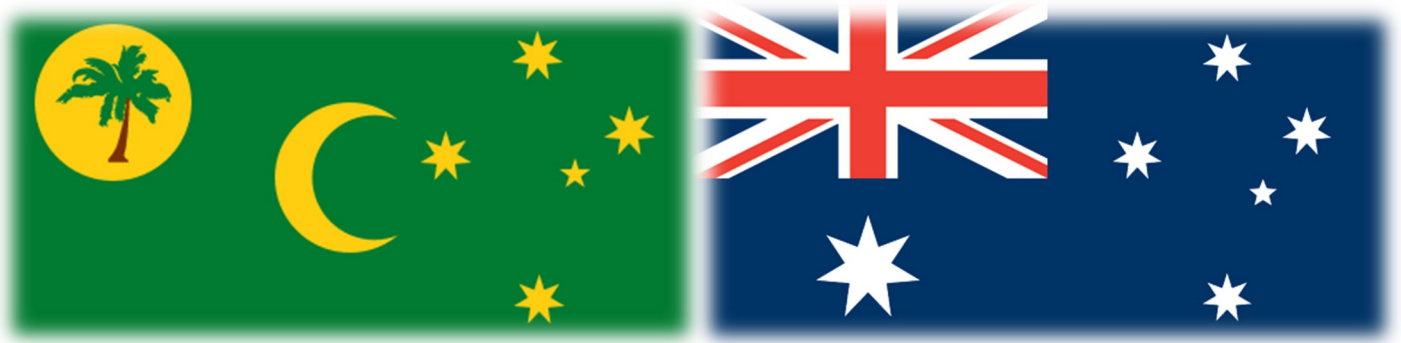


“THE ATOLL” COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st October 2022 – Thursday 3rd November 2022



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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CRC 20th Anniversary 2022

The CRC celebrated it's 20th anniversary with the community and visitors. School workshops, Market Day, Dig The Dust, Dancing, Singing and Jamming.

Photos by Kelly Edwards, Rohan Newton, Almira Arkrie & Chempaka Brian

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Barefoot Ball 2022

It was the most magical night! Well done to the Yacht Club and volunteers for their hard work.

Photo Source: Penne Yorke



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Cocos (Keeling) Islands News

Berita Pulu Cocos (Keeling)



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We hope everyone enjoyed the performances by “Dig the Dust”!

A thank you to the following for making our week of events possible:



- Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development for special funding
- Cocos Islands District High School for the use of musical equipment
- Cocos Islands Shire Council for use of the cyclone shelter, equipment and light tower
- Cocos Islands Youth Group for an amazing Market Day
- Altitude for securing flights for the band
- Dept of Infrastructure, Linx and Cocos Coop for the late ferry
- Dig the Dust for every fantastic performance and work shops with the school
- School band for the wonderful performance
- CRC Committee and staff for the hard work behind the scenes
- Rohan for his photography skills
- Cocos Community for your enthusiasm



Rainfall Stats

Latest to 21 October 2022:

October Statistics

19.4mm

(not accurate)

Latest 2022 Statistics:

1687.6mm

(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

- 👍 Thank you to everyone involve for making the Barefoot Ball a magical one, even the moon was with us.
- 👍 A BIG thank you to CRC for an awesome anniversary.
- 👍 Thank you Shire of Cocos Keeling islands for the Market Day.
- 👍 Thank you to those who attended the beach clean up .
- 👍 Thank you Dig The Dust for the amazing performances.



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



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After a busy weekend of celebrating our 20th Anniversary the CRC hosted a Cake, Cuppa & Connect session on Wednesday, 19th October with the Seniors group as part of the Get Online Week campaign on Home Island.

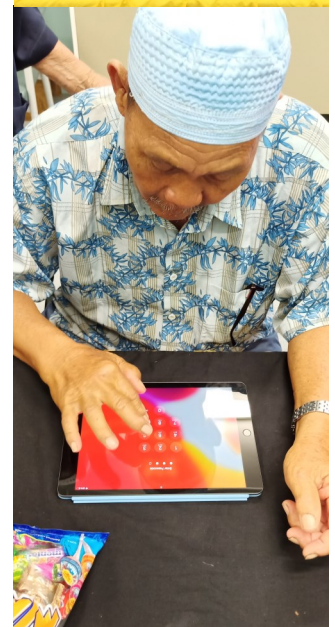
Again, the seniors had a wonderful time trying and learning new things. The CRC organised some activity for the attendees to do such as origami - paper fan, plane and boat by following tutorials on YouTube, how to switch on an iPad, how to take photo on an iPad and played fun games on the iPad like Bubbleshooter and Fishing. The finished origami was hanged in the Senior's centre as a décor.

Morning tea was served after the session, the attendees were treated with yummy food, cupcakes and gift bags.

We would like to thank Suka & Duka (seniors group) and IOGTA for attending our Cake, Cuppa & Connect session, Seafront Restaurant for catering the yummy food and Nek Tiara for the great music!

We hope to see you at next years Cake, Cuppa & Connect session.

CRC Team





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AGM

Annual General Meeting

The Cocos (K) Islands Community Resource Centre will hold it's AGM on

Wednesday 16th November 2022
4.30pm - CRC verandah

Finger food and refreshments provided.

Please come along to show your support for your local CRC.

The Australian Government, through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Territories Division, provides funding to the Cocos (K) Islands Community Resource Centre to provide services to the Indian Ocean Territories



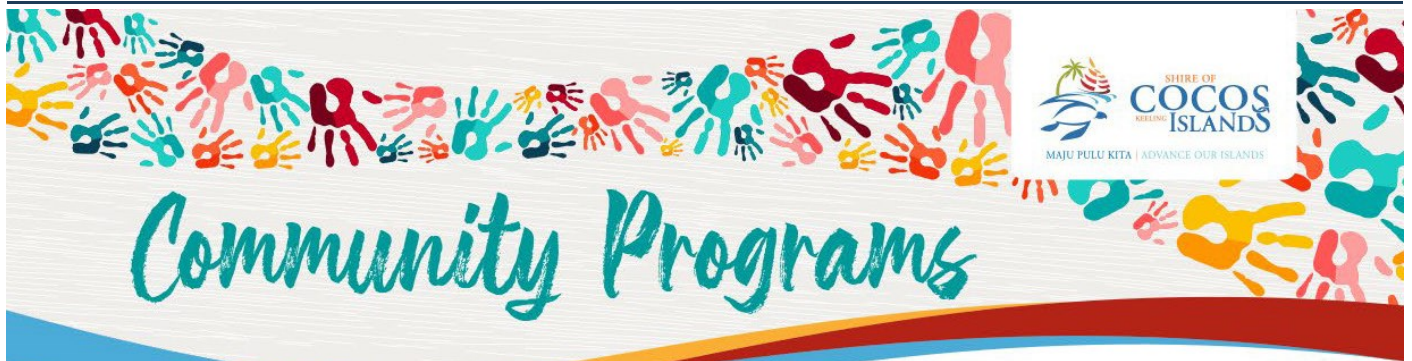
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International Day of People with Disability

The Shire would like to host an event to support people with disabilities. It will be aligned with the International Day of People with Disability IDPwD. The event will be held on the 30th of November 2022. We will hold the event in the Home Island Cyclone Shelter. We would like to invite the community and key stakeholders to attend. The event will increase public awareness and understanding and acceptance of people with disability. To advocate for an accessible and inclusivity community for all people.

An accessible and inclusive community is one in which people with disability are afforded equal opportunities, rights and responsibilities as other people in the community.

The Australian Government has been supporting IDPwD since 1996. We hope you can join us.

Adim Hajat
Community Development Coordinator





Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

STARTING A FOOD BUSINESS

The following information will help you to understand food laws that you need to comply with when getting started in the food industry such as running a food business from home.

Home based food businesses

Certain food businesses may operate from a residential house such as:

- B&Bs
- Food prepared for fundraising events
- Online food sales from home
- Preparing food for local markets

If you prepare food for sale or sell food in a residential home, you are deemed to be a food business under the *Food Act 2008*.

Therefore you must:

- Comply with all food laws and
- Register or notify your food business with the Shire.

Food Laws – legislation and standards

The purpose of food legislation and standards is to make sure that food for sale is safe and suitable to eat so that people don't get sick.

It is important that you understand and comply with food legislation before operating your business.

Registration of a food business

Before operating your food business, you need to register or notify your business with the Shire.

This includes temporary food businesses such as a market stall, mobile food vans, home based food businesses and fundraisers.

By law, a food business must not start operating without registering, otherwise enforcement action, including prosecution, can apply.

To register or notify

1. Contact the Shire for details of the registration process required and any other food safety requirements.
2. Complete the Shire notification/registration form and (if required) include design and fit-out specifications of the premises where food is to be handled or any other information required by the Shire.
3. Pay the registration fee as required by the Shire.

After the Shire considers the application for registration they will either:

- grant the application, with or without conditions, and issue a certificate of registration specifying the premises in respect of which registration is granted
- refuse the application in writing, setting out the reasons for refusal

Training – skills and knowledge of staff

It's important that anyone handling food or surfaces that come into contact with food (known as a food handler) and their supervisors have the skills and knowledge to handle food properly so that it's safe and suitable to eat.

The FoodSafe training can be done online at <https://www.ehawa.org.au/events/event/foodsafeline-2022> to learn more about what you need to do to ensure staff and supervisors have the appropriate skills and knowledge to handle food safely.

Shire fees and charges

1. one-off registration or notification fee -\$75
2. annual or other fee (to cover annual inspections costs) -\$150

Inspections

The Shire employs authorised officer (also known as Environmental Health Officer) who have the regulatory power to:

- inspect a food business to make sure the business and staff are operating in accordance with food laws
- investigate food safety complaints someone may make about a business
- investigate a foodborne disease outbreak or food safety incident that a business may be linked to
- take samples for analysis, for example food samples or environmental swabs

You don't need to fear these inspections and you are encouraged to build a good relationship with the authorised officer, who wants to make sure food for sale to the community is safe and suitable.

More information

For information about starting a food business contact the Shire's Governance and Risk Coordinator, Ibrahim Macrae on (08) 9162 6649 or email governance@cocos.wa.gov.au

Frank Mills
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Residential Waste Guide



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For incineration

- Aluminium foil and trays
- Household plastic packaging items (empty) Eg. shampoo, deodorant, cleaning, soft plastic
- Juice and milk cartons
- Kitchen waste
- Metal lids
- Nappies and wipes
- Paper
- Plastic food and drink packaging
- Polystyrene
- Sanitary products
- Steel cans
- Textiles and clothing



Crushed and baled for off-island disposal

- Aluminium cans



Crushed for on-island reuse

- Glass jars and bottles
- Lids and labels can be left on as these are separated in the crushing process

There are a number of items that cannot be disposed of through household bins.

Transfer Stations

For off-island disposal only

- Car batteries
- Cardboard (flattened)
- CDs
- Cooking oil
- Household appliances/electrical items
- Household batteries
- Light globes
- Mattresses
- Metal
- Mobile phones
- Motor oil
- Paint
- Printer cartridges
- Timber
- Tyres

Contact Shire

- Vehicles
- Commercial waste
- Demolition and construction waste

Not accepted by the Shire.

Correct off-island disposal is required and the responsibility of the owner.

- Asbestos
- Epirb
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Flares

Transfer Station Opening Hours

Home Island and West Island

Monday	1pm - 3pm
Tuesday	7am - 9am
Wednesday	7am - 9am
Thursday	1pm - 3pm
Friday	7am - 9am
Saturday	closed
Sunday	3pm - 5pm

Rumah Kampong pelatoran sampah



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Untuk dibakar

- Kertas tima dan tray tima
- Tempat plastik barang rumah (kosong) contohnya shampoo, obat kelek, obat cucikan, plastik yang lembek seperti kertas bangula dan kertas tipis
- Bok susu dan jus
- Sampah dapur
- Tutup besi
- Nappi dan sekatan
- Kertas
- Kertas makanan dan ayer
- Busah
- Bekakas kebersihan
- Blek
- Kain-kain dan kepiian



Dihancurkan dan dibungkus untuk pembuangan di luar pulu

- Blek ayer jerok



Dihancurkan untuk digunakan semula di pulu

- Botol kaca
tutup dan label boleh dibiarkan kerna ini akan dipisahkan dalam proses penghancuran

Ada berapa barang yang tidak boleh dibuang didalam bin biasa

Tempat sampah

- Bateri kereta
- Bok
- CDs
- Minyak masak
- Bekakas rumah/barang elektrik
- Bateri barang rumah
- Bal lampu
- Bolsak
- Besi
- Mobile
- Minyak motor
- Cet
- Katrij printer
- Kayu
- Roda

Hubungi Shire

- Kereta
- Sampah Komersial
- Sampah perombakan seperti kayu-kayu dan sebagainya

Tidak diterima oleh Shire.
Pembuangan yang betul di luar pulu diperlukan dan adalah tanggung jawab pemilik

- Asbestos
- Epirb
- Botol gas
- Pembunuh api
- Flares

Jam Bukak Tempat Sampah Kampong dan Pulu Panjang

Senin	1 petang - 3 petang
Selasa	7 pagi - 9 pagi
Rabu	7 pagi - 9 pagi
Khamis	1 petang - 3 petang
Jumaat	7 pagi - 9 pagi
Sabtu	Tutup
Minggu	3 petang - 5 soreh



INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES
Regional Development Organisation
Australia

News from the IOT RDO – Grant funding opportunities

Number: 08/2022

Date: 17/10/2022

The Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation (IOT RDO) is one of 52 organisations located across Australia that are part of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) network. The IOT RDO is working to facilitate sustainable development in the region, and to build strong and confident local economies on both Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

A focus area for the IOT RDO is to support the development of local business capability and capacity, so that local businesses are able to realise their potential and obtain maximum benefits from emerging opportunities. Part of the IOT RDO's work in this area is to identify and inform our local communities about grant funding opportunities.

For the latest funding rounds, and links to information about applying for grants, head to the Grants section of the IOT RDO website at <https://indianoceanterritories.com.au/news>.

Do you have a health emergency after hours?



On Home Island:

Call the clinic 9162 7609 – you will hear a pre-recorded message bank that will give you the phone number to the on call mobile.

This will be a 10-digit number starting with 08.

You need to dial the full 10 numbers

On West Island:

Call the clinic 9162 6655 – you will hear a pre-recorded message bank that will give you the phone number to the on call mobile.

This will be a 10-digit number starting with 08.

You need to dial the full 10 numbers

If these options do not work (eg: the network is down, you don't have access to a phone) you can contact the on call staff on the radio, on channel 24.

There is a radio outside both clinics if you need to use.

We hope that with this system, you won't need to message nurses to find out who is on call.

The mobile phones are still relatively new.

We are trialing different numbers (and services) to see what works best for the islands. Because of this, we may need to change the pre-recorded message you will hear when you call the clinic. This will ensure you have the correct number at the time that you're calling the afterhours number.

If you have any feedback on how to contact after hours' health staff, please feel free to drop into the clinic and let us know.

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What is bail? III

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 is the third of five articles about bail. In this article we will look at some of the common conditions that are attached to bail.

What are some conditions that can be attached to your bail?

Bail often has conditions attached to it. You must comply with the conditions. If you do not, you may be committing an offence, or you may have your bail cancelled or changed. We will talk more about this in the fourth article.

There are certain common conditions that are often attached to your bail. The main one is that you must attend court on a certain day at certain time and attend all future court appearances.

There are other very common conditions that can attach to your bail:

- A monetary condition where you agree that if you do not attend court as required you forfeit (have to pay) a certain amount of money to the state (the government).
- That you report to a police station on certain days and times (for example Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm).
- That you live at a certain address.
- That you comply with a “curfew”. This is where you are not allowed out of where you are living between certain hours. An example might be a curfew from 8 pm to 6 am.
- That you hand in any passports and not apply for others whilst on bail.
- That you provide a “surety”. A surety is a person who agrees to forfeit (pay) a certain amount of money to the state if you do not attend court when you are required to do so. The surety does not have to hand over money before you are granted bail. It is only if you do not attend court when required that they forfeit (have to pay) the money to the state.
- A surety condition is set as an amount of money. For example: “A surety in the amount of \$10,000.” A surety must usually show that they have enough assets to cover the amount set in the surety condition. They can do this by showing proof of ownership of assets whose value is more than the surety money amount. An example might be home ownership documents, or a car registration.

Protective bail conditions

Special conditions called “protective bail conditions” can also be attached to your bail undertaking. Protective bail conditions are to protect someone else’s safety, welfare or property from you, or to stop you interfering with witnesses. These conditions will usually prevent you from contacting a person or people, such as the complainant or witnesses or others such as co-accused (people who have been charged with the same offence/s as you), in any way. Protective bail conditions usually stop you going near the protected person or people. They can also stop you going near or into certain places, such as where the complainant or witnesses live or work or go to an educational institution, such as school or university.

Home detention bail

In certain situations, such as where the court is seriously worried that you will breach (break) your bail conditions, you may be put on home detention bail. This type of bail requires you to stay at home at all times. You must have the permission of Corrective Services to leave your home. There are only certain reasons for which you can leave home, such as for a doctor’s appointment.

If you are to be considered for this sort of bail, a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) from Corrective Services must visit your home to assess it. They prepare a report for the court, called a Home Bail Assessment Report, about your suitability for home detention bail. You stay in custody whilst the visit and report are done.

The report considers many factors, including whether you have complied with any bail or court orders you have been given in the past, who else is living in the house and whether there is any criminal activity in the house.

If you are granted home detention bail, there will usually be other conditions attached to it. These may include that you must come to the front door when visited by police or your CCO, obey all lawful directions of your CCO, not consume alcohol or illegal drugs, have a surety and submit to random drug testing. Your home detention bail will be supervised by your CCO.

You will also usually be electronically monitored by an ankle bracelet to make sure you do not leave the place where you live.

In the fourth article we will look at what happens if you breach (break) your bail conditions, if you can apply for bail again if you have been refused bail and whether you can change your bail conditions.

Annie Gray Legal Aid WA

“Serbis LAWA's IOTs dibiayai sepenuhnya oleh Kerajaan Australia”

Apakah itu jaminan? III

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.

Ini adalah artikel ketiga dari lima artikel tentang jaminan. Dalam artikel ini kami akan melihat beberapa syarat biasa yang ada pada jaminan.

Apakah syarat yang boleh diletak pada jaminan anda?

Jaminan selalunya mempunyai syarat yang diletakan padanya. Anda harus mengikut syarat-syaratnya. Jika anda tidak ikut, anda mungkin melakukan kesalahan, atau jaminan anda boleh dibatalkan atau ditukar. Kami akan bicarakan tentang perkara ini lebih lanjut dalam artikel keempat.

Terdapat syarat biasa yang tertentu yang sering diletakan pada jaminan. Perkara utama adalah anda harus menghadiri mahkamah pada hari tertentu pada masa tertentu dan menghadiri semua mahkamah di masa yang akan datang.

Terdapat syarat lain yang sangat biasa yang boleh diletakan pada jaminan anda:

- Syarat keuangan dimana anda bersetuju bahawa jika anda tidak menghadiri mahkamah sebagaimana yang disyaratkan anda kehilangan (perlu bayar) sejumlah uang kepada negeri (kerajaan).
- Bahawa anda repot ke stesen polis pada hari dan masa tertentu (misalnya setiap hari Senin dan Khamis antara jam 9 pagi dan 5 petang).
- Bahawa anda tinggal di alamat tertentu.
- Bahawa anda mengikut “curfew”. Disini anda tidak dibenarkan keluar dari tempat anda tinggal antara waktu tertentu. Contohnya mungkin dari jam 8 malam hingga jam 6 pagi anda harus ada di rumah.
- Bahawa anda serahkan pasport dan tidak memohon untuk orang lain semasa jaminan.
- Bahawa anda menetapkan “penjamin”. Penjamin adalah seorang yang setuju untuk keluar (membayar) sejumlah uang kepada state jika anda tidak menghadiri mahkamah apabila anda dimintak untuk melakukannya. Penjamin tidak harus menyerahkan uang sebelum anda dikasi jaminan. Hanya jika anda tidak menghadiri mahkamah ketika dimintak mereka kehilangan (harus membayar) uang kepada state.
- Syarat penjamin ditetapkan sebagai sejumlah uang. Contohnya: “Penjamin dalam jumlah \$10,000.” Penjamin biasanya harus menunjukkan bahawa mereka mempunyai aset yang cukup untuk menanggung jumlah yang ditetapkan dalam syarat penjamin. Mereka boleh melakukan ini dengan menunjukkan bukti pemilikan aset yang nilainya lebih daripada jumlah uang penjamin. Contohnya mungkin surat pemilikan rumah, atau registrasi kereta.

Syarat Perlindungan Jaminan

Syarat khas yang dipanggil “syarat perlindungan jaminan” boleh jugak diletakan pada jaminan anda. Syarat perlindungan jaminan adalah untuk melindungi keselamatan, kesejahteraan atau harta orang lain daripada anda, atau untuk menghentikan anda mengganggu saksi. Syarat ini biasanya menghalang anda daripada menghubungi seseorang atau orang, seperti pengadu atau saksi atau orang lain yang tertuduh bersama (orang yang telah dituduh dengan kesalahan yang sama seperti anda), dengan cara apapun. Syarat perlindungan jaminan biasanya menghentikan anda merapat dengan orang yang dilindungi. Ia juga boleh menghalang anda merapat atau pergi ke tempat tertentu, seperti tempat orang yang mengadu atau saksi tinggal atau bekerja atau pergi ke tempat belajar, seperti sekolah atau university.

Jaminan tahanan rumah

Dalam keadaan tertentu, seperti dimana mahkamah sangat kuatir yang anda akan melanggar (melanggar) syarat jaminan anda, anda mungkin dikasi jaminan dimana anda di taan di rumah. Jaminan seperti ini mengharuskan anda untuk tinggal di rumah setiap masa. Anda harus mendapatkan kebenaran dari Corrective Services untuk keluar rumah. Hanya ada alasan tertentu yang anda boleh kuar rumah, seperti untuk appointment doktor.

Jika anda dipertimbangkan jaminan seperti ini, Community Corrections Officer (CCO) dari Corrective Services harus peresa rumah anda untuk menilainya. Mereka siapkan repot untuk mahkamah, yang dipanggil Home Bail Assessment Report, tentang kesesuaian anda untuk jaminan tahanan rumah. Anda tetap dalam tahanan sementara lawatan dan repot dibuat.

Repot ini mempertimbangkan banyak faktor, termasuk sama ada anda telah mematuhi jaminan atau perintah mahkamah yang telah diberikan kepada anda, siapa lagi yang tinggal di rumah itu dan sama ada terdapat sebarang aktiviti kriminal di dalam rumah.

Jika anda di kasi jaminan tahanan rumah, biasanya terdapat syarat lain yang diletakan bersamanya. Ini mungkin termasuk bahawa anda harus datang ke pintu depan apabila polis atau CCO anda datang periksa, ikut semua arahan CCO anda, tidak minum alkohol atau amek obat-obat terlarang, mempunyai penjamin dan menyerahkan diri untuk buat drug test. Jaminan tahanan rumah anda akan diawasi oleh CCO anda.

Anda juga biasanya akan dijaga secara elektronik dengan gelang kakik untuk memastikan yang anda tidak meninggalkan tempat tinggal.

Dalam artikel keempat kami akan melihat apa yang akan berlaku jika anda melanggar (melanggar) syarat jaminan anda, jika anda boleh memohon lagi jika jaminan anda telah ditolak dan apakah anda boleh merubah syarat jaminan anda.

Blast From The Past



Fuel supply in 1955.

Until today, fuel supply to Cocos is the most fascinating things for one to wonder.

It's not an easy task back then...and now.

Photo Source:
Cocos As it Was

Did You Know



Couldn't get any fresher than this!

Cocos had its own local freshly produce market. These product seen in the picture was grown at the Cocos Farm. Many residents has fond memories of the Cocos Farm on West Island.

Cocos Malay Dictionary

WORDS

Run - Lari
Walk - jalan
Throw - Tempok
Catch - Tangkap
Pull - Tarik
Jump - Belompat
Race - Belumba
Pick up - Angkat
Put down - Letak

SENTENCE

Are you ok? - Apa kamu ok?
What's wrong? - Apa yang salah?
How are you? - Apa kabar?
Do you need help? - Apa kamu perlu bantuan?
I need help - Saya perlu bantuan
Can you help me? - Boleh kamu bantu saya?
I am sorry - Saya minta maaf

Poem

Still I Rise

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

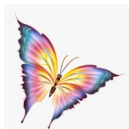
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

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BY MAYA ANGELOU



Fun Facts

Earth is the third planet from the Sun and our home planet.

Earth revolves around the Sun, but its average distance from it is 149 million kilometers / 93 million miles. In astronomy, this is 1 AU – or an astronomical unit.

Scientists have researched and estimated that our Earth is around 4.5 billion years old.

Earth formed at around the same time as the rest of our Solar System.

Earth revolves around the Sun once every 365.25 days – this is known as one Earth year.

In one year, Earth rotates like a spinning ball about 366.25 times – they are known as Earth days.

Earth is the fifth largest planet of the Solar System. It has a diameter of 6.371 km / 3.958 mi. It is the largest terrestrial planet.

The other terrestrial planets are Venus, Mars, and Mercury.

The name Earth is at least 1.000 years old. It simply translates to “the ground”. The Greek name for Earth was Gaia – Mother Earth.

Only 3% of Earth's water is fresh and 97% of it is salty.

The surface of Earth is covered by water, around 71%, only 29% of Earth's surface is covered by land.

The mixture of gases commonly known as air are nitrogen, oxygen, argon, and carbon dioxide. Without them, we couldn't live.

The atmosphere of Earth is divided into 6 layers – the troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, exosphere, and ionosphere.

Earth has the greatest density out of all the planets in our Solar System. This means it is very compact.

Earth has only one satellite – the Moon, but it also has a couple of temporal artificial satellites.



DIY

DIY Vertical Plant Hanger

Supplies:

- scrap wood
- pots
- plants
- rope
- metal ring
- drill and 3/8" bit
- jigsaw
- sandpaper
- paint and/or stain

Start by placing a pot upside down on the wood. Measure and mark a square around the pot. Squares should be depending on the size of your pot and slightly bigger. Cut squares with saw.

To create a hole for the pots to sit in, first trace the top of the pot in the center of the wood. Then draw another circle that is 5-6mm SMALLER inside the first circle.

Now you'll need to cut the smaller circle out. Use a 3/8" drill bit to create holes in the circle so you could fit a jigsaw blade inside. Then use the jigsaw to cut around the circle until the piece popped out.

And now your pots should fit inside the wood squares!

Next, drill a hole in each corner of the wood, drill bit depending rope used. This will be where the rope threads through.

Sand the wood squares down to remove any splinters and paint or stain them however you like.

You can leave your pots plain or paint them if you like.

Now it's time to assemble! The size of your hanger will depend on how big and how many pots you're using, so adjust the dimensions as needed.



Cocos Resident Profile

Name: Luke Doherty

Kampong Name: Pak Oisín (Osh-een)

Place of Birth: Perth

Where were you living before Cocos?
Victoria Park, WA

What are you doing now?
Operations Manager, Water Corporation



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

- Access to the ocean – fishing, surfing, diving, kiting. It’s all so close.
- Community response to any call for help. There are amazing people on island who go out of their way to assist in any situation.
- Millionaire golf – being able to play anytime on an empty course.

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

Travelling to Christmas Island with the Cocos Island Golf Club – winning the inter-island trophy, all proceeding to drink out of it and tasting like disgusting Brasso.
Meeting ex-Cocos people all over the country. There are Cocos connections everywhere!

Fav. sport/activity?
Golf & AFL

Fav. 3 places on Cocos?
The Shack
Our backyard
Golf Club/Course

Fav. Cocos food?
Nasi Lemak

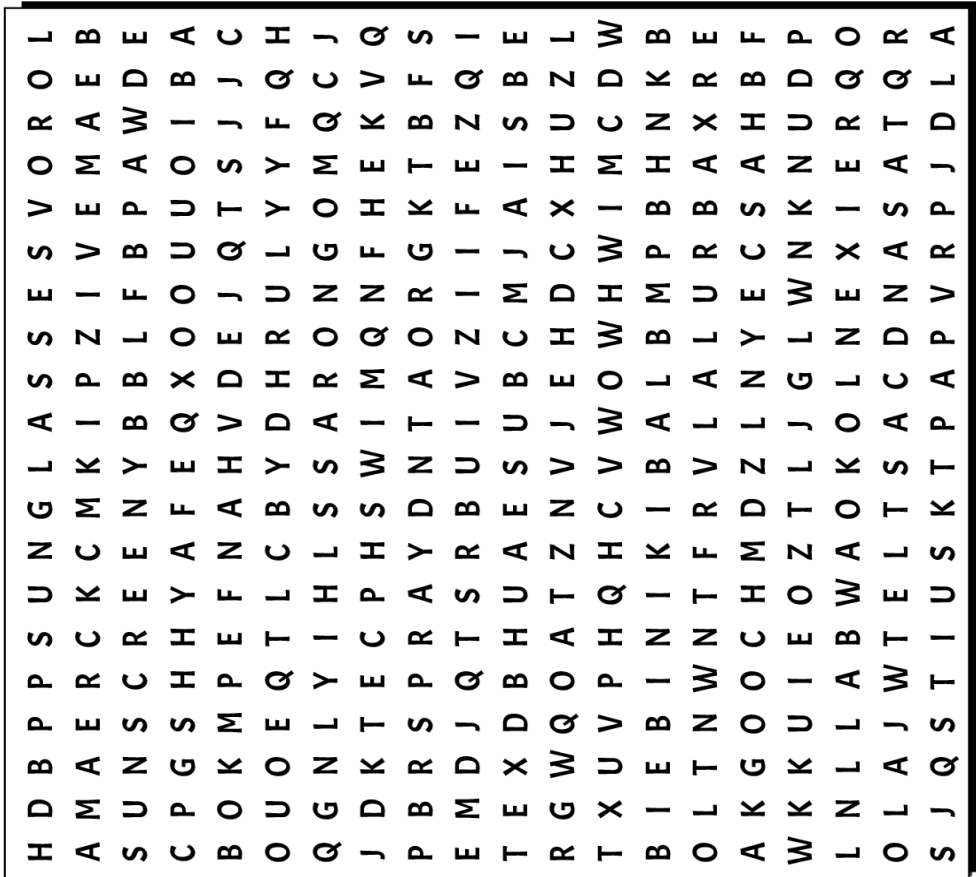
If you could change Cocos what would you do first?
Install a community gym on West Island!

If you were stranded on North Keeling Island for 1 year, what 3 items would you require?
A loaded Kindle, my banjo, a few beers 😊

List some of the things you are passionate about?
Coming home safe from work
Family time
Whichever hobby I am currently obsessed with...

Is there anything else interesting you would like to share with us?
I am slightly competitive...

Beach Word Search



- ALOE
- BEACH
- BIKINI
- CHAIR
- HAT
- SARONG
- SPRAY
- SANDCASTLE
- TOWEL
- BALL
- BUCKET
- COOLER
- ICE
- SHELLS
- SUIT
- SUNGLASSES
- UMBRELLA
- BATHING
- BEACHBALL
- BUG
- CREAM
- SAND
- SHOVEL
- SUN
- SUNSCREEN
- VERA

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A Cocos Moment



Group photo of the Barefoot Ball 2022
Dig The Dust performing at the CRC 20th Anniversary in sarongs and they rocked it!
Mak Iz's Roda-Roda Makan (meals on wheels) during the Market Day on Home Island.

Cocos “Feel Good” Stories



“What will the weather be like tomorrow?”

Frequently asked questions by visitors and some locals.

We are always taught not to trust everything that is being said on the internet but what about the weather forecast?

In all honesty, some of us doesn't know what the weather will be like because Cocos weather can be surprisingly unexpected hehe.

Both photos was taken on the same day, 3hours apart.

We have had magical weather this past few days and as always, it has to be on a working day!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Lanif for the 19th October

Happy Birthday Kaliza for 29th October

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

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Get Online Sundowner, WI
Cocos CRC

23 NOVEMBER

Year 10 Graduation
CKIDHS

14 DECEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

21-22 OCTOBER

School Athletic Carnivals
CKIDHS

1 DECEMBER

School Concert
CKIDHS

31 DECEMBER

New Years Eve
Cocos Club

16 NOVEMBER

CRC AGM
Cocos Islands CRC

10 DECEMBER

West Island Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

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