

## LEAD BY EXAMPLE

With over 10,000 dogs registered across the Shire, Noosa is a dog lovers paradise.

While the majority of dog owners do the right thing, Council is concerned about a recent rise in dog attacks and urges all pet owners to take more responsibility for their pets.

Council's Local Laws Manager Phil Amson said his team have dealt with thirty dog attacks in the past two months alone.

"More people are exercising their dogs, which is great to see, but there is a growing level of complacency with owners exercising their dogs off-leash."

"The majority of attacks have occurred because owners did not have proper control of their unleashed dogs."

"There has also been a rise in the number of dogs who have escaped their property due to poorly maintained fences and gates."

With so many escaping dogs, it is a timely reminder to all dog owners to make sure their dog is registered and microchipped as it is the quickest and easiest way to reunite lost dogs with their owners.

Noosa RSPCA Manager Nicole Cleary said each month around thirty lost dogs are brought into the RSPCA.

"Dogs that are registered and microchipped are able to be quickly reunited with their owners," Ms Cleary said.

Dog registration is due by 30 September.



RSPCA's Nicole Cleary was able to quickly reunite this lost dog with her owner via her registration tag.

## CHATS STRIKE A CHORD

From surfboard lockers to traffic issues, residents are making the most of coffee shop catch-ups

The monthly catch-ups form part of the councillors local engagement program.

"It gives us the opportunity to meet the councillors and talk openly about our concerns," Peregian resident Fran Pennay said.

Kin Kin resident Tony Gerasimou has attended two sessions and labels them a "great initiative".

"They are genuine interactions.

"You feel as though they are taking the time to listen to our views," he said.

Councillors acknowledge the robust, honest discussions are leading to better decision-making.

Chat to a Councillor next Friday September 25 at Boreen Point, Cooroy and Noosa Heads between 10am and 11.30am. Details are on council's website and Facebook page.

**In brief**

**1,554,000**  
General waste bins collected in 2019-2020

**141,789**  
Visitors to Council's waste disposal facilities in 2019-2020

**159,721**  
Visitors to the Noosa Aquatic Centre in 2019-2020

## THE BUZZ ON JASON



Jason Sherriff, keeping our mozzies under control.

Meet Jason Sherriff. He's the man tasked with keeping mosquitoes at bay in Noosa Shire.

As Council's Vector Control Officer he also helps land owners manage destructive pest animals such as wild pigs and foxes.

"A month ago we caught more than 40 wild pigs in one trap out the back of Kin Kin. They make a real mess of farming land, so we work with landowners to control them."

But with Noosa being home to a variety of

mosquitoes, including those that can carry viruses such as Ross River and Barmah Forest, more often than not you'll find Jason in swamp areas monitoring known breeding sites.

This work helps ensure aerial mosquito treatments are targeted for maximum efficacy. The treatment inhibits larvae growth and it doesn't harm plants and animals.

"We put traps out once a fortnight looking specifically for mosquitoes that carry dengue fever. They're a mosquito more commonly

## IN BRIEF

### Health at home

The Noosa Aquatic Centre team have compiled a great range of videos with tips, tricks, training and resources to help manage your mental and physical health and general well-being. Visit [noosaaquaticcentre.com.au](http://noosaaquaticcentre.com.au) to view the free videos.

### School holidays

While the Noosa Library Service is unable to offer face-to-face school holidays program due to COVID it has still got plenty of awesome ideas to try at home. Follow them on Facebook or visit [libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au](http://libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au).

seen up north, but as they're a variety we certainly don't want, it's important we monitor.

Moving north from Victoria a decade ago after a career in management, Jason studied horticulture and joined local government as a parks officer before making the transition to Council's Environment Health department.

"It's certainly interesting work and it gets me out of the office."

## SPRING GARDENING TIPS

Choosing the right plants supports local wildlife

Managing weeds, and opting for native species when adding plants, shrubs and trees, will not only make for an attractive garden, but support local wildlife and the environment.

Council's Principal Environment Officer, Peter Milne, said landowners, Council, state authorities, Landcare Groups and Bushcare volunteers had eradicated many weed species by working together, but the war on weeds continued.

"We can all help by eradicating weeds from our backyards," he said.

Opting for native species is good for the environment - it helps attract native wildlife and provides a food source. Ask your local nursery for advice when choosing plants.

Coastal Wattle, Tuckeroos, Wedding Bush,

Coastal Banksia, Lilly Pilly and Beach Birdseye were among some of the species ideal for coastal areas.

Mulching is helpful for suppressing weeds and retaining soil moisture, and Spring is an excellent time to fertilise your plants, give them a kick-start now for the growing season.



## YOU CAN HELP SHAPE COUNCIL SPENDING

There's been a great response to our short survey about where council spending should be prioritised in this COVID-19 environment.

Over 90 people have provided thoughts via the Your Say Noosa engagement website.

Financial Services Manager Trent Grauf said submissions close September 27.

"COVID restrictions continue to impact operational budgets, so this feedback will help guide councillors and staff in their decision-making," he said.

The five-minute survey asks residents to select options in their order of preference to ensure we are delivering on the services and functions which the community desires.