

council update

Coming Up

February 13

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

February 15

Bloomfield Bushfire Appeal
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February 17

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

February 18

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

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Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

February 19

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting
P | 4082 0500

February 20

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

February 24

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

February 25

Cook Shire rates notices issued
P | 4082 0500

February 25

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

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Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool
P | 4069 6928

February 26

Interactive storytime, Bloomfield Library
P | 4060 8342

February 27

Lego Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

March 8

Seven Seas Mariner cruise ship, 7am-4pm
P | 4082 0500

March 9

Book Club, Cooktown Library
P | 4069 5009

March 26

Cook Shire rates due
P | 4082 0500



TAKING COOKTOWN AND CAPE YORK ON THE ROAD

Council's Tourism and Events team are marketing the region across Australia at a trade show in Brisbane this week and Melbourne next week.

The team will answer questions and share information about Cooktown and Cape York to more than 20,000 expected visitors at the Moreton Bay Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo this week and the Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow in Melbourne next week.

DISCOVERY FESTIVAL

The annual Cooktown Discovery Festival will be held in July this year.

The Discovery Festival, traditionally held as a stand alone event in June, has been incorporated into the three week Cooktown Expo 2020 event, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of James Cook's meeting with local Indigenous people in Cooktown in 1770.

This year's Discovery Festival will be the middle weekend of the Expo, and will run from July 24 to 26. The Festival will feature many of the usual popular events, such as the grand parade, children's rides, competitions and the re-enactment.

Visit www.cooktown2020.com for more information on the Discovery Festival, or the full Expo 2020 program.

MT TULLY GREEN WASTE

Council manages a commercial green waste disposal site at Mount Tully. The site is for commercial green waste disposal only, and is not open to the general public.

Unfortunately the site has been misused with illegal dumping and fires being lit, which could result in Council being fined by the Department of Environment and Science. Council is calling for the public's support to ensure the site remains open for use by our local contractors. Continued misuse of the site will result in a permanent closure.

To report illegal dumping or unauthorised access at the site, please contact Council's waste team.

TOURISM FUTURE DISCUSSED AT INDUSTRY EVENT

Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott and Council's Community, Economy and Innovation Director Lawrence Booth will be attending the Future Tourism event in Cairns this week.

The pair plan to raise pertinent issues during one on one meetings with attendees, including Tourism Minister Kate Jones.

BLOOMFIELD BUSHFIRE APPEAL THIS SATURDAY

Join the Bloomfield community this Saturday, February 15 to raise money for the bushfire appeal.

Held at the Bloomfield Hall, the event includes live music, food, a bar, raffles and stalls, with all proceeds going to the national bushfire relief appeal.

Organiser Cherie Maher is still looking for volunteers to help run the event, and stallholders. Contact her via email to cheriemaher@icloud.com or on Facebook.

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.

LIBRARY LEGO DONATION

Weekly Lego Club at the Cooktown Library just got a whole lot better, thanks to a generous donation of new Lego.

The Frost family, of Cooktown Newsagency, donated dozens of brand new boxes of Lego to the library last week, with sets including Harry Potter, The Lego Movie 2 and Brickheadz.

Council would like to thank Cooktown Newsagency for their generous donation, which will be enjoyed by the many children who attend Lego Club. Lego Club is every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and everyone is welcome. Under school aged children must be accompanied by an adult.

MOSQUITO CONTROL TIPS

An increase in mosquitoes during the wet season means an increased risk of contracting a mosquito-borne disease.

Simple measures such as removing items that can carry water and doing a weekly yard tidy up can help reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

Mosquitoes can breed in water-filled containers or objects such as buckets, pot plant bases, vases, tarpaulins, old tyres, bird baths, and palm fronds. Mosquitos found in or around your home can carry diseases such as Ross River virus and dengue fever.

You can also reduce the risk of mosquito bites by using electric mosquito zappers, mosquito coils and surface spray and wearing light, loose long-sleeved clothing and insect repellent when outdoors.

For more information contact Council's Environmental Health Officer.

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 and Tuesday at 6pm. 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.

VOLUNTEER FOR EXPO 2020

Join the passionate Cooktown Expo 2020 team in a range of volunteer roles, and be part of the 250th commemoration of James Cook's voyage to the East Coast of Australia.

Expo 2020 runs from July 17 to August 4, and will showcase Cooktown and Cape York's unique shared European and Indigenous history, including the first recorded act of reconciliation, which happened right here in Cooktown.

Visit www.cooktown2020.com for details and to register as a volunteer.



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