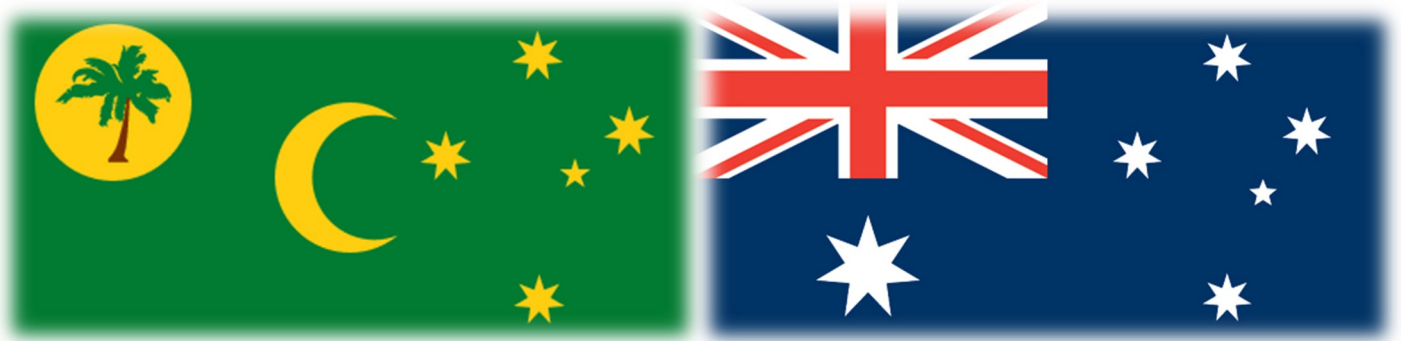


“THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 11 August 2023 – Thursday 24th August 2023



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls—situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin—and is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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Turtle Research led by Scott Whiting, Parks Australia, Cocos Marine Care and Sea Country Solutions. The school kids joined in and learnt so much about the turtle research and the important of conserving our marine life.
Photo Source: Cocos Marine Care



Michelle Blewitt from AUSMAP and Casey Woodward from Tangaroa Blue visited the Cocos Keeling Islands. Participant had the opportunity to learn into the world of microplastics.
Photo Source: Cocos Marine Care



2023 PHOTO COMPETITION!



To enter, please email or deliver your high resolution Cocos photo (1mb or larger). All photos submitted will be displayed in the CRC for public voting 21 August to 18 September, and will appear in our 2024 Cocos Calendar!

ENTER NOW!

ENTRIES CLOSE Sunday 20th AUGUST 2023



one entry per person - open to residents and visitors.
Competition will be short-listed to 40 entries only

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Rainfall Stats

Latest to 11 August 2023:

August Statistics
4.4mm
(not accurate)

Latest 2023 Statistics:
1202.2mm
(not accurate)



LATEST WEATHER

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Emergency Contact List

AFP	9162 6600
VHF	Ch20
IOTHS WI Clinic	9162 6655
IOTHS HI Clinic	9162 7609
	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	9162 7788
DFES WI	9162 7777
VMRS	VHF Ch20
Shire HI	9162 6649
Watercorp	9162 6722

Thumbs Up

- 👍 To everyone who participated in the Community Tree Planting.
- 👍 To 6CKI committee for an awesome 6CKI Open Day.



Feel free to email your thumbs up to the CRC for inclusion.

West Island
**Market
Day**

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER



Authentic Cocos Malay Food



Farm Produce



Candles and essential oils



Food, art/craft and more!

Contact the CRC to book your FREE table!

E: info@cocosislandscrc.cc P: 9162 7707



10.00AM UNTIL SOLD!



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Cocos (K) Islands

Community Resource Centre

Your local connection



CEO update

From the CEO's Desk 11 August 2023



Housing Policy and Community Housing: Thank you to all those who attended the housing policy community consultations with Civic Legal recently, what an amazing turn out for such a vital conversation. Anthony and Mel (Civic Legal) were able to take away a lot of valuable information and from this you will soon be asked to complete a community survey regarding housing/leasing/rental. Once we have sent all the survey results back to Civic Legal, they will analyze the results and provide Council with a draft Housing Policy. This policy will take the place of the currently outdated Kampong rental/leasing housing policy and procedures and will provide a clear pathway forward, that has been built around your thoughts and ideas. Once this process is complete, Civic Legal will then commence the process of

investigating the way forward with land tenure to the Cocos Malay people and the first step is to determine if that is legally possible.

Waste Management and Associated Policies: To everyone who has contributed their thoughts to the development of the waste management/small business policy for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, I thank you very much. The response from community was very, very, positive and has provided a great cross section of thought. I will now be reviewing all contributions and doing some research prior to putting a draft Policy to Council that I hope will be acceptable to community and Council.

In terms of waste management, the historical/legacy waste is an enormous problem for the islands and that includes the asbestos that has been dumped in the bush, left lying around or buried. The Shire President has this week written to the Hon Tanya Plibersek Minister for the environment seeking support from the Commonwealth to transfer all this waste off the islands.

My apologies for the error in not putting the full page that showed all 2023 – 2024 waste management fees and charges in the Atoll (two editions ago), the full list is replicated here for your information.

With the Ferry being out of commission for a couple of weeks, you may see a reduction of services, but we will endeavor to keep your bins empty and the transfer station open when possible.

Future Planning: The Shire plays a big role in the future of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, but we are only as good as the planning that backs up our processes. Having been here for over 12 months now I am getting to know which way the wind blows and the sun sets. It is my

desire to set the direction and future in terms of long and short term planning with the full support of the new Council (post October elections) and the whole community. I will be holding a whole of community (West and Home Islands) planning day on Home Island in November to set the tempo for the future. Between now and then I will be posting updates and references to Shire documents for you to be aware of and keep in mind.

Boat Ramp: Congratulations to the Pete McCartney and the boat ramp group who are working to make sure there is a functional boat ramp on West Island. It is great to see such an initiative and a bit of civic input goes a long way and from the Shire perspective, we will be working hand in hand with the group. We all recognize the need for an all-weather, all year round boat ramp suitable for the launch of recreational and emergency watercraft. We are still investigating the possibility of the Commonwealth funding a



boat ramp and the Shire President has this week written to the Minister for Emergency Management the Hon Murray Watt and the Minister for Transport the Hon Catherine King seeking support. We need all agencies including AFP, Parks, Tourism, CRC, CMC, residents and ratepayers and tourists to work together and support the Shire in our bid for funding.

It is very difficult to understand that the Minister for Territories, The Hon Kristy McBain, who is the local member for the seat of Eden Monaro, fails to support a boat ramp on West Island. The seat of Eden Monaro has great connection to the ocean especially, recreational and commercial fisheries that use the ramps along the east coast of Australia in her electorate. I can only image the furor if the boat ramp at Eden was covered by 3 meters of sand and unusable!!!!!! c'mon Minister.

The Shire President has also written to the Minister seeking support that has been steadfastly refused in the past. To support Pete and his band of helpers and to bring a voice loud and clear from Cocos, Pete and I will be designing a community petition sometime next week to further add support to our argument for boat ramp funding. If you have any ideas or thoughts around this, please see Pete or myself.

Runway Upgrade Project: As the CEO, representing the Shire, this week I attended a meeting with AECOM, Fulton Hogan and Department of Defence Property Management to clarify some minor issues and get an update on progress of this project. The contract has yet to be let and is still under negotiation in Canberra. However, planning for the project is still happening behind the scenes and there is hope of a visible presence of the contractors by the end of the year with the Material Off Load facility coming on line early in the new year.

A traffic management plan for West Island has not yet been developed and Fulton Hogan will provide information to the Shire to inform the community regarding traffic arrangements for the project - upon confirming the solutions with Main Roads and Defence.

CHARMAP is obviously a huge body of work and at this point in time to assist the Shire with leases over 2 minor portions of land, at this point in time, Defence Properties will draft a letter to the Shire regarding their approach to CHRMAP considerations.

As contract negotiations progress, things will move very quickly with the project so regular meetings with the project management team will occur so information can be passed on to the community.

Local Government Elections: Local Government elections are approaching very quickly and will be held on 21 October 2023, candidate nominations will close on 7 September 2023. Our Shire will have an extraordinary election for 1 candidate for 2 years and an ordinary election for 3 candidates for 4 years. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in having a say about the future of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the strategic direction of the Shire. Anyone who would like to have a chat about what is involved please contact me or attend an online session or attend one of the community sessions being planned. Our website also contains details of the elections and information for prospective candidates.

Road Closures: It is the time of the year when high tides and larger than normal swell combine for tidal inundation that closes our roads especially heading south on West Island. The big tides and swell recently caused extensive damage to the roads and south road will have to be closed for repairs in the not too distant future. The decision to do this is not taken lightly and as we have agreed in the past, if anyone requires to get to the south end of the island when the roads are closed, they need to send me an email frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au requesting permission and the reasons why.



We will still put road closures on south road, the board at the club and on social media for information. To the kite surfers and tourists, I apologize for any inconvenience but each year the damage to our road network is getting worse and the closures are a necessity to get them back to a safe and reasonable standard.

The Shire President has this week written to the Hon Chris Bowen Minister for climate change and the Hon Senator Assistant Minister McAllister seeking support from the Commonwealth to carry out urgent repair and mitigation works on West Island to mitigate further damage.

Until next edition, if anyone wishes to catch up for any reason, please call on 9162 6649 to arrange a time.

Frank Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



CEO update

Dari Meja CEO 11 August 2023



Undang-undang Perumahan dan Perumahan Masyarakat:

Terima kasi kepada semua yang hadir di perundingan undang-undang perumahan masyarakat dengan Civic Legal, hasil yang luar biasa untuk perbualan yang begitu penting. Anthony dan Mel (Civic Legal) banyak mengambil informasi berharga dan dari ini anda akan diminta untuk membuat survei masyarakat mengenai perumahan/leasing/sewaan. Setelah kami hantar semua hasil survei kepada Civic Legal mereka akan melihatnya dan menyediakan draf Undang-undang Perumahan kepada Konsel. Undang-undang ini akan menggantikan undang-undang dan prosedur perumahan sewa/leasing yang lama dan akan memberikan jalan yang jelas ke depan, yang telah dibuat mengikut pemikiran dan idea anda. Setelah proses ini selesai, Civic Legal

akan memulakan penyiasatan proses jalan ke depan dengan kepemilikan tanah kepada orang-orang Melayu Cocos dan langkah pertama adalah untuk menentukan apakah itu mungkin secara hukum.

Pengurusan Sampah dan Undang-undang Berkaitan: Kepada semua yang telah kasi pendapat mereka untuk membuat undang-undang pengurusan sampah/bisnis kecil untuk Pulu Cocos, saya mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih. Jawapan dari masyarakat sangat positif dan memberikan wawasan yang luas. Saya akan melihat balek semua kontribusi dan melakukan beberapa kajian sebelum memberikan draf Undang-undang kepada Konsel yang saya harap dapat diterima oleh masyarakat dan Konsel.

Dari segi pengurusan sampah, sampah yang lama adalah masalah besar bagi pulu dan termasuk asbestos yang telah di buang di hutan, dibiarkan keliling atau ditanam. Presiden Konsel telah menulis surat minggu ini kepada Yang Berhormat Tanya Plibersek Minister untuk environment meminta sokongan dari Komanwel untuk mengangkat sampah ini dari pulu.

Saya memohon maaf atas kesilapan karena tidak meletakkan halaman penuh yang menunjukkan semua ongkos dan bayaran pengurusan sampah tahun 2023 – 2024 di Atoll (dua edisi lalu), list lengkap di letak di sini untuk informasi anda.

Dengan tidak adanya ferry selama beberapa minggu, anda mungkin melihat pengurangan serbis tetapi kami akan berusaha untuk memastikan bin sampah anda kosong dan tempat sampah dibuka bila boleh.

Perancangan Masa Depan: Shire memainkan tugas besar dalam masa depan Pulu Cocos tetapi kami hanya sebaik perancangan yang menyokong proses kami. Setelah berada di sini selama lebih 12 bulan, sekarang saya mula tahu arah angin bertiup dan matahari jatuh.

Adalah menjadi keinginan saya untuk menetapkan arah dan masa depan dalam hal perancangan jangka panjang dan pendek dengan sokongan penuh dari Konsel yang baru (selepas undian October) dan seluruh masyarakat. Saya akan mengadakan hari perancangan masyarakat (Kampong dan Pulu Panjang) di Home Island pada bulan November untuk menetapkan tempo masa depan. Antara sekarang dan nanti saya akan menyiarkan berita dan surat keterangan kepada dokumen Shire untuk anda ketahui dan ingat.

Boat Ramp: Tahniah kepada Pete McCartney dan group boat ramp yang bekerja untuk memastikan ada boat ramp yang boleh di gunakan di Pulu Panjang. Sangat menyenangkan melihat inisiatif seperti itu dan sedikit tenaga yang dimasukan masyarakat akan sangat bermanfaat dan dari pandangan Shire, kami akan bekerjasama dengan kumpulan itu. Kami menyedari keperluan untuk boat ramp yang sesuai untuk sepanjang tahun untuk sekoci rekreasi dan emerjensi. Kami masih menyiasat kemungkinan untuk Komanwel bantu mengongkoskan boat ramp dan Presiden Konsel minggu ini telah menulis surat kepada Minister untuk Emergency Management Hon Murray Watt dan Minister untuk Transport Hon Catherine King untuk mendapatkan bantuan. Kami perlukan semua agensi termasuk AFP, Parks, Tourism, CRC, CMC, penduduk dan pembayar rates dan tourists untuk bekerjasama dan menyokong Shire dalam usaha kami untuk mendapatkan bantuan keuangan.

Sangat susah untuk faham bahawa Minister untuk Territories, Hon Kristy McBain, yang merupakan memba tempatan untuk bagian Eden Monaro, gagal menyokong boat ramp di Pulu Panjang. Bagian Eden Monaro mempunyai hubungan yang baik dengan lautan terutamanya, perikanan rekreasi dan komersial yang menggunakan ramp di sepanjang pantai timur Australia di kawasan pengundinya. Saya hanya boleh bayangkan kehebohannya kalau boat ramp di Eden tertutup pasir setebal 3 meter dan tidak boleh digunakan!!!!

Presiden Konsel juga telah menulis kepada Minister untuk mendapatkan sokongan yang telah ditolak dengan tegas pada masa lalu. Untuk menyokong Pete dan kumpulan pembantunya dan untuk menyampaikan suara yang keras dan jelas dari Cocos, Pete dan saya akan membuat petisyen masyarakat pada minggu depan untuk menambah sokongan kepada pertenggaran kami untuk mengongkoskan boat ramp. Kalau anda mempunyai idea mengenai perkara ini, sila jumpa Pete atau saya sendiri.

Berita Projek Runway: Sebagai CEO, mewakili Shire, minggu ini saya menghadiri pertemuan dengan AECOM, Fulton Hogan, dan Department of Defence Property Management untuk menjelaskan beberapa masalah kecil dan mendapatkan berita terbaru tentang kemajuan projek ini. Kontraknya belum keluar dan masih dalam perundingan di Canberra. Namun perencanaan untuk projek tersebut masih berjalan dan ada harapan kehadiran kontraktor yang terlihat pada akhir tahun dengan Material Off Load Facility yang akan mulai beroperasi di awal tahun baru.

Pelan pengurusan trafik untuk Pulu Panjang belum dibuat dan Fulton Hogan akan memberikan informasi kepada Shire untuk kasitahu masyarakat mengenai pengaturan jalan untuk projek tersebut - setelah memastikan penyelesaian dengan Main Roads dan Defence.

CHARMAP jelas merupakan kumpulan pekerjaan yang sangat besar dan pada saat ini untuk membantu Shire dengan sewa atas 2 bagian tanah kecil, pada saat ini, Defence Properti akan menyusun surat kepada Shire mengenai pendekatan mereka terhadap pertimbangan CHARMAP.

Seiring kemajuan perundingan kontrak, hal-hal akan berjalan sangat cepat dengan projek sehingga pertemuan rutin dengan kumpulan pengurusan projek akan berlaku supaya informasi boleh disampaikan kepada masyarakat.

Undian Lokal Government: Undian Lokal Government semakin dekat dan akan diadakan pada 21 October 2023, calon akan ditutup pada 7 September 2023. Shire akan mengadakan

undian extraordinary untuk 1 calon untuk selama 2 tahun dan undian biasa untuk 3 calon untuk selama 4 tahun. Ini adalah peluang besar bagi sesiapa yang berminat untuk bersuara tentang masa depan Pulu Cocos dan arah strategi Shire. Sesiapa yang ingin membincangkan tentang perkara yang terlibat sila hubungi saya atau menghadiri sesi online atau hadir salah satu sesi masyarakat yang sedang dirancangan. Website kami juga ada detail undian dan informasi untuk bakal calon.

Penutupan Jalan: Sudah tiba masanya lagi dimana ayer besar dan ombak lebih besar dari biasanya mengakibatkan banjir yang membuat jalan ditutup terutamanya jalan menuju selatan di Pulu Panjang. Ayer pasang besar dan ombak besar baru baru ini menyebabkan kerosakan besar pada jalan dan jalan south end perlu ditutup untuk dibetulkan dalam waktu yang tidak lama lagi. Keputusan untuk melakukan ini tidak diambil dengan mudah dan seperti yang telah kita setuju sebelumnya, jika ada yang perlu pergi ke south end ketika jalan ditutup, mereka harus kirim saya emel frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au untuk meminta izin dan alasannya.

Kami akan letak sign jalan ditutup di south end road, board di club dan di media social untuk informasi. Kepada kite surfers dan tourists, saya mohon maaf di atas sebarang kesulitan tetapi setiap tahun kerosakan jalan kami semakin teruk dan penutupan adalah satu keperluan untuk mengembalikannya kepada standard yang selamat.

Presiden Konsel menulis surat minggu ini kepada Yang Berhormat Chris Bowen Minister bagian climate change dan Yang Berhormat Senator Assistant Minister McAllister meminta sokongan dari Komanwel untuk melakukan pekerjaan perbaikan dan mengurangkan kerosakan lebih lanjut.

Sampai edisi berikutnya, jika ada yang ingin jumpa saya sila hubungi 9162 6649 untuk mengatur masa.

Frank Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

"THE ATOLL" COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Cocos (Keeling) Islands News (cont'd)

Berita Pulu Cocos (Keeling) (seterusnya)

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2023/2024 SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES

WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES

All fees and charges imposed by the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands are effective 1 July 2023.

Transfer Station - OPENING HOURS		Shire Office - OPENING HOURS			
		Home Island		West Island	
Monday and Thursday	1pm to 3pm	Monday to Thursday	7am to 4pm	Monday	TBA
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	7am to 9am	Friday	7am to 12pm	Wednesday	8am to 2.30pm
Sunday	3pm to 5pm			Friday	TBA

Gate Fees must be paid in advance and receipt taken to the Transfer Station for acceptance of Waste

Payment can be made in person at the Shire Office or over the Phone (receipt will be emailed)

BIN COLLECTION SERVICE - Fees & Charges	Explanatory Comment	Cost Methodology	Private Residential Waste	Private Commercial Waste	Cost Methodology	Public Agency Waste
Charged on Annual Rates Notice						
General Putrescible Waste	per Bin	Subsidised Price	580.00	2,962.00	Cost Recovery	4,938.00
General Putrescible Waste - Pensioner Discounted (Single) <i>* Conditions apply - Dependant on Household Income</i>	per Bin	Subsidised Price	380.00	N/A		N/A
General Putrescible Waste - Pensioner Discounted (Couple) <i>* Conditions apply - Dependant on Household Income</i>	per Bin	Subsidised Price	392.00	N/A		N/A
General Recycling Waste - (Glass & Cans only)	per Bin	Subsidised Price	NIL	NIL	Subsidised Price	NIL
Additional or Replacement Bin (Bin supply only, collection fees apply per above)	per Bin	Full Cost Recovery	70.00	70.00	Cost Recovery	70.00

** additional bin fee also applies for replacement bin where vandalism or intentional damage caused.*

Above rates include 1x pre-cyclone verge pickup of non-putrescible waste per year (m3 limits and exclusions apply).

Small Business Grants to become available to subsidise businesses that directly service the Cocos Community (Conditions will apply)

TRANSFER STATION - Gate Fees & Charges	Explanatory Comment	Cost Methodology	Private Residential / Not for Profit Waste	Cost Methodology	Commercial & Public Agency
General Waste					
General Waste (Putrescible Waste)	per Bin minimum charge	Subsidised Price	NIL	Cost Recovery	29.00
General Recycling Waste - (Glass & Cans only)		Subsidised Price	NIL	Subsidised Price	NIL
Greenwaste		Subsidised Price	NIL	Subsidised Price	NIL
E-Waste	per unit	Subsidised Price	7.00	Cost Recovery	71.00
Scrap Metal	per m3	Subsidised Price	65.00	Cost Recovery	791.00
Construction & Demolition Waste	per m3	Subsidised Price	100.00	Cost Recovery	1,600.00

The Shire is not currently accepting any asbestos containing materials. All asbestos containing materials must be appropriately shipped off island at owners expense.

Whitegoods					
Fridge / Freezer (bar fridge = 1/2 unit)	per unit	Subsidised Price	132.00	Cost Recovery	874.00
Air Conditioner	per unit	Subsidised Price	16.00	Cost Recovery	386.00
Washing Machine / Dryer	per unit	Subsidised Price	16.00	Cost Recovery	386.00
Oven	per unit	Subsidised Price	16.00	Cost Recovery	386.00
Dishwasher	per unit	Subsidised Price	16.00	Cost Recovery	386.00
Solar Panel	per unit	Subsidised Price	22.00	Cost Recovery	87.00
Solar Tank	per unit	Subsidised Price	74.00	Cost Recovery	297.00
Vehicles / Motorcycles					
To be accepted all glass, tyres, batteries must be removed and oil drained.					
2 wheeled motorbike	per unit	Subsidised Price	235.00	Cost Recovery	693.00
Quadbikes / Buggies / Vessels <1 tonne	per unit	Subsidised Price	482.00	Cost Recovery	4,354.00
Vehicles/Vessels >1tonne, < 2 tonne	per unit	Subsidised Price	940.00	Cost Recovery	4,976.00
Vehicles/Vessels > 2 tonne, < 5 tonne	per unit	Subsidised Price	1,866.00	Cost Recovery	12,439.00
Vehicles/Vessels > 5 tonne	per unit	Subsidised Price	3,371.00	Cost Recovery	18,659.00
<i>* includes trailers</i>					
Tyres					
Passenger car tyres & car/boat trailer tyres	per unit	Subsidised Price	6.00	Cost Recovery	70.00
Truck tyre	per unit	Subsidised Price	84.00	Cost Recovery	415.00
Truck tyre - large	per unit	Subsidised Price	127.00	Cost Recovery	625.00
Tractor / plant tyre	per unit	Subsidised Price	225.00	Cost Recovery	1,111.00
Other					
Engine oil	per litre	Subsidised Price	1.00	Cost Recovery	3.00
Battery	per unit	Subsidised Price	5.00	Cost Recovery	54.00

Illegal Dumping

The illegal dumping of Waste is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (EPA)*.
Upon conviction, the offence carries a maximum penalty of \$125,000 for a company and \$62,500 for an individual.

Anyone who witnesses or has information regarding illegal dumping may call the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or email pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au

Public Waste Collection Sheds/Bins/Containers Permit and Clean up of Council Reserves, Streets or Public Places from Associated Littering or Illegal Dumping.

Unauthorised use of reserves, streets and street verges. Clean up fee for any residual matter, waste or unwanted materials including soils, tyres, oils, solid or liquid chemicals, household hazardous waste, asbestos, any light globe, chemicals of any nature, sand, vegetative materials, plastics, metals, furniture, bedding, clothing, household products, white goods, electronic products, cardboard, newspaper and magazines and any other product whatsoever left on any reserves, streets including verges, or other public places without approval of Council shall be charged a fee for the full cost of a clean up including treatment and any disposal costs. Does not preclude any other charges/penalties that may apply in accordance with other legislation.

Where a culprit can be identified, Private Works fees and charges will apply for the collection and processing of illegally dumped waste as well as the applicable Transfer Station Gate Fee.

The Private works Fee will be based on staff and employees time and equipment to clean the site and treat and dispose of the matter as required.

A minimum fee of 2 hours will apply.

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2023/2024 SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES

WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES

DEFINITIONS

Private Residential

Predominant use of property is for long term accommodation including privately owned houses and long-term rentals to private residents.

Private Commercial

Privately owned commercial business properties, includes short-term/holiday accommodation.

Public Agency

Includes properties owned by or used by a Commonwealth or other Public Agency. This covers both residential and commercial properties

Putrescible waste

General solid waste that contains organic matter capable of being decomposed



WALGA

2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CANDIDATE WEBINAR - 14 AUGUST

Are you passionate about your local community?

Learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Local Government Councillor in this free, practical forum for potential candidates.

The WA Local Government Association will host a free online Webinar for people interested in standing to be a Councillor in the October 2023 Local Government elections.

When: 14 August 2023

Time: Commencing 6pm

What: a motivating and informative interactive chat, to encourage people from all walks of life to stand for their local Council.

Once you have registered you will receive information on how to join the webinar on 14 August.



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and Cultural Industries

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WALGA

CANDIDATE WEBINAR - 14 AUGUST

Presenters and topics:

- Minister for Local Government, the Hon. David Michael - the Importance of Local Government in Western Australia.
- WA Local Government Association President Karen Chappel - why being a Councillor is important in our communities.
- Robert Kennedy, WA Electoral Commissioner, together with Phil Richards, Manager election events - on the process and key dates on running to become a Local Government Councillor in 2023.
- WALGA Representatives - The purpose of Local Government, the role of an Elected Member, Conflicts of Interest.
- Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries - The role of DLGSC as the regulator of Local Government Act and Regulations and key compliance provisions for Elected Members and candidates, including code of conduct requirements.

Participants will be able to ask questions of the representatives from the WAEC, WALGA and DLGSC.

Please note if you miss the webinar on 14 August it will be recorded so interested individuals can watch the session at a later time [HERE](#).

Please find the registration link for the Candidate Information webinar [HERE](#).

Please direct any enquiries in the meantime to James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement at jmcgovern@walga.asn.au or call 9213 2093.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND HOPE YOU CAN
GET INVOLVED IN THIS DYNAMIC AND IMPORTANT SECTION OF
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Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Drink Tap Water Project Update

The Drink Tap Water project commenced several years ago, initiated by the Shire with support from the WA Department of Water, Environment and Regulation, the Commonwealth and Water Corp.

The intent of the project is to remove single use bottled water from the waste stream as a means of reducing waste management and incineration costs. The project, which included community surveys and engagement with business in 2020, has resulted in the installation of public water fountains and distribution of steel drink bottles.

The next step in this project is the development of a Local Law to ban the sale of single use water bottles with a volume of less than 5 Litres.

We are now seeking any further feedback or comments from community members and businesses regarding this initiative.

Please forward any feedback or suggestions you have to the Chief Executive Officer Frank Mills at frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au by 18 August 2023.





Let's get creative Cocos!

Come and be part of a "Sculpture by the Sea" Exhibition

The community Arts Group of the Cocos Keeling Islands announces an early call for artists or ANYONE feeling a bit creative or likes to tinker, build, weld, stitch, join, knot... it's up to you, to be part of an upcoming arts exhibition in early October 2023. We are inviting all ages and encouraging everyone to get involved for this inaugural event and make it one for the future.

The vision is to come together to create an artwork using any medium that will weather the environment rain or shine during the two-week OUTDOOR exhibition. The artworks will be placed along the coast on different islands and in different locations that will be shown with an exhibition map to allow viewers to explore the islands and discover things along the way!

The theme is "LAUTAN" or "AQUATICA"

Lautan is a Cocos Malay word meaning anything and everything associated with the ocean. Aquatica is a Latin word that in English is Aquatic: meaning of belonging to the water, growing/living in/taking place in, on or by water.

You can use materials that can be scavenged or repurposed on island to create your work. it can be big or small such from flotsam collected from the beach to old timber or even metals!

ALL Invited: Individual, Families, Island Visitors, Businesses, Sporting Clubs & Government Organisations. The Exhibition is open to anyone planning on visiting the island at that time or wants to come especially for the event. It will also bring the food, history, landscape, music and welcoming people of the island

Register your place with the Community Arts Group c/o the Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands or email adim.hajat@cocos.wa.gov.au or call the Shire Office on 9162 6649.



Fisheries Management at Cocos: An update from Cocos Marine Care

Thank you to everyone who attended our fisheries management update session last week!

In case you missed it, we're excited to share the latest developments in our ongoing effort to ensure the sustainability of Cocos (Keeling) Islands' fisheries resources.

New management approach

Over this past year, we have undergone a big shift in how our fisheries are managed, to a more community-driven approach. As part of this model, the Department of Infrastructure has provided funding through the Shire to Cocos Marine Care, our local fisheries management body.

Part of Cocos Marine Care's role is to serve as the very first CKI Fisheries Advisory Committee (FAC). This committee formally represents the community's interests and perspectives and provides valuable advice to the Minister on fisheries matters at Cocos.

Cocos Marine Care will continue to work hand in hand with Sea Country Solutions, who offer technical guidance and support to ensure our fisheries continue to be managed sustainably.

This innovative model recognises the strong connection between the Cocos community and our unique marine environment. It also helps ensure we are a continuing part of our ocean's management.

The science behind sustainable fisheries

Our Fisheries Ranger, Shak, continues to collect valuable fisheries data. This includes information about what people are catching, where they are fishing, and the amount of fish being taken off island. Over the last 18 months, Shak has collected data from over 1100 fishing trips and measured more than 2000 fish! This critical data helps us to monitor fishing impacts and ensure our management is effective.

We will continue to work with Dr Jeremy Prince, a fisheries scientist with 40+ years working with coastal communities to assess and manage their fisheries. Dr Jeremy will be back in October to collect essential biological data on key species, including finfish and kima (clams). These data are instrumental in assessing the health of our fish stocks, which forms a core part of our fisheries management programme.

We also welcome a new member to our team – Osman Macrae. Ossie will be helping to collect fisheries data, as well as providing research support for many of the marine park grant projects.

Building strong foundations for the future

A key focus for this past year has been making sure everyone knows about the fishing rules and why we have them. Over the next few months, you can expect to see new rules brochures and signs at boat ramps, ensuring everyone is well-informed about responsible fishing practices.

While our main goal centres on education, it is important to make sure everyone is fishing sustainably and following the rules. ***Please make sure you check the bag limits and size limits for the species you are targeting before you head out!***

Want to know more? Contact Shak Keegan at shak@seacountrysolutions.org

Services provided for fisheries management at CKI are delivered in partnership with the Australian Government, through Commonwealth funding support.





Community Update

Pulu Keeling National Park



Junior Ranger Day Direction Island July 2023

A big thank you to all who helped make our Junior Ranger Direction Island day a success. Special mention to the Shire of Cocos for supporting the activity and Nadya, Dan Sim, Pak Qoid, Pak Iz and Vicki (Mak Beau) for their help. Thanks to Emma Washer for volunteering her time and materials for the Beach Art activity, the Cocos Youth for cooking the BBQ and to Parks Australia - Siddiq, Pak Zu and Trish. Lastly thank you to all the parents for encouraging your children to attend for the day and to the children for engaging and being respectful. Without them there would be no Junior Rangers!

Photo credits: Vicki Lauritsen



With Emma (Mak Tully), the Junior Rangers were taught how rubbish collected off the beach can be turned into art. They made cute little fishing boats with discarded rope and thongs.



The endemic Cocos buff banded rail (Ayam Keeling)



With Pak Zu and Siddiq, the Junior Rangers were taught how to estimate distance using a range finder, to navigate with a compass and GPS and how these tools help to count and record Cocos buff banded rails. Some children even observed real rails on the day, but most had policeman Dan holding a picture of a rail, who conveniently kept appearing out of the bushes! Thank you Dan Williams!



With Trish (Mak Jac) the Junior Rangers were shown some of the methods to collect insects, including small pitfall traps, water traps and a sweep net. They used the microscope to look at the insects they had collected. They found beetles, spiders, cockroaches with prickly legs and even some tiny green grasshoppers. This gives us an idea of what the buff banded rails might be eating on Direction Island.



With Pak Qoid, they learnt about which sea creatures are found in the marine park and which habitats they like, and finished with their favourite game “Siddiq’s fish bingo”.

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E: pulukeelingnationalpark@environment.gov.au | W: environment.gov.au/pulu-keeling



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INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES
Regional Development Organisation
Australia

Vision Statement - Working together to create a thriving future for our island communities

愿景声明 - 携手合作为我们的岛屿社区创造繁荣的未来

Pernyataan visi - Bekerjasama untuk membina masa depan yang berkembang untuk masyarakat pulu kita

Pernyataan wawasa - Sama-sama berusaha mewujudkan masa depan yang berkembang maju untuk komuniti pulau kita

News from the IOT RDO – EOI for Committee membership 2023-24

Number: 07/2023

Date: 7/08/2023

Each year the Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation (IOT RDO) calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from people who reflect the industries, businesses, and communities of the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) to join the IOT RDO Committee.

IOT RDO Committee members work together to deliver high-level outcomes for our communities and region. In the year ahead, the Committee will focus on developing opportunities to collaborate with key regional stakeholders to address the barriers to sustainable development in the region, to support economic activity and diversification, and to achieve improvements in liveability for our communities.

If you have a long-term history with and commitment to Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and/or the IOT, have a collaborative approach, and are wanting to make a positive contribution, I would love to hear from you.

The application form is available from indianoceanterritories.com.au/resources. If you have any questions, please email IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au.

Applications are open now and close at 4.00pm Christmas Island time, Wednesday 23 August 2023. Committee memberships commence on 1 September 2023.

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A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Day on Saturday 29th July. We had so many residents interested in our community radio station and we are now looking forward to a return of News & Notices every weekday at 12.30pm, brand new playlists and new radio shows! We've heard whispers of a Fishing Show plus two locals who can talk about just about anything!

A special thanks to Altronics (Jack & Brian) for so generously donating new headphones, mikes and cables and to the Cocos Club for a new door mat!

Membership forms can be found at the CRC, sign up and create your own playlist, read the news and host your own show (we promise, it's all really fun!) If you would like your notice read, fill out a form at the CRC.



COCOS KIDS ARTS CLUB

We have had another burst of creativity this week. On both islands the K to 2 class were working on mixed media ice creams looking good enough to eat! It was amazing to see the older kids volunteering their time to come and assist the K to 2 class, what great initiative by these young leaders! The 3 to 6 class focused on learning how to use charcoal this week to smash out some amazing eye sketches. They demonstrated focused attention and a willingness to learn, well done for your persistence! The Home Island high school students have been diligently working on their art works for the last two weeks, so I can't wait to see the final results!

Thank you and Terima Kasih from everyone at the Cocos Kids Arts Club for all the generous donations of art materials coming in for us to use. I hope I don't forget anyone, but a big shout out goes to Ange (Mak Pearl), Chloe (Mak Xavier), Cindy (Mak Holly), Vicki (Mak Imogen), Cocos Club, Community Resource Centre, Delta, Helen (Mak Adam), Jill, Diana (Mak Airah), Mardi (Mak Kelly), Nadya, Penne (Mak Fynn) and Pete (Pak Tully), Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands and Winsome (Mak Olivia).

Art club will continue to run on Monday on West Island and Wednesday on Home Island during the school term. (There is a current halt on activities on Home Island while the ferry is out of the water, but we will return as soon as possible.) If your child is not yet part of the art club and wants to be, you can join up by requesting a permission form from Nadya Adim at the Shire.





Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park

Management Plan

Send your comments on the first management plan for Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park by 17th August.



The first public comment period for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park management plan closes next week on 17 August. We encourage interested Cocos Islanders to make a written submission.

Tell us how the marine park should be managed for the next 10 years

- What should management focus on?
- What cultural values should be protected?
- Are there marine species, habitats or threats to these that need special attention?
- What aspects of the marine park should research focus on?
- What aspects of the marine park do you think need protection?
- How should the community be engaged in the management of marine parks?
- How can we best educate visitors and park users on the marine park?

Send your submission to

iotmarineparksnoi@dcceew.gov.au

Parks Australia will also continue to visit CKI and work with the local advisory committee and other community members to develop a draft management plan.

When the draft plan is ready, it will be released for another formal round of public consultation. As with the original design and creation of the marine park, local input is very important.

More information is available at

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/indian-ocean-territories/>

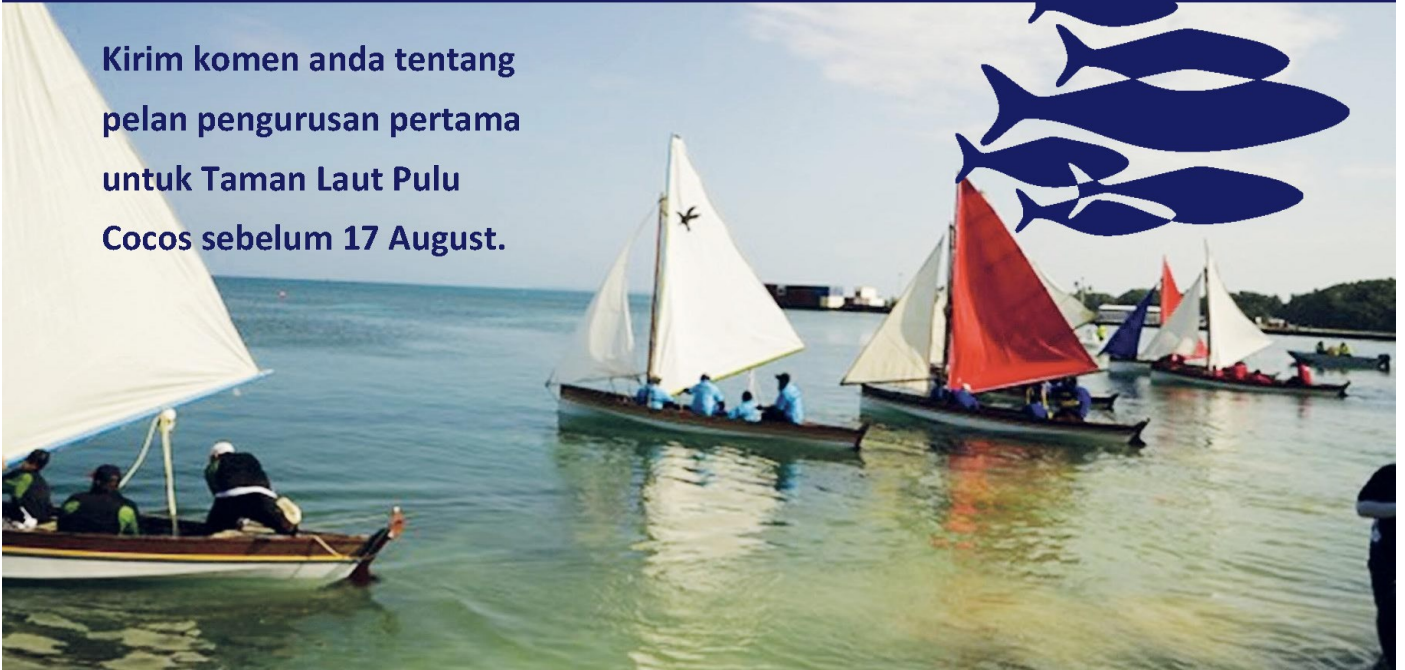
Allyn and Sarah from the marine parks team will be on Cocos from 29 Aug to 1 Sept. If you would like to discuss any marine park related matters, please get in touch to arrange a meeting – allyn.white@dcceew.gov.au or sarah.coutin1@dcceew.gov.au.



Taman Laut Pulu Cocos

Pelan Pengurusan

Kirim komen anda tentang pelan pengurusan pertama untuk Taman Laut Pulu Cocos sebelum 17 August.



Komen masyarakat yang pertama untuk pelan pengurusan Taman Laut Pulu Cocos ditutup minggu depan pada 17 August. Kami menggalakan masyarakat Pulu Cocos yang berminat untuk membuat permohonan bertulis.

Beritahu kami bagaimana taman laut perlu diuruskan untuk 10 tahun akan datang

- Apa yang harus menjadi fokus pihak pengurusan?
- Nilai budaya apa yang harus dilindungi?
- Adakah terdapat jenis kehidupan laut, tempat tinggal atau ancaman kepada yang memerlukan perhatian khusus?
- Aspek taman laut apa yang harus menjadi fokus penyelidikan?
- Apakah aspek taman laut yang anda fikir memerlukan perlindungan?
- Bagaimanakah seharusnya masyarakat terlibat dalam pengurusan taman laut?
- Bagaimanakah cara terbaik untuk mendidik pendatang dan pengguna taman di taman laut?

Kirimkan permohonan anda ke iotmarineparksnoi@dcceew.gov.au

Parks Australia juga akan terus melawat CKI dan bekerjasama dengan local advisory committee dan ahli masyarakat yang lain untuk mengembangkan draf pelan pengurusan.

Apabila draf pelan sudah siap, ia akan dikeluarkan untuk pusingan sekali lagi untuk konsultasi dengan masyarakat. Sama dengan pelan yang original dan penyusunan taman laut, pendapat masyarakat adalah sangat penting.

Informasi lebih lanjut boleh didapati di <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/indian-ocean-territories/>

Allyn dan Sarah dari marine parks akan berada di Cocos dari 29 Aug hingga 1 Sept. Jika anda ingin membincangkan sebarang hal berkaitan dengan taman laut, sila hubungi mereka untuk mengatur pertemuan – allyn.white@dcceew.gov.au atau sarah.coutin1@dcceew.gov.au.



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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Library Assistant Christmas Island Territory Officer Level 3 Full Time Ongoing Vacancy

Package includes:

- Base annual salary between \$56,987 to \$69,030
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary
- District allowance payable in addition to base salary
- Generous leave entitlements
- Annual return airfares assistance to Perth

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is currently seeking a motivated, dedicated and suitably qualified person to join our team as a Library Assistant within the Christmas Island District High School (CIDHS).

The Library Assistant will be responsible for supporting the CIDHS Library Officer to provide general clerical and library support including maintaining resources during school terms and is a designated position in accordance with Clause 7.04 of the *Indian Ocean Territories (Administration) Enterprise Agreement 2018*.

Our ideal applicant will have good verbal and written communication skills, including customer service principles and practices, the demonstrated ability to provide administrative support and organise and prioritise tasks effectively, and have demonstrated interpersonal skills with the ability to work unsupervised and in a team environment. Further the applicant will have the demonstrated ability to use computers and a range of application software packages.

Applicants with the ability to communicate in a local language (Mandarin, Hokkien and/or Malay), previous experience working with children and/or adults with developmental delay and/or disability, and holding or working towards a Certificate III in Library and Information Services will be well regarded.

To be considered, applicants must obtain a satisfactory Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check conducted through the IOTA, hold a valid Western Australian Working with Children Check and be subject to a health assessment.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOT Human Resources Team at IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au and quote position number **109120**.

**Applications close 4.00PM (Christmas Island local time) (CXT) (UTC+7),
Thursday, 31 August 2023**



Health and Disability Services Complaints Office

A Code of Conduct for certain health care workers now protects consumers in the IOT who use services from unregulated health practitioners.

Examples of health care workers covered by the new Code of Conduct include dietitians, doulas, speech pathologists, social workers, naturopaths, massage therapists and other types of allied, alternative and community health services.

The Code of Conduct will apply to health care workers who are not required to be registered through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Similar to AHPRA, HaDSCO will issue public statements and prohibition orders to make people aware of non-compliant practitioners.

Conditions can be placed on a healthcare worker's practice where their conduct presents a serious risk to public health and safety and penalties of \$30,000 can apply.

The new Code of Conduct contains 17 clauses that outline how health care workers should undertake their practice, and The Health and Disability Service Complaints Office (HaDSCO) are responsible for investigating breaches of the Code of Conduct. For details on how to lodge a breach www.hadsco.wa.gov.au.

Undang-undang untuk pekerja kesihatan tertentu kini melindungi pengguna di IOT yang menggunakan serbis daripada pekerja kesihatan yang tidak terang/jelas.

Contoh pekerja kesihatan yang di lindungi oleh undang-undang baru termasuk dietitians, doulas (orang yang memberi sokongan dan bimbingan semasa bersalin), speech pathologists, social worker, naturopaths, massage therapists dan jenis serbis kesihatan berhubung, alternatif dan masyarakat lainnya.

Undang-undang akan digunakan untuk pekerja kesihatan yang tidak perlu di daftar melalui Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Sama seperti AHPRA, HaDSCO akan mengeluarkan kenyataan awam dan perintah larangan untuk membuat orang sadar tentang pekerja yang tidak terang.

Syarat boleh diletakkan pada pekerja kesihatan jika kelakuan mereka memberikan kesan serius kepada kesehatan dan keselamatan masyarakat dan denda \$30,000 boleh di kenakan.

Undang-undang baru mengandungi 17 clauses yang menetapkan bagaimana pekerja kesihatan harus menjalankan kebiasaan mereka dan The Health and Disability Service Complaints Office (HaDSCO) bertanggungjawab untuk memeriksa pelanggaran undang-undang. Untuk detail mengenai cara mengaduhkan yang telah membuat pelanggaran www.hadsco.wa.gov.au

Drink tap water



Towards Zero Waste

DID YOU KNOW?

Bottled water is
1,000 times more
expensive than tap
water.

Drinking tap water is best.



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SHIRE OF
COCOS
KEELING ISLANDS

Would you like to advertise your local business here?

We would like to invite local businesses to advertise their services in The Atoll.

Perhaps you would like to announce any specials, new stock, business information or a “get to know a staff member”.

This is a great initiative for you to promote your business to the local community!

For further information, please contact the Cocos Keeling Islands Community Resource Centre.

Email: info@cocosislandscrc.cc

Phone: 9162 7707

Wednesday 7pm



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AND REALLY GOOD MUSIC



96FM WEST ISLAND

102.7 HOME ISLAND

Blast From The Past



The Rumah Baru jetty in the making! (current jetty)

The old jetty is located towards the northern part of West Island.

Photo Source: Cocos As it Was

Did You Know

The ferry man had to assist you when getting on/off the old ferry ‘Biar Persatuan’ at the old West Island jetty during high tide. Lagoon closure was quite frequent during stormy and windy weather. The old jetty brings back good and fond memories.

Cocos Malay Dictionary

Danger- Bahaya
Dangerous - Berbahaya
Caution - Berhati-hati
Safe - Selamat
Safety - Keselamatan
Protection - Perlindungan
Security - Keamanan
Defence - Pembelaan
Guardianship - Penjagaan

Poem

I Wonder if the Lion Knows

I wonder if the lion knows
 That people are afraid
 To meet him when for walks he
 goes
 Beneath the jungle shade;
 And when they scream and run
 away,
 O, does he laugh at their dismay?
 And does he say with head
 tossed high:
 "How 'terribully' fierce am I?"
 I'd like to know
 If this is so;
 But if I met a lion some day
 I would not ask, I'd run away,
 For surely it is not a treat
 To meet a lion on the street!

By Annette Wynne

Lion

I chewed into the wreck of the
 world,
 into the neckbone of the past that
 pursued me.
 All the while, I moved toward
 extinction,
 bearing the burden of damage,
 language of the protector.
 A great apocalyptic wheeze
 adorned me with sand.
 I foraged, first to find light
 dappling the leaves,
 then breathed into an infinite
 power, feminine rust,
 a coppery taste of salvage,
 leading me into a canopy
 of the future. My mother was a
 mother of mothers,
 modern before she was ancestral.
 She was a woman who morphed
 into feline, back
 to her human self before I woke
 each morning.
 I lived not to sate my appetite but
 to crush it.
 On my haunches, I craved what
 could not be seen.
 I am desire. I am survival.
 I sit under the tree waiting for
 hunger.

By Tina Chang

Fun Facts

Lion

1. Lions usually live in groups of 10 or 15 animals called prides.
2. An adult male's roar can be heard up to 8km away.
3. A female lion needs 5kg of meat a day. A male needs 7kg or more a day.
4. The name for a baby lion is a cub, whelp or lionet.
5. Lions go on the hunt for food mostly from dusk till dawn. Female lions do 85-90% of the prides hunting, whilst the male lions patrol the territory and protect the pride.
6. In the wild, lions live for an average of 12 years and up to 16 years. They live up to 25 years in captivity.
7. Often known as the 'king of the jungle', most lions actually live in the savannah or grasslands. Just one population of wild forest-dwelling lions remains, in Gir Forest National Park, India.
8. Female lions reach two-thirds of their adult size by the time they are two years old.
9. Lions run at a speed of up to 81kmph.
10. Lions hunt large animals such as zebra and wildebeest.



TIPS

What Is Plant Propagation?

Plant propagation is simply the act of creating new plants. There are two main types of plant propagation. The first is sexual propagation—the reproduction of plants by seed during which genetic material is exchanged by two individual specimens. The second type is asexual propagation, also known as vegetative propagation—cloning plants by grafting, cutting, and layering.

1. Select healthy specimens. If you're going to reproduce plants by seed-saving or any other method of propagation, choose the ones that thrive in the specific environmental conditions of your garden.
2. Avoid cross-pollination when seed-saving. There are a few crops, like corn and squash, that won't necessarily propagate "true to seed." Say you're cultivating a butternut squash and a delicata squash in close proximity. Cross-pollination between the two—facilitated by a bee or a breeze—can result in seeds that grow into squash Z (a butternut-delicata hybrid, which will have a mix of characteristics from both varieties). There are tricks to prevent this, but the simplest method for saving corn and squash seed that grows "true" is to grow one variety at a time.
3. Be wary of seeds saved from hybrids. Plant breeders often intentionally hybridize different varieties to produce a third variety with certain desirable traits. These hybrids are popular among gardeners, but if you save seeds from them, the resulting plants may not resemble their parent plants. Seed packets and seedling labels generally indicate whether the plant is a hybrid. Sometimes it's spelled out in plain language, but you'll often see "F1" printed next to the variety name, which is essentially botanical jargon for "hybrid."
4. Research which plants can be propagated from cuttings. While propagation from a cutting is theoretically possible with any plant, some species grow roots more readily from their stems than others. Willow trees are notoriously easy to propagate this way—stick the end of a branch into a bucket of water, and a few weeks later you'll see an extensive root system forming. Cuttings from many shrubs, perennials, and trees will form roots when placed in water, while others root more easily in soil. You may also use perlite as a rooting medium. Succulents and tubers are among the easiest plants to propagate by cuttings. Do some research to find the best approach for different species, or just try your luck.
5. Take cuttings of plants you find in your neighborhood. If you see a plant you like while you're out and about, don't be shy. Ask the owner if you can snip off a piece of stem. Get your cuttings home as soon as possible, ideally wrapped in wet paper towels for transport.
6. Keep your cuttings in a humid environment. Moisture retention is paramount—you may even want to place glass or plastic containers over your cuttings to form a mini greenhouse. This will hold humidity around the cutting while you wait for it to form roots, which can take anywhere from a week to several months.

Cocos Resident Profile

Name: Hanna Moore
Kampong Name: Mak Karla
Place of Birth: Muenster, Germany

Besides Cocos, where have you resided or visited? I have lived in Germany, Canada, South Africa and Australia. I have travelled to many other countries.

What were you doing before? Teaching at Mount Pleasant Primary School in Perth. I lived in Palmyra with my family and two dogs called Oskar and Lila

What are you doing now? Teaching the K-2 classroom on West Island

What are the top 3 things you love about living on Cocos? The friendly community, having lots of time for my family, the beaches.

What are the things that you would like to do on Cocos that you haven't had the chance to? Complete the Atoll Walk and kite surf to DI (once I am good enough 😊)

Do you have a Cocos moment/mishap/experience to share? Not anything specific. I just love how spontaneous life is here. One moment you are going for a walk on the sandbags and 10 minutes later you are sitting in someone's garden having a good time 😊 I also love my kite lessons with Phil.

Favourite sport/activity? Penne's fitness classes, bike riding, kite surfing

Favourite 3 places on Cocos? My new back garden, Scout Park, Trannies (because my girls love it so much)

Favourite Cocos food? Fresh tuna and coral trout caught and cooked by my husband and Gado Gado from Tropika

If you could change Cocos what would you do first? I would love a small bar on the beach that are open for sunsets



If you were stranded on North Keeling Island for 1 year, what 3 items would you require?
My family, coffee and my linen bedding

List some of the things you are passionate about? My family, my job, making my home pretty and harmonious so that it feels like a real home for everyone- a happy place to be

Fun Fact:
My favourite job I ever had was selling pasta from a food van in Germany and Holland- while I was a student





2023 AFL Broadcast Guide Cocos Keeling Islands Time

ROUND 22

Match	Channel	Time
Friday 11 August		
Collingwood VS Geelong Cats	7mate	4.00pm
Saturday 12 August		
West Coast Eagles VS Fremantle	Channel 7	4.30pm
Sunday 13 August		
Richmond VS St Kilda	Channel 7	11.30am

ROUND 23

Friday 18 August		
Brisbane Lions VS Collingwood	7mate	4.00pm
Saturday 19 August		
St Kilda VS Geelong Cats	7mate	3.30pm
Sunday 20 August		
Western Bulldogs VS West Coast Eagles	Channel 7	9.30am
Fremantle VS Port Adelaide	Channel 7	1.00pm

"THE ATOLL" COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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- 46 Priestly garb
- 47 Permeated
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- 51 St. Teresa's place
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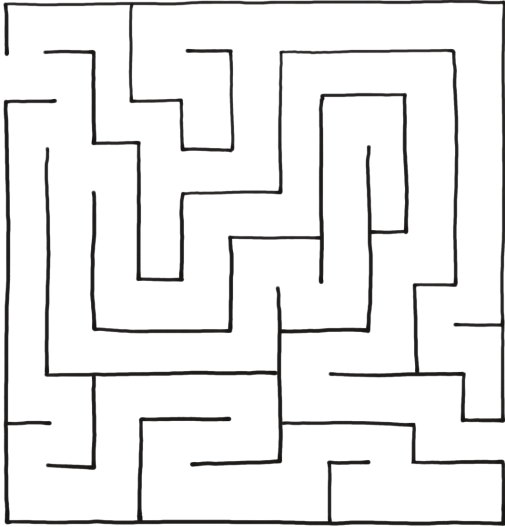
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Sudoku Solutions



HELP THE LION ...



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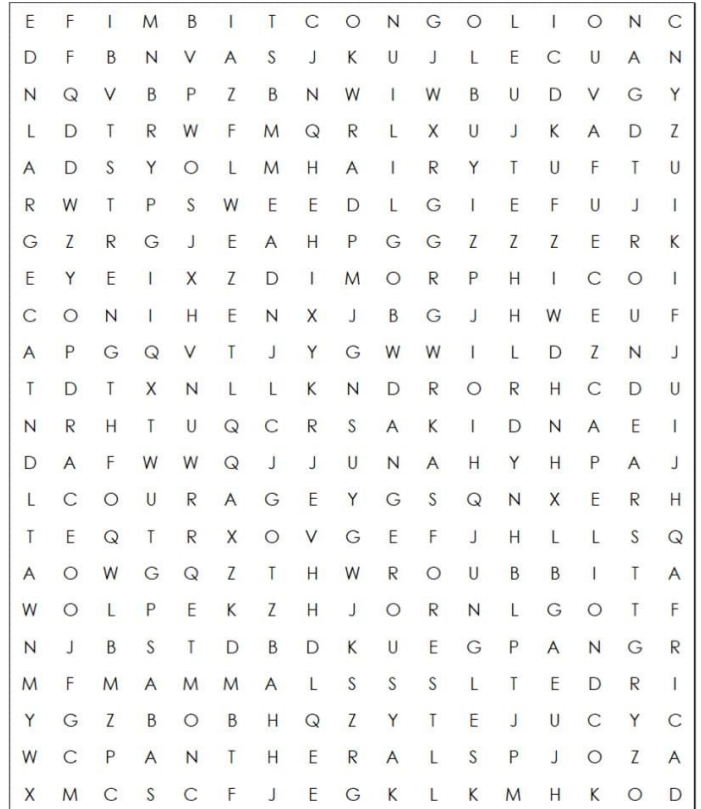
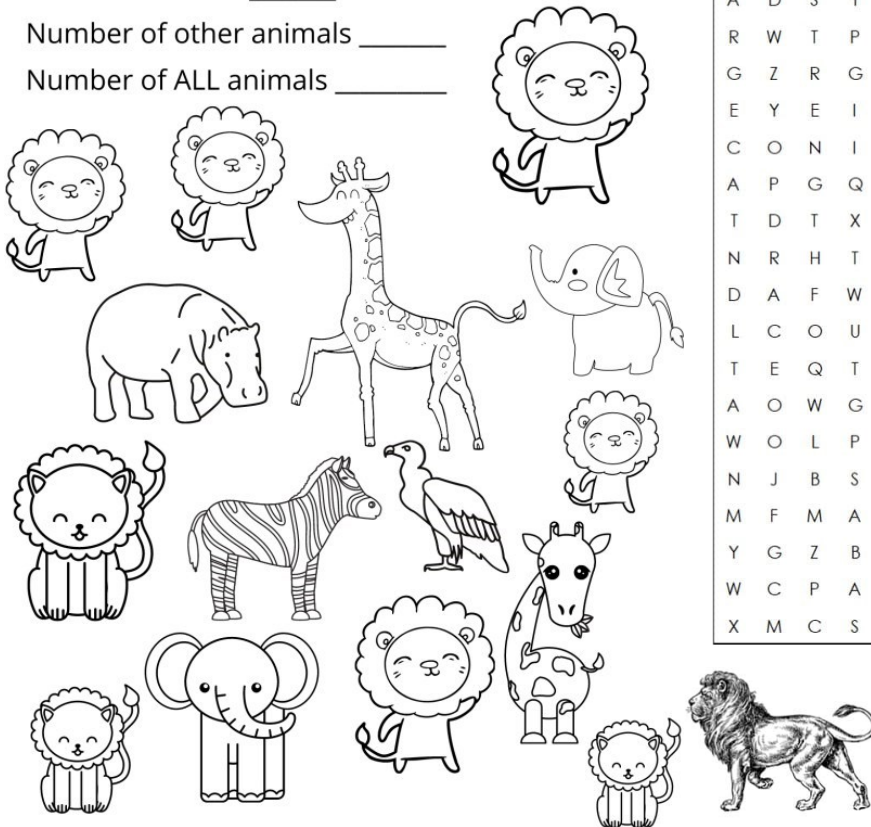


How Many Lions Can You Count?

Number of Lions _____

Number of other animals _____

Number of ALL animals _____



- PANTHERA STRENGTH CONGO LION
- AFRICA COURAGE CAPE LION
- FOREST DANGEROUS ROUND EARS
- HAIRY TUFT LARGE CAT MAMMALS
- DIMORPHIC WILD JUNGLE

A Cocos Moment



It was another fabulous night at the Cocos Club for Christmas in July celebrations! The mood was very festive and even Santa stopped by to join in the fun. A great deal of time and energy goes into the planning, preparation, and clean up for an event like this, and it can't be achieved without the help of the community.

Beautiful photo of the Cocos Club Committee with Santa.

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Cocos “Feel Good” Stories

See next page for Cocos “Feel Good” Story from Trish Flores (Mak Jac)

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Zulaikha

Happy Birthday Dan

Happy Birthday Tawanda

Happy Birthday Hashiqah

Happy Birthday Shak

Happy Birthday Diana

Happy 3rd Birthday Husaini

Love Ayah and Mamak xx

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Cocos “Feel Good” Story

Changing of The Guard

I’d like to tell you about a young Cocos Malay man called Siddiq, who I am fortunate enough to work with. I first met him in 2009, when he was a primary school student on Home Island. I often visit the school to run environmental education classes. He was the quiet student with a good head of hair, that asked thoughtful questions. He is pictured in the middle in Photo 1 in the black and yellow T shirt, peeking out from his peers, subtle and unassuming but taking it all in. This picture is taken in 2011, at a turtle education session hosted by Drs Scott and Andrea Whiting, whom Parks Australia has contracted for many years to monitor the green and hawksbill turtle populations here on Cocos.

This week Scott and Andrea are back on Cocos undertaking health assessments of the Cocos turtles. Like in the old days, they have hosted several education sessions with the school students and local community. This year, it is not a primary school aged Siddiq who is watching from the crowd, but rather a grown man who is employed by Parks Australia who is confidently assisting Scott, to measure, weigh and assess turtle health (See Photo 2).

I believe this is what you call “changing of the guard”. Siddiq has chosen a career in conserving the Cocos environment and is now educating the young Cocos Malay children about their sea creatures, just like he was taught many years ago. Siddiq is a valued member of the Parks Australia team and a great role model for the youth and children of Cocos.



Photo 1— Turtle education session hosted by Drs Scott and Andrea Whiting in 2011.



Photo 2 — Siddiq confidently assisting Scott, to measure, weigh and assess turtle’s health.

Have Your Say

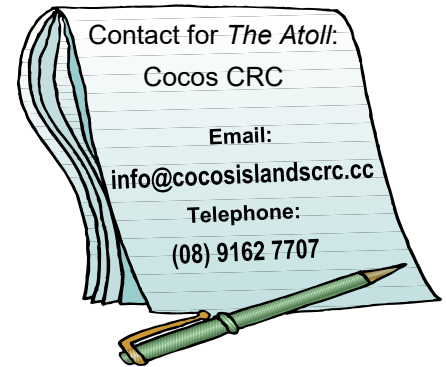
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26 AUGUST

Quiz Night
Cocos Club

15 OCTOBER

Beach Clean Up
Home & West Island

7-11 NOVEMBER

Celebrating Our Seniors
Shire of CKI

30 AUGUST

Shire Council Meeting
Cocos Islands CRC

16 OCTOBER

Sip & Connect - WI
Get Online Week
Cocos CRC

22 NOVEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Cocos Islands CRC

9 SEPTEMBER

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

18 OCTOBER

Cake, Cuppa, Connect - HI
Get Online Week
Cocos CRC

1 DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Lighting
Shire of CKI

16 SEPTEMBER

Sports Carnival
CIDHS

21 - 28 OCTOBER

Cocos Olympics
Cocos Club

6 DECEMBER

International Day of
People with Disability
Shire of CKI

20 SEPTEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

22 OCTOBER

CIDHS P&C Fete
Home Island School

13 DECEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

9 OCTOBER

Mental Health Week - WI
Cocos Islands CRC

25 OCTOBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

16 DECEMBER

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

11 OCTOBER

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OCTOBER (TBC)

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