

Cook Shire Council's Community, Economy and Innovation team travelled Cape York in August, visiting more than a dozen communities to consult, discuss and share information about Cooktown Expo 2020.

Sharing our Story



Sha-Lane *Gibson*
2020 Indigenous
Projects

Sha-Lane, a former Hope Vale resident, relishes her role liaising with communities and traditional owners across Cape York.

"Everyone is looking forward to Expo 2020 and the opportunities it will bring, and especially the chance to share the Indigenous side of our story."



Shane *Gibson*
Indigenous
Partnerships

Hope Vale family man and artist Shane Gibson is strengthening collaboration between Cook Shire Council and Indigenous communities, groups and businesses.

"Partnerships are key for Council, and Expo 2020 is a chance for the whole Cape to come together to showcase this."



Waratah *Nicholls*
Regional Arts Network

Long time Helenvale resident Waratah delivers Arts Queensland's Regional Arts Services Network initiative across Cape York and the Torres Straits.

"I'm excited to share how people can use Expo 2020 as a platform to promote and develop their art, culture and businesses."

COOKTOWN

EXPO 2020

This is a snapshot of the team's discussion with Cape York communities about being part of Cooktown Expo 2020, dependent on funding.



Weipa

Weinum Arts, Wildfire Gems and the Weipa Potters Club are planning to bring their products to the Expo.

Coen

Coen residents and stakeholders are excited to get on board, with Apunipima Cape York Health, Kalan Enterprises, Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation and Cape York Partnerships planning to attend. The Allkumo Dance Troupe and other artists, including Coen photographer Naomi Hobson, may feature in exhibitions and performances across the Expo. The Wunthulpu, Kalan and Lama Lama rangers are also planning displays and activities to showcase their work preserving and protecting country.

Portland Roads

Popular musician Jayson Watkin would like to be a performer at the Expo, along with a display from Portland House.

Lockhart River

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council is very supportive, and the community's rich visual and performing arts sector could feature throughout Cooktown Expo 2020, including artists from the Lockhart River Dance Troupe and Arts Centre. Tourist hot spot Greenhouse would also like to showcase their business.

Bamaga

Council's stall at the NPA Show and Red Dust Rodeo was very popular, with Expo 2020 information and promotional products flying out the door. The region's thriving tourism, arts and culture sector are excited about the opportunities offered by Expo 2020, with Bamaga Tabuai Bus Service, Tabuai Arts, Bamaga Enterprise, Cape York Ice and Tackle, Bully's Fishing Camp and Yusia Contractors all planning to attend. Hit singer Mau Pau is keen to be a feature performer and run youth workshops, along with Royston Sagigi and Blak Koral.

Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw

Kowanyama and Coen youth are collaborating with filmmakers to present an exciting exhibition during Expo 2020, and the Pormpuraaw Arts Centre will also be attending with a delegation of artists and showing off their wares at the markets.

New Mapoon

Artists in New Mapoon and Mapoon are planning a joint exhibition in Cooktown, along with the New Mapoon Dance Troupe.



Napranum

Napranum are excited to link with Expo 2020 as part of a festival trail. The Women's Movement Inc and Men's Support groups are also discussing plans to showcase their important work.

Aurukun

Aurukun Aboriginal Shire Council are planning to collaborate with Expo 2020, Torres Strait and Napranum as part of a festival trail. Exciting opportunities for mentoring and upskilling disengaged youth in the lead up to and during Expo 2020 were discussed with Black Square Training and the Aurukun Indigenous Knowledge Centre. The Cook Shire team also met artists from the Wik Kugu art centre, Apunipima Cape York Health and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, who are excited about the opportunity to be part of the Expo.



Seisa and Injinoo

The Injinoo Dance Troupe plan to bring their electrifying performance to Cooktown, along with Seisia artist Vincent Babai. The Loyalty Beach Campground and Fishing Lodge, Metro Mining and the Ely Land Trust are also interested in supporting the program.

Mapoon

Contemporary dancers Ronnie Guivarra and Jason Jia are in discussions to feature at the Expo, along with displays from Shane Royan Fishing Charters and Kuku Nathi Services.



Our Partners

- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Gungarde Aboriginal Corporation
- James Cook University
- National Trust of Australia (Queensland)
- Torres and Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Yuku Baja Muliku Land Trust
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Museum of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- Tourism Tropical North Queensland
- Royal Historical Society of Queensland
- Gladstone Regional Council
- the Town of Seventeen Seventy

get on board!

