The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls, situated 2788km NW of Perth and 3685km due West of Darwin, is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

We would love to receive your feedback or suggestions on what you would like to read in The Atoll - please contact the Cocos CRC at cocosislands@crc.net.au

AUTUMN'S VERY CUTE DUCKLINGS, CARROT STICKS AND CLUCKERY

ZEPHYR KITE TOUR TEAM TEACHING OUR LOCAL KIDS HOW TO KITE!
In partnership with the Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands, the Cocos Islands CRC is now accepting these items for recycling.

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AN ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2017

For offices of council member of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

DETAILS:
General election - Terms of office – 4 Candidates for 4 Year Terms

Candidates Contesting Election (in the order they appear on the Ballot Paper)

Noor Anthoney
Shane Charlston
Tony Lacy
Yakin Capstan
John Clunies-Ross
Balmut Pirus
Mazlan Hamiril
Aindil Minkom

CONVENIENT VOTING TIMES ON ELECTION DAY

The following polling places will be open:
Polling places are:
Home Island Shire Office from 8am to 6.00pm; and
West Island Shire Office from 8.00am to 11.00am

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Early voting is now open and you can vote now by going to the Home Island Shire Office until Friday, 20 October at 12 noon.

Postal vote application forms are available now at the Home Island Shire Office. You should apply as soon as possible so that the voting papers can be processed and your vote returned to the Shire before 6.00pm on Election Day.

All postal voting papers for the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands are to be forwarded (before 6.00pm Perth time):
to –

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
PO Box 8107 CLOISTERS SQUARE PO WA 6850

NEED HELP TO VOTE?

Electoral staff or a person you trust (who is not one of the candidates or a scrutineer) can help you if you are incapacitated and not able to vote on your own.

VOTE COUNTING

Members of the public and candidates are welcome to attend the counting of the votes after 6.00pm on Saturday, 21 October 2017 at Shire office Home Island.

For the purpose of this election the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries office at 2nd Floor Reception, 140 William Street Perth is an electronic counting place for the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

ENQUIRIES
Before Election Day: Ibrahim Macrae 9162 6649
On Election Day: Ibrahim Macrae (Home Island)
Melanie Fraser (West Island)

Aaron Bowman
Returning Officer
Its that time of the year again
COMMUNITY EVENTS & FESTIVALS
FUNDING - NOW OPEN

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is calling on interested applicants for our “Community Funding Program - Events and Festivals 2018”. Funding is only available only to non-profit entities and / or community groups located within the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands for activities which will provide benefits directly / in-directly to this community. Funds will be paid out on reimbursement terms at the completion of your approved event / festival held in 2018.

A maximum of $2,000 per applicant is available. In exceptional circumstances a grant higher than $2,000 may be awarded.

Application process is now open to be received by the Community Projects Officer no later than 12 noon on Friday 17th of November 2017. Applications will only accepted on standard application forms which can be obtained by contacting Luluk Sloan - Shire Community Projects Officer.

For further information or if you require clarification please feel free to contact Luluk (Mak Zamani) by telephone on 9162 6649 or alternatively via email: cpo@cocos.wa.gov.au.
HOME ISLAND MARKET DAY

IS BACK IN ACTION!

CRC Car Park
Sunday 15 October
4.30pm

$5 if set up by CIYC or BYO table

Please register at the Shire Office. Contact Zulaikha on 91626649 or email youth@cocos.wa.gov.au for more information.

COCOS (K) ISLANDS AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2018

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Please contact Luluk Sloan - Shire Community Projects Officer to attain forms on 9162 6649 or via email cpo@cocos.wa.gov.au
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD 2018

Title .................................................. Given Names .................................................. Surname ..................................................

Group if applicable ..................................................

Address ..................................................

Telephone (Home) ..................................................(Work) ..................................................

REASONS FOR NOMINATION

HOW HAS THE NOMINEE DEMONSTRATED ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE?

Please attach additional information if required

HOW HAS THE NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION BEEN RECOGNISED ELSEWHERE?

NOMINATOR
Name .................................................. Address ..................................................

Suburb/Town .................................................. State .................................................. Postcode ..................................................

Telephone (Home) ..................................................(Work) .................................................. Email ..................................................

OTHER WILLING TO SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION
Name ..................................................

Address ..................................................

Suburb/Town .................................................. State .................................................. Postcode ..................................................

Telephone (Home) ..................................................(Work) .................................................. Email ..................................................
AWARD GUIDELINES

Guidelines and Criteria
This year a local citizen or a local community group will be eligible for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Day Award. The recipient will be selected from a person or a group who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

Selection Criteria
The winner will have been judged to have shown active citizenship and:
* Significant contribution to the local community.
* Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
* A significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life.
* Inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

Eligibility Criteria
* Nominees should reside or work principally within the Cocos (K) Islands.
* The award may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.
* A group of people or a couple will not normally be eligible except when meeting the criteria for a community group.
* A person may receive an award on more than one occasion in recognition of their particularly outstanding community contribution of involvement in an alternative initiative.
* Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.

Nomination Process
Your local government invites nominations for the awards from community groups and private citizens.

A form will be available on the Shire’s website and advertised in upcoming editions of The Atoll which you can use for your nominations. Copies will also be available by contacting Luluk Sloan at our Home Island office or email: cpo@cocos.wa.gov.au.

Please keep in mind that the close off for nominations will be 12 midday Friday 22nd of December 2017.
VETERINARIAN VISIT

The Shire would like to advise all pet owners that a veterinarian service from Riseley Veterinary Centre, Dr Ian McDowell, will again be visiting the islands from 7th October until 17th October 2017.

In accordance to the Cat Act 2011 all domestic cats over the age of 6 months must be sterilised, micro chipped and tagged. Desexing of domestic cats is provided to you for FREE.

Dr Ian McDowell will also be available to assist other domestic pets that require medical attention. Pet owners will be required to pay for any additional treatment.

Appointments can be made by contacting our Ranger, Razali Zainiel, on 91626649 or email ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au

PELAWATAN DOKTOR BINATANG

Shire ingin memberitahu semua pemilik binatang piaaran yang serbis doctor binatang dari Riseley Veterinary Centre, Dr Ian McDowell, akan sekali lagi melawati pulu-pulu dari 7hb October hingga 17hb October 2017.

Menurut undang-undang Cat Act 2011 semua kucing-kucing piaaran yang berumur 6 bulan keatas mesti di sunat, micro chip dan di tag. Penyunatan kucing piaaran diberikan kepada kamu secara FREE.

Dr Ian McDowell juga akan bersedia untuk membantu binatang piaaran lain yang memerlukan perhatian perobatan. Pemilik binatang piaaran akan perlu untuk membayar rawatan tambahan ini.

Appointment boleh di buat dengan menghubungi Ranger kita, Pak Rani, dinomor 91626649 atau email ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au

VERGE SIDE PICKUP

It’s that time of the year again, with Cyclone season commencing on the 1/11/2017 it is time to start thinking about storing all loose items around your property away securely.

To help with this the Shire will conduct a verge side cyclone pickup on 20th of October. We will not pick up Cars, Asbestos, oils, all other items should be stored 2 Meters from the road verge.

If you have any inquires contact Ian Evans, Manager of Works & Services on 91626649 or 0406 329 420.

PENGANGKATAN SAMPAH DARI PINGGIR JALAN

Sudah tiba masanya lagi, dengan musim Seklon yang akan bermula dari 1/11/2017 sekarang masanya untuk dipertimbangkan menyimpan barang-barang yang boleh terbang ditiup angin dan menyimpannya dalam keadaan yang pasti.

Sebagai bantuan, Shire akan menjalankan pungutan sampah pada 20hb October. Kami tidak akan mengangkat kereta-kereta, asbestos, minyak-minyak, dan semua sampah-sampah lain mesti ditempatkan 2 Mita jauhnya daripada tepi jalan.

Kalau ada pertanyaan silahkan hubungi Ian Evans, Manager Works & Services dinomor 91626649 atau 0406 329 420.
What a fantastic day we had for our 2017 P&C School Fete/Auction held on 17th September 2017!

On behalf of Cocos Islands District High School Parents and Citizens Association (CIDHS P&C), I would like to extend our great appreciation and gratitude to all individuals, businesses and organisations that were involved to make our annual fundraising event successful.

Being able to raise much-needed funds to provide essential support to our school children and their families is our P&C ultimate goal; however, seeing how individuals, businesses and organisations from Cocos (Keeling) Islands and beyond have generously supported this event and worked together has far more important significance.

We would like to once again acknowledge and sincerely thank the following (no particular order):

- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for donating the ferry
- Cocos Islands Coopative Society for donating the ferry service
- Mr Aaron Bowman for the great job as the auctioneer
- Cocos Islands District High School for allowing P&C to access its resources
- Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands for donating magnificent inflatable jumping castles, BBQs, Generator etc. The jumping castles certainly kept our children entertained for hours.
- Pak Ayub, Fadulah, Kyna, Pak Zizi, Nek Nuraz and Mak Zamani for delivering and setting up the jumping castles on the day
- All our Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors
- Individuals, businesses and organisations who made cash/service donation or donated auction items including Office of the Administrator of Indian Ocean Territories
- Students and teachers of Cocos Islands District High School for all the well-organised stalls and fun activities
- People who generously put their hands up to bid on auction items or simply purchased some delicious food or a cup of coffee/cake
- Last but not least, our extremely dedicated and hard-working P&C members for their months and months of tireless preparation and work

The day would not be successful if we had missed any of the above.

For those who generously supported the Fete/Auction this year, we THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart. For those who couldn’t make it this year, we hope to see you next year. For our P&C team, job well-done, get some well-deserved rest and we will do again next year!

Mansa Keegan
President of CIDHS P&C
Kepada semua penduduk Pulu Cocos,

Saya Pak Adillas (President), Pak Shafiqah (Vice President) dari P&C dan semua committee P&C ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua yang telah dapat membantu ataupun menyokong kami di masa kami membuat jual dan jualan bulan September yang baru lepas.

Terima kasih kepada, Shire of Cocos Islands, Cocos Co-op, Watercorporation, Shamrocks, Education Department dan semua small businesses yang dapat memberikan bantuan atau pun sokongan kepada kami.

Ada juga yang menjalankan sponsor dut, dan yang memberikan makanan untuk di jual, terimah kasih sekali lagi.

Terimah kasih kepada Committee P&C semua yang paling berkerja keras selama satu bulan untuk menyediakan semua ini.

Total dut yang kami buat di masa jualan School Fete sebanyaknya $41090.05.

Jadi dari pada hasil jualan ini saya berharap kita boleh memberikan sebanyak bantuan untuk keperluan anak-anak kita d dalam sekola inshallah.

Terimah Kasi

Pak Adillas
Senior Dental Assistant

Position Number 109106

1 year fixed term (non-ongoing) with option for extension
Christmas Island, Indian Ocean Territories
Territory Officer Level 4
Base annual salary of $60,212 - $70,040 per annum,
plus District Allowance and an Annual return airfare to Perth

The Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS) is currently seeking a motivated, professional and suitably qualified Senior Dental Assistant to join our Oral Health team.

The oral health team, including a Dentist, Dental Assistants and Dental Therapist provides oral health services from two locations, Christmas Island Health Service and Home Island in the Cocos (Keeling) islands.

For the right applicant, we are offering a one year fixed term engagement with a possible one year extension and a generous employment package which includes a base salary between $60,212 and $70,040 – depending on skills and experience, 16% superannuation on base salary, district allowance, annual airfare to Perth and 27 days per annum annual leave.

Our ideal applicant has good attention to detail, accuracy and an ability to communicate effectively with both clients and team members. This is both a clinical and administrative role, and it is desirable that the applicant has communication skills in Malay and or Chinese.

To be considered, applicants must have a minimum of 2 years post qualification experience as a Dental Assistant or experience as a Senior Dental Assistant, a Certificate III in Dental Assisting and either a Certificate IV in Practice Management, Dental Assisting or an equivalent qualification, or a demonstrated willingness to study for a Certificate IV in Practice Management, Dental Assisting or equivalent qualification (must commence studies within 3 months of engagement and complete within 18 months of commencement).

The IOTHS is committed to “Working with our communities to keep us healthy for the whole of our lives”.
For further information about this unique opportunity contact Helen Vaughan, Director of Oral Health on 08 9164 8343 or helen.vaughan@infrastructure.gov.au
For an application pack outlining the requirements of how you can apply to join our team, please contact the IOT Human Resources Team on 08 9164 7445 or IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au and quote position number 109106.

Applications must be received by the close of business at 4:00pm (AEST) Friday, 3 November 2017
My first visit to Cocos as Administrator

It was a great pleasure to make my first official visit to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the first week of October as the new Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories. I very much enjoyed spending time with the Cocos community on both Home and West Islands. It was also a great introduction to Cocos for Dr. Laga Van Beek, the new Director of the Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA), who accompanied me on her first visit to your atoll. Both Laga and I benefited from having Karly Pidgeon, General Manager – Indian Ocean Territories Branch in the Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development (DIRD), join us on our trip.

Highlights of our visit included morning tea with Home Island community members and a sausage sizzle at Trannies Beach with members of the West Island community, both of which were generously hosted by the Shire. In addition, the Seniors’ group treated us to a special lunch of Cocos Malay cuisine.

It was extremely interesting to see the sandbagging project which I understand has significantly reduced beach erosion. Great to see another successful federally funded project delivered in partnership with the Shire - working together for the Cocos community. I was super impressed with the Shire’s recycling initiatives. It's fantastic to see such proactive waste management ideas being implemented on Cocos.

Taking the ferry, we visited Australia’s number one beach on Direction Island with the support of the Tourism Association. I even got to play Scroungers for the first time without getting run over by a plane or hit by a golf ball!

We were pleased to meet with your Shire Councillors as well as members of the Emergency Management Committee and representatives of Commonwealth Government agencies on Cocos. The Committee members of the Persatuan Islam Pulu Cocos informed us about their plans for the madrasah on Home Island and the mosque on West Island. I was impressed with the two clinics on Cocos and met with some of the dedicated staff of the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service.

Witnessing the elimination of a bio-security risk by the safe and professional burning of the abandoned fishing vessel on the reef off West Island was another highlight. I have posted a video of this event and the photos from my Cocos trip on my Facebook page which you are invited to check out.

Community members raised some important issues with me while on Cocos, including the recent flight delays, which I will look into and report back on after consulting with DIRD and IOTA. Please be patient as I may also need to engage with Minister Nash and other Ministers on some of the matters you have raised.

I look forward to making at least one more visit to Cocos before the end of the year when I will be able to meet with more residents and community groups. Thanks to all for making Karly, Laga and myself feel very welcome on my first visit to Cocos as your new Administrator.

Natasha (Griggs).
Tides play an important role in many of our water activities on Cocos Keeling Islands. Be sure to check what the tides are doing.

Did You Know???

Mum - Ibu, мамак
Dad - Ayah, Bapak
Big Brother - Abang
Big Sister - Kakak
Little Brother - Adek Lelaki
Little Sister - Adek Perempuan

Cocos Malay Words

ERGONOMIC TIPS FOR COMPUTER USERS

Maintain good posture when working at the keyboard.
Utilize a chair with back support.
Keep your feet supported on the floor or on a footrest when you work to reduce pressure on your lower back.
Take breaks. These breaks can be brief and should include stretches for optimal results. If possible, take a one or two-minute break every 15 to 20 minutes, or a five-minute break every hour. Every few hours, get up, move around, and do an alternative activity.
Avoid excessive reaching. Your keyboard, pointing device, files and telephone should be within easy reach.
Rest your eyes by refocusing on distant objects intermittently when working.
Never hold a pen or pencil in your hand when keying.

Pelawatan pertama saya ke Cocos sebagai Administrator

Saya sangat berdiri hati yang telah dapat melawat Pulu Cocos (Keeling) dalam minggu pertama bulan October sebagai Administrator baru untuk Indian Ocean Territories. Saya bersenang hati yang telah dapat meluahkan masa dengan masyarakat Cocos dikedua-dua Home Island dan Pulu Panjang. Ia juga merupakan pengenalan ke Cocos untuk Dr. Laga Van Beek. Direkta baru Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA), yang menemani saya dipelawatan pertamanya keku. Kedua-dua Laga dan saya beruntung kerana ditemani oleh Karly Pidgeon, General Manager – Indian Ocean Territories Branch dalam Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development (DIRD), dipelawatan ini bersama kami.

Yang menarik dimasa pelawatan kami temasuk sarapan pagi dengan masyarakat Home Island dan bakar-bakar di Trannies Beach dengan masyarakat Pulu Panjang, kedua-dua yang telah disediakan dengan murah hati oleh Shire. Tambahnya, kumpulan Seniors menyediakan kami dengan makan tengah hari istimewa makanan Melayu Cocos.

ia sangat menarik untuk melihat projek sandbagging yang saya fahami telah banyak mengurangi erosion. Sangat bersenang hati untuk melihat satu lagi projek berhasil atas duit bantuan kerajaan yang telah dibuat oleh bekerjasama dengan Shire – bekerjasama untuk masyarakat Cocos. Saya sangat-sangat tertarik dengan usaha recycling Shire. ia sangat menyenangkan untuk melihat idea pengurusan sampah yang proaktif yang dijalankan di Cocos.

Dengan menaiki ferry, kami melawati pantai terutama Australia di Pulu Tikus dengan sokongan daripada Tourism Association. Saya juga dapat bermain Scroungers untuk pertama kali tanpa dilanggar oleh kapal terbang atau terkena bola golf J.


Menyaksikan penghapusan risiko bio-security secara membakar kapal lama yang terkandas dibaria Pulu Panjang juga adalah suatu yang menarik. Saya telah post video acara ini dan gambar-gambar daripada pelawatan Cocos saya di halaman Facebook saya yang kamu dijumput untuk periksa.

Wakil-wakil dari masyarakat mengemukakan berberapa perkara-perkara penting dengan saya sewaktu berada di Cocos, temasuk masaalalah penerbangan yang terfambat kebelakangan ini, yang saya akan menyelidiki dan melapor kembali perubahan ini. Saya menantikan untuk melawat ke Cocos sekali lagi sebelum akhir tahun ini dan berjumpa dengan penduduk dan kumpulan masyarakat yang lebih banyak lagi. Terima kasih kepada semua yang telah menyambut kedatangan Karly, Laga dan saya dengan baik hati dalam pelawatan pertama saya ke Cocos sebagai Administrator baru.

Natasha (Griggs).
Bringing seafood into Australia from Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands, or between the Territories

Biosecurity

Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have unique environments, as well as plant and animal pest and disease statuses that are different to each other and the Australian mainland.

The movement of aircraft, vessels, goods and people between Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands, including the movement from these Territories to Australia, are managed as international, rather than interstate movements.

Importing goods into Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Under the Biosecurity Act 2015, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands each have their own goods determination which outline the biosecurity conditions for goods that can be brought or imported, including the requirement for an import permit.

Importing goods into Australia from Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Australia has its own goods determination, called the Biosecurity (Prohibited and Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Determination 2016. The importation of all goods into Australia from Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands must be in accordance with this determination.

Key facts

- Fresh seafood, including gong gong and finfish, may be imported into Australia or between Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, if it is sourced from the ocean around Christmas Island or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands up to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundary, and brought directly into Australia. The seafood must not have gone into another country’s jurisdiction prior to being imported into Australia.
- There is no limit on the quantity that can be imported.
- Upon arrival, you must declare all seafood for inspection by a biosecurity officer. The biosecurity officer may ask questions, including where the seafood was caught.
Importing seafood, including gong gong and finfish, into Australia from Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and between Territories

Fresh seafood, including gong gong and finfish, may be imported into Australia from or between Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, if it is sourced from the ocean around Christmas Island or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands up to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundary, and brought directly into Australia. The seafood must not have gone into another country’s jurisdiction before being brought into Australia.

This means gong gong and finfish caught in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands lagoon, or waters within the EEZ, can be imported into Australia if it is brought into Australia directly from Christmas Island or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

There is no limit on the quantity that can be imported.

Upon arrival in Australia, you must declare all seafood for inspection by a biosecurity officer. The biosecurity officer may ask questions, including where the seafood was caught. For commercial consignments of seafood, a biosecurity officer may require evidence from a supplier/manufacturer or fishing company that demonstrates where the seafood was caught. Such evidence could include supplier/manufacturer declarations or vessel logs.

Other important information:
- Crabs or crab products must not be moved between Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- Fisheries legislation planned by the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Fisheries Division (Fisheries) will affect what can be transported to Perth. Further advice will be provided by Fisheries when the proposed rules are in place.

For Fisheries specific questions, please contact IndianOceanTerritories@dpird.wa.gov.au

For more information about biosecurity

For more information, visit the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources’ website agriculture.gov.au/externalterritories.
Start each day with a grateful heart.

A day of worrying is more exhausting than a week of work.

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured that if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

86 moonbounce (Earth-Moon-Earth) contacts were made from Cocos last month by Lance Collister, visiting from Montana, USA. This was the first time that Cocos had ever been activated on this amateur radio frequency band via moonbounce, and 86 grateful amateur radio operators in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa were happy to be able to contact the island (which counts as a new country for ham radio operators).

My Island Home turned out to be a perfect low noise location with excellent ground gain during moonrise and moonset.

Thanks to Dieter and Karen and to the Shire for letting us put up the antenna there for a couple weeks and make history around the world! And thanks to the community for all your hospitality!

I am doing the same thing now at Christmas Island! I have 79 50 Mhz moonbounce contacts so far from CI, but hope to reach 100 before I take down the antenna on October 18.

Lance, VK9CGJ
Cocos Community

CKI Port in conjunction with the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will be commencing dredging operations along the North side of the Home Island wharf. This dredging operation is being undertaken to increase the water depth alongside the berth and the approach to the Home Island Wharf facility.

Dredging operations are due to commence on or around the 10/October 2017. This project will be constantly monitored for compliance during dredging operations. On completion this will allow safe transit for all vessels operating within the area.

Dredging operations require the use of heavy machinery, these machines will be operating within the wharf area for a period of up to four weeks.

All recreational vessel operators are requested to keep clear of the north side of the home Island wharf. This area is marked with a solid yellow float line which contains the silt curtain, mooring lines and anchors will be deployed in the water along this line. Some areas within the wharf present will be barricaded off, with no entry to unauthorised personnel.

Trucks and machinery will also be travelling through the kampong, to dispose of dredge material at sites allocated by the shire.

All dredging operations are restricted to daylight Hours only, Monday to Friday.

CKI Port will provide the community with regular updates off progress during Dredging, and thank you all for your cooperation during this project.

Regards

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Masyarakat Cocos

CKI Port dalam kerjasama dengan Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development akan menjalankan kerjaan dredging sepanjang sebelah Utara jembatan Home Island. Kerjaan dredging diibuat untuk lebih dalamkan ayer sepanjang kawasan pelabuan dan keluar/masok ke fasiliti Jembatan Home Island.


Kerjaan dredging memerlukan penggunaan mesin-mesin besar, dan mesin-mesin ini akan digunakan dalam kawasan jembatan untuk kira-kira 4 minggu lamanya.

Semua pembawa sekoci dimintak untuk menghindari dari kawasan sebelah utara jembatan Home Island. Kawasan ini ditandakan dengan buih kuning yang mempunyai saringan, tali dan jangkar akan ditempatkan dalam ayer sepanjang tali ini. Ada bahgian dikawasan jembatan akan digalang, tidak dibenarkan masok oleh orang-orang yang tidak diberi keizinah dahulu.

Truck dan mesin-mesin juga akan berjalan dikampong untuk membuang sampah dari dredge ke kawasan yang disediakan oleh shire.

Semua kerjaan dredging terbatas untuk dijalankan dimasa siang sahaja, Senin hingga Jumaat.

CKI Port akan memberi kabar kepada masyarakat tentang perkembangan kerjaan Dredging, dan terima kasih kepada semua untuk bekerjasama selama projek ini.

Salam

Shane Charlston
Port Manager
Cocos Island
Here at Zephyr Tours, we’d like to thank all our friends, supporters and businesses on and off Island for making our 13th year here a magical one. Without the support and services from the community our kites would not be coming back year after year to experience the joy and beauty of this amazing Island paradise.

This season we had such a great time exploring more of Cocos than ever before and look forward to adding more adventures like Freediving and Standup Paddle tours.

Highlights from this season were: Having Renee with her drone capturing the stunning scenery from the sky, Our fortnightly Home Island tours with Levi and Avril, exploring South island on SUP, finding out that the freediving here on Cocos is “world class” (quote direct from Aussie champion Adam Stern), having the North International kite team here to shoot their next product brochure, attending the Yacht Clubs bare foot ball with the locals and guests, teaching the school kids our sports for the school holidays and lastly the main highlight as always is being a part of the Cocos Islands community.

Thanks once again, see you all in 2018.

Jen, Ben, Tavis, Amy, Johnny, & Levi.
On the 21st of October 2017 …a team of champions, from all walks of life will come together and etch their names in history alongside these greats.

The 2017 Morays team the greatest Cocos Olympics team of all time.

Our destiny awaits!!!

Complete champions … both on and off the field!!!

GO MORAYS!!!
As fast as a Shark
As big as a Whale
Graceful, yet powerful
There’s sting in our tail

MANTAS

UP THE MANTAS

GO HOME MORAYS

SLOWEST TIME EVER

WORLD RECORD

MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN
Crossword

Across
1. Mix up is over but noticeable (9)
6. Discovered the past in pagodas (3)
8. Exchange end product of furniture item first with figurehead for a story (5)
9. Mixed fruit from a tropic (7)
10. Found dais led to part of a church (5)
11. Give up harvest? (5)
13. Discovered tram blends with leisurely stroll (6)
14. Some shun germs in need for food (6)
18. Performer in fact or fiction (5)
20. Ritual consists of piranha bites (5)
21. Found trombone rousing is wearing (7)
23. Representative or short man (5)
25. Woman from garden found eventually (3)
26. Barred and hanging around (9)

Down
1. Captain not on frozen water middle of April (7)
2. Restaurant bill in database (3)
3. Twisted implement let us in (7)
4. Game is jumbled pictures (6)
5. Some hear lyrics ahead of time (5)
6. Part of a circle found in March (3)
7. Chose to stop tedium, essentially (5)
10. Own up and allow in (5)
12. Consumed a number audibly (5)
15. Feeling of anger in dumb rage (7)
16. Responded and created chaos (7)
17. Found the sister's dissertation (6)
18. Sounds like a way in to worship (5)
19. Mob violence or sit drunkenly (5)
22. Sheep discovered in brewery (3)
24. Finish in friendly way (3)

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Kids Puzzle

Colour Me In!

Sudoku Station

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Do you have a Cocos Moment you would like to share?
Email your favourite photo to cocosislands@crc.net.au or drop into the Community Resource Centre.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to daddy Mazza for October 20th—Love you so much xo
Happy 3rd birthday to our beautiful Miss Ariella for October 16th—Love mum, dad & Zaqif xo
Happy 10th birthday to Isaac for 12th October
Happy 30th Birthday Jo Soderlund for the 20th of October. All our love, Rik, Kimmy & Hudson xoxo

-Happy Birthday Lanif for the 19th October. All the best!
Happy Birthday to Vieve’s who is turning 2 on the 15th Oct

A COCOS MOMENT

Tom and Adam toasting their marshmallows in a slightly different way!

Have Your Say

Letters to the Editor will either be accepted or rejected by the Editor. Items need to be:
- Accurate and/or factual
- Not defamatory or inflammatory
- Identified by author

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Contact the CRC to add your event.

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