

council update

Coming Up

February 14

NDRRA supplier briefing
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February 15-17

Cooktown Library closed for upgrade
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February 19

Cooktown Library reopens after upgrade
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February 21

Regatta cruise ship arrives
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Crystal Serenity cruise ship arrives
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February 25

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station
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February 27

Food is Life registration due
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L'Austral cruise ship arrives
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March 5

Queen's Baton arrives in Cooktown
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March 10

Food is Life event, Lakeland
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March 24

Earth Hour Cooktown event
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March 25

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station
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April 15

Cooktown RSL Sub Branch Anzac Memorial Walk
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May 19-20

Lakeland Horsesports and Bullride

June 16-17

Cooktown Discovery Festival
w | www.cooktowndiscovery.com.au



QUEEN'S BATON RELAY COMING TO TOWN

The Queen's Baton Relay will arrive in Cooktown in less than three weeks, and locals are encouraged to cheer the local batonbearers along the route. The Baton will arrive in Cooktown on Monday, March 5, with the relay starting at 1pm and culminating in a community celebration at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre.

Cooktown's batonbearers are Lisa Brodbeck-Boyles, Peta Buhmann, Jeneen Clark, Susan Forsyth, David Kamholtz, Sarah Martin, Andrew Mirtschin, Marilyn Morris, Chanelle Oldaker, Vince Parkes, Leanne Rayner, Herman Rijken, George Theobald, Kirsty Wilding-Davies and Ray Wright.

You can plan the best spot to cheer on our local batonbearers with details about the Cooktown community celebration and the baton route now available at gc2018.com/qbr.

You can also follow the Facebook event for Cooktown's community celebration, www.facebook.com/events/145478579532326/, to keep an eye on the exciting announcements as we get closer to the Baton's arrival in Cooktown.

The relay will be run on May, Boundary, Hope, Furneaux, Charlotte, Ida and May streets, with rolling road closures to ensure minimum disruption to traffic.

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, February 25, from 8am to 4.30pm (closed between 12noon and 12.30pm for lunch) at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station. If you see something you want prior to the sale, talk to our friendly waste team and they can reserve it for you to buy at the sale.

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

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Congratulations to the 2018 Cook Shire Australia Day award nominees.

The award recipients were: Citizen of the Year Jody Andrews, Young Citizen of the Year Rhiannon Shepherd, Volunteer Group of the Year Cooktown State Emergency Services, Volunteer of the Year Individual Dan Hodgson, Sports Award Full Boar Gym, Arts and Culture Award Sandra Lloyd.

The awards were held on January 26 at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mosquito control around the home is vital to reducing insect numbers and curbing the risk of the transfer of mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever and Zika virus.

Council advises residents to check their property weekly for potential breeding sites and tip out, flush, dispose of or store inside any containers which could hold water. Typical breeding spots can include pot plant bases, vases, buckets, tarpaulins, toys, old tyres, boats and trailers, blocked gutters, rainwater tanks, birdbaths and even palm fronds, bromeliads and fish ponds.

You can also use electric mosquito zappers, coils and surface spray under tables, chairs and beds to help get rid of mosquitoes around the home and wear light, loose long-sleeved clothing and insect repellent when outdoors.

CHECK YOUR WATER METER

Have you checked your water meter this month for hidden leaks?

It's quick and easy to do and could save you an excess water charge. Make sure all your taps are turned off, and check your water meter.

If no red dials are moving, it means there is no leak! If the red dials are moving, there is water leaking somewhere, so time to investigate. Tips for finding a leak include, checking for wet areas around taps and in your yard, or unusually green areas of grass.

If you cannot find any visible signs of a leak, you may need to call a plumber.

DISASTER CONTRACTORS SUPPLIER BRIEFING

Council is holding a National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) supplier briefing today, Wednesday, February 14 at 2pm at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre. Interested parties are invited to attend to discuss the 2018-19 NDRRA contract for works.

For more information, or to register, contact Council's Procurement Coordinator via email at tenders@cook.qld.gov.au or phone.

LIBRARY SHUT FOR WORKS

The Cooktown Library will be closed temporarily for upgrades from Thursday, February 15 to Saturday, February 17.

The library will reopen at 10am on Monday, February 19, as per normal hours. For more information, contact the library via email at cooktown_library@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5009.

FREE FOOD IS LIFE HEALTHY EVENT AT LAKELAND

Register your interest now for the free Food is Life event, to be held at Lakeland on March 10.

The event is facilitated by the Lakeland Progress Association, and presented by Mona Hecke, founder of Aussie Health Girl. Learn how to eat for optimal wellness, including practical information on weight loss, detoxing your life, cancer prevention and cooking demonstrations and tasting.

Email lakeland@outlook.com.au by February 27 to register your interest.

REGISTER FOR A PENSIONER DISCOUNT NOW AND SAVE

Do you have a Pension Concession Card? Do you live in your own home or are a life tenant?

If you answered yes to both questions you could receive a subsidy of up to \$200 annually off your rates.

Forms are available on Council's web site or by contacting Council's rates team.



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