



LTS instructor Nadja and student Raffi in the NAC pool.

Learn to swim success

Latest data shows a spike in bookings for swimming lessons at the Noosa Aquatic Centre.

In the six months to December 2023, there was a 12 per cent growth in Learn to Swim numbers.

Aquatics coordinator Tim Wilson is thrilled with the positive result.

“We have talented instructors at the NAC, and they quickly get the youngsters competent and comfortable around water” Mr Wilson said.

The latest Royal Surf Lifesaving Drowning Report recorded that 281 people drowned in Australian waterways in 2022-23.

In good news, there was a 33 per cent drop in drowning deaths in children aged 0-4 years old compared to the 10-year average.

“Our classes start for children as young as six months,” Mr Wilson said.

The free NAC Baby Splash program continues to be a very popular program for babies 3 to 6 months.

The NAC Squad program also recorded a 33 per cent jump in membership in the last 12 months.

Young tech leaders help Noosa develop skills

Noosa Libraries and the Peregian Digital Hub have launched a Digital Leaders Program, helping equip community members with essential digital skills

This free initiative brings emerging leaders in tech, who have come through the Hub’s cadetship program, into the Cooroy and Noosaville libraries to share their knowledge with the community.

Through free hands-on workshops, tutorials and one-on-one coaching sessions, participants will gain practical

experience and confidence in navigating an increasingly digital society.

Library Programs Lead Tamara Crew said the young digital leaders offer a supportive learning environment where individuals gain essential skills to keep up with evolving technologies.

“In the first phase, people can

drop in for free Tech Help sessions. They can bring their device for one-on-one support to learn how to maximise their potential and troubleshoot issues,” Ms Crew said.

“Soon the Digital Leaders will deliver a range of talks where people can learn more about AI, and ChatGPT, as well as workshops on using 3D printers,

laser cutters and more.”

Peregian Digital Hub’s Director Chris Boden said that for many people the pace of digital change can be overwhelming so it’s fantastic to see these young techs sharing their knowledge in service of the community.

Visit libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au for more information.

Community shapes foreshore



Community feedback shapes the future of Noosaville foreshore.

Community and stakeholder feedback has been pivotal to shaping the first stage of the Noosaville Foreshore Infrastructure Master Plan. The project, initiated in September last year, aims to upgrade Council-owned infrastructure along the foreshore to meet evolving community needs and tackle climate change challenges.

Acting Infrastructure Services Director, Shaun Walsh, said Noosa Council is committed to ensuring that the Noosaville foreshore precinct reflects the needs and aspirations of our community.

“Engagement efforts, including pop-ups, surveys, and workshops, gathered insights from residents, stakeholders, and visitors on

infrastructure concerns and climate adaptation strategies,” Mr Walsh said.

Most respondents (298 out of 433) were Noosa residents, demonstrating strong local interest in the project. Among key insights, community members highlighted their appreciation for nature (51%), recreational activities (42%), and social interactions (26%) along the foreshore.

Concerns about ageing infrastructure were raised, with 45% suggesting improvements to amenities like playgrounds, seating, and lighting. Additionally, 33% emphasised pathway maintenance, while 26% mentioned issues with vehicle movement and parking.

“The community will be invited to offer feedback on the draft Noosaville Foreshore Infrastructure Master Plan. Continued revisions will culminate in the delivery of the final plan by late 2024, with implementation contingent upon future funding availability,” Mr Walsh said.

Go to yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au to find out more about the project.

Traffic changes this Easter for bridge

Community urged to consider travel options around works

It’s always challenging to find the right time to carry out critical infrastructure works.

Garth Prowd Bridge on Noosa Parade is a key link to Noosa Heads and is desperately in need of an upgrade.

This work is happening during the busy Easter period, so visitors and residents are being reminded to prepare for traffic delays resulting from a single-lane closure.

Acting Infrastructure Services Director Shaun Walsh said people should rethink their travel options when heading to Noosa Beach.

“Council offers free holiday buses

during Easter, so this is a great option or maybe enjoy a ferry ride from Noosa Marina, or walk or cycle on our dedicated pathways,” he added.

The \$3.7 million bridge upgrade is due for completion by late June.

“The contractor needs to install scaffolding to address pressing issues like concrete and steel corrosion, and timber deterioration,” Mr Walsh said.

Powered and unpowered marine craft access under the bridge is also closed during works, with bridge jumping strictly prohibited.

The project is funded jointly by the Australian Government’s Bridges Renewal Program and Noosa Council.



Garth Prowd Bridge on Noosa Parade.

In Brief



Free buses back for Easter

Take the stress out of your local travel plans and hop aboard our Free Buses this Easter School Holidays.

All Translink buses that start and stop within Noosa will be FREE from 29 March to 14 April.

Temporary route 064 servicing Peregian Beach also returns, along with the 065 Go Noosa Loop Bus which services Hastings Street, Noosa Drive, Weyba Road and Noosa Parade.

Youth festival in Pomona

The vibrant talents of local young musicians will be showcased at Noosa Council’s upcoming Thrive Youth Festival.

As part of Queensland Youth Week, the festival is to take place at the Pomona and District Community House on Thursday, April 11th, from 9 am to 5 pm, promising a day filled with music, talent, and community spirit.

With activities ranging from sampling delicious food to workshops and a range of wellness sessions, the festival offers an exciting celebration of youth creativity and community spirit in the Shire.