

council update

Did you know we have a 24
hour phone service?

CALL ANY TIME!

4082 0500

Coming Up

September 30-October 17

BreastScreen Queensland bus in town
P | 13 20 50

October 10

Lego WeDo, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

October 11

Learn to Swim registration closes
P | 4069 6928

October 14

Cooktown Book Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

October 16

Arts mentorship applications close
P | 4082 0500

October 17

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

October 21

Sunset with Santa registration opens
P | 4082 0500

October 24

Lego WeDo, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

October 25

Sovereign Resort Barra Comp
P | 4043 0500

October 31

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

November 7

Lego WeDo, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

November 9

Cooktown Races
P | 4069 5262

November 11

Cooktown Book Club, Cooktown Library
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November 14

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
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November 18

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November 21

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REGISTER NOW FOR LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Council's nine week Learn to Swim program starts on Saturday, October 12, and registrations are now open.

Our Learn to Swim program aims to increase water awareness, safety, confidence and skills for babies, toddlers and young children, and is run by our qualified Austswim instructor. The program costs \$54 for nine weekly lessons, which includes the accompanying adult's pool entry. Registrations close on Friday, October 11 and places are limited.

To register, or for details, contact the Pool by phone on 4069 6928 or email pool@cook.qld.gov.au or drop in at 10 Charles Street during opening hours - 5.30am to 6pm weekdays and 1pm to 6pm weekends.

INPUT WANTED FOR EXPO

Are you interested in Cooktown Expo 2020? Would you like to provide your input into this landmark event?

Council is running a short survey to better understand what people know about the festival and the shape it will take.

Please take the time to provide your thoughts by filling in the survey, available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/67DNGZQ

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Do you know an unsung hero who deserves recognition? Nominations are closing soon for the 2020 Cook Shire Australia Day Awards.

Our local Australia Day Awards are a great way to recognise a group or person who is doing good things in your community. Categories are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Volunteer of the Year (Group or Individual); Sports (Group, Individual or Event); Arts and Culture (Group, Individual or Event); and Environment.

Nomination forms are available at Council's office, the Cooktown and Ayton libraries or on our website.

Nominations close on Friday, November 22, 2019. The awards ceremony will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020.

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.

Club members are currently reading *Dirt Music* by Tim Winton, and at the next meeting this Monday, October 14 they will decide between *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy, *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell and *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

ARTS MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Are you a Cape York or Torres Strait artist or arts worker? Would you like to expand your skills or learn something new?

The Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) is offering an Arts Mentorship opportunity, open to artists and arts industry workers from Cape York and the Torres Strait. Applications close on Wednesday, October 16.

Contact Council's Regional Arts Officer for more information, or to discuss mentorship opportunities.

SUNSET WITH SANTA

Council will be holding a free community Christmas celebration, Sunset with Santa, at William Daku Park on December 7. The event will include a visit from Santa and free gifts for all registered children.

Register online at www.trybooking.com/BFXNW for your free ticket. Registration opens on October 21 and closes on November 18. Tickets are limited, and open to children aged 0 to 12 years old.

SENIORS INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR LIBRARY TECH TRAINING

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

The program helps seniors learn how to use computers and the internet. Sessions will run every Monday and Friday from 2pm to 4pm, until the end of November.

To express your interest or find out more, contact the library on 4069 5009 or drop in and see your friendly librarian.

FREE BREASTSCREEN AVAILABLE IN COOKTOWN

BreastScreen Queensland's mobile service will be coming to Cooktown in September.

The bus will be parked on Charlotte Street, opposite the Cooktown Courthouse, from September 30 to October 17. Women aged 50-74 are encouraged to book their free breast screen by visiting the BreastScreen Queensland website at www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au/ or phoning 13 20 50.

Women in their 40s and over 75 can also access the free service, with no doctor's referral necessary.

CONTACT COUNCIL ANY TIME ON 4082 0500 NUMBER

Council has a dedicated after hours answering service and residents are reminded that all requests for assistance outside business hours should be directed to Council's main 4082 0500 phone number.

The trained call centre staff will assess each request and contact the relevant Council officer, who will deal with the enquiry or contact the caller as necessary. This ensures that enquiries are dealt with promptly and by the appropriate officer.

Non urgent enquiries should be emailed to Council at mail@cook.qld.gov.au, and will be responded to as soon as possible during business hours.

BE CONSIDERATE WHEN USING THE BOAT RAMP

Did you know that it's an offence for a boat to be tied at the Cooktown boat ramp pontoon for more than 15 minutes, or to obstruct traffic at the boat ramp?

Breaches may result in an infringement notice being issued, or the boat being impounded at the owner's expense. Please be considerate with this shared facility, and abide by the rules so all users can enjoy the boat ramp safely.

For more details about using the boat ramp, contact Council's friendly local laws team.



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