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## **Free barbecue to honour Australia Day Award nominees and welcome new citizens**

**January 20, 2020**  
**COOKTOWN**

Seventeen award nominees and four new citizens will be celebrated at Cook Shire's Australia Day festivities this Friday.

The event, to be held at the Cooktown PCYC Events Centre from 6pm on Friday, January 24, will include the citizenship ceremonies, presentation of the Cook Shire Australia Day Awards, a free barbecue dinner and will feature Cook Shire's Australia Day Ambassador Gail Ker as guest speaker.

Nominated across the categories of Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sports Award, Arts and Culture Award and Environment Award are Alan Wilson, John (Tex) Harrison, Kate and Duncan Smith, Dennis Fuller, Carol Worland, Shaelanee Hegamaea, Loretta Sullivan, Alberta Hornsby, Cooktown Amateur Swimming Club, QCWA Cooktown Branch, Kristina Davidson, Joanne Reuben, Harold Ludwick, Wendy Seabrook, Peter Shields and the Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery Association Inc.

Four new citizens, two from Cooktown and two from Lakeland, will also be naturalised by Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott during the event.

For more information on the Australia Day Awards event contact Council's Tourism and Events team via email at [mail@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@cook.qld.gov.au) or phone on 4082 0500.

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