

Friday 2nd June 2023 – Thursday 15th June 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.

Cocos(K) Islands -7th top fundraiser in Australia!

Thankyou
\$22,364.00 raised!

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AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2023





Cocos (K) Islands
Community Resource Centre
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AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA!

Thunder and rain did not dampen the mood for our Morning Tea. Approximately 70 people joined us for a wonderful morning of community. Thank you to following businesses and individuals for their donation of food and coffee.

*Ash and Mardi from Cocos Picnics,
 The ladies at Tropica Restaurant
 Azah from the West Island Supermarket
 Tony and Amba from Salty’s Café
 Chelsea from the Cocos Club
 Mak Iz, Mak Alfin, Mak Adi and Mak Fifi*

Thank you to Christmas Island Post Office for their generous donation of items for our Monster Raffle. Congratulations to our 13 winners!



Door Prize Winners

SILENT AUCTION!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Silent Auction – all 59 items and everyone who dug deep with 207 bids received!

We would like to thank John Ford for accepting off-island email bids, allowing our friends near and far the opportunity to help us raise funds.

Cocos Islands Golf Club Donation!

We would like to thank the Cocos Islands Golf Club who partnered with us once again to support our fundraiser. All green fees and club hire were donated to our Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea totally \$246.00!

Thank you to everyone who went along for a great game of Scroungers and to the Golf Club Committee.

We are so proud to announce that Cocos has raised:

Donations (Morning Tea)	\$ 1635.00
Online Donations	\$ 854.00
Monster Raffle	\$ 560.00
Lucky Dip	\$ 90.00
Silent Auction	\$18,979.00
Cocos Islands Golf Club	\$ 246.00
TOTAL	\$22,364.00

Rainfall Stats

Latest to 2 June 2023:

June Statistics
29.4mm
(not accurate)

Latest 2023 Statistics:
1063.80mm
(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 the Home Island FESA for their fast response to the motor vehicle fire
- 👍 To the Cocos Islands Golf Club for a great Cocos Open weekend



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

WA CANCER COUNCIL - SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

This Silent Auction is a fundraising initiative of the Cocos (K) Islands Community Resource Centre.

All funds are donated to the WA Cancer Council.



DESCRIPTION	DONATED BY	WINNING BIDDER	BIDDING AMOUNT
9 Hole Golf Lesson for 1 Person	Luke Doherty	Amy Rossbach	\$211.00
Lagoon tour for 4 people (4 hours)	Peter McCartney	Ashleigh Bertram	\$800.00
Locally hand made cream handwoven bag	Allison Frith	Azia Bulka	\$100.00
New Breville Cup Rice Cooker	Jane Trinder	Azia Bulka	\$150.00
Deluxe Quad Fold Hammock	Lee Hegarty	Azia Bulka	\$200.00
Resin Charcuterie Board (Tasmanian Blackwood) & 6 Resin Coasters	Shane & Tania Charlston	Bree Waller	\$252.00
Satay Set	The Islanders Homestay	Bree Waller	\$125.00
1 x Lagoon Trolling pack	Shorefire Christmas Island	Broc Wright	\$251.00
Anamirah's Chunky Cookies	Anamirah Abdin (Mak Husaini)	Caitlin Dennis	\$177.00
3 Course Dinner for 4, including cocktails	Jack Clunies-Ross & Amy Rossbach	Caitlin Dennis	\$601.00
Private 3hr creative workshop in the studio for 4 people at The Big Barge Art Centre.	The Big Barge Art Centre	Caitlin Dennis	\$617.00
10 x medium Pizzas	Salty's Grill & Bakery	Chelsea Burleigh	\$222.00
Shellout' Dinner for 10 featuring Cocos Islands delicacies	Mak Iz (Seri) & Mak Nabiya (Azia)	Chempaka Brian	\$1,400.00
Brita Water Filter Jug and 9 filters	Angela Faulkner	Chempaka Brian	\$220.00
South End Lagoon Adventure	Cocosday's Captain Dan	Cindy McNear	\$400.00
Cocos Inspired Canvas Painting	Anonymous	Cindy McNear	\$200.00
Whale Tail Aqua Seaglass Necklace	A Gift From The Sea - Safira	Cindy McNear	\$60.00
Dinner for 4 at Seafront Restaurant	Seafront Restaurant - Siti Yaserie	Darling Elat	\$200.00
Weekend Getaway at The Breakers	The Breakers	Darling Elat	\$400.00
1.ORT of shipping from Fremantle to Cocos Islands	Zentner Shipping	Darling Elat	\$800.00

“THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Cocos (Keeling) Islands News (cont'd)

Berita Pulu Cocos (Keeling) (seterusnya)

DESCRIPTION	DONATED BY	WINNING BIDDER	WINNING AMOUNT
1.ORT of shipping from Fremantle to Cocos Islands Shipping	Zentner Shipping	Jack Clunies-Ross	\$362.00
Whale Tail Aqua Seaglass Necklace	A Gift From The Sea - Safira	James Scott	\$100.00
Mick Fanning Softboard Eugenie Model	Jade and Rhy Pegler	James Slater	\$350.00
Cocos Inspired Resin Art	Lee Hegarty	James Slater	\$100.00
1 x Lagoon Casting Pack	Shorefire Christmas Island	Jamil Ibram	\$250.00
World Famous Cheesecake	Nori Whichello	Jane Trinder	\$170.00
Mak Alfin's Butter Cake	Mak Alfin (Hayati)	Jane Trinder	\$150.00
Locally made rope doormat	Kaye and Terry Washer	Karla Doherty	\$300.00
Wine Selection (6 bottles)	Cocos Club	Kelly Edwards	\$289.00
2 Hours of Mitch	Mitchell Gerhard	Kelly Edwards	\$212.00
Two Seasons Beer Crafternoon for 4 people.	Graeme, Sharon, Beth and Scott	Kelly Edwards	\$507.00
Chauffeur Driven Scroungers Team for 4 Adults	Ash and Kylie James	Kelly Edwards	\$81.00
Return 'Choice' Airfare CKI - CI	David and Bianca - Island Power Co	Lanif Yakin	\$600.00
ZZ Plant (Zamioculus Zamiifolia)	Marj and John Tunnacliffe	Mahadi Adim	\$400.00
5 Course Italian Dinner Party for 8	Kel and Brad	Mardi Bertram	\$1,520.00
Sunset Soiree	Tropical Table	Mardi Bertram	\$1,410.00
Brunch for 6 in a Mystery Location	DI Divas (Lee, Narelle and Ali)	Mardi Bertram	\$1,002.00
Adidas pair of shoes	Maz & Zulaikha	Maria Medwin	\$90.00
4 x Outdoor Cushion Covers	Trish Flores	Matt Eckersley	\$50.00
Kids Birthday Party Setup	Amallia Alim	Melur Brian	\$500.00
1 x Offshore Trolling Pack	Shorefire Christmas Island	Mutalif Lofty	\$300.00
1kg of Mak Zathiya's Sweet and Spicy Nene Chicken	Zaina Hamiril	Nori Whichello	\$120.00
Weekend getaway at Cocos Seaview	Cocos Seaview and CCIT	Seri Iku	\$275.00
Delco M27 Marine Battery	Cocos Boats, Bikes and Bits	Shah Kamarduin	\$280.00
Private Cocktail Masterclass for 4 people	Cocos Club	Sharon Spring	\$465.00
Winsome's Delicious Cake	Winsome Humm	Sharon Spring	\$55.00
Picnic for Two	Cocos Picnics	Shifa Jason	\$180.00
Garden Clean-Up	Darren and Winsome Humm	Steve Lambert	\$200.00
Cocos Islands Police Challenge Coin	Cocos Islands Police	Wendy Tempest	\$25.00
5 Hours of Baby Sitting	Cindy McNear	Winsome Humm	\$200.00
Therapeutic Bowen Session or Personal Training Session	Cocos Islands Fitness - Penne Yorke	Winsome Humm	\$200.00
Mak Adi's Biscuit Cake	Mak Adi (Asma)	Zaina Hamril	\$250.00
Ketupat and Rendang Set	Mak Fawwaz	Zulaikha Jadah	\$600.00

West Island

Market Day

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE



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!



CRC VERANDAH - WEST ISLAND



Cocos (K) Islands

Community Resource Centre

your local connection



INFO SESSION

Join the nbn local team to discuss all things digital – from Sky Muster to how to get online and more. Come down to the drop in session to have a chat with the nbn team.

Bergabunglah dengan tim nbn tempatan untuk membincangkan semua perkara digital – mulai dari Sky Muster hingga cara online dan banyak lagi. Datanglah ke sesi singgahan untuk berbicara dengan tim nbn.

Home Island - Cyclone Shelter

Wednesday 28th June 2023 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Rebo 28hb June 2023 jam 4.00 - 5.00 soreh

West Island - CRC Conference Room

Friday 30th June 8.30am - 10.00am

Jumaat 30hb June jam 8.30 - 10.00 pagi

**For further information please contact the CRC
Untuk informasi lebih lanjut silahkan hubungi CRC**

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In this edition we are focusing on **Tip#7** - **How to enable your WiFi Calling on your phone.**

Do you have a mainland sim card and want to keep using your number? We may have the answer for you!

It is smart and efficient too!

Watch this space for the next tip...

Apple Phones

- 1** Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Centre or Lock Screen.
- 2** Select the rear-facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device will recognise the QR code and display a notification.
- 3** Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

Android Phones

- 1** On your compatible Android phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app.
- 2** Point the camera at the QR code.
- 3** Tap the banner that appears on your Android phone or tablet.
- 4** Follow the instructions on the screen to finish signing in.

If you can't scan the QR code, you can try to sign in another way using Google Assistant or Google Lens.





CEO update

From the CEO's Desk 02 June 2023



Council meeting: The Ordinary Meeting of Council for the month of May 2023 was held on 31 May 2023. Of particular interest to all residents will be:

- Council resolved for the month of June to recommence opening days and times of the transfer stations at current year prices for waste for the month of June 2023. This may take a couple of days to come into effect but it will provide an opportunity for anyone wishing to dispose of waste from their home prior to next financial years prices. Thank you to the West Island community members for being so forthright for this to occur and I am sure residents of both islands will welcome the move.
- Draft differential rates categories were agreed upon by Council and these will be posted at the Shire Offices on Home and West Island as well as the usual social media platforms and in the Atoll of course. Remember these are draft only and submissions are open until the 26th June 2023 at info@cocos.wa.gov.au
- In an innovative initiative, your elected members will be attending a workshop to discuss the Shire Leasing Policy, the Shire Trusts and the 1990 Memorandum of Association on Saturday the 3rd of June. This is a precursor to community consultations and survey and a visit by Civic Legal to discuss these matters with community on Home Island.

Waste Management: How pleasing to see so many of the West Island residents turn up at a meeting to discuss the introduction of a new fee structure for waste management in 2023 – 2024 financial year. Home Islanders it is your turn next and we will have a community meeting on Wednesday the 7th June 2023 at 6.30 p.m. and it would be great if we had someone from each household attend. An interpreter will be on hand to make sure everyone understands the discussions being had.

Good news is – recycle cans, Biosecurity and ABF have inspected and released the cans. No further treatment was required, and they were cleared to be collected. Hopefully this will pave the way for much more waste to be removed from the islands.

Proposed fees – the draft schedule of fees for transfer gate depositing of waste for 2023 – 2024 is as per below. Remember this is not official as the Council still needs to set the fees and charges for the next financial year.

Items	Estimated gate fees if all material deep buried	Unit
Scrap metal	\$1,002	Per m ³
E-waste	\$54	per unit
Whitegoods	-	-
Fridge	\$1,101	per unit
Air con	\$203	per unit
Washing machine	\$518	per unit
Oven	\$285	per unit
Dishwasher	\$245	per unit
Green waste	No charge	-
Hazardous chemical	\$5	per kg
Solar panel	\$204	per unit
Solar tank	\$306	per unit
Construction and demolition waste	\$1,157	per m ³
Vehicle / motorcycles	-	-
2 wheeled motorbike	\$751	per unit
Quadbikes / Buggies Vehicles < 2 tonne	\$5,806	per unit
Vehicles < 2 tonne,	\$6,635	per unit
Vehicles > 2 tonne, < 5 tonne	\$16,588	per unit
Vehicles > 5 tonne	\$24,882	per unit
Tyre	-	-
Passenger / car tyres	\$76	per unit
Truck tyre	\$303	per unit
Truck tyre large	\$454	per unit
Tractor/plant tyre	\$757	per unit
Engine oil	\$3	per litre
Battery	\$36	per unit

E-waste and not for profit charges are still being considered and will be included in the next issue of the Atoll.

Community submissions regarding waste management will be received until 19 June 2023 at info@cocos.wa.gov.au so they can be channeled into consideration by Council at its meeting on 28 June 2023.

The policing of littering or dumping of waste is something that Council Rangers will be tasked with and in the event of prosecutions the assistance of the AFP may be available.

Boat ramps: West Island – my apologies to all the boat owners, fisherman, and watersports people and boat ramp users on West Island for the lack of activity regarding getting our boat ramp on West Island sorted out. There has been a lot of discussion behind the scenes that has come to an impasse and the Shire President and I will now be raising the boat ramp issue with the appropriate Minister when we are in Canberra during June. Despite the Minister for Territories Kristy McBain, recently advising that the boat ramp near the jetty belongs to the Shire, this is not the case. As we all know, the challenge for the Shire is maintenance and keeping the ramp clear of sand and this is the discussion we will be having in Canberra.

Runway Upgrade: Earlier this week, I attended a very informative meeting with AECOM, the Department of Defence and various other departments including the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts regarding the Runway Upgrade Project. Coming out of the meeting and of interest was:

- Funding for the runway upgrade has now been approved by the Parliamentary Works Committee and for the next few months AECOM will be in the process of getting contracts finalized so works can begin in the future.
- It is expected the Material Offload Facility works will commence at the back end of 2023 and be complete by around October 2024. Up to 30 workers will be involved in construction of this facility and they will be living in accommodation normally used for tourism.
- The accommodation camp will commence to be mobilized around mid-2024 after environmental approvals are complete.
- A recent survey of the Ports area will assist the Shire and the Commonwealth to be able to commit to leases over portions of land at the Port and Sydney Highway entering onto the airport.
- A traffic management Plan is being developed for Sydney Highway for the duration of the runway upgrade and the Department of Defence is waiting on advice from Transport WA before this is finalized.
- A CHARMAP solution as to the effects of the runway upgrade is still under development.
- AECOM and the Department of Defence will be developing a Disaster Management Plan in case of monsoonal or cyclonic activity during the project. This will feed into the Disaster Management Plan for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- The Department of Defence will work with the Shire and other local businesses and organizations to maximize possible investment and economic opportunities locally.
- The next meeting with all parties will be in about 3 months and further updates will be provided then.

A lot of information to get through, so remember if you want any clarification or to discuss any of the items in this article please do not hesitate to contact me at frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au or Home Island 91626649 Mon – Thurs and West Island Friday 9162 6740.

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



CEO update

Dari Meja CEO 02 June 2023



Miting Konsel: Miting Konsel untuk bulan May 2023 diadakan pada 31 hari bulan May 2023. Yang menarik bagi semua penduduk adalah:

- *Konsel memutuskan pada bulan June untuk mulakan semula hari dan masa pembukaan tempat sampah dengan harga tahun sekarang untuk sampah bulan June 2023. Ini mungkin memakan waktu beberapa hari untuk berlaku tetapi ini akan memberi peluang kepada sesiapa yang ingin membuang sampah dari rumah mereka sebelum harga tahun keuangan berikutnya. Terima kasi kepada masyarakat Pulu Panjang yang sudah berterus terang untuk perkara ini berlaku dan pasti penduduk kedua-dua pulu akan menerima cadangan tersebut.*
- *Draf kategori perbezaan rates telah disetujui oleh Konsel dan ini akan di siarkan di Opis Shire di Kampong dan Pulu Panjang serta media sosial dan tentunya di Atoll. Ingat ini cuma acok-an dan pandangan dibuka sehingga 26hb June 2023 dan emel di info@cocos.wa.gov.au*
- *Dalam panduan kemajuan, memba konsel yang anda angkat akan menghadiri workshop untuk membincangkan Shire Leasing Policy, Shire Trusts dan 1990 Memorandum of Association pada hari Sabtu 3hb June. Ini adalah pendahuluan untuk perundingan dan survei masyarakat dan pelawatan dari Civic Legal untuk membincangkan perkara ini dengan masyarakat di Kampong.*

Pengurusan Sampah: Betapa senangnya melihat begitu banyak penduduk Pulu Panjang yang hadir pada mitingan untuk membincangkan bayaran baru untuk pengurusan sampah pada tahun keuangan 2023 – 2024. Penduduk Kampong berikutnya giliran kalian dan kami akan mengadakan mitingan masyarakat pada hari Rabu 7hb June 2023 jam 6.30 malam dan sangat bagus jika ada salah satu orang dari setiap rumah yang datang. Akan ada orang untuk melayukan pembincangan ini, supaya semua dapat faham.

Berita baiknya adalah – belek ayer jerok yang di recycle, Biosecurity dan ABF telah memeriksa dan melepaskan belek tersebut. Tidak ada rawatan lanjut yang diperlukan, dan telah dilepaskan untuk di amek. Mudah-mudahan ini akan membuka jalan untuk lebih banyak sampah untuk dibuang dari pulu.

Bayaran yang dicadangkan – rancangan bayaran untuk membuang sampah untuk tahun 2023 – 2024 adalah seperti di bawah. Ingat ini belum rasmi kerana Konsel masih perlu menetapkan caj dan bayaran untuk tahun keuangan akan datang.

Barang-barang	Perkiraan bayaran sekiranya semua material di tanam	Unit
Kepingan besi	\$1,002	Per m ³
E-waste (sampah elektronik)	\$54	Per unit
Whitegoods	-	-
Esbok	\$1,101	Per unit
Air con	\$203	Per unit
Mesin menyucik	\$518	Per unit
Oben	\$285	Per unit
Dishwasher	\$245	Per unit
Green waste	Tidak di caj	-
Kemikal berbahaya	\$5	Per kg
Solar panel	\$204	Per unit
Tangki solar	\$306	Per unit
Sampah rombak-an / cabutan	\$1,157	Per m ³
Kereta / motosikal	-	-
Motosikal roda 2	\$751	Per unit
Roda 4 / Buggies Kereta kurang dari 2 ton	\$5,806	Per unit
Kereta kurang dari 2 ton,	\$6,635	Per unit
Kereta lebih dari 2 ton, kurang dari 5 ton	\$16,588	Per unit
Kereta lebih dari 5 ton	\$24,882	Per unit
Tayar	-	-
Tayar kereta	\$76	Per unit
Tayar truck	\$303	Per unit
Tayar truck besar	\$454	Per unit
Tayar tractor/mesin besar	\$757	Per unit
Minyak injin	\$3	Per litre
Bateri	\$36	Per unit

Bayaran untuk E-waste dan bukan untuk keuntungan masih dipertimbangkan dan akan dimasukkan di Atoll yang akan datang.

Pandangan masyarakat mengenai pengurusan sampah akan diterima hingga 19 June 2023 di info@cocos.wa.gov.au supaya ia boleh di kasi untuk dipertimbangkan oleh Konsel di miting pada 28 June 2023.

Pengawal membuang sampah sembarangan adalah sesuatu yang akan ditugaskan oleh Ranger Konsel dan jika ada tuntutan bantuan dari AFP mungkin tersedia.

Boat Ramp: Pulu Panjang – mohon maaf kepada semua pemilik kolek, tukang mancing, dan orang-orang watersport serta pengguna boat ramp di Pulu Panjang karena kekurangan kerjaan untuk menyelesaikan boat ramp di Pulu Panjang. Terdapat banyak perbincangan di belakang yang menemui jalan buntu dan Presiden Konsel dan saya akan membawa masalah ini dengan Minista yang sesuai apabila kami berada di Canberra pada bulan June. Walaupun Minista untuk Territories Kristy McBain, baru-baru ini menasihatkan bahawa boat ramp dekat jetty adalah milik Shire, ini bukan kesnya. Seperti yang kita semua tahu, cabaran untuk Shire adalah menjaga dan memastikan ramp tidak terurup pasir dan perbincangan ini yang akan kami adakan di Canberra.

Runway Upgrade: Awal minggu ini, saya menghadiri mitingan yang sangat bermaklumat dengan AECOM, Department of Defence dan jabatan lain termasuk Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts berkenaan Projek Runway Upgrade. Keluar daripada miting dan yang menarik ialah:

- Funding untuk runway upgrade telah diluluskan oleh Parliamentary Works Committee dan untuk beberapa bulan yang akan datang AECOM akan dalam proses menyelesaikan kontrak supaya pekerjaan boleh dimulakan pada masa hadapan.
- Diharapkan pekerjaan Material Offload Facility akan bermula pada ujung 2023 dan siap sekitar October 2024. Sehingga 30 pekerja akan terlibat dalam membuat fasiliti ini dan mereka akan tinggal di tempat tinggal yang biasanya digunakan untuk tourism.
- Camp tempat tinggal akan mula digerakkan sekitar pertengahan 2024 selepas persetujuan environmental selesai.
- Survei baru-baru ini di kawasan Ports akan membantu Shire dan Komanwel untuk menyewakan sebagian tanah di Port dan Sydney Highway yang masuk ke airport.
- Pelan pengurusan trafik sedang dibuat untuk Sydney Highway selama runway upgrade dan Department of Defence sedang menunggu nasihat dari Transport WA sebelum ini diselesaikan.
- Penyelesaian CHARMAP mengenai kesan untuk runway upgrade sedang dibuat.
- AECOM dan Department of Defence akan membuat Disaster Management Plan sekiranya berlaku musim hujan atau seklor selama projek berlangsung. Ini akan dimasukkan ke dalam Disaster Management Plan untuk Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- Department of Defence akan bekerja sama dengan Shire dan bisnis serta organisasi tempatan yang lain untuk memaksimumkan kemungkinan investmen dan peluang ekonomi tempatan.
- Mitingan seterusnya dengan semua pihak akan diadakan dalam masa kira-kira 3 bulan dan berita lebih lanjut akan diberikan kemudian.

Banyak informasi yang harus disampaikan, jadi ingat jika anda mahukan sebarang penjelasan atau ingin membincangkan mana-mana perkara dalam artikel ini jangan ragu untuk menghubungi saya frank.mills@cocos.wa.gov.au atau di Kampong dinomor 91626649 Senin – Khamis dan di Pulu Panjang hari Jumaat dinomor 9162 6740.

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Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands



Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS FOR DIFFERENTIAL RATE CATEGORIES 2023/2024

In accordance with section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CKI)* and the Council’s “Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates and Minimum Payments”, the following information details the objects and reasons for each of the proposed differential rating categories.

SUMMARY

The following are the proposed Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands for the 2023/2024 financial year, to be effective from 1 July 2023.

Rate Category	2023/2024 Rate in Dollar (\$)	2023/2024 Minimum Payment
General Developed	0.1202	\$780
Vacant Land	0.2399	\$880
Business	0.1268	\$780

The above rate model is estimated to yield \$505,255 in rate revenue based on the information current at 30 April 2023.

WHAT ARE RATES?

Rates are a tax levied on all rateable properties within the boundaries of the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CKI)*. The overall objective of the proposed rates in the 2023/2024 Budget is to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire’s services, activities, financing costs and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire, after taking into account all other forms of revenue. The formulation of a rating system is about achieving a means by which Council can raise sufficient revenue to pay for the services it provides. Throughout Australia, the basis of using property valuations has been found to be the most appropriate means of achieving rating equity; however, the achievement of a wholly equitable rating system for all properties, in all areas, is a difficult task if it is based on the property valuations alone. For this reason, there are refinement options made available, such as differential rating, that the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands has elected to use. For the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, land is valued by Landgate Valuation Services (Valuer General’s Office – a Western Australian State Government agency) and those valuations are forwarded to each Local Government. Two types of values are calculated - Gross Rental Value (GRV) which generally applies to urban, non-rural land; and Unimproved Value which generally applies to rural land. The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands only has properties valued on a GRV basis.

RATING PROVISIONS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 (WA) (CKI)

The *Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CKI)* sets out the basis on which differential general rates may be based as follows:

Section 6.32. Rates and service charges

(1) When adopting the annual budget, a local government –

a) in order to make up the budget deficiency, is to impose a general rate on rateable land within its district, which rate may be imposed either –*

(i) uniformly; or

(ii) differentially

DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Section 6.33. Differential general rates

(1) A local government may impose differential general rates according to any, or a combination, of the following characteristics –

(a) the purpose for which the land is zoned, whether or not under a local planning scheme or improvement scheme in force under the Planning and Development Act 2005; or

(b) a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government; or

(c) whether or not the land is vacant land; or

(d) any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.

(2) Regulations may –

(a) specify the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is to use; or

(b) limit the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is permitted to use.

(3) In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.

(4) If during a financial year, the characteristics of any land which form the basis for the imposition of a differential general rate have changed, the local government is not to, on account of that change, amend the assessment of rates payable on that land in respect of that financial year but this subsection does not apply in any case where section 6.40(1)(a) applies.

(5) A differential general rate that a local government purported to impose under this Act before the Local Government Amendment Act 2009 section 39(1)(a) came into operation is to be taken to have been as valid as if the amendment made by that paragraph had been made before the purported imposition of that rate.

MINIMUM PAYMENTS

Section 6.35. Minimum Payment

(1) Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.

(2) A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.

(3) In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —

(a) 50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or

(b) 50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.

(4) A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —

(a) the number of separately rated properties in the district; or

(b) the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.

(5) If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.

(6) For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories —

(a) to land rated on gross rental value; and

(b) to land rated on unimproved value; and

(c) to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.

GROSS RENTAL VALUE (GRV)

Council has adopted differential rates in its Gross Rental Valuation area utilising the valuations supplied by the Valuer General (VG) for the following categories:

- GRV General Developed
- GRV Vacant Land
- GRV Business

The rates in the dollar are based on the general valuation as supplied by the Valuer General (VG) in respect of gross rental values (GRV's) effective from 1 July 2019. The Valuer General is required to maintain valuations of all rateable land in Western Australia for rating and taxing purposes. These values are assessed every three years by Landgate Valuers to complete what is known as a General Valuation. Every property is valued at a date set by the Valuer General and this is referred to as the Date of Valuation. Rating valuations are therefore assessed at a snapshot in time reflecting the property market for the local area at the same time. This ensures consistency and fairness in the allocation of rates.

The current GRV has a date of valuation of 1 August 2018. The GRV is determined by collecting rental evidence to determine the fair rental value for each property. The rental value for a house or other GRV property will be influenced by factors such as age, construction, size, car shelters, pools and location. As the GRV is currently assessed every three years, despite possible changes to the rental market, the GRV remains fixed until the next general valuation.

PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES AND GENERAL MINIMUM PAYMENTS

Following are the objects and reasons for each of the differential rating categories and minimum payments for the 2023/2024 financial year.

GENERAL DEVELOPED

Characteristics

This category covers residential, special use and other properties where no commercial activity is occurring and is not being advertised as holiday accommodation.

Objects

The object of the rate for this category is to be the base rate by which all other GRV rated properties are assessed.

Reasons

The reason is that the other GRV rating categories have a higher demand on Shire resources and vacant land is encouraged to be developed.

The proposed rate in the dollar for this category is 0.1202, with a minimum payment of \$780.

GRV VACANT LAND

Characteristics

This category includes all properties that have no improvements other than merged improvements as defined in the Valuation of Land Act 1978.

Objects

The object of the rate for this category is to encourage landowners to develop residential vacant land and to reflect the different method used for the valuation of vacant residential land as compared to the GRV General Developed rate category.

Reasons

The reason is that the Shire wants to promote and encourage landowners to develop vacant land to its full potential, thereby stimulating growth.

The proposed rate in the dollar for this category is 0.2399, with a minimum payment of \$880.

GRV BUSINESS

Characteristics

This applies to properties zoned commercial and industrial or on all other properties where commercial activity is the main use or all or a portion of the property is being used as holiday accommodation.

Objects

The object of the rate for this category is to raise additional revenue to fund the costs associated with the higher level of service provided to properties in this category.

Reasons

The reason is that the Shire incurs higher costs to service these areas including infrastructure, landscaping and other amenities. In addition, extra costs are also associated with tourism and economic development activities that have a benefit to these ratepayers.

The proposed rate in the dollar for this category is 0.1268, with a minimum payment of \$780.

MINIMUM PAYMENT

The Shire proposes to impose following minimum payments for each differential rating category:

Rate Category	2023/2024 Minimum Payment
General Developed	\$780
Vacant Land	\$880
Business	\$780

The object of the minimum payment is to ensure that all ratepayers make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire’s services, activities, financing costs, and current and future capital requirements.

Submissions by ratepayers and electors in relation to the proposed differential rates may be made to council within twenty one (21) days and close 5pm on Sunday 26th June 2023.

Submissions can be made by emailing info@cocos.wa.gov.au

Green Waste Tip

Garden Organics only



Palm fronds



Coconuts



Garden prunings



No household rubbish



No cardboard



No broken furniture



For more information
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
+61 8 9162 6649 <https://shire.cc/en/>

Towards Zero Waste

Sampah Daun/Pokok

Barang kebun sahaja



Atap



Kelapa



Pokok/Carang



Sampah rumah



Bok



Bekakas rumah



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Towards Zero Waste



It was a thrilling day on CKI as the Australian Federal Police (AFP) held their very first Police Open Day on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The event drew a vibrant crowd, consisting of both the local West and Home Island communities, who eagerly flocked to be a part of the action.

The highlight for the kids was undoubtedly the chance to experience the police boat, cars, and even the mighty Manitou up close and personal. Their faces lit up with joy as they climbed into these impressive vehicles, cherishing every moment. But the excitement didn't stop there! Everyone, young and old, seized the opportunity to capture memories in the authentic police cells. In fact, a few adventurous parents even jokingly offered to leave their mischievous children overnight in those cells!

However, the ultimate adrenaline rush came from sitting in a police car, sirens blaring and lights flashing, as it sped down the airport runway. The kids unanimously declared this once-in-a-lifetime experience as the pinnacle of their day.

The much-anticipated raffle draw for police legacy prizes took place, and the lucky winners were revealed:

1st Prize: Ange Faulkner 2nd Prize: Karla Doherty 3rd Prize: Vicki Lauritsen

In addition, the title of "Best Police Dressed Kid" was awarded to the stylish Olive Faulkner. She truly embodied the spirit of law enforcement!

The Officer in Charge (OIC) expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts to make the day a remarkable success. The event's triumph would not have been possible without the generous contributions from numerous individuals and organisations who provided incredible prizes.

Lastly, the OIC Jeff Cukon extended his sincere appreciation to the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day. Their dedication did not go unnoticed, hopefully we can do it all again next year.



“THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Cocos Community News (cont'd)

Berita Masyarakat Cocos (seterusnya)



The 2023 Cocos Islands Golf Open was held on the weekend of the 27th/28th May with the wonderful support of Altitude Island Logistics, CKI Tourism Association, Office of the Administrator, Happy Jacks, Cocos Club, Saltmakers by the Sea, Toll and the Shire of Cocos Islands.

Thursday afternoon saw the weather clear and a large group venture out for Scroungers and finetune their swings. The winners on the day were Kylie, Ash, Lee, Max & Gerry with an excellent 30 strokes over 9 holes.

Saturday saw a great turnout for our 3 ball Ambrose day followed by a huge BBQ lunch and some cool refreshments. The scoring was competitive, with all teams finishing within 2 strokes of each other. 1st place went to the Whichello's, 2nd to Luke/Dan/Damon and 3rd to Dave/Max/Gerry.

Sunday's stroke event was held in excellent golfing conditions, although the heat got to some!
1st Place went to Ash James with a ridiculous net 65.
2nd Place was David Spencer with a net 66, a score that would not usually be beaten!
3rd Place was Damon Leite Da Cunha with a very competitive net 68.
Best gross was Luke Doherty with an 84.

It was wonderful to see some new faces down at the Donga. Thanks to all who contributed to a great event, and we are looking forward to next year!

Luke Doherty
Club President





ACT OF SELF DETERMINATION DAY



SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2023

The Commonwealth service delivery provider for Environmental and Water Resource services is the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation- DWER. DWER will be on Cocos (Keeling) Islands from 6 to 9 June 2023 to undertake environment regulatory duties.

The purpose of this trip is to work with the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands environmental officer Thomas Battcher and the commercial businesses on Home and West Island to ensure compliance with the WA Plan for Plastics regulations. Compliance with the reduction of single use plastics is essential to ensuring sustainable environments.

If you wish to discuss any environmental or natural water resource matters while DWER is on island, please email: tim.francis@dwer.wa.gov.au to arrange a time.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 39th Act of Self-Determination Day on Home Island Foreshore near House 1, Saturday 10th June. A special ferry is provided leaving Home Island at 7.30am, arrive and depart West Island at 8.00am. We want visitors and locals joining in on the traditional dancing, jukung sailing, making coconut baskets and sharing our Cocos Malay delicious food.

Semua masyarakat di jumpat untuk merayakan Hari 3 Pilihan (ASDD) di tepi laut Kampong Baru mana rumah no.1 pada hari Sabtu 10hb June. Special ferry akan di adakan, lepas Home Island jam 7.30pagi, sampai dan lepas Pulu Panjang jam 8.00pagi. Harap kita dapat bersama-sama merayakanya dengan pelumbahan jukung, berdangsa adat Cocos, buat keroso dan sebagainya.

Thank you / Terima Kasih
Persatuan Kebudayaan Pulu Kokos (PKPK)





**SeaCountry
Solutions**

Job Opening: Marine Research Assistant

Are you passionate about the ocean and marine research?

Do you have experience in, or are willing to learn, how to collect ecological data on marine species, habitats and ecosystems?

If you're looking for an exciting opportunity to work on marine research projects and contribute to the sustainable management of marine resources in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, then this job could be perfect for you!

Sea Country Solutions, in partnership with Cocos Marine Care, is seeking a Marine Research Assistant to join our team on a casual, fixed-term basis for 25 hours per week (on average) for 12 months. As a Research Assistant, you will play a key role in conducting marine social and ecological research into seagrass restoration, coral reef ecosystems, human-shark interactions, ocean use and marine habitat mapping.

Your ordinary hours of work will be around 10 – 15 hours a week where you'll contribute to ecological monitoring, data entry and community engagement. You will also need to be available for full-time hours during approx. 10 week-long periods over the next year to support data collection while scientists are on island.

This is a unique opportunity to work on challenging but fulfilling research projects that will contribute to sustainable marine resource management at CKI!

Our ideal candidate will have:

- Passion for ensuring the sustainable use of the CKI ocean environment.
- Experience or interest in learning how to collect marine ecological data.
- A solid understanding of the CKI marine environment, including key species and habitats.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Competency in Microsoft Office applications, including Word and Excel.
- Physically fit and able to work outside and participate in manual field activities, including the ability to pass a swimming/snorkeling fitness test.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a part of a team and show initiative.
- Current (or able to obtain) First Aid provider, valid driver's license (class C unrestricted) and Working with Children check.
- Fluent in English and Bahasa Pulu Cocos (Cocos Malay)
- *Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal or higher boating qualification (desirable but not required)*
- *Current open water SCUBA diving qualifications or willing to obtain (desirable but not required)*

Key duties:

- Assist lead scientists in conducting marine social and ecological research related to seagrass, coral reefs, human-shark interactions, ocean use, and marine habitat mapping.
- Support scientists in collecting ecological data on marine habitats, species and ecosystems, including from boats and in the water (snorkeling, wading).
- Provide logistical support for community engagement activities related to marine science and management, including organising community events, training and meetings.
- Assist the Fisheries Ranger in collecting key fisheries data and delivering community and visitor education to promote awareness of fishing rules.
- Effectively communicate research data, project activities and outcomes to the local community.
- Assist in the preparation of research reports and presentations.

Don't meet all the qualifications or preferred skills listed in the job description? Training is available. If this opportunity sounds like it aligns with your skills, passions and values, we still encourage you to apply!

We are offering a competitive salary of \$29.96 – \$31.85 per hour (depending on experience), plus 25% casual loading, a supportive work environment and the opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge in the field of marine science and conservation.

To apply for the role, please email your CV and brief cover letter detailing your relevant skills and experience to Dr Kendra Thomas Travaille at kendra@seacountrysolutions.org. Applications close at 8p (AWST) on Wed 14 June 2023. Sea Country Solutions is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all backgrounds.

About Sea Country Solutions:

Sea Country Solutions is a dynamic, interdisciplinary team that brings together science, community engagement and management to develop actionable solutions for complex ocean-related challenges. We focus on designing and conducting marine science and research, marine planning, collaborating with local communities. At Sea Country Solutions, we believe in a collaborative approach to problem-solving that engages diverse perspectives and expertise.

We work alongside **Cocos Marine Care** for all our projects at Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Cocos Marine Care was established in 2021 with the aim to ensure the sustainable management and use of the CKI marine environment for the local community. Cocos Marine Care is dedicated to empowering the community to act as custodians of their land and marine areas.

“LAWA's IOTs Service is fully funded by the Australian Government”

Fines and enforcing fines V

These are short articles about legal issues that may interest you. They are not legal advice. You should always get individual legal advice for your situation.

This article will continue to look at ways that the Fines Enforcement Registry can take action for your fine debt if you have an unpaid fine. The two actions discussed in this article are not quite the same as the other enforcement options to recover the debt from you.

A fine expiation order will reduce or clear your fine. The publication of your details on FER's website does not enforce the fine. We will look at these two actions below.

Fine expiation order (reducing your fine by time spent in custody)

If you have been or are in custody (in gaol, on remand for a criminal charge that has not been finalised, or in police custody) and have unpaid fines, you can apply for a fine expiation order. A fine expiation order cannot apply to time spent in custody before 29 September 2020.

A fine expiation order is an order that reduces your fine debt by a certain amount per day for each day spent in custody. It is often called “cutting out” the fine.

You make the application on the FER webpage. You will be told whether or not your application is successful and by how much your unpaid fine can be reduced.

The FER can make a Fine Expiation order if they think:

- You currently do not have the financial means to pay your fine debt and
- You currently do not have enough personal property that can be sold by the Sherriff under an enforcement warrant to pay your fine debt and
- If you are currently in gaol, it is unlikely that you will be able to pay your fine or have enough personal property to be sold by the Sherriff under an enforcement warrant to pay your fine debt within a reasonable time after you leave gaol or
- If you were previously in gaol but have been released and you make an application for a Fine Expiation order, it is unlikely that you will be able to pay the fine debt or acquire enough personal property to be sold by the Sherriff under an enforcement warrant to satisfy your fine debt within a reasonable time.

The Fines Enforcement Registry can publish your details about your fine on its website

In certain circumstances the FER may publish details about you and your fine debt on its website if the time limit within which the fine must be paid (28 days) has expired.

The FER can publish details about you on the Registrar's website. The details that can be published include your full name, your address, whether there are outstanding registered fines and how much you owe in total. There are some other details they can publish.

The FER **cannot** publish any details if:

- you have a time to pay order,
- are appealing the fine to the court or
- you have been given a stay of execution on an enforcement warrant.

The FER also **cannot** publish any details if:

- you are under 18 years old
- you are a person protected under a violence restraining order or police order
- if publication might put you in danger, or
- if an existing court order made in the court proceedings where the fine was imposed says that the details cannot be published.

If your details are published on the website, the FER must remove your details as soon as possible from the website after you pay the outstanding amount.

Annie Gray Legal Aid WA

“Serbis LAWAs IOTs dibiayai sepenuhnya oleh Kerajaan Australia”

Denda dan penguatkuasaan denda V

Ini adalah artikel pendek mengenai perkara undang-undang yang mungkin menarik untuk anda. Ini bukan nasihat undang-undang. Anda mesti selalu mendapatkan nasihat undang-undang sendiri untuk keadaan anda.

Artikel ini akan terus melihat cara Fines Enforcement Registry boleh mengambil tindakan untuk hutang denda anda jika anda mempunyai denda yang belum dibayar. Dua tindakan yang dibincangkan dalam artikel ini tidak sama dengan pilihan penguatkuasaan lain untuk mendapatkan semula hutang dari anda.

Perintah penebusan denda akan mengurangkan dan menghabiskan denda anda. Mengeluarkan detail anda di website FER tidak menguatkuasakan denda. Kami akan melihat dua tindakan ini di bawah.

Perintah penebusan denda (mengurangkan denda anda dengan masa yang dihabiskan dalam tahanan)

Jika anda pernah atau berada dalam tahanan (dalam kurungan, dalam tahanan untuk tuduhan kriminal yang belum diselesaikan, atau dalam tahanan polis) dan ada denda yang belum dibayar, anda boleh memohon untuk mendapatkan perintah penebusan denda. Perintah penebusan denda tidak boleh digunakan untuk masa yang dihabiskan dalam tahanan sebelum 29 September 2020.

Perintah penebusan denda adalah perintah yang mengurangkan hutang denda anda dengan jumlah tertentu setiap hari untuk setiap hari yang dihabiskan dalam tahanan. Ini sering dipanggil “memotong” denda.

Anda buat permohonan di halaman web FER. Anda akan di kasitahu sama ada permohonan anda berjaya atau tidak dan berapa banyak denda yang belum dibayar boleh dikurangkan.

FER boleh membuat perintah Penebusan Denda jika mereka fikir:

- Anda saat ini tidak mempunyai kemampuan keuangan untuk membayar hutang denda anda dan
- Anda saat ini tidak mempunyai harta peribadi yang mencukupi yang boleh dijual oleh Sherriff di bawah surat perintah penguatkuasaan untuk membayar hutang denda anda dan
- Jika saat ini anda ada dalam kurungan, kemungkinan besar anda tidak akan dapat membayar denda anda atau mempunyai harta peribadi yang cukup untuk dijual oleh Sherriff di bawah surat perintah penguatkuasaan untuk membayar hutang denda anda dalam masa yang wajar selepas anda keluar kurungan atau
- Jika sebelum ini anda berada dalam kurungan tetapi telah dibebaskan dan anda membuat permohonan untuk perintah Penghapusan Denda, tidak mungkin anda akan boleh membayar hutang denda atau memiliki properti peribadi yang cukup untuk dijual oleh Sherriff di bawah surat perintah penguatkuasaan untuk membayar hutang denda anda dalam masa yang wajar.

Fines Enforcement Registry boleh mengeluarkan detail tentang denda anda di website mereka

Dalam keadaan tertentu FER boleh mengeluarkan detail tentang anda dan hutang denda anda di website mereka jika batas waktu pembayaran denda (28 days) telah berakhir.

FER boleh mengeluarkan detail tentang anda di website Registrar. Detail yang boleh dikeluarkan termasuk nama penuh anda, alamat anda, apakah ada denda diregista yang belum dibayar dan sebanyak berapa hutang anda. Terdapat beberapa detail lain yang boleh mereka keluarkan.

FER **tidak boleh** keluarkan detail apa pun jika:

- anda ada perintah masa untuk membayar,
- sedang merayu denda kepada mahkamah atau
- anda telah dikasi penangguhan pelaksanaan atas surat penguatkuasaan.

FER juga **tidak boleh** keluarkan detail apa pun jika:

- anda berumur di bawah 18 tahun
- anda adalah orang yang dilindungi di bawah perintah penahanan kekerasan atau perintah polis
- jika publikasi boleh membahayakan anda, atau
- jika perintah mahkamah yang ada dibuat dalam proses mahkamah di mana denda dijatuhkan mengatakan bahawa detail anda tidak boleh disiarkan.

Jika detail anda di keluarkan/disiarkan di website, FER harus menghapus detail anda secepat mungkin dari website selepas anda membayar jumlah terhutang.

Annie Gray Bantuan Hukum WA



Covid Booster Immunisations

Over the last few weeks, Cocos Islanders have asked us,
Am I able to get a covid booster?



All adults can get a booster if it's been 6 months or longer since your last COVID-19 booster or confirmed infection (whichever is most recent) for additional protection against severe illness from COVID.

This is particularly recommended for people at higher risk of severe illness, including:

- everyone 65 years and over
- everyone 18 years and over with medical comorbidities, disability or complex health needs.

Children and young people aged 5 to 17 years can get a booster dose if:

- they have a health condition that put them at risk of severe illness, and
- if it's been 6 months since their last dose or COVID-19 infection.

The clinical team can help you decide if your child should receive a booster.

Booster doses are not recommended at this time for children and adolescents under 18 years of age who do not have any risk factors for severe COVID-19.

Please register your interest by phoning the Home Island or West Island Clinic so we can book you in for your booster. Immunizations are available at both clinics.
We will aim to book boosters in groups of 6 people to reduce wastage.

Influenza Immunisations

Influenza is a common disease of the respiratory tract. It affects people of all ages. Influenza is the most common vaccine-preventable disease in Australia. Although it can be a mild disease, it can also cause very serious illness in otherwise healthy people. It can require hospitalisation and can cause death.

COVID-19 vaccines can be co-administered (i.e. on the same day) with an influenza vaccine.

All Cocos Island residents aged 6 months and over are Eligible for free Influenza Immunisation ongoing for the month of June.

Influenza Immunisations are available at both Home Island and West Island Clinics. Any further questions regarding immunisation – book an appointment with your GP or Nurse

Information about influenza (flu) disease, vaccines and recommendations for vaccination has been taken from the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

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

Blast From The Past



These are the entries from the competition to design the CCI flag in 2002.

Photo Source:
Cocos As it Was

Did You Know

In the olden days Pokok Ketapang which also know as Sea Almond (*Terminalia Catappa*) is used as a source of diet. The fruit and seed can be eaten.

An all time favourite is the Ketapang Ganting. Cooked same way as a toffee but slightly burnt, once the sugar is ready you add the seeds and stir so all seed is covered in candy.

Cocos Malay Dictionary

Drink - Minum

Eat - Makan

Sleep - Tidur

Shower - Mandik

Walk - Jalan

Run - Lari

Cut - Potong

Open - Bukak

Close - Tutup

Thoughts of The Week

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark.

– Rabindranath Tagore

“You will either step forward into growth, or you will step back into safety

– Abraham Maslow

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.

– Ella Fitzgerald

It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe.

– Muhammad Ali

The best way out is always through.

– Robert Frost



Fun Facts

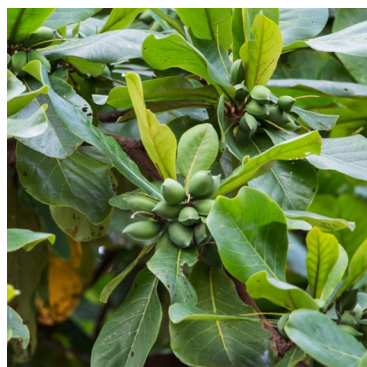
Terminalia catappa is a large tropical tree in the leadwood tree family.

It is also known as Sea almond and the Malay name is Pokok Ketapang.

The fruit is a drupe long and broad, green at first, then yellow and finally red when ripe, containing a single seed.

The leaves are large, long and broad, ovoid, glossy dark green and leathery. They are dry-season deciduous; before falling, they turn pinkish-reddish or yellow-brown

The fruit is edible. Seeds are edible raw or cooked when ripe and tare small and difficult to extract.



DIY

Reusable Dryer Sheets

- Used dish towels or scraps of cotton cloth
- 1 cup distilled white vinegar
- 15-20 drops essential oil of your preference
- Scissors
- Sealable container

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the towels into squares, about the size of your outstretched hand. Fold in thirds.
2. In a sealable container, add the vinegar and essential oil, then simply place your folded towels in so that one end of each touches the vinegar. They will automatically begin to soak up the mixture.
3. Keep the container sealed and simply select a towel or two to add to your dryer for each load.
4. When the container dries up and the towels have been used, simply add more vinegar and essential oil and put the towels back in!



Cocos Resident Profile



Name: Chelsea Burleigh
Place of Birth: Perth

Besides Cocos, where have you resided or visited?

I've lived in Perth, Monkey Mia, Wanaka NZ, and the Sunny Coast in QLD! I have travelled a fair bit so far but a few of my favourite places I've visited are Sri Lanka, Japan and Croatia.

What were you doing before?

I was originally studying Exercise Science before I moved to Cocos at the start of 2018, and I've not been able to stay away ever since! I've had too many different jobs to count in my time here! I completed my Cert 4 in Fitness and worked at F45 in QLD last year, which was my longest time away from the islands.

What are you doing now?

Managing the Cocos Club with Amy and finishing off my Pilates instructor course.

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

- The ease of going for a surf/swim/fish/snorkel without spending hours in the car
- The fact that it's easier to walk into someone's house to speak to them than send them a message.
- Camping trips without internet

What are the things that you would like to do on Cocos that you haven't had the chance to?

Step foot on North Keeling!

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

Finally catching my sailfish! Thanks to Jack C-R for being very persistent, after 3 failed attempts and Jack learning how to tie knots – I finally got one in the boat in 2021!

Favourite sport/activity?

Sunset surfs

Favourite 3 places on Cocos?

South Island, The Shack and anywhere in the water!

Favourite Cocos food?

Fresh tuna!

If you could change Cocos what would you do first?

Let there be at least one community dog...

List some of the things you are passionate about?

Travel, the ocean, meeting new people.



2023 AFL Broadcast Guide Cocos Keeling Islands Time

ROUND 12

Match	Channel	Time
Friday 2		
Carlton VS Melbourne	Channel 7	4.20pm
Saturday 3		
West Coast Eagles VS Collingwood	Channel 7	10.05am
Fremantle VS Hawthorn	Channel 7	3.55pm
Sunday 4		
Collingwood VS Sydney Swans	Channel 7	11.50am

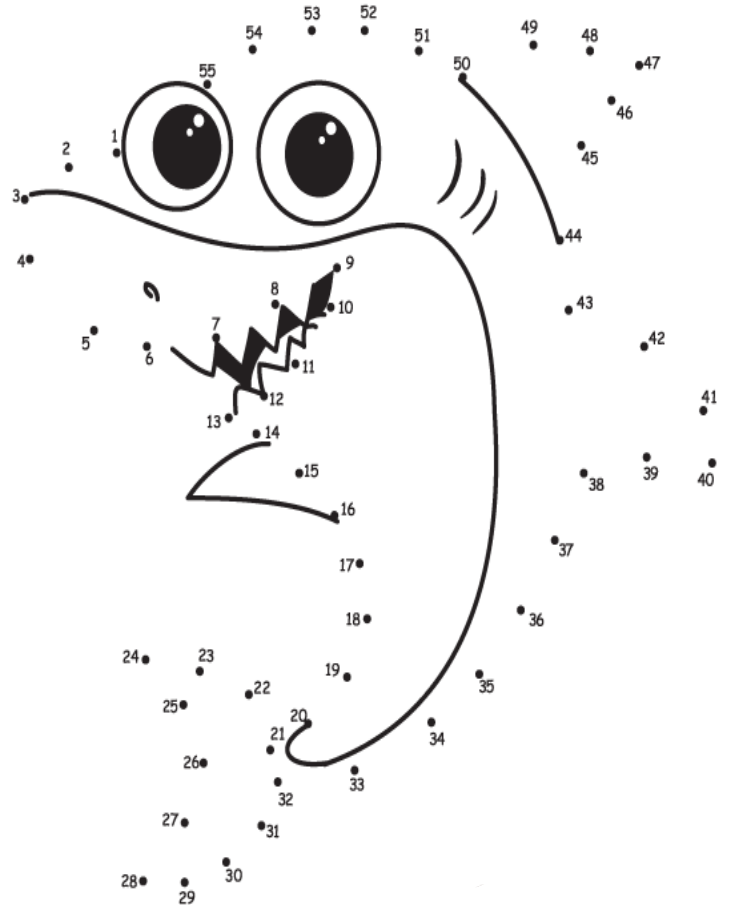
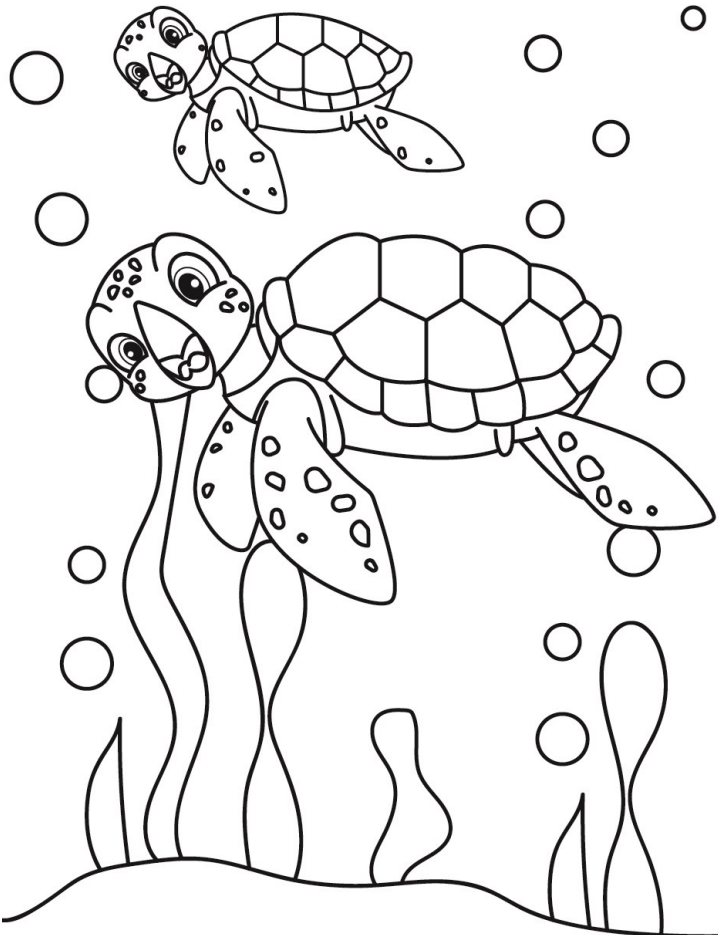
ROUND 13

Friday 9		
Sydney Swans VS St Kilda	Channel 7	3.10pm
Saturday 10		
Adelaide Crows VS West Coast Eagles	Channel 7	1.05pm
Fremantle VS Richmond	Channel 7	3.55pm
Sunday 11		
Carlton VS Essendon	Channel 7	3.45pm
Monday 12		
Melbourne VS Collingwood	Channel 7	11.50am

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Games Page (cont'd)

Halaman Permainan (seterusnya)



100 WORD Word Searches

V F C H T P W N F E F K P K E J E T G J T B M D
 D Z A M Q O L A S T D W D I H I M B E J V A S C
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Spot the Difference

Spot 7 differences between the two pictures.



ZAP	TOP	WET	YET	YES	YOUR	HER
WERE	WAS	WITH	WENT	WE	THAT	DID
THE	TO	SAID	SHE	SEE	ROB	RUN
RAN	RAM	RAT	PUG	PEN	PET	PIN
PIT	PAN	PAT	PLAY	ON	OF	HIM
NUT	NAP	NET	NO	NOT	MUST	KIT
MET	MAP	MAT	MAN	MOM	MY	OR
LOT	LAP	LAST	LOOK	LIKE	KIN	ALL
JOB	JUST	JAB	JET	JUMP	IF	AN
IN	HIT	HAS	HAM	HIS	HAD	LET
HAVE	HERE	GET	GO	FROM	FOR	IS
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ARE	AT	AND	A	POT	THIS	DAD
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A Cocos Moment



Photos: Top left - 3 Pahlawan (3 heroes) - Winner of Hari Raya Jukung Race, Bottom left - Winner (draw) of Boating Hardware Cocos Cup
Top right and bottom right: Malam Cahaya Aidil Fitri hosted by PKPK
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Cocos “Feel Good” Stories

Birthdays/Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday Almira! Love from the CRC xx
Happy Birthday Fifi xx
Happy Birthday Kak Atik xx*

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- Not defamatory or inflammatory

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2023 COCOS ISLANDS COMMUNITY EVENTS

1 - 2 JUNE

Info Session - WI
Cocos Islands CRC

JUNE (TBC)

Arts Exhibition
Shire of CKI

15 OCTOBER

Beach Clean Up
Home & West Island

1 DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Lighting
Shire of CKI

10 JUNE

Self Determination Day
PKPK

26 JULY

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

21 - 28 OCTOBER

Cocos Olympics
Cocos Club

6 DECEMBER

International Day of
People with Disability
Shire of CKI

24 JUNE

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

28 JULY

Community Planting Day
Shire of CKI

22 OCTOBER

CIDHS P&C Fete
Home Island School

13 DECEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

24 JUNE

Black Robin
Scout Park

30 AUGUST

Shire Council Meeting
Cocos Islands CRC

25 OCTOBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

16 DECEMBER

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

28 JUNE

HI Info Session - NBN
Cocos Islands CRC

16 SEPTEMBER

Sports Carnival
CIDHS

OCTOBER (TBC)

Sculptures By The Sea
Shire of CKI

28 JUNE

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

20 SEPTEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

7-11 NOVEMBER

Celebrating Our Seniors
Shire of CKI

28 JUNE

WI Info Session - NBN
Cocos Islands CRC

23 SEPTEMBER

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

22 NOVEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Cocos Islands CRC

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