

Festive fun returns

The festive season is upon us, and Santa's sleigh won't be the only thing lighting up Noosa's streets.

The 2024 Connecting Noosa Christmas Convoy is back for its fourth year, spreading festive joy and bringing the community together with a parade of emergency services vehicles decked out in a sea of tinsel.

SES Noosa Area Controller Warren Kuskopf is excited to participate.

"The Christmas convoy is our favourite time of year. The cheering crowds are a massive motivator and a reminder of how vital and connected we are as a community," he said.

"With the SES in orange, Rural Fires in yellow, Police in white, QFES in red, and paramedics in green, we're like a mobile Christmas tree, lights, sirens, and all!" Mr Kuskopf said.

Council's Community Connections Manager Alison Hamblin said the event made a big impact each year. "This convoy uplifts our Shire, celebrating the dedication of our emergency workers and volunteers," she said.

Supported by Hot91 and Tewantin-Noosa RSL, the convoy routes are available on Council's website. Don't miss it!



Mayor's Christmas Appeal to help families in need

Local charities step up to help those struggling with the cost of living this Christmas

The Mayor's Christmas Appeal is back to support families facing hardship this festive season.

Donations will assist five local charities provide gifts and food to those struggling with housing costs, rising costs of living and other challenges.

Youturn's Darce Foley said making ends meet each month had been a struggle for many in the community this year.

"We've continued to extend our offering to those doing it tough by hosting weekly dinners and breakfasts, over and above the kitchen, laundry and shower facilities, and emergency relief support," he said.

Lorraine Kenway from Santa's Classy Helpers, which puts on a shopping day each year ahead of Christmas for families doing it tough, said this year her team was preparing to provide

food, gifts and household items for more than 500 families.

Donated gifts, gift cards and non-perishable food items will help Youturn, St Vincent de Paul Noosaville, Salvation Army Noosa, SunnyKids and Santa's Classy Helpers reach more people in need this Christmas.

Gifts and gift cards can be placed under the Christmas trees at Council's

Customer Service Centre, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin, plus Cooroy Library, 9 Maple Street, Cooroy, and Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club, Memorial Avenue Tewantin, until December 20.

"Together, we can make a real difference to those in our community who might otherwise be facing a bleak time this Christmas," Mayor Frank Wilkie said.

Visit Council's website for details.

Road resealing makes a smoother drive on local roads

Several hinterland areas have been a focus of recent maintenance works



McCabes Road bridge

Crews resealed and asphalt patched a section of Blueberry Drive in Cudgerie Estate, Black Mountain.

Culvert improvements were carried out in Kin Kin and there is a much safer approach to the single-lane bridge on McCabes Road, Pomona.

"Our crews are on the road daily carrying out crucial maintenance works, which ensures the resilience and safety of the local road network,"



Cootharaba Road

Tyler Wade, Noosa Council's Works Coordinator, said.

A section of Cootharaba Road has been given a makeover, thanks to a reseal of about 1.3 kilometres of road, to improve safety and extend its lifespan. The work complements recent flood damage repair work carried out in the area.

Mr Wade said the \$150,000 project was part of Council's \$5.5 million shire-



Blueberry Drive, Cudgerie Estate

wide reseal program.

"We applied a two-coat bitumen seal with the first layer comprising 14mm stone, followed by a second layer of 7mm stone," Mr Wade said.

This two-coat approach means those roads in lower-traffic areas are protected from water damage, which helps extend their functional lifespan.

Help shape our beloved Noosaville foreshore

Have your say on the revised draft Noosaville Foreshore Infrastructure Master Plan to help create a public space for future generations to enjoy.

This two-kilometre long public space needs some attention and that's the purpose of an Infrastructure Master Plan.

Council's CEO Larry Sengstock said this plan tackles many challenges the area will face over the next 20 years.

"Mapping out a proposed plan helps



to budget for improvements, upgrades and also gives us a document that looks at the long term, which can be used to explore external funding opportunities," he said.

Two pop-up information sessions are scheduled in early December along the Noosaville foreshore.

A morning session from 9am-

11.30am on December 7 near Pirate Playground and an afternoon session on Friday, December 13, from 4pm to 6.30pm.

"These sessions are an ideal way to better understand the project and ask questions to staff," Mr Sengstock said.

To find out more and provide feedback, go to yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au

In Brief



Disaster resilience taking schools by storm

You're never too young to be disaster-prepared, and the Get Ready Schools program is teaching Year 5 hinterland students how to prepare for extreme weather events.

Our police, SES, Fire and Council officers presented tips about how we can all be more resilient so the students can share this at home.

For the latest updates visit Council's Disaster Dashboard at disaster.noosa.qld.gov.au

School holiday fun for the kids

School holidays are almost upon us and there are many great events and programs happening across Council's facilities to help keep the kids entertained.

Take the kids to the Noosa Leisure Centre to shoot some hoops or enrol them in some swim lessons at the Noosa Aquatic Centre to increase their swim skills. Noosa Libraries always have fun activities on offer and there's plenty of creative fun happening at the Noosa Regional Gallery.

Visit Council's website for the full program of activities on offer.