

council update

Coming Up

August 10

Black Mountain Unplugged

August 11

String Contingent Concert, Nature's PowerHouse
P | 4069 5763

August 13-17

Council community consultation
CWA Hall Cooktown
P | 4069 5444

August 15

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
9am-10am
P | 4069 6928

August 17

Reef Guardian Council colouring competition entries due
P | 4069 5444

August 18

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend amateur radio hut, Grassy Hill

August 19

Straw No More event, Lions Park
P | 4069 5444

August 20

Senior's Week lunch, Cooktown RSL Club
P | 4069 5444

August 24

Cook Shire grants close
P | 4069 5444

August 25

Cooktown Kindergarten fete
P | 4069 5182

August 29

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
9am-10am
P | 4069 6928

September 7

Free 1RAR Army Band concert, Cooktown waterfront precinct
P | 4069 5444

September 10

Cardiac Challenge charity bike ride arrives in Cooktown
P | 4226 6327

September 20

Cook Shire half-yearly rates due
P | 4069 5444

STRAW NO MORE

Be inspired by Molly Steer!

Sunday, August 19
from 3pm

Lion's Park Cooktown

SCIENCE WEEK COMES TO COOKTOWN LIBRARY

Get creative and recycle old junk into new toys at the Cooktown Library for Science Week.

Head to the Library on Thursday, August 16 from 3.15pm-4.45pm to try your hand at making hovercraft, thaumatropes and racing cars.

School aged children are welcome, with those aged under 8 to be supervised by an adult. Participants are encouraged to bring clean plastic bottles, pop-top sports drink tops, large plastic bottle tops and old CDs. For more information contact the Cooktown Library.

GET ON BOARD WITH STRAW NO MORE EVENT IN COOKTOWN

Join young reef warrior Molly Steer for a free afternoon tea in Lion's Park on Sunday, August 19 at 3pm.

Start the discussion about how to reduce plastic with Molly and the founders of the Straw No More Project. There will be product demonstrations and presentations from local groups.

ADULT LEADERS WANTED FOR EMERGENCY CADETS

Help build the next generation of emergency services personnel while sharpening your own skills.

The PCYC Emergency Services Cadets are aged 12-17 years old and meet one night a week to train with volunteers and professionals who are passionate about emergency preparedness and response skills.

Adult leaders share their skills, encourage volunteering, help connect the cadets into the community and can even obtain a Certificate III in Public Safety.

Adult leaders must be over 18. For more information visit www.pcy.org.au/cadets or phone 3909 9572.

PAY YOUR RATES ANY TIME

Residents are reminded that their Cook Shire rates can be paid early.

Rates can be paid any time by direct debit, Centrepay, in person, BPay, credit card or over the phone. For more information contact Council's Rates Officer.

GET COLOURING TO WIN

Take part in our Reef Guardian colouring competition for a chance to get your hands on our awesome goodie bags.

There are two categories, for ages 5-9 and ages 10-15. Head to Council's website, or pick up a copy from Council's office or libraries and get colouring! Entries are due by Friday, August 17 at Council's main office. Make sure to mark your entry with your name, age and contact details.

The winners will be announced at the Straw No More event in Lion's Park on Sunday, August 19 from 3pm.

DOG REGISTRATION OVERDUE

Dog owners are reminded that annual dog registration was due last month.

Renewals were due for payment by July 31. If you have not received your notice, contact Council. If you are no longer the owner of a dog for which you receive a renewal notice you must let Council know. Fines of up to \$260 could apply for those who have not paid their registration.

COUNCIL GRANTS LAST CHANCE

Don't forget to get your applications in for Council's community grants program.

Applications close on Friday, August 24, except for Council's community donations program, which is open year-round for applications under \$1000.

Applicants can apply for between \$1000 and \$3000 under the Community Sponsorship program, and up to \$5000 under the Community Small Grants program.

Visit Council's website or contact our Grants Officer for more information.

DUMP GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for this month's Big Garage Sale at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station.

This month's sale will be held on Sunday, August 26, from 8am to 4.30pm (closed between 12noon and 12.30pm for lunch) at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station.

And if you miss this month's sale, don't worry, we hold a Garage Sale the last Sunday of every month.

WHAT PLASTICS CAN I RECYCLE IN COOKTOWN?

It is free to recycle most plastic food containers, however many other plastics are not recyclable.

Before recycling your plastics, check to make sure your containers have a recycling symbol. Bottles should have the recycling symbol, as well as a single number, from 1 to 7.

If you aren't sure, or the container doesn't have a recycling symbol, please dispose of it with your general rubbish. Recyclables can be disposed of at any Shire waste transfer station or at our recycling skips. Check the waste management section of our website for more details.

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE CWA HALL

Two important Council documents are currently open for public comment, and Council staff will be on hand at the CWA Hall from 10am to 4pm from August 13 to 17 to answer your questions.

The Cook Shire Council's Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (WRRP) is a strategic document which will guide Council's waste management into the future. Feedback must be in writing and returned to Council by August 31.

Cook Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan will also be available to view at the CWA all week, and is open for public comment until September 12.

Hard copies of both plans will be available at the CWA, and also on Council's website.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE EVENT AT GRASSY HILL

The Tableland Radio Group will be operating an amateur radio station from Grassy Hill for the 13th consecutive year this weekend.

The group have been travelling to Cooktown for International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend for over a decade, and will this year be among 400 similar radio operators around the world. The weekend aims to raise the profile of lighthouses across the world.

Drop in to the group's amateur station on Grassy Hill over the weekend and say hello.



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