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Low Tide on Cocos



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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Rainfall Stats

Monthly Statistic up to 20th

March:
113.2mm

Latest 2020 Statistics:



437.6mm
LATEST WEATHER
www.bom.gov.au

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
- Shire WI 9162 6740
- Watercorp 9162 6722



58 PLANTS PROJECT

Trish, Siddiq and Scott from Parks Australia educating CIDHS students on some of the native trees.



CORDIA SUBCORDATA POKOK GERONGGANG



CALOPHYLLUM INOPHYLLUM POKOK NYAMPLONG



Thumbs Up



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

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



HELP STOP THE SPREAD
AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit **health.gov.au**



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GOOD HYGIENE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.

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FROM THE CEO'S DESK - 20 MARCH 2020



BUSINESS RESILIENCE AND CONTINUITY: The Shire is aware that while events over the past week or so have had an impact, we are working as a team to review our processes and practices to ensure the health and wellbeing of our employees and the community and the continuity of core Shire services that are essential for the quality of life on Cocos.

Based on our discussions and best advice from the Administrator, EMC and Health Professionals, we have developed a Draft Business Resilience and Continuity Plan for Council review.

This plan outlines measures that will we can put in place either as mitigation or in recovery to ensure minimal disruption to core services such as waste management, creditor payments, good governance and decision making, essential maintenance of homes etc. In some cases, some discretionary services such as events and engagement activities that cause large numbers of people to gather, may be disrupted. Whatever decisions are made, please be assured that they are done to achieve the best outcome for our staff and the community for the long term.

We are also reviewing our need to travel, and all business-related travel for our employees will be postponed or cancelled until further notice, unless deemed essential.

KEBERKESANAN PERNIAGAAN DAN KEBERHASILAN: Shire sedar bahawa walaupun peristiwa sepanjang minggu lalu telah menjejaskan, kami bekerja sebagai satu kumpulan untuk memeriksa kembali proses dan kebiasaan kami untuk memastikan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan pekerja dan masyarakat serta pelayanan servis Shire yang mana penting untuk kehidupan di Cocos.

Berdasarkan perbincangan kami dan nasihat terbaik daripada Administrator, EMC dan Ahli Kesihatan, kami telah membangunkan Rancangan Ketahanan Perniagaan dan Plan Penerusan untuk Konsel.

Plan ini menggariskan langkah-langkah yang boleh kita lakukan sama ada sebagai peringanan atau pemulihan untuk memastikan gangguan yang minimum kepada servis seperti pengurusan sampah, pembayaran, pengurusan yang baik dan membuat keputusan, pembetulan rumah yang penting. Dalam sesetengah kes, beberapa servis yang terpilih seperti peristiwa dan aktiviti yang menyebabkan ramai orang berkumpul, mungkin terganggu. Apapun keputusan yang dibuat, pastikan bahawa ia dilakukan untuk mencapai hasil terbaik untuk kami dan masyarakat untuk jangka panjang.

Kami juga menimbangkan semula keperluan kami untuk perjalanan, dan semua perjalanan berkaitan pekerjaan untuk pekerja kami akan ditangguhkan atau dibatalkan sehingga berita selanjutnya, melainkan dianggap penting.

STAYING SAFE: Thank you to the Health Services Manager Eddie Gacitua and Dr Dan Williams for presenting to Shire staff and answering our questions.

JAGA KESELAMATAN: Terima kasih kepada Pengurus Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Eddie Gacitua dan Dr Dan Williams kerana menyampaikan dan menjawab soalan pekerja Shire.



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MANAGER WORKS AND SERVICES RECRUITMENT:

We were delighted with the response to our recruitment drive for a Manager of Works and Services to take up the reins when our wonderful Ian Evans leaves us. We are currently negotiating with our preferred candidate. The recommendation from the recruitment panel will be presented to Council at the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, noting it will be a confidential item as it deals with a personnel matter. We hope to be able to make an announcement in the near future.

PELANTIKAN PEKERJA MANAGER WORKS AND SERVICES:

Kami gembira dengan sambutan terhadap usaha penggantian untuk Maager Works and Services untuk mengambil tempat ketika Ian Evans yang hebat ini meninggalkan kami. Kami sedang berunding dengan calon pilihan kami. Cadangan dari panel pelantikan akan dikemukakan kepada Konsel di Mitingan bulan March, dengan menyatakan ia akan menjadi perkara rahsia kerana ia melibatkan perkara peribadi. Kami berharap dapat membuat pengumuman dalam masa terdekat.

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING: At the March Council meeting, Council in its capacity as Trustee of the 1984 Land Trust, will also be considering the lease of a portion of Lot 102 Direction Island to Cocos Boronia Resort for the purpose of developing a luxury eco-resort. The Business Case of this lease has been advertised and on the Shire website for six weeks with no submissions received. Anyone interested in discussing this lease or proposal with me is welcome to contact me at the Shire.

MITINGAN KONSEL BULAN MARCH: Pada Mitingan Konsel bulan March, Konsel dengan kuasanya sebagai Pemegang Amanah 1984 Land Trust, akan juga mempertimbangkan penyewaan sebahagian dari Lot 102 Pulu Tikus ke Cocos Boronia Resort untuk tujuan membangunkan eco resort mewah. Kes penyewaan perniagaan ini telah diiklankan dan ada di laman web Shire selama enam minggu tanpa penyerahan yang diterima. Sesiapa yang berminat untuk membincangkan penyewaan atau cadangan ini dengan saya boleh saya di Shire.

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN AND POSITIVE AGEING PLAN:

A sincere thanks to all members of the community who participated and contributed their ideas and knowledge to developing these two important plans which will help guide the provision of infrastructure and services. Tess Dyson has done a sensational job in leading this project on behalf of the Shire. The draft plans will be developed and made available for further comment and advice from the community and stakeholder agencies before being presented in draft for Council consideration.

RANCANGAN ACCESS DAN INCLUSION KESELURUHAN DAN PLAN POSITIVE AGEING:

Terima kasih kepada semua masyarakat yang mengambil bahagian dan menyumbangkan idea dan pengetahuan mereka untuk membangunkan dua rancangan penting yang akan membantu membimbing penyediaan infrastruktur dan perkhidmatan. Tess Dyson telah melakukan kerja sensasi untuk mengetuai projek ini bagi pihak Shire. Rancangan akan dibangunkan dan disediakan untuk mendapatkan komen dan nasihat lanjut dari masyarakat dan agensi pihak berkepentingan sebelum disampaikan dalam draf untuk pertimbangan Konsel.

WORKS UPDATE: Construction of the new Ranger's shed is underway and includes an area for impoundment for animals (cats).

The back section is an enclosed storage area where the Shire Ranger can store his tools of the trade. The shed is located beside the Shire Depot along Jalan Bunga Mawar.



Quote of the Day

Respect is what we owe;
love, is what we give.

-Philip James Bailey

Thought for the Day

*Beautiful things happen
when you distance yourself
from negativity.*

Jokes of the Week



A man and a little boy entered a barbershop together. After the man received the full treatment—shave, shampoo, manicure, haircut, etc—he placed the boy in the chair. "I'm going to buy a green tie to wear for the parade," he said. "I'll be back in a few minutes."

When the boy's haircut was completed and the man still hadn't returned, the barber said, "looks like your daddy's forgotten all about you."

"That wasn't my daddy," said the boy. "He just walked up, took me by the hand and said, 'Come on, son, we're gonna get a free haircut!'"

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over. The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans".

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The EWP has been brought to Home Island. It will be located around the Island undertaking a wasp spraying program. The EWP enables us to treat the nest that can't be treated from ground level.



The unsealed road surfaces around Home Island is undergoing resurfacing works after the heavy rain that we received earlier this year. These works will be completed by the end of this week.

The grounds around Lot 14 are looking fantastic. A considerable amount of work has gone into bringing these grounds back to a high standard.

BERITA KERJAAN: Pembangunan shed baru Ranger sedang dijalankan dan termasuk kawasan untuk mengurung binatang (Kucing).

Bahagian belakang tempat tertutup di mana Shire Ranger boleh menyimpan pekakasnya. Shed ini dipasang di lambong Depot Shire di Jalan Bunga Mawar.



EWP sudah ada di Kampong. Ia akan berada di sekitar pulu menjalankan program spray wasp. EWP membolehkan kita merawat tarangan yang tidak boleh didapati dari bawah.

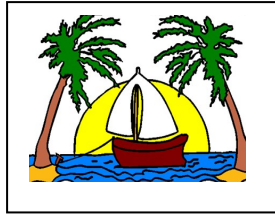


Jalan yang tidak di seal di sekitar Kampong sedang diperbaiki dengan dilapiskan selepas hujan lebat yang kami terima awal tahun ini. Kerjaan ini akan selesai pada akhir minggu ini.

Tempat di sekitar Lot 14 kelihatan bagus. Kerjaan yang banyak telah di buat untuk membuat tempat ini kembali kepada keadaan yang mewah.



Pulu Kambing is full of Ceylons Soldiers graves from World War II.



Cocos Islands District High School Parents and Citizens Association Incorporated

Cocos Malay Words

- * Coughing - Batok-batok
- * Headache - Sakit kepala
- * Fever - Demam tinggi
- * Flu - Demam
- * Cold - Pilak
- * Sneeze - Bersem
- * Elbow - Sikut
- * Soap - Sabun
- * Virus - Penyakit
- * Hygiene - Kebersihan
- * Isolate - Singkir

YOU ARE INVITED TO P&C AGM

CIDHS P&C is run by a group of dedicated volunteers and works closely with the School. The P&C raises much-need funds to help families with school-aged children on Cocos through our annual School Fete and Auction.

The P&C delivers very real benefits to the children and their families. Examples of crucial support that the P&C provides include but are not limited:

- Freight for students' stationeries
- Freight for students' uniforms and swimming rashies
- Subsidy for Students' Workbooks
- Subsidy for Year 9 Immersion Program
- Subsidy for Year 5/6 Perth Camp
- Year 10 School Leaver gifts

We would love to see as many grandparents, parents, guardians, new families arriving on Cocos,

other community members as possible at our AGM.

Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Date: Wednesday 08th April 2020

Venue: CIDHS Home Island Campus – Library

Please consider joining in the P&C, one of the most rewarding volunteer organisations on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

If you are interested in becoming a member and may have any questions about the P&C, please feel free to contact the Secretary Helen Liu (Mak Adam) on 9162 7661 or email to cocosautos@kampong.cc.

ANDA DI JEMPUT KE AGM P&C

CIDHS P&C dijalankan oleh sekumpulan volunteer yang berdedikasi dan bekerja rapat dengan Sekolah. P&C mendapatkan duit yang diperlukan untuk membantu keluarga dengan anak sekolah di Cocos melalui Jual-Jualan dan Lelong tahunan.

P&C memberikan manfaat yang sangat nyata kepada anak-anak dan keluarga mereka. Contoh sokongan penting yang diberikan oleh P&C termasuk:

- *Freight untuk alat tulis anak sekolaan*
- *Freight untuk uniform dan baju mandik laot anak sekolaan*
- *Bantuan bayaran untuk Buku-buku anak sekolaan*
- *Bantuan bayaran untuk Program Immersion Kelas 9*
- *Bantuan bayaran untuk Perth Camp Kelas 5/6*
- *Hadiah Sekolah Kelas 10*

Kami ingin melihat sebanyak atok-atok, nenek-nenek, ibu bapa, penjaga, keluarga yang baru sampeh di Cocos, memba masyarakat di AGM kami.

Masa: 4.30 petang hingga 5.30 petang

Tarikh: Rabu 08 April 2020

Tempat: CIDHS Home Island - Library

Sila pertimbangkan untuk masok P&C, salah satu organisasi sukarela yang paling bermanfaat di Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Jika anda berminat untuk menjadi memba dan mungkin mempunyai sebarang soalan mengenai P&C, sila hubungi Sekretari Helen Liu (Mak Adam) di 9162 7661 atau emel ke cocosautos@kampong.cc.





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Health and Disability Services
Complaints Office



COMPLAINT HANDLING AGENCIES VISIT

Due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the complaint handling agencies are postponing their March visit to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands until later in the year. In the meantime, you can contact us about concerns or complaints you may have about a range of services, as shown below.

Do you have a complaint about:

A business service or product?

Consumer Protection: 1300 304 054 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Unlawful discrimination, sexual or racial harassment?

Equal Opportunity Commission: (08) 9216 3900 or eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au

A health, mental health or disability service provider on Island or mainland?

Health and Disability Services Complaints Office: (08) 6551 7600 or mail@hadsco.wa.gov.au

A Western Australian Government agency or your local government (Shire)?

Ombudsman WA: (08) 9220 7555 or mail@ombudsman.wa.gov.au

If you have not been able to resolve it with the business or agency concerned, speak to us. We may be able to help and our services are free.

Services provided by these agencies to the Indian Ocean Territories are fully funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

APAKAH AWAK ADA KOMPLEN MENGENAI:

Perkhidmatan atau produk perniagaan?

Perlindungan Pengguna (Consumer Protection):

1300 304 054 atau consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Diskriminasi yang tak senonoh, seksual dan gangguan kaum?

Komisen peluang yang sama (Equal Opportunity Commission):

(08) 9216 3900 atau eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au

Kesihatan, kesihatan jiwa atau kecacatan service provider di pulu atau pulu besar?

Kesihatan dan ofis komplek perkhidmatan kecacatan (Health and Disability Services

Complaints Office): (08) 6551 7600 atau mail@hadsco.wa.gov.au

Ajensi Pemerintah Western Australia? Shire setempat?

Ombudsman Australia Barat (Ombudsman Western Australia):

(08) 9220 7555 atau mail@ombudsman.wa.gov.au

Pelayanan kami free.

ACROSS

- 1 Explosive device (4)
- 6 Pull (4)
- 9 Ambience (4)
- 10 US state (4)
- 11 Southern ____, NZ mountain range (4)
- 13 Middling (2-2)
- 15 Cut deeply (6)
- 16 Of light, lowered (6)
- 17 High or low card (3)
- 19 Religious verse (5)
- 21 Nonchalant (5)
- 22 Messenger (5)
- 23 Bee's weapon (5)
- 26 Run off to wed (5)
- 29 Insect (3)
- 31 Die (6)
- 33 Kingdoms (6)
- 36 Liability (4)
- 37 Enthralled (4)
- 38 Enormous (4)
- 39 Tug hard (4)

40 Barks (4)

41 ____, Penn. actor (4)

DOWN

- 1 Be boastful (4)
- 2 Charts (4)
- 3 Old measure of wheat (6)
- 4 Endangered animal (5)
- 5 Large crowd (5)
- 6 Bleak, gloomy (6)
- 7 Space inside (4)
- 8 Well-behaved (4)
- 12 Legislation (4)
- 14 Stitches (4)
- 18 Group of witches (5)
- 20 ____, Ryan, *You've Got Mail* actress (3)
- 21 Cheerio (3)
- 24 Next (4)
- 25 Loud sounds (6)
- 27 Finds out (6)
- 28 Showy splendour (4)

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29 In front (5)

30 Platters (5)

31 Small, cramped (4)

32 Cut of beef (4)

34 Swan ____, ballet (4)

35 Daze (4)

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Brain Teaser



1. Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one. Michael J. Fox has a short one. Madonna does not use hers. Bill Clinton always uses his. The Pope never uses his. What is it?
2. Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?
3. A cowboy gallops into town on Monday, stays for two days, and leaves town on Monday.
4. I Am Heavy And Hard To Pick Up, But Backwards I Am Not. What Am I?
5. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

Answers on next page

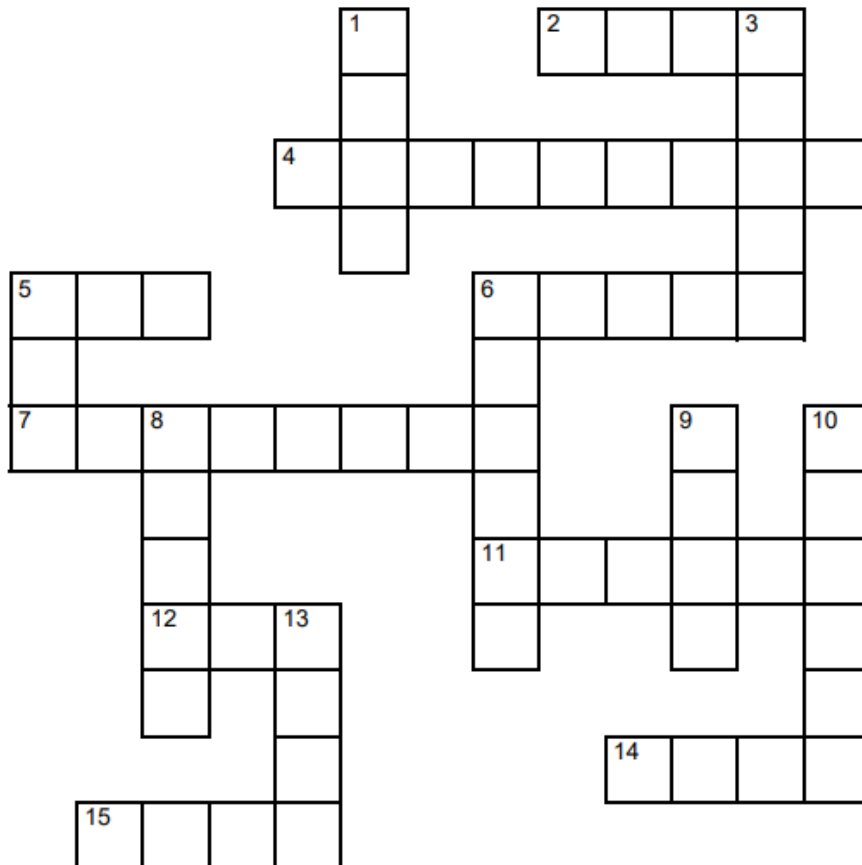
Baby Animals



DIRECTIONS: Fill in the crossword puzzle grid with the names of each animal's baby. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Across

- 2. Sheep
- 4. Crocodile
- 5. Fox
- 6. Dog
- 7. Duck
- 11. Eagle
- 12. Bear
- 14. Deer
- 15. Kangaroo



Down

- 1. Horse
- 3. Rabbit
- 5. Goat
- 6. Pig
- 8. Chicken
- 9. Cow
- 10. Cat
- 13. Human

WORD BANK

BABY	HATCHLING
BUNNY	JOEY
CALF	KID
CHICK	KIT
CUB	KITTEN
DUCKLING	LAMB
EAGLET	PIGLET
FAWN	PUPPY
FOAL	

1.	Their surname.
2.	Meat.
3.	His horse's name is Monday.
4.	A ton.
5.	An echo.

Brain Teasers Answers

A Cocos Moment



Photo by: Luluk Sloan

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries?

Drop an email to Azia Bulka at comms@cocos.wa.gov.au

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- Accurate and/or factual
- Not defamatory or inflammatory

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2020 COCOS ISLANDS COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you would like to include your community event, please
contact the CRC with your details.

25 MARCH

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

8 APRIL

P & C AGM
HI Campus

11 APRIL

Kids Easter
Cocos Club

22 APRIL

Shire Council Meeting
CRC Conference Room, WI

25 APRIL

ANZAC Day
Cocos Club

20 MAY

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

6 JUNE

Administrators Ball
Cocos Islands

20 JUNE

WI Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

24 JUNE

Shire Council Meeting
CRC Conference Room

22 JULY

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

26 AUGUST

Shire Council Meeting
CRC Conference Room, WI

19 SEPTEMBER

WI Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

23 SEPTEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

26 SEPTEMBER

AFL Grand Final
Cocos Club, WI

3 NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup
Cocos Club

4 NOVEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
CRC Conference Room, WI

9 DECEMBER

Shire Council Meeting
Council Chambers, HI

12 DECEMBER

WI Market Day
Cocos Islands CRC

13 DECEMBER

Kids Christmas Party
Cocos Club

31 DECEMBER

New Years Eve
Cocos Club

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