



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Spreading the festive cheer are (L-R) Annette Morris – QAS, Kent Mayne – QFES, Santa, Inspector Ben Carroll – Noosa Police.

CHEER FOR CHRISTMAS

Santa and his helpers will spread the Christmas cheer early next month in a unique COVIDSafe festive convoy through Noosa.

Council's Connecting Noosa Christmas Convoy is supported by Queensland Police, Queensland Ambulance Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Service, plus HOT91 and Cricks Noosa.

Council's Alison Hamblin said the convoy aims to provide some much needed Christmas cheer after a challenging year.

"Hopefully this will ensure we can all enjoy the Christmas spirit with our neighbours and family," she said.

The convoy will run from December 7 to December 10.

Thanks to HOT91, prizes are on offer for the best decorated driveway or house that captures the Christmas spirit.

"All the emergency services jumped at the chance to be involved because it's a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas with our community," Noosa Police Acting Inspector Ben Carroll said.

Maps of the convoy route will be available shortly.

Visit Council's website at noosa.qld.gov.au

A PLAN TO MAKE US MORE ACTIVE

Council is preparing a comprehensive strategy to encourage Noosa Shire residents to walk and cycle more often

Council is preparing a draft Cycling and Walking Strategy to encourage more residents to keep active by walking and cycling.

The Strategy has been formulated with the help of a Project Reference Group, made up of sporting and bicycle groups, local businesses, Zero Emissions Noosa and other community groups.

Every \$1 invested in cycling infrastructure returns almost \$5 to Queensland in health benefits, reduced traffic congestion and other benefits.

"It's primarily about getting people out of cars, onto footpaths and bikeways to get where we need to go in a safe, enjoyable way," project officer Aiden Flannery said.

Noosa has about 160 kilometres of walking and riding trails and 153 kilometres of cycle network routes.

The strategy will guide Council's planning, development and promotion of its bike riding and walking networks in the future and includes prioritised 5-year and 10-year infrastructure implementation plans.

Fact facts

29%
of bike riders in Noosa are female. That's higher than the national average

153KM
is the length of Noosa's dedicated cycle network

240KM
is the length of Noosa's sealed pathways

WASTE WAR GETS INTERACTIVE



EYE ON WASTE: Emma Menzies at The Ed Shed with Tewantin State School second-year students.

Charged with educating the community about reducing waste and recycling right, Emma Menzies certainly walks the talk.

"I'm passionate about the environment and reducing our waste is just one of the things we can do. I compost everything, I think about what I buy and try to reduce packaging as much as I can, I buy all my dry goods like

oats and grains from the source so there is no plastic packaging. Recycling is great but we need to be reducing our waste, we need to start asking ourselves do we really need it?"

As Council's Waste and Sustainability Officer, Emma is a familiar face to thousands of local school kids. As well as giving regular talks to local schools,

Emma also takes students on tours of the Noosa landfill.

"I love speaking to the students, they understand that we need to be looking after our world better. I've had so many students, as young as grade 1, comment that people are so wasteful."

Waste education just got more interesting too, with last week's opening of The Ed Shed, an interactive and engaging waste education hub, at the Noosa landfill.

"The new space gives lots of hands-on learning with 3D landfill, compost bin and worm farm displays, so the kids get a good look behind the curtain at what actually goes on with all types of waste".

The students also get a talk at the Ed Shed about the problems plastic is causing in the environment, why it's important to reduce our waste and learn what can and can't be recycled. They then get a tour of the landfill and see what happens to our waste and all the other things that get recycled," Emma said.

The Ed Shed will also be used by the Reviva recycling shop, which plans to hold a range of different types of upcycling workshops.

STATE FUNDING DELIVERS FOR NOOSA

Council is working on more than 60 infrastructure projects

Council is busy delivering more than 60 projects with the \$3.8M recently provided by the Queensland Government.

Work has finished on nine of the 12 public toilet revamp projects paid for with the funding, with the last three to be finished this month.

More than \$250,000 is being spent on Noosa's community halls, with 10 of the 14 projects already complete.

"We're out to quote now for major works to Tinbeerwah Hall to reinforce the roof trusses, replace the windows and renew

the cladding to help make sure it continues to serve the community for many more years to come," says Infrastructure Services Director Carl Billingham.

"We're also upgrading the Main Beach boardwalk lighting to LEDs, and we've freshened up the lifeguard towers with new paint, lighting, roof sheets and vinyl.

"We'll put the refurbishment of the Pomona Memorial School of Arts Hall amenities out to tender shortly, with a view to starting work at the start of next year."

Council received \$2 million through the Queensland

Government's Unite and Recover Stimulus Package and \$1.8M Works for Queensland funding.

"We're wasting no time putting this money to good use."



IN BRIEF

Volunteers' brunch

It's been a tough year for our volunteers, so come and join Council for a thank-you brunch. International Volunteers Day is on Friday December 4 and Council is putting on a free picnic brunch at Noosaville Lions Park from 9am-11am. Due to COVID-19, you must book at <https://internationalvolunteers.eventbrite.com.au>

Councillor chats

Grab a cuppa and catch up with a councillor on Friday November 27. Councillors will be at Boreen Point's Apollonian Hotel, Raw Energy at Peregrine Beach and Beach Chalet, Sunrise Beach from 10-11.30am. No need to book, simply turn up. It's an opportunity to meet the Councillors and have a chat.

COOROY GAINS EXTRA PARKING, NEW ASPHALT

Resurfacing of Cooroy's Maple, Myall and Emerald Streets is among the recent Council works projects nearing completion.

The project includes the reconfiguration of Maple Street's parking bays to meet the latest road standards and boost safety.

Council has also provided additional disabled parking as well as motorbike parking bays and new cycle lanes.

The work has delivered a stronger road base for all three streets, plus the new asphalt surface.

For works project details, visit noosa.qld.gov.au/wip