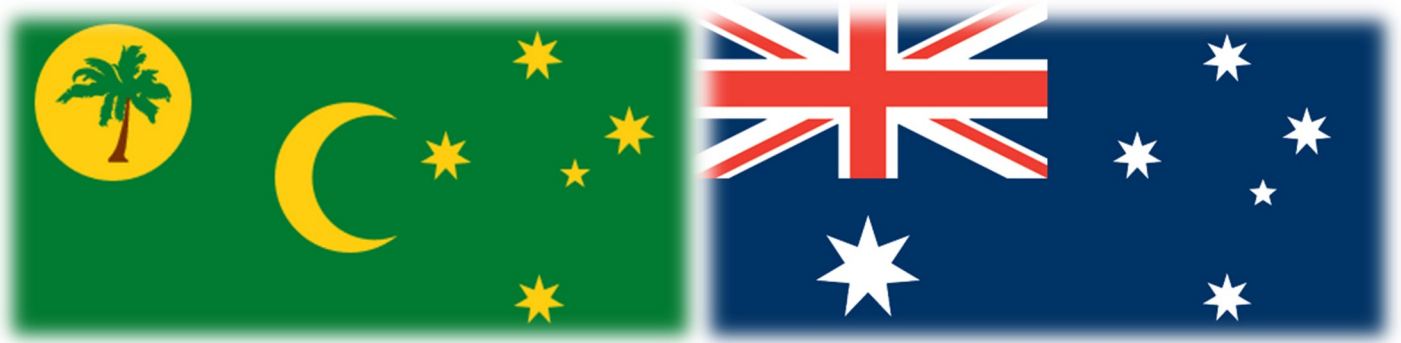


“THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th January 2023 – Thursday 9th February 2023

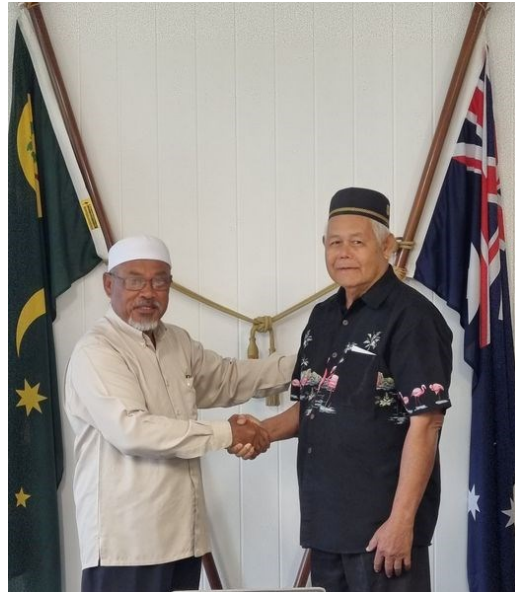


The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls—situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin—and is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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Congratulations to the newly elected Councillor, Cr Signa Knight who was sworn in at today's Special Meeting of Council.

Photo source: Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands



Cocos Safari New Years Eve 2022

Photos By: Cocos Islands Club Inc



2023 COCOS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



New listings and updates

- Home Island Residential
- West Island Residential
- Business Directory
- Community Groups

Complete online by 01/02/2023

<https://cocosislands.snapforms.com.au/form/cocos-telephone-directory>



 info@cocosislandscrc.cc

 www.cocos.crc.net.au



Rainfall Stats

Latest to 27 January 2023:

January Statistics

78.4 mm

(not accurate)

Latest 2023 Statistics:

78.4 mm

(not accurate)



LATEST WEATHER

www.bom.gov.au

BOM have advised that rainfall is currently not being recorded. Does anyone want to start recording backyard rainfall?

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 Cocos Club Inc for hosting another successful event, Cocos Safari New Years Eve.
- 👍 To volunteers who helped setting up and decorating the new years venue.
- 👍 To Shire for their on going effort on recycling and waste management roles!
- 👍 To Shire for hosting the Australia Day 2023.
- 👍 To candidates who were awarded for their excellence community service

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



2023 Membership

We provide the following services:

- The Atoll (community newsletter)
- Cocos Keeling Islands Telephone Directory
- Cocos Keeling Islands Tide Chart & Calendar
- Computer and internet access (including WIFI)
- Touchscreen for free access to Government websites and free printing of information and forms from these websites
- Photocopying and printing (monochrome and colour)
- Kodak self-serve photo kiosk - print your own photos up to 6"x8"
- A1 wide format printer (plain, canvas & photo paper)
- Scanning, Binding & Laminating
- Stationery sales
- Computer equipment sales, including external hard-drives
- Digital camera sales
- Secretarial/Desktop publishing
- Book-keeping Service (MYOB or Quickbooks)
- Passport and Visa photos
- 2nd hand book sales
- Conference Room/Office Hire/Video Conferencing
- Equipment hire (including data projectors/tripod screen/laptops/conference phone/marquee)
- Business Buzz and Info Sessions including venue hire, catering and distribution of event details to the Community.
- West Island Market Days
- Compilation of the Community Events schedule
- Free electronic distribution of important bulletins and information relating to Cocos Keeling Islands to residents.



Members Benefits

1. Hold a 30 day account with us
2. Receive 20% discount on selected items
3. Have your say and vote at AGM's
4. Support a local non-profit organisation

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CEO update

From the CEO's Desk 27 January 2023



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

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023 everyone. This calendar year will prove to be an exciting and challenging one for the residents of the Shire and the elected members of Council. Your Council will be determining and resolving unprecedented challenges as they address legacy issues that should have been dealt with over the past 40 years. The Land Trust, land tenure, planning and CHARMAP and waste management are all on the agenda for this year.

As mentioned in previous editions of the Atoll, this year in setting the 2023 – 2024 budget, the Shire is going through a process of total review of waste management in line with the Indian Ocean Waste Management Strategy. From this we will be bringing in some controversial yet necessary changes to transfer station operations commencing 01 March 2023. More detail will be posted in future editions of the Atoll, social media, and our website. We will also be reviewing our schedule of fees and charges to reflect true cost of waste management in line with our 2023 – 2024 budget. We will hold community consultations on both West and Home Island as we get to the pointy end of the review.

Transfer Station Update: At Council's ordinary meeting for November the decision was made that commercial, industrial and all non-putrescible household waste will no longer be accepted at the Shire transfer stations from the 1st of March 2023. This temporary measure will ensure the Shire can determine a set of fees and charges that will accurately reflect the cost to process and dispose of these items off island. Fees and charges are envisaged to be implemented from 1 July 23 for all items requiring disposal off island.

The following items that will no longer be accepted include:

- Tyres
- Whitegoods
- Electrical items
- Metal or steel
- Mattresses
- Batteries
- Commercial waste
- Solar panels
- Paint
- Vehicles
- Demolition and construction waste
- Light globes
- Printer cartridges

The below is a list of items that will be accepted. These items can be placed in your green rubbish bin or taken to the transfer station during opening hours.

- Household plastic packaging items e.g., shampoo, deodorant, cleaning, soft plastic
- Juice and milk cartons
- Kitchen waste

- Nappies and wipes
- Paper
- Plastic, tin and steel food and drink packaging
- Polystyrene
- Sanitary products
- Textiles and clothing
- Cardboard
- Cooking oil

Recycling will continue as normal. Please remember only **aluminium cans** are to go in the yellow bins and **glass** in the red bins.

For any questions or queries please contact the Environment Officer on 91626649 or environment@cocos.wa.gov.au

Our review of commercial leases is all but complete, relevant documents will be tabled at the February 2023 Ordinary meeting of Council for final approval. We will then be able to transfer all our current commercial leases over to correct documentation for signing by lessee's. There is still considerable work to be done regarding household leases and tenancies on Home Island and this will progress through the first quarter of the year. With the Shire Local Planning Scheme and the CHARMAP review and upgrades still happening, we hope to have these complete towards the end of this calendar year. Further community consultations will be held at appropriate times prior to their completion and approval by Council. As these plans will underpin any proposed development for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands the final plans will have a big bearing on our future. No new commercial leases will be considered until both these plans are finalized and approved by Council.

As this edition goes to print, the West Australian Electoral Commission, has closed nominations for the holding an extraordinary election to replace two Councillors that have resigned. At the close of nominations, only one nomination was received – Signa KNIGHT and he will be automatically elected to Council up until the October 2023 Council elections. Council will now determine if one vacancy will remain until October 2023, or another attempt will be made to receive nominations and possible hold an extraordinary election.



Renovation and upgrade of the Retail Centre on Home Island is full swing and with our limited number of Council staff they are doing a great job to get the project finished as soon as possible.



The southern end of West Island had the road closed for a short period during high tides in January and with the high tides decreasing in HAT over the next couple of months, hopefully this will be the last closure for a while. Sandbagging works continue to be carried out on West Island and subject to Commonwealth Government funding will continue until all damage and mitigation works required from the August 2022 tidal surges and inundation are complete.

With the likelihood of commencement of the AIR 555 Forward Air Defence Base in the first quarter and the runway upgrade expected to commence mid-year, the estimated 500-million-dollar plus projects will see life change dramatically especially for the residents of West Island. Doubling the population of West Island en masse is sure to be a life changer and the Shire is working with project management to make the transition as smoothly as possible. Whilst we are still waiting for traffic

management plans for both projects, it should be noted, we have insisted residents receive priority for road use during the period of the projects.

In looking forward, the date of 06.04.2024 is the 40th anniversary of the vote for the Cocos Malay people to integrate into Australian society. Over the past six months, we have uncovered some very complex issues outlined in documentation between the Cocos Malay and the Australian Labour Government for events during the period surrounding the vote for integration on 06.04.1982. Documentation with respect to the rights and land tenure of the Cocos Malay people have been identified. On the face of it, there seems to be a need for interpretation of some document contents as some intent and commitment from the Commonwealth has gone missing over the past 39 years. The Shire has engaged a Perth legal service to assist in investigating the legality of some of the documents and we have requested the Commonwealth to work in a bipartisan role with the Shire for this.

Congratulations to the Award Recipients at the Australia Day celebration on Direction Island. It is great to see people being nominated for awards, but it is even better to be able to acknowledge the nominations at an awards ceremony, well done everyone. A big thank you to Adim and his small team for arranging the day and to all those who helped out organizing such a successful function.



Lastly, one to keep in mind, this year we (i.e., the Shire) is going to arrange a Home and West Island community wide celebration to recognize the end of Ramadan and Eid. The function will be at the Community Centre on Home Island (above and below) and all community members of Home and West Island will be invited to attend. Further details will be provided in the next Atoll.

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



CEO update

Dari Meja CEO 27 January 2023



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

Selamat Tahun Baru dan selamat datang di tahun 2023. Kalenda tahun ini terbukti menjadi tahun yang menarik dan mencabar bagi masyarakat dan Komiti Konsel. Konsel anda akan menentukan dan menyelesaikan cabaran yang belum pernah berlaku sebelumnya saat menangani masalah warisan yang seharusnya ditangani 40 tahun yang lalu. Land Trust, pemilik tanah, perancangan dan CHARMAP dan pengurusan sampah semuanya dalam agenda untuk tahun ini.

Seperti yang dinyatakan dalam Atoll yang sebelumnya, tahun ini dalam menetapkan budget 2023 – 2024, Shire sedang menjalani proses pemeriksaan semula pengurusan sampah untuk samakan dengan Strategi Pengurusan Sampah Indian Ocean. Dari ini kami akan membawa beberapa perubahan yang kontroversial tetapi perlu untuk menjalankan tempat sampah mulai 01 March 2023. Detail lebih lanjut akan disiarkan di Atoll yang akan datang, social media, dan website kami. Kami juga akan memeriksa kembali harga dan pembayaran untuk mencerminkan harga yang sebenarnya untuk pengurusan sampah sama dengan budget 2023 – 2024 kami. Kami akan mengadakan konsultasi masyarakat untuk Pulu Panjang dan

Kampong apabila kami sampai ke penghujung pemeriksaan.

Berita terkini Tempat Sampah: Pada mitingan Konsel pada bulan November keputusan telah dibuat bahawa sampah komersial, industrial dan sampah yang tidak boleh busuk tidak akan diterima di tempat sampah mulai 1 haribulan March 2023. Tindakan sementara ini akan memastikan Shire boleh menentukan harga dan pembayaran yang akan menggambarkan harga yang tepat untuk proses dan membuang barang-barang ini di luar pulu. Harga dan pembayaran dijangka akan bermula dari 1 July 23 untuk semua barang yang perlu di buang di luar pulu.

Barang-barang berikut yang tidak akan diterima lagi termasuk:

- Roda
- Whitegoods
- Barang elektrik
- Besi atau timah
- Bolsak
- Bateri
- Sampah komersial
- Solar panels
- Cet
- Kereta
- Sampah kayu dan bekakas rombakan
- Bal lampu
- Katrij printer

Dibawah adalah barang-barang yang akan diterima. Barang-barang ini boleh di buang di bin yang hijau atau dibawak di tempat sampah masa jam buka.

- Plastik bekas barang rumah contohnya, shampoo, obat kelek, obat cucikan, plastik lembek
- Bok jus dan susu

- Sampah dapur
- Nappi dan sekatan
- Kertas
- Plastik bekas makanan dan ayer, kertas timah dan belek makanan
- Busah
- Bekakas kebersihan
- Kain-kain dan kepiian
- Bok
- Minyak masak

Recycling akan diteruskan seperti biasa. Tolong ingat hanya **belek ayer jerok** yang di buang di bin kuning dan **kaca** di bin merah.

Untuk sebarang pertanyaan sila hubungi Environment Officer dinomor 91626649 atau environment@cocos.wa.gov.au

Pemeriksaan kami tentang sewaan komersial sudah siap, dokumen yang berkaitan akan dibawak di mitingan Konsel pada bulan February 2023 untuk disetujui. Kami kemudian akan dapat memindahkan semua sewaan komersial kami ke dokumentasi yang betul untuk ditandatangani oleh penyewa. Masih banyak kerja yang perlu dibuat mengenai sewaan rumah dan penyewa di Kampong dan ini akan berlanjut hingga suku pertama tahun ini. Dengan Shire Local Planning Scheme dan pertimbangan dan pembagusan CHARMAP masih berlaku, kami berharap ini akan siap menjelang akhir tahun kalenda ini. Konsultasi masyarakat lebih lanjut akan diadakan pada masa yang tetap sebelum ia selesai dan disetujui oleh Konsel. Karena pelen ini akan menyokong setiap pengembangan yang dicadangkan untuk Cocos (Keeling) Islands pelen akhir akan mempunyai kaitan yang besar pada masa depan kami. Tidak ada sewaan komersial baru yang akan dipertimbangkan sampai kedua pelen ini diselesaikan dan disetujui oleh Konsel.

Saat Atoll ini dihantar untuk diprint, West Australian Electoral Commission, telah menutup pencalonan untuk mengadakan undian tambahan untuk menggantikan dua Komiti Konsel yang telah mengundurkan diri. Pada penutupan pencalonan, hanya satu pencalonan diterima – Signa KNIGHT dan dia akan dipilih secara automatik sebagai Komiti Konsel hingga undian Konsel pada bulan October 2023. Konsel sekarang akan memastikan apakah tempat kosong yang satu dibiarkan sehingga bulan October 2023, atau cobak sekali lagi untuk mendapatkan pencalonan dan kemungkinan mengadakan undian tambahan.

Pembetulan dan pembagusan Kede Kecil di Kampong berjalan lancar dan dengan jumlah pekerja Konsel yang terbatas mereka melakukan pekerjaan yang baik untuk menyelesaikan projek ini secepat mungkin.

Jalan southern end Pulu Panjang telah ditutup untuk masa yang pendek selama ayer besar di bulan January dan dengan ayer besar yang menurun di HAT selama beberapa bulan yang akan datang, semoga ini menjadi penutupan terakhir buat sementara waktu. Pekerjaan sandbagging terus dilakukan di Pulu Panjang dan bergantung atas bantuan Kerajaan Komanwel akan diteruskan sehingga semua kerusakan dan cara untuk mengatasinya yang diperlukan dari bulan August 2022 siap.

Dengan kemungkinan permulaan AIR 555 Forward Air Defence Base pada suku pertama dan pembagusan runway yang diharapkan akan dimulai tengah tahun, projek yang dikira bernilai 500-juta-dollar lebih akan melihat kehidupan berubah secara mendadak terutama bagi penduduk Pulu Panjang. Menggandakan populasi Pulu Panjang yang banyak pasti akan mengubah hidup dan Shire bekerja sama dengan projek management untuk melakukan transisi selancar mungkin. Sementara kami masih menunggu pelen traffic management untuk kedua projek, perlu diingat, kami telah menegaskan penduduk diberi keutamaan untuk menggunakan jalan selama tempoh projek.

Dalam melihat ke hadapan, hari bulan 06.04.2024 adalah anibersari yang ke 40 tahun dimana orang Melayu Cocos mengundi untuk bersatu dengan Australia. Sepanjang enam bulan yang lalu, kami telah menemui beberapa masalah yang sangat kompleks yang digariskan dalam dokumentasai antara Melayu Cocos dan Australian Labour Government untuk acara dalam tempoh sekitar undian untuk bersatu pada 06.04.1982. Dokumentasi berkenaan dengan hak dan pemilikan tanah orang Melayu Cocos telah dikenal pasti. Pada pandangannya, nampaknya terdapat keperluan untuk menafsirkan beberapa isi dokumen karena beberapa niat dan janji dari Komanwel telah hilang sejak

39 tahun yang lalu. Shire telah melibatkan serbis hukum Perth untuk membantu menyiasat kesahan beberapa dokumen dan kami telah meminta komanwel untuk bekerja sama dengan Shire untuk ini .

Tahniah kepada Penerima Anugerah pada perayaan Australia Day di Pulu Tikus. Sangat menyenangkan melihat orang-orang diangkat untuk penghargaan, tetapi lebih bagus dapat mengucapkan terima kasi kepada calon di majlis anugerah, tahniah kepada semua. Terima kasih kepada Pak Sha dan tim nya yang kecil yang sudah mengatur hari itu dan semua yang telah membantu mengatur acara yang berjaya.

Akhir sekali, satu yang perlu diingat, tahun ini kami (iaitu, Shire) akan mengadakan perayaan masyarakat Kampong dan Pulu Panjang untuk menghargai berakhirnya Ramadan dan Aidilfitri. Majlis akan diadakan di Community Centre di Kampong (atas dan bawah) dan semua masyarakat Kampong dan Pulu Panjang akan dijemput. Detail lanjut akan diberikan di Atoll berikutnya.

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



Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Marine Debris Update

The Shire has recently installed signs and bag stations at our beaches with reusable marine debris collection bags.

These bags are provided for the community and visitors to help with the collection of Marine Debris on our beaches.

Bags of Marine Debris can either be left at the bag station or dropped at the Shire Transfer Station

For any questions or queries please contact the Environment Officer on 91626649 or environment@cocos.wa.gov.au

Berita Sampah Laut

Shire baru-baru ini telah memasang sign dan tempat kantong di pinggir laut dengan karong untuk sampah laut yang boleh di pakek lagi.

Karong ini disediakan untuk masyarakat dan pelawat untuk membantu mengumpulakan sampah laut di pinggir laut kami.

Karong sampah laut boleh di tinggalkan mana tempat kantong atau dihantar ke tempat sampah Shire.

Untuk sebarang pertanyaan sila hubungi Environment Officer dinomor 91626649 atau environment@cocos.wa.gov.au





Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Waste Management Update

The Shire's Waste Management staff have been busy loading containers with baled aluminum cans and tyres ready to be returned to the mainland. All items disposed of at the transfer station that cannot be safely burnt (all non-putrescible waste) needs to be loaded and returned to the mainland for processing and recycling.

The Shire have also recently completed the successful loading and removal of one full container of asbestos to the mainland. The Shire is now in the process of loading two more containers of asbestos ready to be removed off Island for safe disposal.

For any questions or queries please contact the Environment Officer on 91626649 or environment@cocos.wa.gov.au



Berita Pengurusan Sampah

Pekerja Pengurusan Sampah Shire sibuk mengisi container dengan belek ayer jerok dan tayar untuk di hantar balek di tanah besar. Semua barang yang di buang di tempat sampah yang tidak boleh dibakar dengan selamat (bukan sampah makanan) perlu diisi di kontainer dan di hantar balek di tanah besar untuk diproses dan di recycle semula.

Baru baru ini Shire jugak berjaya mengisi dan menghantar satu kontainer penuh dengan asbestos ke tanah besar. Shire sekarang dalam proses mengisi dua lagi kontainer dengan asbestos untuk di hantar ke tanah besar untuk dibuang dengan selamat.

Untuk sebarang pertanyaan sila hubungi Environment Officer dinomor 91626649 atau environment@cocos.wa.gov.au





Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

WI Library Service Officer

Permanent Part-time Position (10hrs/wk)

Are you looking to be part of an innovative and dynamic team?

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is looking for a dedicated and customer-focused individual for the position of Library Service Officer on West Island.

This position has a particular emphasis on customer service and will include:

- Desk duties and assisting customers with self-serve technology
- Connecting customers with library and community resources and services
- Maintain collections using established procedures and systems
- Organise and coordinate Better Beginning classes
- Assist with other library activities and promotion

Applicants must have relevant customer service experience, although a library qualification is not required. They will have a good general knowledge with an interest in reading and current affairs.

We welcome applications even if you do not tick all the essential selection criteria and/or can only commit to a couple of hours a week as we will be opened to a job share arrangement.

To apply please submit your resume and a covering letter outlining your interest in the position marked attention to the Chief Executive Officer. A position description which includes the Selection Criteria for the position is available upon request at the Shire office. Applications can be emailed to info@cocos.wa.gov.au or hand delivered to the Shire Offices.

Applications close at **12pm Monday 6th February 2023**.

For further information regarding the position, please contact Frank Mills Chief Executive Officer at the Shire Office on 91626649 or alternatively email frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au.

Applicants may be subject to a pre-employment medical, including drug screening, and willing to apply for a Working With Children Check.

The Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and is committed to a fair recruitment process in selecting the best applicant for the position.



Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASING OPPORTUNITY

PART LOT 227 & 228 HOME ISLAND - CRC – TENANCY 8 - CAFE

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is seeking Expression of Interest from the community for a Café space that has become available.

Details of the leasing opportunity is as follows:

ADDRESS	LEASE AREA	SUITABLE USE	LEASE VALUE
Part Lot 225 & 227 Home Island - CRC	Tenancy 8 Approximately 30sqm	Café	To be determined by an independent market valuation.

To request an expression of interest form or for further clarification, please email Suzie Bulka, Leasing Officer at leasing@cocos.wa.gov.au.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the Leasing Officer, Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands via email leasing@cocos.wa.gov.au or PO Box 1094, Home Island, Cocos Keeling Islands, WA, 6799 by Monday 27 February 2023.

Please mark your proposal: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PART LOT 225 & 227 CRC HI – TENANCY 8 CAFÉ.

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



Department of
Transport

New vehicle infringements information update - Cocos (Keeling) Islands

In prior Community Notices, the Department of Transport advised that changes to vehicle transfer and licensing would be applied to Cocos (Keeling) Islands with the issuing of infringement notices for outstanding transfer debts or unregistered vehicles.

Please note, Transfer and Plate Infringement Notices will be issued from Monday, 13 February 2023.

Note: Vehicle examination fees will not be applied on Cocos (Keeling) Islands until an Authorised Inspection Station (AIS) service provider has been appointed.

Vehicle licence transfer

If you purchase a used IOT vehicle, you will be issued a vehicle licence transfer invoice (transfer fee and vehicle licence duty).

You have 28 days to pay the invoice. Failure to pay by the due date will result in an Infringement Notice being issued. Further costs may apply.

Vehicle licence

Where a Vehicle Licence and Motor Injury Insurance Policy has expired, you must either renew the licence immediately or return the number plates to the MVR within three months of the vehicle licence expiry date.

Failure to do so will result in the issue of an Infringement Notice and further costs may apply. You must not drive your vehicle if the vehicle licence is expired.

Sold a Vehicle?

Have you sold a vehicle in the last 15 months and submitted a MR9 form (Notification of Change of Ownership) to the MVR? If not, the vehicle may still be registered in your name and you may receive a Plate Infringement if the vehicle registration has expired. Please contact the MVR to check.

Defect Notice (also known as a yellow sticker or work order)

Work Order Infringements started being issued from 3 January 2023.

If a Defect Notice is placed on your vehicle, you are required to comply with the requirements of the notice to avoid being issued a Work Order Infringement.

How can you avoid being issued an infringement?

- Pay outstanding vehicle licence transfer fees.
- If it has been less than three months since your vehicle licence expired and you wish to renew the licence, you should attend the MVR and pay the required fees.
- If it has been more than three months since your vehicle licence has expired, your vehicle will need to pass an examination before you can pay the required fees to renew the licence. You can pay for an examination at the MVR.
- If you choose not to register your expired vehicle licence, return the vehicle plates to the MVR.
- If you are unable to locate the vehicle plates, please attend the MVR and fill out a VL14 Lost/Stolen Number Plates Notification form.
- If your vehicle has been issued with a Defect Notice (yellow sticker or work order), return the vehicle plates to the MVR or have the defects fixed and arrange to have your vehicle examined through the MVR.



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Indian Ocean Territories Health Clinic would like to welcome new residents to Cocos Islands.

The health service on Cocos is run by Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS), we are a very small clinical team, there are currently health care workers, 2 nurses on West Island, 2 nurses on Home Island, and a Doctor who lives on Home Island.

The clinics are open **8am – 4pm, Monday to Friday.**

Health staff also cover the islands for afterhours emergencies.

For emergencies on you can phone the on call mobile on **West Island - 08 6102 5224.**

For emergencies on you can phone the on call mobile on **Home Island - 08 6102 8655.**

You need to type all 10 numbers for these phone numbers

At times, the mobile reception fails on Cocos. If you are unable to get through on the mobile, please contact the clinic (West island: 9162 6655) (Home island: 9162 7609) and listen to the voice mail message for further instructions.

The nurses and doctor also carry a two-way radio at all times – you can contact us on **channel 24**. There is a radio at the clinics you are welcome to use. We ask that you specify which island you are on, when using the radios, so we know which on call nurse should respond to your emergency.

If you want after hours' advice, Cocos Islanders are encouraged to contact **Health Direct on 1800 022 222**. Health direct is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.



Health direct offer an excellent service, and can help when you are living remotely. Health direct can give advice on doses of medications recommended – **we recommend having a supply of medications such as Panadol, Neurofen an antihistamine**, suitable strengths for the occupants of your household. We also recommend keeping ice packs, bandaids, antiseptics and bandages in your house as first aid for personal use.

Coastal planning – get involved!

The Australian Government has partnered with the Western Australian State Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands to develop a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) to understand how the Island coastlines will be affected by ‘erosion’ and ‘inundation’ and how to manage this into the future.

The project team were on-island in September and November 2022 to start engaging – and heard so much from many people in the community about your values for how you use the coastline.

The team is now using those values and the other information you shared with us to confirm technical work and refine the adaptation options being developed to manage risk into the future. We will be visiting again from 21 to 28 February 2023 to speak to you about these options and want to speak to as many people as we can to get your feedback about the work we have done.

Head to the project website to read more, see what the team has been up to, look at the technical information available and see what people have already said. Register your details at the ‘News and Updates’ tab so we can get in touch with you soon.

<https://getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/your-coastal-plan-cki>

Perancangan pinggir laut – libatkan diri!

Kerajaan Australia telah bekerjasama dengan Jabatan Perancangan, Tanah dan Warisan Negara Australia Barat dan Shire Pulu Cocos untuk membuat Pelan Pengurusan dan Penyesuaian Risiko Bahaya Pinggir Laut (CHRMAP) untuk memahami bagaimana pinggir laut Pulu akan terpengaruh oleh ‘erosi’ dan ‘banjir’ dan bagaimana untuk menguruskannya di masa depan.

Tim projek berada di pulu pada bulan September dan November 2022 untuk mulai melibatkan diri – dan mendengar banyak perkara dari orang di masyarakat tentang nilai-nilai anda dalam cara anda menggunakan pinggir laut.

Tim sekarang menggunakan nilai-nilai itu dan informasi lain yang anda kasi kami untuk mengesahkan pekerjaan teknikal dan menghaluskan pilihan penyesuaian yang dibangunkan untuk mengurus risiko pada masa depan. Kami akan melawat lagi dari 21 hingga 28 February 2023 untuk bicara dengan anda tentang pilihan ini dan ingin bicara dengan sebanyak mungkin orang untuk mendapatkan pendapat anda tentang kerjaan yang kami lakukan.

Pergi ke projek website untuk membaca lebih lanjut, lihat apa yang tim kami telah lakukan, lihat informasi teknikal yang ada dan lihat apa yang orang sudah katakan. Regista nama anda di tab ‘News and Updates’ supaya kami boleh menghubungi anda tidak lama lagi.

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Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



Number:	SC 02/2023	Date:	20 January 2023
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Senior Registered Nurse – Midwife / Child Health Nurse (CHN)

Senior Registered Nurse Level 1 - Christmas Island

Ongoing Permanent OR 3 year Full-Time Fixed Term Non-Ongoing Vacancy
(with the possibility of a 2 further 2 year extension at the Department's discretion)

\$103,182 per annum

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is currently seeking motivated, professional and suitably qualified persons to join our team as a Senior Registered Nurse Level 1 with a midwifery and early childhood development focus within the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS) based on Christmas Island.

The IOTHS delivers a primary and acute health care service in two of Australia's most remote and most spectacular settings - Christmas Island (CI) and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI). The IOTHS includes a 24 hour eight bed hospital and primary care facility on CI and clinics on Home and West Islands in the CKI. The IOTHS is committed to "Working with our communities to keep us healthy for the whole of our lives".

The key responsibilities of the Senior Registered Nurse – Midwife/CHN position are to deliver direct, high quality and comprehensive nursing care and individual case management; provide Midwifery Nursing services in a Shared Cared model to the women and young families of Christmas Island; and to act as a professional role model, resource and support for colleagues.

Our ideal applicant is highly motivated, adaptable and willing to be actively involved in health promotion activities.

To be considered, applicants must hold current registration as a Registered Nurse and Midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (AHPRA) and have at least a Post Graduate Certificate in Child and Adolescent Health Nursing, with recent demonstrable nursing experience in a rural and remote setting including in the speciality area of midwifery. Further, the successful candidate will also hold a current 'C' class Driving Licence, a valid Working with Children Check and be subject to a health assessment. Language skills in the community languages of either Chinese or Malay are desirable.

For further information about this unique and exciting opportunity, please contact Ms Catherine O'Neill, Director of Nursing and Community Health, on (08) 9164 8333 or catherine.o'neill@infrastructure.gov.au.

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 115674.

**Applications close 4.00pm (Christmas Island local time) (CXT) (UTC+7),
Friday 3 February 2023**

Blast From The Past



Cocos Scout kids during ANZAC Day in 1980's.

See if you can spot your parents or grandparents in this photo.

Photo Source:
Cocos As it Was

Did You Know

Scouting was founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell. While he formulated his ideas over many years, Scouting acknowledges the 1st of August 1907 as the date when the Movement was founded.

Scouting soon spread throughout the world, with Scout Groups starting in Australia in 1908

The founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell (B-P) was born in 1857 in England. He lived a busy and adventurous life, and as a boy spent much of his spare time in open-air pursuits, hunting in the woods, and joining his brothers in expeditions by land and in their boats. Thus he developed his powers of observation and resourcefulness and acquired many useful skills.

Source: <https://scouts.com.au/about/what-is-scouting/history/>

Cocos Malay Dictionary

WORDS

One - Satu
Two - Dua
Three - Tiga
Four - Empat
Five - Lima
Six - Enam
Seven - Tujuh
Eight - Delapan
Nine - Sembilan
Ten - Sepuluh

DIRECTION

North - Utara
South - Selatan
East - Timur
West - Barat
Northwest - Barat laut
Northeast - Timur laut
Southwest - Barat daya
Southeast - Selat saudis
Compass - Kompas
Directions - Arah

Motivational Quotes

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

- Thomas A. Edison

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

- Lao Tzu

Where there is a will, there is a way. If there is a chance in a million that you can do something, anything, to keep what you want from ending, do it. Pry the door open or, if need be, wedge your foot in that door and keep it open.

- Pauline Kael



Fun Facts Animals

DUGONGS

Dugongs grow to a maximum length of 13 feet (4 m) long and weight of 595 pounds (270 kg).

Dugongs can live up to 70 years.

Dugongs are referred to as sea cows because they use their strong, cleft upper lips to graze on sea grasses they uproot from the seafloor.

Dugongs are sirenians and therefore related to manatees. Though they resemble cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), dugongs and manatees are believed to be descendants of land mammals that make them more closely related to elephants than whales.

Dugongs live only in coastal waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans from east Africa to the Red Sea and Australia.¹



DIY

HONEY-SUGAR LIP SCRUB

The easiest homemade lip scrub!

Mix one teaspoon of honey with two teaspoons of sugar

Massage the mixture into your lips and leave for 10 minutes or so

Remove with the help of a wet face washer

Sugar is an effective natural exfoliant. When mixed with honey, it becomes a great moisturising lip scrub.

If you don't have honey, just make a sugar lip scrub!

Congratulations, you have just created your own lip scrub!



Cocos Resident Profile

Name: Bree Waller

Kampong Name: Mak Elysha

Place of Birth: Perth

Where were you living before Cocos?
Port Kennedy

What are you doing now?
Teaching the Year 2 class on Home Island



What are the top 3 things you love about living on Cocos?

1. The people here are pretty amazing and so supportive.
2. I love how much freedom the kids have and how encouraging they are of each other.
3. There are so many beautiful places both above and below the water and I love having the time to explore them with my family.

Do you have a Cocos moment/mishap/experience to share?

After waiting 9 months for our boat to arrive, we took it out on it's maiden voyage. My son Marcus caught a coral trout and got it on board, then the fish flipped and hooked him in the leg, sadly cutting our outing short to go to the Clinic.

Favourite sport/activity?

Volleyball

Favourite 3 places on Cocos?

Surfing at The Spot with the kids
Snorkelling The Rip at DI and The Coal Barge
Sitting around a bonfire on the beach with good mates and my family

Favourite Cocos food?

So many to pick from, but I still can't go past satay chicken and a curry puff.

If you could change Cocos what would you do first?

Make it easier for everyone to get on and off the island, along with access to mail and freight.

If you were stranded on North Keeling Island for 1 year, what 3 items would you require?

My family, a hammock and guitar.

List some of the things you are passionate about?

I love doing arts and crafts, camping and cooking.

Is there anything else interesting you would like to share with us?

After having covid twice in a 6 week period this year, I am still struggling with long covid. I am lucky to work with people who are always ready to jump in and help out. I would like to thank them and the many other community members and medical staff who have helped to support me and my family through this tricky time.

Geoff Birds News



A Black-tailed Godwit with two Common Redshanks at the Northern end of the runway. The Redshanks arrive every year for the summer and this is the first Black-tailed Godwit we have had since 2011.

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Games Page

Halaman Kemanan

Across

- 1 Stage accessories
- 6 Cinematographer Nykvist
- 10 Thick slice
- 14 Riches
- 15 The present location
- 16 Look a joint over
- 17 Lead down the aisle
- 18 Holds back
- 20 Botched
- 22 Large wasp
- 23 Hitch or glitch
- 24 Traders
- 25 Not sunk
- 28 "Don't Cry ___, Argentina"
- 29 Sacked
- 31 Math class, informally
- 35 Cartesian conclusion
- 36 Newspaper chiefs
- 39 ___ pro nobis
- 40 Swindles
- 42 Lucille Ball's husband
- 44 Made a mistake
- 47 Order to relax
- 48 1960 Elvis movie
- 51 African plains grazers
- 52 Save
- 53 Remedy
- 57 Indistinguishable
- 59 Firefighter Red
- 60 Atlantic fish
- 61 Piscine organ
- 62 Fifty minutes past the hour
- 63 Absurd art
- 64 Pop musician Lofgren
- 65 Moved gingerly

Down

- 1 Fruit with a stone
- 2 Stratagem
- 3 Folk singer Phil
- 4 Persevere
- 5 Night air?
- 6 Shoulder motion
- 7 Vice-president
- 8 Hesitant sounds
- 9 Lower
- 10 Shade of red
- 11 Cleo or Frankie
- 12 "Lou Grant" star
- 13 Defeats
- 19 Gad about
- 21 Old hat
- 24 Long-gone birds
- 25 "...stole ___ and away did run"
- 26 Skin
- 27 Hunk
- 28 Honored
- 30 Fair attractions
- 32 Writer Jaffe
- 33 Levin and Gershwin
- 34 Stare
- 37 Cheerful
- 38 Really soak
- 41 River to Lake Baikal
- 43 Lived
- 45 Reddish-brown
- 46 Quit
- 48 Medieval trade association
- 49 Neighbor of Pakistan
- 50 Mingle
- 51 Dupes
- 53 Become wearisome
- 54 The Jets, for one
- 55 "Women and Love" author
- 56 Stepped
- 58 LI doubled

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Crossword Answer

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Sudoku Solutions

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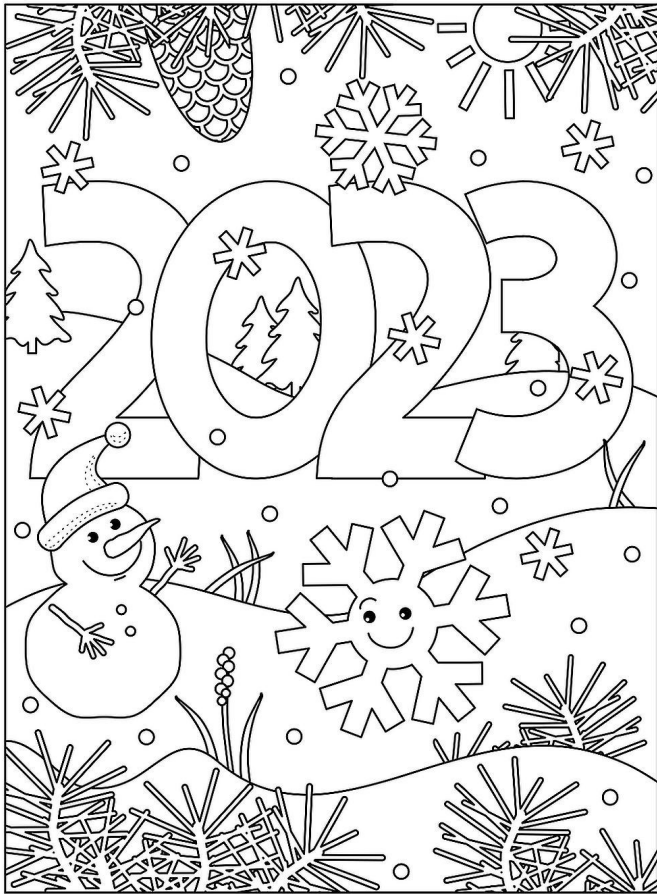
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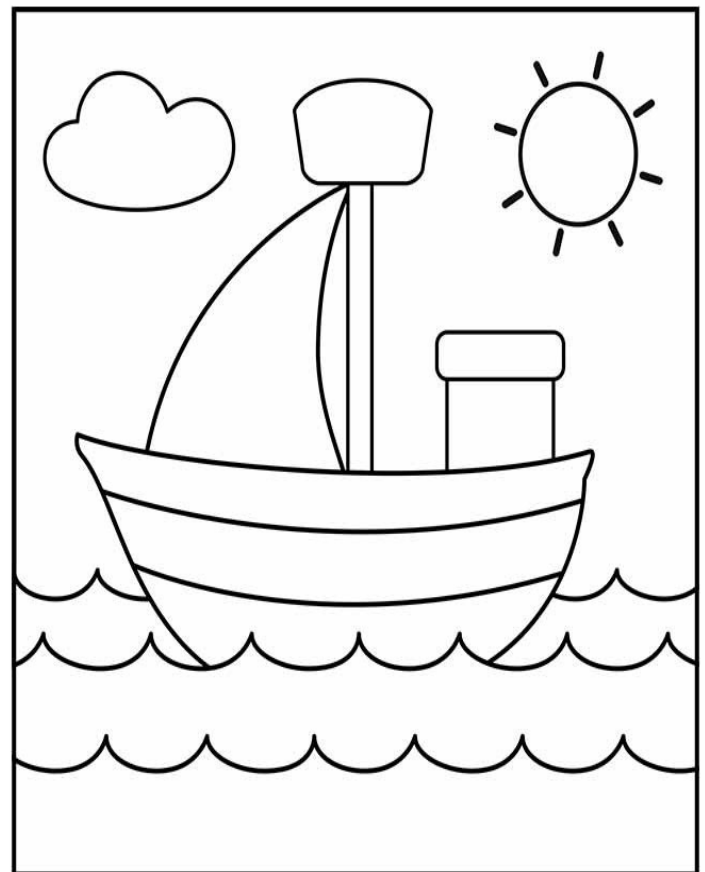
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I Spy With My Little Eye



Let's play a game of I Spy! Circle everything you can spot from the car window and don't forget to colour the pictures in too. You can even use the dotted lines at the bottom of the sheet to write a fun story involving all the objects you've seen on your journey.



Color the Picture

A Cocos Moment



A group of locals on a Safari adventure on New Years Eve 2022.

What could possibly be hiding in the Cocos bushes as some seem very surprised, scared or even confused.

What ever it may be, it will be a very interesting story.

Photo Source:
Cocos Island Club Inc

Cocos “Feel Good” Stories

Another year of success and happiness has passed.

With every new year comes greater challenges and obstacles in life.

I wish you courage, hope, and faith to overcome all of the hurdles you may face.

May you have a great year and a wonderful time ahead.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries? Drop an email to CRC at Info@cocosislandscrc.cc

Have Your Say

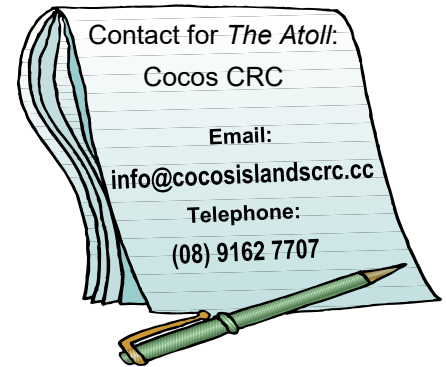
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