



Left to right: Ian Muirhead, Kay O'Connor, Debbie McLean, Clive O'Connor, Alison Muirhead with Council Bushcare Officer, Renata Neumann.

New bushland champions

Council's Community Bushland Care program reached a significant milestone by welcoming their 20th Bushcare Group at Teewah, Noosa Northshore, dedicated to preserving and enriching the local environment.

Discussions with the new group centred on the area's biodiversity, bush regeneration principles, and collaborative efforts to enhance habitat for native fauna and flora. Restoration activities concentrated on the Mackerel Street Foreshore Reserve, and removing invasive species like Asparagus fern.

Renata Neumann and Emma Smith, Council Bushland Care Officers, are pleased to work with the Teewah community, stating "Teewah is an important part of our Shire and has a strong community, who care and advocate for Council's environmental values."

Alison Muirhead, Coordinator of Teewah Beach and Bush Carers added, "Our members are most grateful for the support of Noosa Council in helping the village's weeding group get into its stride." Visit teewahnaturally.org or contact Bushland Care Officers via bushcare@noosa.qld.gov.au for more information.

Yurol Trail upgrade to deliver greater connectivity

Enhancements will support ecological preservation and boost the trail's effectiveness as a fire break.

The Yurol Trail upgrade project is currently in full swing, promising exciting improvements to enrich visitors' experience and help preserve the natural environment.

Referred to as Trail 7, this pathway connects Lake Macdonald and Pomona through picturesque natural landscapes. Shaun Walsh, Acting Director

of Infrastructure Services, said Council's aim with the upgrade was to enhance trail connectivity but also to strengthen our relationship with nature and bolster the trail's effectiveness as a fire break.

"The ongoing enhancements include upgrading creek crossings, realigning trail sections, and installing new

signage, all of which are part of the broader Noosa Biosphere Trails Masterplan focused on sustainable trail development and ecological preservation," he explained.

Mr Walsh said the project was a collaborative effort involving Sunshine Civil Solutions, Trailworks, National Parks, and the Kabi Kabi community, all

playing pivotal roles.

Funding for this initiative includes contributions from Noosa Council and joint support from the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The works are expected to be completed by mid June 2024.

Is your business disaster ready?



Ian Williams (Noosa Council), Maxine Kiel (Cooroy Chamber) and Phil Moran (Pomona Chamber).

You can't control when a disaster will strike, but you can prepare your business for when it does.

In conjunction with Cooroy Chamber of Commerce and Pomona and District Chamber of Commerce, Noosa Council is hosting a free Small Business and Tourism Disaster Resilience Forum. To be held at Cooroy Hotel on Thursday, June 13, from

5.30pm for refreshments and 6.00 - 7.30pm, the forum will run through key steps to help hinterland businesses get back operating sooner following a crisis and how to become more resilient for future events.

Designed for local tourism operators, small businesses, chambers of commerce and other agencies that assist in

these areas, the forum will provide an overview of the State Government's Small Business Disaster Hub website and app.

The forum will also focus on: Where to go for disaster information and resources, how to communicate with customers and suppliers following a disaster and how to apply for small business disaster recovery grants.

For more information and to register contact Maxine Kiel at the Cooroy Chamber of Commerce on 0429 682 465. The RSVP date is Monday, June 10.

A second forum will be held in conjunction with Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Noosaville Business Association at Peppers Resort, Noosa Heads on Friday, June 14 over breakfast (7.30 - 9.00am).

For more information regarding the June 14 forum, contact: Ian Williams - Noosa Council Disaster Resilience Officer on 0437 017 835.

These forums are proudly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 2021-22 extraordinary flood events.

In Brief



Boreen Point Flexilink

This service offers a low-cost, demand-responsive transport option for those with limited access to town, six days per week.

Operating like a bus, it connects Tewantin Post Office, Noosa Banks, Cooribah Village, and Boreen Point and back again.

Adults \$2. Concessions \$1. Three times daily, except Sundays.

Bookings essential. Visit noosa.qld.gov.au/council-cabs-flexilink.

Noosa celebrates small business

Youth encouraged to put their ideas into action

Noosa Council is celebrating Queensland Small Business Month and the contribution our small businesses make to the local economy.

"Council is proud to support small local business through a range of programs and awards. We value the dedication and passion of our small business leaders and entrepreneurs who ensure our region thrives," said Council's Manager Economic Development and Destination Management, Lynne Banford.

One of these programs, the Generation Innovation Challenge kicks off its 10th year of

supporting young entrepreneurs from the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Region. Applications are now open for 2024 with a \$20,000 prize package up for grabs.

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"This program has given me invaluable support and brought my passion to life. My business Ocean Ears transforms micro plastic beach waste into wearable ecofriendly earrings," Ms Gilchrist said. Visit generationinnovation.com.au to apply.

Applications for the Sunshine Coast Business Awards open May 2. To nominate, head to sunshinecoastbusinessawards.com.au.



Noosa winner, Liv Gilchrist.

Free buses continue

The holidays might be over, but the Go Noosa free buses continue every weekend across the shire.

This is for buses that stay, start and stop within the shire. It includes existing Translink services 626, 627, 628 629 and 632 covering Tewantin, Sunshine Beach, Sunrise Beach, Noosa Heads, Noosa Parklands, Noosa Junction, Noosaville, Cooran and Pomona.

If you're heading out with friends or family on the weekend, remember to leave the car at home and catch a free bus instead.

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