

YOGA BLOOMS AT GARDENS

A gorgeous new location has been added to the Connecting Noosa schedule. The Noosa Botanic Gardens will now host a weekly free yoga class and monthly live music.

The Gardens comprise eight hectares of native and non-native plant species and are home to an abundance of wildlife.

Hosting yoga and creative opportunities such as art and classical music is a great way to attract locals to the Gardens and provide a space for people to connect with each other.

Cheryl Pattison who runs the Connecting Noosa program told us, “Cr Frank Wilkie and Friends of the Noosa Botanic Gardens President, Jill Brownlee all agreed the Gardens was a wonderful place to get people to connect to their natural environment via a range of physical and creative activities.”

Participants can enjoy yoga with a beautiful view over Lake Macdonald or wander to classical music (1st Sunday of the month) by the Shade Garden.

To view the full Connecting Noosa schedule of free events, visit the council website.



Participants strike a pose before Saturday yoga class at the Noosa Botanic Gardens

HELP TELL THE STORY OF NOOSA’S PAST

Noosa’s community is being asked to help document the shire’s history as part of a new online heritage portal celebrating yesteryear

Residents can browse more than 2500 historical Noosa photos, maps, manuscripts, digital stories and memorabilia via Council’s brand new Heritage Portal – heritage.noosa.qld.gov.au

Council’s Heritage Coordinator Jane Harding says the website, which has been nine months in the making, allows residents to add their own memories and

pictures to help tell the story of Noosa’s past.

“It’s interactive – if people are on the site and they see someone they recognise, maybe even themselves, in an old photo, they can log in and tell us,” Ms Harding said.

“If they see an event that they were at and have memories of

it, they can share those with us directly through the website.”

Ms Harding said much work had gone into preparing content for the website, with more material to be added regularly.

“As Heritage Coordinator one of my main remits is to be continually documenting the story of Noosa,” Ms Harding said.

“That involves talking to the community, connecting with people who have old photos they’re willing to share with us, and encouraging people to provide oral histories.

“Jump on the website, take a look, explore, discover, learn and share your story.”

Visit heritage.noosa.qld.gov.au

PAUL HELPS PARK COME TO LIFE



Paul Brennan, Project Manager from Noosa Council

Project manager Paul Brennan’s favourite part of working on the much-anticipated Hinterland Adventure Playground is seeing the positive community reaction.

“It’s fun to work on something that makes people happy when you start showing them drawings and play elements we’re putting in,” he said.

“It’s been challenging but very

rewarding at the same time.”

Paul grew up in Brisbane but has a history with Noosa, “We started holidaying here in the 70s and used to stay in some flats at Munna Point.”

“A lot has changed since then of course, but it’s remarkable how much Noosa still looks the same as it did when I was a kid.”

Paul has been a key member of Council’s Infrastructure Services team for four years.

“My kids are teenagers now but whenever I show them the latest plans of the playground they ask if they can be the first ones to climb the tower. I said if they can keep their rooms clean for a week then I’ll see what I can do. So far, no deal.”

The Adventure Playground is a unique project, with its emphasis on the natural environment of Cooroy Creek and the Hinterland region.

“We are making it as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and abilities,” Paul said.

There is a real sense of excitement about the project, which is jointly funded by Council and the Queensland Government.

Paul said the most common question is ‘when will it be finished?’

December is the target.

“I’ve heard a few rumours we may be putting a Rocketship in the Playground – I can neither confirm nor deny that. You’ll just have to wait and see...”

IN BRIEF

Insta-Famous

We love seeing your gorgeous photos from around the shire! Remember to tag your Instagram or Facebook photos with #YourNoosa and we will share our favourites every week. Keep an eye out and you might spot your photo...

Recycling Reminders

Please help our recycling team by following the guidelines:

- No plastics bags, plastic wrapping, soft plastic, coffee cups and their lids, food or polystyrene in the yellow top bin
- Drop off soft plastics to selected supermarkets
- Rinse or wipe all containers
- Collect & return eligible containers for 10 cents

HEATED POOL READY FOR WINTER

The Noosa Aquatic Centre offers warmth for the chilly months

Winter is coming and sometimes that means it’s just a bit too cold to dip the toes into the ocean, and that’s where the heated pools at Noosa Aquatic Centre come in handy.

All three of the NAC’s pools are heated and offer a toasty alternative to the ocean over winter.

The leisure pool is a wonderfully warm 31 degrees and is a great place for gentle exercise and rehab during quieter times.

The 25m pool runs at 29 degrees, while the 50m pool sits at 27 degrees, just enough to take the

chill off your early morning dip, squad session or aqua aerobics class.

The warmth continues post-swim with hot showers, barista-made coffee and a delicious range of treats from their café, all of which can be enjoyed beneath the warmth of the outdoor deck heaters.

The NAC’s current range of off-peak visit pass specials offer you the chance to get out and enjoy some of the glorious winter sun and save money during the quieter times of the day. So what are you waiting for?

Head on down and stay active this winter.

For more, visit: noosaaquaticcentre.com.au or call 5448 0288.



BUDGET CONSULT

A raft of new initiatives including more funding to improve bushfire management across the shire are features in the draft Noosa Council 2021/22 budget.

Residents can now check out the draft budget on the Your Say Noosa website until 8am Monday 7 June.

Councillors have listened to the feedback from the community and the budget is set to boost spending on the environment, increase community grants funding and deliver an ambitious capital works program.

The draft budget and capital plan can be viewed on yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au. Council will formally adopt the budget in late June.