

COOK SHIRE COUNCIL CommunityCONNECT



MESSAGE from the MAYOR

The wet season means that the grass grows madly and the roads get damaged - but we handle it. Council has dedicated teams based in Cooktown and Coen who work across our huge Shire, keeping our parks, roads, buildings and venues neat and well-maintained.

The Cherry Tree Bay Walking Track has been completed with links to the Finch Bay and Botanical Garden trails. At this time of year, it is hot but shady, and plant and animal activity is prolific so treat yourself to a leisurely (or active) stroll.

The Cooktown Lion's Park playground is due for completion soon, as is beautifully restored Shire Hall. We know the community will enjoy and appreciate the results of both these projects for years to come.

Preparing our children to be part of, and contribute to society is our most important role, and with

school term commencing earlier this month, our students are lucky to have a number of learning centres to cater for their needs. We welcome back and thank teachers and staff at the State School, the Endeavour Christian College and the Holy Spirit Special School as well as those at the schools in Rossville, Lakeland, Bloomfield, Laura and Coen. I also respectfully acknowledge the families who choose, or have to deliver home or remote learning. Thanks to PCYC, Gungarde Community Centre, Cooktown District Community Centre, Yuku Baja Muliku and all the other groups who have been helping to keep our kids occupied over the holidays.

Stay safe and look after each other.

CR PETER SCOTT
Mayor, Cook Shire Council



SHADES OF COLOUR FOR LAKELAND

Council's Parks and Gardens team were in Lakeland replacing the shade sails over the popular Lakeland Playground this month after the old sails were damaged in thunderstorms in late last year.

APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS



Cooktown local set for island paradise after completing his plumbing apprenticeship with Council.

After four dedicated years as an apprentice plumber in Council's hardworking Water and Wastewater team, it's congratulations and farewell to Cooktown local, Mikel Whipper (right), who completed his plumbing apprenticeship with Council this month. Armed with his trade qualifications, Mikel has made the decision to leave Cooktown to pursue his plumbing career in the private sector, on a tropical island paradise, no less.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have an idea for an arts or cultural event?

Applications are now open for organisations and individuals interested in delivering an arts or cultural event or activity, to apply for funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

From fashion shows and exhibitions, to performances, workshops and live-art experiences, eligible organisations may apply for up to \$5,000 towards their event.

Applications must close Thursday 31 March 2022. For more information and to apply, visit www.cook.qld.gov.au/RADF.



WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY 2022

- 22 Ordinary Council Meeting
- 22 Rates Notices issued from today
- 24-25 Natural Dye & Shibori Workshops
- 28 Greek Feast at Nature's Powerhouse

MARCH 2022

- 8 Planning and Environment Standing Committee Meeting
- 8 International Women's Day
- 17 National Close the Gap Day
- 20 World Storytelling Day
- 22 Ordinary Council Meeting