

# council update

## Coming Up

**December 12**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**December 14**

Lakeland Christmas Fair

**December 16**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**December 18**

Interactive Storytime, Bloomfield Library  
P | 4069 5009

**December 19**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**December 23-26**

Cooktown Pool closed for Christmas  
P | 4069 6928

**December 24**

Council admin office and Cooktown Library  
close for holidays, 12noon  
P | 4082 0500

**December 25**

Christmas Day

**December 30**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**December 31**

New Year's Eve

**December 31-January 2**

Cooktown Pool closed for New Year's  
P | 4069 6928

**January 2**

Council admin office re-opens, 8.45am  
P | 4082 0500

**January 2**

Cooktown Library re-opens, 10am  
P | 4069 5009

**January 6**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**January 8**

Bloomfield Library re-opens, 10am  
P | 4060 8342

**January 13**

Book Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**January 24**

Australia Day Awards event, PCYC  
P | 4082 0500



Wishing everyone a *safe and happy holidays*  
from all the team at  
**Cook Shire Council!**

### COUNCIL CHRISTMAS HOURS

Council's administration building will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 24 at 12noon and will re-open on Thursday, January 2 at 8.45am.

The Cooktown Library will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 at 12noon and re-open on Wednesday, January 2 at 10am. The Bloomfield Library will be closed from 4pm on Wednesday, December 18, and re-open at 10am on Wednesday, January 8.

The Cooktown Swimming Pool will be closed from Monday, December 23 to Thursday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 31 to Wednesday, January 1. The pool will be open from Friday, December 27 to Monday, December 30 from 1pm to 6pm and re-opening for the new year on Thursday, January 2 at 5.30am.

Shire waste transfer stations will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, only, and will remain open as per regular advertised hours on other days. Council's depot office will be closed from 12noon on December 12 and will re-open on Monday, January 6 at 6.30am.

For all Council-related emergencies during closures, please phone Council on 4082 0500 to speak to our after hours call centre.

### PALM TREE REMOVAL

Contractors will remove three large coconut palms which hang over the corner of Walker and Helen streets. The trees are scheduled for removal on Monday, December 16. Council is responsible for maintaining the trees, and the regular costly de-nutting required for public safety reasons is no longer financially viable.

Pedestrians are advised to use alternative routes during the work as the footpath on the northern side of Walker Street will be cordoned off from the public during the removal.

Council is working towards a landscape plan for Cooktown to add further street plantings of suitable species in suitable locations to improve shade and public amenity into the future.

### COOKTOWN ON LEVEL ONE WATER RESTRICTIONS

Due to ongoing dry weather, the Annan River has dropped to a level which requires Council to put Level One water restrictions in place, effective from Wednesday, December 11, 2019. To ensure everyone has adequate water, we request that those on the town water supply abide by Level One water restrictions. Level One restrictions will remain in place until the Annan River reaches a required level at the Weir.

Level One restrictions will require residents to:

- No sprinklers allowed on Mondays
- Odd numbered houses - sprinklers allowed between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Even numbered houses - sprinklers allowed between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
- Gardens may be watered with a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle are allowed at any time
- No hosing of pavement

Council will be watering public spaces on a limited roster, and the Cooktown Swimming Pool and Cooktown Water Park on the waterfront will remain open.

### UNDERWATER HOCKEY WEEKLY AT COOKTOWN POOL

Do you love hockey? Do you love the pool? Why not combine the two, and enjoy a fun workout in the cool of the pool with underwater hockey.

Games are open to all competent swimmers, and are held at the Cooktown Pool every Monday at 5.30pm. If you have your own mask, snorkel and flippers (short fins only) please bring them along, or there are spares for those without their own.

### COOKTOWN BOOK CLUB WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

If you're a keen book reader, the Cooktown Book Club is always welcoming new members.

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month at the Cooktown Library between 2pm and 3pm.

### LAST CHANCE FOR FREE PRE-CYCLONE DUMPING

It's cyclone season, and to help residents prepare, Shire waste transfer stations will be accepting all sorted domestic waste free from Friday, December 6 to this Sunday, December 15, 2019.

All waste must be sorted into separate streams, such as household, mixed recyclables, green waste and whitegoods. Non-sorted waste will incur a fee. More information on sorting waste, as well as the opening hours of your nearest transfer station, can be found on Council's website.

### PLAN TO BE WATERWISE DURING A DISASTER

Having access to adequate supplies of water during and immediately after a disaster such as a cyclone is an important part of protecting your health.

However, water may not be available or safe to drink during and immediately after a disaster. As a result, you should include adequate supplies of safe drinking water in your emergency kit, and fill water containers and bathtubs at home for essential use.

Immediately following a disaster, when water is turned back on, strict water restrictions will be in place until notified otherwise by Council.

Please be mindful of the limited water supply and ensure all residents have access to adequate water by not using more than necessary for essential hygiene, cooking and drinking purposes only.

### INTERACTIVE STORYTIME

Head to the Cooktown Library every Tuesday from 10.30am for a fun interactive story session.

Interactive storytime is open to youngsters from birth to age 5, and their carers. Each week our storytellers bring popular children's stories to life with a fun interactive reading style. There will also be a special Christmas-themed Interactive Storytime at the Bloomfield Library on Wednesday, December 18 from 10.30am to 11.30am.

For more information, contact the Cooktown Library on 4069 5009.



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