

# council update

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Council has launched a **#buylocal** campaign to support Cook Shire businesses during coronavirus. Head online to learn more!

[www.cook.qld.gov.au/buylocal](http://www.cook.qld.gov.au/buylocal)

## COOK SHIRE ENTRY RESTRICTED

New Commonwealth legislation to protect the Cape from coronavirus came into force on 26 March 2020.

The State Government is controlling the entry process to Cook Shire and other designated areas on Cape York.

If you are not conducting an essential activity, as listed in the legislation available on our website, you will need to demonstrate you:

- Have been isolated from the general public for 14 days before entry into the Shire;
- Have not shown signs and symptoms of coronavirus; and
- Have not been exposed to the virus or to someone with symptoms of coronavirus.

The Queensland Police are responsible for strictly assessing eligibility for entry based on the criteria contained in the legislation. Police will be stationed at the Control Point on the Mulligan Highway, as well as airports and sea ports. For those travelling from Cook Shire into neighbouring shires such as Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal or Weipa, there are entry restrictions in place for those shires. Please

contact the relevant council for more information.

For further information, visit Cook Shire Council's website.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE STILL AVAILABLE BY EMAIL OR PHONE

To help limit the spread of coronavirus, our office at 10 Furneaux Street is closed to visitors. But our staff are still working, and are available to answer all your enquiries via phone or email. Many of our services are also available online, so please visit our website for information.

## KERBSIDE PICK UP AND WASTE SERVICES

Apart from the changes advertised here for the Easter public holiday period, waste services will continue as normal despite coronavirus.

Our waste facilities, including transfer stations, landfills, remote rubbish cages and recycling skips, are open as normal. We do ask people to maintain social distancing when attending these facilities.

Advertised kerbside wheelie bin pick ups will also continue as normal. If you're not sure when your wheelie bin gets picked up, where your nearest waste facility is, or the opening hours, visit our website for more information.

## SENIOR UNIT VACANCIES

Expressions of interest are hereby called to fill three vacant units at Cook Shire Council's Senior Accommodation in Cooktown. Guidelines for candidates apply, including:

- Must be aged 60 or older
- Cook Shire residents only
- Must be able to live independently
- Strictly no pets

Applications close on Friday, 24 April 2020. Application for housing assistance forms are available at [www.hpw.qld.gov.au](http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au). Applicants must also submit a confidential medical report.

Due to the threat of coronavirus, Council's office is closed to the public, however applications can be emailed, posted, or dropped in the locked box outside Council's office at 10 Furneaux Street.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS MOVE ONLINE

Due to restrictions around COVID-19, all advertised Council meetings normally open to the public will now be available for viewing via our website. The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday 15 April, starting at 9am.

## EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note the following Council facilities will be closed for the Easter long weekend, from Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April.

- Administration building
- Works depot
- Cooktown and Bloomfield libraries

The Cooktown Pool remains closed until further notice due to coronavirus.

The Cooktown and Laura waste transfer stations will be closed on Easter Friday only, however scheduled kerbside pickups will run as normal. Please note our customer service and library facilities are closed to visitors due to the threat of coronavirus, however staff are available via phone or email from Tuesday 14 April.

## LIBRARY SERVICES MOVE ONLINE

Although the Cooktown and Ayton libraries are closed to visitors, our staff are still working. Our weekly storytime has moved online, and you can watch and play along at home via our website. There are also a host of other online services available via our website, including ebooks, training and magazines.



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