

Building Professional Connections

To build a community of practice and support children from diverse backgrounds, professional relationships can be established with the following local groups to collaboratively network the sharing of resources and contextual knowledge. Each title is hyperlinked to the organisations website for your convenience.

[Gungarde Aboriginal Corporation](#)

Gungarde Aboriginal Corporation aims to provide sustainable service to the Indigenous Community in Cooktown and surrounding areas by preserving Aboriginal social and cultural integrity and providing services that support the development of the Cooktown region. Gungarde fosters positive initiatives for community through the provision of adequate accommodation, health programs, access to education and employment opportunities (Gungarde, n.d.a).

The Corporation consists of

- Community Housing
- HIPPY early learning and parenting program
- Family Wellbeing Service
- Centrelink Office

Our community consists of:

7 Schools

1 Early Learning and Care Service

1 Kindergarten

1 Family Day Care Scheme

5 Community Agencies

Cooktown ECCN (Far North Early Childhood Network, 2019)

[Education Services in Cooktown](#)

- Endeavour Christian College
- Cooktown State School
- Holy Spirit Catholic College
- Cooktown C&K Kindy
- Enhance Family Daycare
- Barrier Reef Childcare

[Cooktown District Community Centre](#)

Cooktown District community centre is a local hub for professional, family and community support. Services offered include:

- Parenting and Family Support
- Playgroup
- Youth Engagement Service
- 60s & Better Group
- Domestic & Family Violence Service
- Community Case Worker
- Youth AOD
- Early Years/Early Education Support (My Community Directory, 2019)

[Cooktown Early Childhood Community Network](#)

Formed by the Far North Early Childhood network, the Cooktown Early Childhood Community Network consists of educators, teachers, support workers and other professionals working in the Early Childhood sector in Cooktown. Meetings are held once per term at the Cooktown District Community Centre. The Networks 2019 goals are

- Forming relationships and building trust with parents and children.
- Provision of localised professional development.
- Building a strong network and collaborative partnerships.
- Building sector capacity.

(Far North Early Childhood Network, 2019)

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