

council update

Coming Up

August 15

Lego WeDo, Cooktown Library
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August 17

Grow your own mushrooms workshop,
Cooktown
W | www.facebook.com/NQshrooms/

August 20

Interactive Storytime, Cooktown Library
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August 21

Cook Shire rates notices issued
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August 22

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
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Tech Savvy Seniors sign on morning
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August 24

Grow your own mushrooms workshop,
Ayton
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August 26

ATO information session, Cooktown PCYC
Events Centre

August 27

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August 28

RSVP for Coen Expo 2020 networking
event
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August 29

Lego WeDo, Cooktown Library
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August 30

Expo 2020 networking event, Coen
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RADF and Community Grants close
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August 31

Cook Shire dog registration renewals due
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September 3

Interactive Storytime, Cooktown Library
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CEI TEAM HEADING ON THE ROAD WITH 2020 INFO

Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team are hitting the road this month, visiting communities from Cooktown to Bamaga, finishing with a networking event in Coen on August 30.

Cape York and Torres Regional Arts Officer Waratah Nicholls, Cook Shire Indigenous Partnerships Officer Shane Gibson and 2020 Indigenous Projects Officer Sha-Lane Gibson will be stopping at Coen on August 19 and 20, Portland Roads on August 20, Lockhart River on August 21, Northern Peninsula Area on August 23 and 24, Weipa on August 26, Mapoon on August 27, Napranum on August 28, Arukun on August 29 and Coen for the networking event on August 30. The team will be talking to communities about involvement in the Cooktown Expo 2020 and how people can use the event as a platform to showcase Indigenous culture and how businesses and artists can get involved.

RSVPs are essential for the August 30 Coen networking event only, and must be made to Council by Wednesday, August 28. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team.

TREE WORKS BOOST SAFETY

Public safety will be improved with tree remediation starting this month following an independent arborist's inspection of Cooktown's park trees.

The work will be carried out by contractor Mossman Port Douglas Treeloppers, who have started this week. A rotted milky pine that poses significant threat to the public will be removed from Endeavour Park and another seven, including two coconut palms, will be removed from Anzac and Keable parks. Remediation works will include removing dead wood, pruning and removal of dangerous branches.

Two high risk trees will also be removed from Cooktown's Botanic Gardens and pruning of other trees will be undertaken throughout the gardens, Nature's PowerHouse and Queen's Oval area. The work is expected to be finished by the end of this month.

POOL OPEN AFTER UPGRADE

The Cooktown Pool re-opened on Monday following a major upgrade.

The pool was completely emptied while new tiles, painting, drainage pipes, a change room upgrade, office re-fit and storage extension were underway.

The pool is open from 5.30am to 6pm weekdays and 1pm to 6pm weekends. Pool activities, fees and more are on our website.

DOG REGO RENEWALS DUE

If you are a Cook Shire pet owner, don't forget your dog must be registered and microchipped, and annual renewals are due at the end of this month.

For more information on dog registration and fees, or if you have not received your dog registration renewal notice, visit our website, or contact our friendly Animal Management team.

LIBRARY LEGO CHANGES

Cooktown Library is now offering Lego Club every second Thursday, alternating with Lego WeDo.

Lego Club is free Lego play, open to all school aged children, with no bookings necessary, and runs from 3.30pm-4.30pm every second Thursday, starting August 22.

Lego WeDo combines Lego fun with science, technology and robotics, and bookings are essential. Lego WeDo will be every second Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm, starting August 15.

Contact the Library on 4069 5009 or in person to book for Lego WeDo.

TECH SAVVY SENIORS SIGN ON

The Tech Savvy Seniors program is running again at the Cooktown Library.

The program helps seniors get connected with computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Sessions will run every Monday from 2pm to 4pm and Thursday from 10am to 12pm, starting August 29. The final session will be on Thursday, November 28.

To express your interest or find out more, come along to a free morning tea at the library on Thursday, August 22 from 10am to 12pm.

ATO INFORMATION SESSION

The Australian Taxation Office will be visiting businesses in Cooktown soon to identify issues and address anyone deliberately doing the wrong thing. To find out more about what to expect during the visits, the ATO is holding an information session on Monday, August 26.

Register now at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ato-business-visits-information-session-tickets-65628577843 for the free session, which runs from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre.

RATES NOTICES TO BE ISSUED

Cook Shire's six monthly rates will be issued on August 21.

Pensioners not already receiving the concession are also encouraged to apply. Forms are available on Council's website or by contacting our Rates Officer.

If you haven't received your rates notice within two weeks of the issue date, please also contact Council. Rates are due for payment on September 19 - pay in full by the due date to receive a 10 per cent discount off general rates.

COUNCIL GRANTS CLOSE SOON

Council's Community Grants and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) programs close at the end of this month.

The Community Grants Program aims to provide assistance to local organisations in a number of ways, including purchase or equipment, supporting event delivery and workshops and economic development.

The RADF program promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions.

Applications close on August 30. For more information on Council's grant programs, including how to apply, visit our website.

DISCOVERY FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

If you missed out on one of our awesome Cooktown Discovery Festival tee shirts or stubby coolers, head to the Council office now to pick out your official merchandise for next year's event. We have plenty of sizes available to choose from.



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