

council update

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GATEWAY TO THE CAPE INFORMATION

Council will be holding community information sessions on the \$1.28 million Gateway to the Cape centre.

The tourist information centre at Lakeland will include a purpose built traveller information centre, rest stop and sculpture park. There will be an information session in Cooktown and in Lakeland this month, at a date to be decided. The sessions will be widely advertised, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The project budget is \$1.28 million, with \$998,000 funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program and the remainder funded by Council. Proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with Cook Shire Council.

WATER MAIN WORK AT LAKELAND

Council is replacing water mains in Anderson and Cyril streets from 8-19 June. Residents can expect traffic delays, however all residents will have access to their properties throughout the works. Affected property owners will be given notice of planned water interruptions. Thank you for your patience.

COOK SHIRE ENTRY RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Stage Two of the State Government's Roadmap to easing restrictions in remote communities is expected to take effect by Friday 12 June.

This is dependent on approval from the Federal Government. Stage Two will be a directive from the Chief Health Officer that enables communities to become part of declared travel zones, allowing residents to travel within those zones, based on public health advice.

Until the Chief Health Officer's directive is announced, entry to Cook Shire remains restricted.

Entrants must apply under one of two categories: essential activity or returning resident/exemption. For details on applying for entry, visit Council's website.

GRASSY HILL ROADWORK UPDATE

Work is ahead of schedule on the Grassy Hill Road remediation. The site has been cleared, the existing seal removed and initial earthworks completed.

The re-seal is expected to be completed this week. The road is closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic from the Green Street intersection while work is underway.

SHARED PATH NEAR COMPLETION

A shared pathway that will improve pedestrian and cycle safety on a major access road to Cooktown is nearing completion.

The path on Charlotte Street, from the Cooktown Cemetery to the Racecourse Road intersection, includes a bridge across Two Mile Creek.

Bulk earthworks have been completed to both sides of the pedestrian bridge, and the bridge is open. Temporary pedestrian access is in place for other areas of the path which remain under construction. A section of hard rock which will require removal has slowed works, however the path is expected to be completed by 30 June.

The project budget is \$900,000, with 50 per cent funded by the Department of Transport and Main Road's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program, and the remainder by Cook Shire Council.

BITUMEN FOR POISON CREEK AND OAKY CREEK ROADS

A section of Oaky Creek Road will be bitumen sealed this week, and a section of Poison Creek Road will be re-sealed.

Motorists are urged to obey

traffic signage and drive carefully in the area during the works.

BUY LOCAL MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

As we move towards re-opening of many businesses, and the gradual easing of travel restrictions into Cook Shire, it is more important than ever to keep supporting our local economy.

Residents are urged to choose local wherever possible, and keep their money circulating in the Cape York economy to help boost recovery.

For more information on Council's Buy Local campaign, or to be involved or share ideas, visit our website.

COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

Before the 2020-21 Budget is presented to Council for final review and adoption on 25 June 2020, we invite the community to read the Budget Consultation Report which explain the income (revenue) that is available to Council this year, and against that, the annual expenditure proposed to deliver community programs, roads, water, sewerage services, building maintenance, fleet and administrative costs. Written feedback is due by Friday 12 June 2020.



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