council update

Coming Up

January 18 Holiday craft at Cooktown Library P | 4069 5009

January 19 Endeavour Award applications close P | 0413 322 625

January 21 Sharing Songs - Sharing Cultures concert P | 4069 6098

January 26

Cook Shire Australia Day Awards ceremony and celebration event P | 4069 5444

January 28

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station P | 4069 5444

February 2 Learn to Swim lessons registration closes P | 4069 5444

> February 3 Learn to Swim lessons start P | 4069 5444

February 14 Seven Seas Voyager cruise ship arrives P | 4069 5444

> February 21 Regatta cruise ship arrives P | 4069 5444

February 24 Crystal Serenity cruise ship arrives P | 4069 5444

February 25 Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station P | 4069 5444

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February 27 L'Austral cruise ship arrives P | 4069 5444

March 5

Queen's Baton arrives in Cooktown P | 4069 5444

March 24

Earth Hour - lights off from 8.30pm-9.30pm W | www.earthhour.org.au

March 25

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station P | 4069 5444



Come along to the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station's monthly Big Garage Sale.

This month's sale will be held on Sunday, January 28, from 8am to 4.30pm (closed between 12noon and 12.30pm for lunch) at the Cooktown Waste Transfer Station. There will be lots of recycled items at bargain prices, including computers donated by Council.

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.

MORNING CELEBRATION FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS Residents are encouraged to get behind their local nominees for a morning celebration and awards ceremony for Australia Day on January 26.

The ceremony, to be held at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre, starts at 8.30am on Friday, January 26, with the official proceedings and award presentations followed by a delicious free morning tea.

The award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year (Group or Individual), Sports (Group, Individual or Event) and Arts and Culture (Group, Individual or Event).

Nominees for the 2018 Cook Shire Australia Day Awards are:

Brandon Zysk , Charlie Martin, Cooktown State Emergency Services, Cooktown School of Art Society , Dan Hodgson, Dean Engwirda, Don Perkins, Full Boar Thai Boxing, Gloria Savage, Helen Bigmore, Jody Andrews, Julie Oliver, Lakeland Progress Association, Leanne Rayner, Legends of Perhaps, Ray Wright, Rhiannon Shepherd, Robyn Nelson, Sandy Lloyd, Susan Forsyth and the Wallaby Creek Festival.

BREEZE FM DROPS OUT

Cooktown's newest radio station, Breeze FM, is temporarily off air due to a technical issue.

The radio station, normally available on channel 92.1, is the easy listening sister-station to the rock station Rebel FM.

BLOOMFIELD SLIP WORKS START Work to repair a slip on the Rossville-Bloomfield Road, south of Rossville, started last week.

Roadowrks are expected to continue until the end of the month and motorists are urged to obey road signage and be aware of changed traffic conditions in the area.

LIONS ENDEAVOUR AWARD

Nominations close this Friday, January 19, for the 2018 Lions' Endeavour Award.

The award is provided to young people who wish to excel in an occupation, sport or self improvement program, or to travel to places to give voluntary service to others less fortunate, either in Australia or in another country.

The award in 2018 is \$2000. The successful applicant will be named at the Cook Shire Australia Day Awards ceremony on Friday, January 26.

Contact Jim Fay on 0413 322 625, Bob Norris on 0459 473 048 or Peter Whipper on 0448 068 555 for forms or more information.

GET CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY THIS THURSDAY

Bring your kids along to the Cooktown Library this Thursday for some Barrier Reef themed fun.

We're holding a holiday craft morning, from 10am-12noon on Thursday, January 18, and we're making everything under the sea!

Contact the library for more information on this free event, or just come along on the day.

CALLING ALL COOK SHIRE 2018 EVENT ORGANISERS

USTRALIA DAY AWARDS Friday, January 26 830am Cooktown Events Centre

> Are you holding an event in Cook Shire in 2018? If so, you may require a Temporary Entertainment Event Permit or other Council permits.

To discuss your requirements and for assistance with any applications, please contact Council's Events Officer.

We are also able to advertise your event for free on our tourism website!

LEARN TO SWIM STARTS SOON Register now to join our nine week Learn to Swim program.

The program aims to increase water awareness, safety, confidence and skills for babies, toddlers and children, run by qualified Austswim instructors.

The lessons run every Saturday morning for nine weeks, starting Saturday February 3, 2018. The nine week program costs \$54, which includes accompanying adult's pool entry.

Registration is essential as places are limited, and closes on Friday, February 2. Contact the Cooktown Pool by email at pool@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 6928 for details or to register.

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.

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