

2018 Noosa Council Social Justice Charter



Noosa Council maintains that the principles of Social Justice lie at the heart of the values and beliefs that underpin our community.

Council is thus committed to implementing policies and providing services that decrease inequity, promote inclusiveness and result in public spaces that everyone can enjoy.

Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi people, and pays respect to their elders, past present and emerging. For tens of thousands of years, these First Nation People cared for the local environment.

Council also recognises all those who have helped shape the Shire since it was formed in 1910. We thank the countless volunteers and community groups who have developed the social capital evident in our towns and villages.

Council will work in partnership with our community to ensure that Noosa is:

- A cohesive, tolerant and resilient community** where individual differences are respected and everyone can actively participate in community life
- An active and healthy community** where the health and wellbeing of individuals and the broad community are nurtured
- An accessible, diverse community** where there are available and affordable places for people to live, meet and play
- A creative and informed community** where individuals have the opportunity to explore their creativity and shape their own ideas.

In order to maintain the social fabric and vibrancy of the Noosa community, Noosa Council will seek exemplary collaboration between local government, non-government organisations, businesses, service agencies, facility providers and individuals. Where possible, Council will avoid duplication of services, improve efficiencies and ultimately seek to further enhance community cohesion.

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that Noosa Shire continues to prosper and thrive as an inclusive community both now and into the future. We ask that you help Council achieve this goal.

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