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## Councillor portfolios announced

**10 June, 2020**  
**COOKTOWN**

Cook Shire's Councillors will represent specific regions and areas of interest to ensure dedicated support across the Shire's large area, following the appointment of Councillor portfolios at yesterday's Council meeting.

The elected member's workloads are shared across all Councillors through dividing the Cook Shire's more than 100,000 square kilometres into four regions – Coen, Portland Roads and the northern Shire; Laura, Lakeland and the southwest Shire; Ayton, Bloomfield, Rossville and the southeast Shire; and Cooktown, Marton and Endeavour Valley.

Councillors Ross Logan and Peter Burns will represent Coen, Portland Roads and northern Cook Shire. Deputy Mayor Robyn Holmes and Councillor Larissa Hale will represent Laura, Lakeland and southwest Cook Shire. Councillors Marilyn Morris and John Dessmann will represent Ayton, Bloomfield, Rossville and southeast Cook Shire. All Councillors will represent the Cooktown, Marton and Endeavour Valley areas.

"At the beginning of each Council term, Councillors meet to share their interest areas, knowledge and expertise and how best they will be able to serve Council in this regard," Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Linda Cardew said. "Portfolios help residents know which Councillor to approach and allow our Councillors to focus their time, and assist in areas of interest where they may have more knowledge." Councillors' areas of interest portfolios are listed below.

Mayor Peter Scott:

- Strategic Regional Representation
- Finance, Audit and Risk
- Community Wellbeing, Housing and Inter-Agency Groups
- Disaster Management and Mass Gatherings.

Deputy Mayor Robyn Holmes:

- Finance, Audit and Risk

- Community Wellbeing, Housing and Inter-Agency Groups
- Environment and Waste
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Health and Education
- Disaster Management and Mass Gatherings.

Councillor Peter Burns:

- Coen Interagency Group
- Economic Development and Tourism

Councillor Marilyn Morris:

- Bama Partnerships
- Sport, Recreation and Arts

Councillor Larissa Hale:

- Coen and Laura Interagency groups
- Bama Partnerships
- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Sport, Recreation and Arts

Councillor Ross Logan:

- Coen Interagency Group
- Environment and Waste
- Economic Development and Tourism

Councillor John Dessmann:

- Bama Partnerships
- Climate Change and Sustainability

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