# council update

# Coming Up

## August 14-16

Lakeland Campdraft
P | 0428 353 737
E | eelmes81@bigpond.com

# August 15

Cooktown Markets

## August 17

Grassy Hill to Cherry Tree Bay hiking trail to closes for scheduled repair works

#### August 22

**Cooktown Markets** 

# August 29

Cooktown Markets

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Bloomfield / Ayton Markets

### August 29

Bloomfield Bushfire Appeal P | 0427 608 140

# September 5

Cooktown Markets

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Friends of the Foundation Cooktown Gala Fete P | 0427 801 753

# September 8

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting P | 4082 0500

# September 14

Cootown Book Club meeting

## September 19-21

Cardiac Challenge for The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation P | 4226 6327





# COVID RELIEF FOR SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses across Cook Shire can now apply for an up to \$4,000 grant under Council's new Economic Resiliency Investment Initiative to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Eligible businesses and organisations can apply for funding to help pay for business mentoring and training, upgrades to digital technology, developing business plans and undertaking marketing and communications activities.

Applications are open until 31 August 2020.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit the Council's website or contact Council's Tourism and Community Grants Officer via email: mail@cook.qld.gov.au or by phone on 4069 5444.

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

# HIKING TRAIL CLOSED FOR REPAIR WORKS

The Grassy Hill to Cherry Bay hiking trail will be closed for repair works for approximately four weeks from: Monday, 17 August. Hikers are advised to use the Finch Bay to Cherry Tree Bay trail as an alternate route to Cherry Tree Bay.

# BLOOMFIELD BUSHFIRE APPEAL IS BACK ON!

After weather delays and COVID closures, the Bloomfield Bushfire Appeal is back on and taking place on Saturday, 29 August at the Bloomfield Town Hall.

Coincinding with the regular Bloomfield / Ayton Markets, visitors can enjoy all the usual market day revelry as well as a jumble sale stall where the proceeds will be go towards the Local Rural Fire Brigade.

Donations of new and used items for the jumble sale are welcome and can be dropped off at the Town Hall from 8am on the day.

For further information, to purchase raffle tickets, or to find out how you can be involved, please contact event organiser, Jude Edwards on 0427 608 140.

# COOK SHIRE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Cook Shire and most other Cape York shires are currenty open to visitation, subject to Queensland border restrictions. Travellers are advised to maintain social distancing and personal hygiene measures and adhere to all regulatory requirements and community access protocols.

11-20 June 2021

## **SMOKE ALERT**

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will be conducting planned burning operations within the Annan River (Yuku Baja-Muliku) and Endeavour River national parks during August and September 2020, weather permitting, as part of the annual hazard reduction and conservation management program for parks and forests.

As a result, smoke may be seen in the Cooktown and Marton areas.

The aim of this burn is to reduce the volume of forest fuels and to create a mosaic pattern of burnt and unburnt areas.

This will help reduce the intensity of any subsequent wildfires, and provide favourable conditions for natural forest regeneration.

Smoke can decrease visibility on the roads, so it is important that motorists drive safely to the conditions.

For more information, please call the Cooktown office of QPWS on 4069 5777.





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