

# council update

## Coming Up

**January 16**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**January 20**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**January 22**

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting  
P | 4082 0500

**January 23**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**January 24**

Australia Day Awards event, PCYC  
P | 4082 0500

**January 26**

Australia Day

**January 27**

Australia Day public holiday - Council's  
offices, libraries and pool closed  
P | 4082 0500

**January 28**

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**January 29**

Interactive storytime, Bloomfield Library  
P | 4060 8342

**January 30**

Lego Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**January 31**

Seeking artists request for submissions due  
P | 4082 0500

**February 3**

Underwater hockey, Cooktown Pool  
P | 4069 6928

**February 4**

Interactive storytime, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**February 5**

Tender T6219 closes, 2pm  
P | 4082 0500

**February 10**

Book Club, Cooktown Library  
P | 4069 5009

**February 19**

Cook Shire Council ordinary meeting  
P | 4082 0500



**6pm, Friday January 24**  
**PCYC Cooktown Events Centre**

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Cook Shire's Australia Day Awards event will be held on Friday, January 24 at 6pm, changing from the usual morning event.

"With Australia Day falling on a Sunday this year, and the public holiday on Monday, we felt holding the event on Friday would allow more people to enjoy both the awards event and their long weekend," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said.

The event, to be held at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre, will include citizenship ceremonies, presentation of the Cook Shire Australia Day Awards and a free barbecue dinner and will feature Cook Shire's Australia Day Ambassador Gail Ker as guest speaker.

### AUSTRALIA DAY HOURS

The following Council facilities will be closed for the Australia Day public holiday on Monday, January 27, 2020.

- Administration building
- Works depot
- All Shire libraries
- Cooktown Pool

All waste transfer stations will be open as per normal advertised hours and scheduled kerbside waste pickups will continue. All facilities will reopen from Tuesday, January 28 as per normal hours.

For all Council-related emergencies during closures, please phone Council on 4082 0500 to speak to our after hours call centre.

### 2020 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Cook Shire Council's meeting dates for the year, prior to the 2020 local government election, are set out below.

Ordinary Council meetings:

- 9am, Wednesday, January 22
- 9am, Wednesday, February 19
- 9am, Wednesday, March 18
- 9am, Wednesday, April 22

Planning and Environment Standing Committee meetings:

- 9am, Friday, February 7
- 9am, Friday, March 6

### LOCAL ARTIST WANTED

Council is seeking a local artist from the broader Cook Shire region to work with Council to develop an art piece that will be incorporated into Council's corporate branding. This initiative aims to support Council's efforts to showcase our regional culture, talent and community pride.

Interested artists are to submit a portfolio of works that are reflective of the artist's ability to produce a specific piece of artwork for Cook Shire Council based on the below artwork brief. Contemporary and/or traditional art styles are welcome.

The successful applicant will be commissioned by Council to produce artwork that meets the following themes:

- Representation of Cook Shire regional Indigenous and non-Indigenous culture;
- Working together to build a better future;
- Shared stories of the Cook Shire region; and
- Cultural and community pride.

Interested artists are to submit a cover letter, portfolio of works and profile to Council by January 31, 2020. For more information contact Council's Indigenous Partnerships Officer.

### BOTANIC GARDENS CAR PARK UPGRADE STARTS

Council is upgrading the three car parks and entrance to Nature's PowerHouse, the Botanic Gardens and the Queen's Oval, and a section of Finch Bay Road. Work has commenced and is planned to be completed by early March, weather dependent. Nature's PowerHouse Visitor Information Centre, gallery and cafe will be closed for the duration of the works.

Road users are advised to expect minor delays and traffic changes on Finch Bay Road and are asked to obey all signage.

Visitor Information Centre services will be available at Council's main office at 10 Furneaux Street. Access to the Botanic Gardens and Queen's Oval will be available via Furneaux Street.

Council apologises for the inconvenience caused by the works, and thanks you for your patience.

### 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 at 5.30pm. 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.

### 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.

### COOKTOWN STILL ON LEVEL ONE WATER RESTRICTIONS

Due to insufficient rain, Cooktown remains on Level One water restrictions. To ensure everyone has adequate water, we request that those on the town water supply continue to abide by Level One water restrictions. Level One restrictions will remain in place until the Annan River reaches a required level at the Weir.

Level One restrictions mean:

- No sprinklers are allowed on Mondays;
- Odd numbered houses - sprinklers are allowed between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays;
- Even numbered houses - sprinklers are allowed between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays;
- Gardens may be watered with a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle at any time; and
- No hosing of pavement at any time.

Council will be watering public spaces on a limited roster, and the Cooktown Swimming Pool and Cooktown Water Park on the waterfront will remain open.



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