

council update

Coming Up

March 16

Cook Shire Council rates due
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March 17

Seven Seas Voyager cruise ships arrives
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South Cape York Catchments plastic reduction stall, Cooktown markets

March 19

Discovery Festival Ball tickets on sale
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March 23

Councils grants programs close
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March 24

Earth Hour Cooktown movie night
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March 25

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station
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March 26

New to the Stage Amateur Theatre production of Hairspray, Cooktown PCYC

March 30-April 2

Council's facilities closed for Easter
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March 31-April 2

Ron Harrigan Music Muster at Lion's Den
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April 22

Cooktown RSL Sub Branch Anzac Memorial Walk
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April 29

Big Garage Sale at Cooktown waste transfer station
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May 19-20

Lakeland Horsesports and Bullride

June 15-17

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

July 20

Cook Shire Public Holiday



FREE GLOW IN THE DARK FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FOR EARTH HOUR

The Cooktown PCYC Events Centre will be transformed into a glowing moonscape on March 24 as Council promotes Earth Hour.

Council is showing the award-winning family movie Mune: Guardian of the Moon, along with a short climate change presentation.

There will be a fundraiser sausage sizzle, with drinks and snacks, run by the Full Boar Thai Boxing Club, and glow in the dark paint for a bit of fun under the black lights.

The free event starts at 6pm and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

BE QUICK FOR MICROCHIP DISCOUNT VOUCHERS

Council and our local Seadog Vets have joined forces to provide discount microchip vouchers to owners registering a pet for the first time.

Having your pet microchipped greatly increases the chances of them being returned to you if they are found lost or wandering.

The vouchers will be available for a limited time at Council's main office when owners register a pet for the first time.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR DISCOVERY FESTIVAL BALL

Tickets for the Cooktown Discovery Festival Ball are on sale next week.

The Ball, which is the official opening of the annual Discovery Festival, brings a touch of glamour to the weekend. Guests are encouraged to wear period costume, or formal attire. This year's event will be catered by the award-winning chefs from Cairns' Ochre Restaurant, with entertainment by Brisbane-based Lark Music.

The PCYC multi purpose courts will be transformed into a stunning ballroom, complete with velvet drapes and mood lighting. Visit the Cooktown Discovery Festival website, www.cooktowndiscovery.com.au, from March 19 to book your tickets.

ARMY BRINGING TRAINING EXERCISE TO TOWN

Soldiers from the Cairns-based 51st Battalion Far North Queensland Regiment will be completing a training exercise, dubbed Exercise Bonis Porton, around Cooktown this month.

The week-long exercise will focus on surveillance and border patrol training, and will be centered around the Endeavour River between the Cooktown Wharf and Marton. Residents are advised not to be alarmed if they see armed soldiers in uniform moving on foot, in vehicles or by boat, or hear shots fired during the day as the troops will be using blank rounds during the exercise.

Among those training will be several newly recruited Army Reservists from Wujal Wujal, and personnel from the 51st Battalion will be visiting stakeholders in Cooktown to discuss recruitment.

LAST CHANCE TO SECURE COUNCIL FUNDING

Cook Shire Council's Community, Economic Development and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) programs close next Friday, March 23.

Council's Community and Economic Development Grant program aims to assist local groups, businesses or projects through funding of up to \$5000 for activities which promote community and/or economic improvement.

RADF is a partnership between state and local governments which invests in arts and cultural experiences based on locally determined priorities.

Contact Council's Grants Officer for more information, or visit our website to download an application form.

COUNCIL FACILITIES CLOSED FOR EASTER LONG WEEKEND

Council's main administration office, Cooktown and Bloomfield libraries, depot office and the Cooktown Pool will be closed from Friday, March 30 to Monday, April 2 for the Easter long weekend.

Council's facilities will reopen as per regular advertised hours on Tuesday, April 3.

COOK SHIRE APPROVES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Far Northern local Linda Cardew has been earmarked to step into the top job as Chief Executive Officer of Cook Shire Council.

Ms Cardew, who was chosen with unanimous approval by Cook Shire's seven Councillors at a special meeting on March 2, has more than 25 years experience in local, state and federal government, including most recently as chief executive officer of Douglas Shire Council.

Prior to leading the Douglas Shire, Ms Cardew was Associate Director of Savills Project Management and Project Manager for the Cairns Entertainment Precinct. She has a Law Degree with Honours, a Graduate Diploma in Urban Estate Management and is admitted as a barrister, and has been a tertiary lecturer, policy manager and investigator in her long career.

Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said Council was impressed with Ms Cardew's experience and qualifications. "We are really looking forward to working with Linda to take Council to the next level."

GET IN EARLY TO RECEIVE COOK SHIRE RATES DISCOUNT

Cook Shire Council rates are due on Friday, March 16 and payments made on time receive a discount.

Rates paid before 4.30pm on Friday, March 16 2018 will receive a 10 per cent discount off the general rates bill.

Contact Council's rates team 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, March 25, 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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