

council update

Coming Up

September 13

RSVP for Council's How to do Business
With Local Government event
P | 4069 5444

September 14

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
7.30am-8.30am
P | 4069 6928

September 14

Bloomfield Art Club exhibition,
Black Cockatoo Gallery

September 16

South Cape York Catchments Saving
Saltmarsh and Endeavour Mangroves
watch
RSVP | ali@scyc.com.au

September 20

Cook Shire half-yearly rates due
P | 4069 5444

September 24

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

September 28

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
7.30am-8.30am
P | 4069 6928

September 28-30

Wallaby Creek Festival
P | 4060 3102

September 29-30

Bulls, Barrels and Broncs, Cooktown
P | 0437 729 070

September 29-30

Conquer the Corrugations mental health
awareness walk
P | 4060 3210

October 12

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
7.30am-8.30am
P | 4069 6928

October 2-5

Learn to Swim Week, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

October 26

Cooktown Pool closed for mowing
7.30am-8.30am
P | 4069 6928

October 29

Legal Assault 11 fundraiser muaythai event
P | 0429 477 624



MORE THAN BOOKS AT OUR COOK SHIRE LIBRARIES

There's a lot more than just books at Cook Shire's libraries.

Join our storyteller Gail for a magical time each week with Interactive Storytelling at the Bloomfield Library on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 11am, and Cooktown Library on Thursdays from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. Storytelling is for children aged 5 and younger, and their parents or carers.

For the bigger kids, we have Lego Club at the Cooktown Library every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Lego Club is open to school aged kids, with those under 8 to be supervised by an adult.

And for the adults, every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm is Web Wednesday, with short sessions aimed at introducing people to our online library services. Web Wednesdays will be taking a short break after September 19's sessions, but will be back in October.

Have you checked out our online library services? Visit the Library page on our website for more information.

COOKTOWN STUDENTS WIN BIG WITH RECYCLING COMPETITION

More than 55kg of batteries and 175 plastic bags have been saved from landfill by the winners of the 2018 Cook Shire Council Recycling Competition.

The group of 14 Year 5 students and 12 Year 6 Endeavour Christian College students collected the dry cell batteries and wove 765m of 'plarn' – yarn made from single use plastic bags – which they used to knit a coat.

The students received an all-expenses paid trip to the Cairns Aquarium and Cairns Material Recovery Facility as a prize. "Students learnt about the new technology and initiatives that are happening with recycled products," Endeavour Christian College teacher Cassandra Grover said.

"We were sitting on some of the recycled products, and the Cairns Performing Arts Centre is made of it also, which is very cool."

"Our Year 5/6 students would like to thank Cook Shire Council staff for all their assistance in making this possible."

PLASTICS TO BE PHASED OUT

Cook Shire Council is a proud Reef Guardian Council and has voted to phase out single use plastics across the Shire over the next 12 months.

Single use plastics, such as balloons, straws, cups, takeaway containers and bags, will be completely banned at Council run events immediately. Single use plastics will be phased out at Council controlled venues, such as parks and market places, from July next year, and Council will also be encouraging local businesses to get on board the movement and stop using plastics.

COUNCIL SUPPLIER INFORMATION EVENT

Council and Local Buy are hosting an information session on how to do business with Council at the PCYC Events Centre on September 18 from 6pm to 8.30pm.

This event will provide businesses a unique opportunity to learn more about Council procurement, electronic tendering and quotations. Suppliers will also be able to register on Council's electronic procurement management system, Vendor Panel, at the event.

Bookings are essential - please RSVP to Council by tomorrow, Thursday, September 13.

COOKTOWN POOL WARMING UP FOR SUMMER

The temperature is rising at the Pool and plenty of programs are kicking off this month to take advantage of the warmth.

Aqua aerobics will be on from 9am to 12noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from September 25, and Wednesdays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, starting today. The weekly Mums and Bubs group starts next Wednesday, September 12, from 9am to 10am. The inflatable obstacle course will also be in the pool from 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday and Thursday during the school holidays.

October kicks off with Learn to Swim week - a free week of swimming lessons for children under age 5. Bookings are essential, contact the Pool for more information on 4069 6928.

TREE WORKS TO BEGIN AT BOTANIC GARDENS

Visitors to the Cooktown Botanic Gardens are asked to be aware of tree works starting this month.

Pruning and removal of old and dangerous trees will be conducted in stages to allow continued access to the gardens. Work areas will be signed and barricaded from the public.

Please obey signage while we work to improve safety at the Gardens. The tree work is expected to be finished during November.

PAY YOUR RATES ON TIME TO GET A DISCOUNT

Don't forget Council's half-yearly rates are due on September 20. Those who pay their rates in full by the due date are eligible for a 10 per cent discount on general rates.

Contact Council's rates team for more information, including different payment options.

ARTISTS WANTED FOR WATERFRONT OPENING

Council is seeking performers and entertainers to be part of the Cooktown Waterfront official opening. The waterfront opening will be held at the Webber Esplanade Activity Precinct from 3pm to 9pm on Saturday, November 17.

Entertainers are wanted for both on stage performances and roaming and street performances, such as (but not limited to) children's entertainment, sporting demonstrations, musicians, poets and comedians.

Expressions of interest must be emailed to Council's Events Officer by October 2, 2018.

VIDEOS FOR CHANGE WANTED

Are you passionate about a certain social issue? Then get creating, and get heard.

Videos for Change is calling for people to grab a camera and create a one minute video on a social issue you're passionate about. Videos will go into the running for a share of over \$12,000 in prizes and could be featured on Network TEN's The Project.

Visit videosforchange.org for details. Entries close September 30.



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