undertaken during the quarter."

Council's rapidly changed focus to ensure business continuity and assist with community information following the COVID-19 pandemic declaration is shown in the report, including the soaring number of enquiries to Council regarding the pandemic. Key highlights include many of Council's services changing to online, including the library's Interactive Storytime sessions and regular Council meetings. Despite the pandemic, many projects are progressing on schedule, with significant progress made on several major funded projects, including the Lakeland Gateway to the Cape, Reconciliation Rocks and Botanic Gardens upgrade projects. Further afield, there has been extensive biosecurity work across the Cape, the reseal of Laura airport and improvements to the Coen Landfill.

Visit www.cook.qld.gov.au/council/documents/strategic to view the report online, or you can read a copy at the Cooktown or Bloomfield libraries or your local general store.

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