

council update

Coming Up

July 11

CDCC family fishing competition
P | 4069 6098

July 12

Kid's storytime and Lego Club, Cooktown
Library
P | 4069 5009

July 14-15

Gateway to the Cape recycled sculpture
workshop, Lakeland
P | 0429 695 533

July 20

Cook Shire Public Holiday
P | 4069 5444

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Cook Shire grants open
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July 21

Cooktown Bowls Club Intrust Super Cup
Rugby League - Northern Pride v Ipswich
Jets, John Street Oval

July 31

Cook Shire dog registration due
P | 4069 5444

July 26

Gungarde NAIDOC celebrations
P | 4069 5412

August 4

Rossville school 30th anniversary and fete
P | 4060 3988

August 4

Lakeland Campdraft
P | 0428 353 737

August 10

Black Mountain Unplugged

August 24

Cook Shire grants close
P | 4069 5444

September 10

Cardiac Challenge charity bike ride
P | 4226 6327

September 20

Cook Shire half-yearly rates due
P | 4069 5444

September 28- 30

Wallaby Creek Festival
P | 4060 3102



DOG REGISTRATION NEARLY DUE

Dog owners are reminded that annual dog registration is due this month.

Renewal notices have been sent, and are 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 (it has deceased, or been sold) you must let Council know. Fines of up to \$260 could apply for those who do not paid their registration by the due date.

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.

CONSERVATIVE 2018-19 COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTED

Renewing infrastructure and maintaining services are the priority for a conservative 2018-19 Cook Shire Council budget, adopted at last week's special meeting.

General land rates have gone up by 3 per cent, while sewerage, rubbish collection and water charges remain unchanged.

Council's budgeted operating revenue is \$23.5 million with almost 50 per cent from Government grants, with a budgeted operating expenditure of \$31.8 million. "On paper looking at those two figures, we are in the red by \$8.3 million, however the expenditure also includes \$10.3 million in depreciation," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said. "\$6.4 million of that is attributable to our road network, without which we would have a much smaller budget deficit of \$1.9 million." Cr Scott said while depreciation was supposed to be backed by cash, the Shire's roads repair liability was largely covered by National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements funding, which was budgeted at \$20 million for this year.

The full budget documents and snapshot are available on Council's website.

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Dog owners are reminded that there are rules which apply to keep them and their pets safe and to keep our towns comfortable for all.

All dogs must be kept on a leash when in public in Cook Shire, including at the new waterfront development. Dog owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their dog in public. There are dog litter bag dispensers in most public areas in Cooktown to help owners be responsible. Fines of up to \$260 could apply for those who do not obey the local laws.

For more information on responsible pet ownership, please visit our website.

COOK SHIRE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Cook Shire's annual show day public holiday will be held on Friday, July 20, to coincide with the Cairns Show.

Council's main office, depot, libraries and pool will be closed on Friday, July 20. The Cooktown Pool, Cooktown Library and Ayton Library will open as per regular hours on Saturday, July 21.

All other facilities will re-open on Monday, July 23, or as per their regular advertised opening hours, which can be found on Council's website.

COUNCIL GRANTS STREAMLINED

Council's grants programs are being streamlined to make the process easier for applicants.

Council's in-kind support program is being replaced by a community donations program, which is open year-round for applications under \$1000.

The current sponsorship program is being replaced by a \$1000 to \$3000 community sponsorship program, Round One of which is opening on July 20 and closing August 24.

The community and economic development grants program is being replaced with the community small grants program, open twice a year for amounts up to \$5000. Round One is opening on July 20 and closing August 24.

Visit the grants page on Council's website or contact our Grants Officer for more information.

NORTHERN PRIDE COMES TO COOKTOWN FOR SUPER CUP

Queensland Rugby League and the Cooktown Bowls Club are bringing the big guns to Cooktown, with the Intrust Super Cup being held at the John Street Oval on July 21.

The Cup game will be between the Northern Pride and the Ipswich Jets, and will be precluded with Cooktown Junior Rugby League Club matches.

The junior games kick off from midday, with the Super Cup from 4pm.

JOIN THE COOK SHIRE TEAM

Council is seeking motivated and experienced individuals to join our team.

Council is seeking a Procurement Coordinator and a Native Title and Land Tenure Officer, with applications open now and closing on Sunday, July 29, 2018. Apply online now at Council's website.

CHECK YOUR WATER METER TO SAVE A DROP AND A DOLLAR

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, then check your 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 include checking for wet areas around taps and your yard, or unusually green grass.

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

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, July 29, 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 Big Garage Sale at the Cooktown Waste Transfer station the last Sunday of every month.



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