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## Step back in time at Cooktown Expo 2020

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**COOKTOWN**

The spotlight will be on Indigenous culture, history and heritage during the first weekend of Cooktown Expo 2020.

The Ngutha-Ngutha Back In Time showcase will take visitors on a journey through the culture and daily life of the Guugu Yimithirr and KuKu Yalanji Bama who have lived in the region for thousands of years. Cooktown Expo 2020 runs from July 17 to August 4 2020, and will showcase Cooktown's unique story of 250 years of shared history, stemming from the 1770 arrival of explorer James Cook. The three week regional showcase will put the spotlight on the history, adventure, culture and natural beauty of Cooktown and Cape York.

"This special event invites people to experience a day in the life of the Indigenous people of the region, as they lived before the arrival of Europeans," Cook Shire Council Expo 2020 Director Merryn Hughes said.

The Ngutha-Ngutha showcase will take place in a traditional village created for the weekend, and will feature workshops and displays of traditional life, including spear throwing, fire making, language workshops, underground oven cooking, painting and dance. The showcase is a collaborative project, supported by the National Museum of Australia in partnerships with neighbouring Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council, Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale community groups and Aboriginal corporations.

Other events on the program for first weekend of the festival, from July 17 to 19, include the Reconciliation Rocks music festival, featuring Troy Cassar-Daley, Busby Marou, Mau Power and a host of local performers and a re-enactment of the first recorded act of reconciliation between Captain Cook and the Guugu Yimithirr Bama.

Cooktown Expo 2020 is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and Cook Shire Council. For more information on Cooktown Expo 2020 or to volunteer, visit the website at [www.cooktown2020.com](http://www.cooktown2020.com) or contact the Expo team via email at [info@cooktown2020.com](mailto:info@cooktown2020.com) or phone on 4082 0500.

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