

NOOSA KIDS GET ACTIVE

Come-n-Try Sports returns on February 28, offering Noosa kids an opportunity to try local winter sports.

The afternoon's purpose is to fill the gap between school-based physical education and fun outdoor activities.

The latest AusPlay Report reveals the number of kids under 14 taking part in club sport is still on the downturn – a trend which started during COVID.

Many local clubs are welcoming back the Noosa Council come-and-try initiative.

“Club representatives are excited to meet kids and parents at the event, hoping their participation rates are going to increase in the upcoming season,” Community Facilities Manager, Brad Chalmers, said.

Liam Anelark, President of the Noosa Pirates Rugby League Club says, “here at the Noosa Pirates we have a fantastic Junior Development Program. So come play league and come aboard the pirate ship in 2023.”

The afternoon begins with a light snack, followed by two hours of fun sports on a rotational basis.

For registration and more information, visit Council's website - noosa.qld.gov.au.



GUIDING YOUR FIVE-YEAR VISION FOR NOOSA

The new Corporate Plan is the blueprint that maps out the priorities and key issues of the community and guides many of the Council's decisions.

The document detailing the five-year vision of the community and Council is almost complete.

The draft 2023-2028 Corporate Plan will shortly go back out to the community for their final thoughts of the document.

Chief Executive Scott Waters said the draft blueprint clearly articulates the direction for the

next five years.

“The priorities and expectations of the community have been a real focus of this reinvigorated Corporate Plan,” he said.

“We had 12 community workshops last year and we received over 1,000 responses,” he said.

Over the past few weeks,

councillors have been providing their input and analyzing the community feedback to develop a final draft.

The plan is structured around five strategic pillars: Environment, Future, Prosperity, Community and Excellence.

“I really encourage residents to take the time to read the draft

document, to ensure that we have captured what are priorities for the community,” Mayor Clare Stewart said.

The final draft will be available on Your Say Noosa website in early February.

Keep an eye on our website and socials for further details.

ONE MILLION FREE BUS TRIPS



Lucky winner Ms Donelle Shaw.

Since 2018, residents and visitors have been embracing the Go Noosa Holidays FREE bus services.

So, when it came time to celebrate the lucky millionth passenger, Noosa resident and regular 065 free Loop Bus passenger, Donelle Shaw was delighted to be chosen.

“I use the free Loop Bus almost every day during the Christmas

and Easter holidays to get into Hastings Street for a coffee or a trip to the beach,” Ms Shaw said.

“When our grandchildren visit during the holidays we make good use of the free buses with them as well, and they love it.”

Council's Manager, Special Projects, Adam Britton, said it was great to see the buzz around town and many using the service.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN FEBRUARY

Help guide Eastern Beaches foreshore management

Noosa's Eastern Beaches stretch over 11.5 kilometres from Sunshine Beach to Peregrin Beach and form part of Noosa Shire's iconic coastal landscapes.

Factors such as climate change, natural disasters, and ecosystem health are impacting the broader social and environmental values that you told us are important across the Shire.

Council is inviting all Noosa residents, regional residents, community organisations, businesses, visitors, state agencies and other land managers to provide input on the development and implementation of a

Foreshore Management Plan for the Eastern Beaches area.

This Plan will focus on public land managed by Council in the Eastern Beaches' coastal foreshore reserves and near-coastal bushland reserves. It does not apply to private land, National Parks, leases, or open space parks.

There will be a range of ways the community can provide feedback including face-to-face and online community meetings, a written submission, survey and pop-ups in the Eastern Beaches area.

Consultation opens mid-February. To register go to yoursay.noosa.

“Workers along Gympie Terrace and Hastings Street have shared with us how much they enjoyed the free buses for the first time these school holidays and how easy it was to park and ride.

“Older residents are using the service to do their shopping and visit areas that they would not normally venture due to the cost of travel,” Mr Britton said.

Noosa Council Mayor Clare Stewart said Noosa locals and visitors have embraced the Go Noosa Holiday program since its introduction over four years ago.

Building on the success of the free holiday services, Council introduced a free weekend bus trial in February 2022.

Last year more than 142,000 passengers travelled across the shire for free on the selected weekend bus services included in the trial.

The free weekend bus trial recommences this weekend for services that stay within the shire and includes existing Translink services on routes 626, 627, 628, 629 and 632 only.

Visit Council's website for more information.

IN BRIEF

Disaster Resilience Business Forum

Noosa Council is hosting a Small Business Disaster Resilience Forum on February 28, 5:30-8:00pm at The J.

The event is designed to help local businesses as well as chambers of commerce and other agencies that assist small businesses, following a disaster or crisis.

The two-hour forum will run through key steps to business recovery and expert advice in applying for business recovery grants. Topics also include risks, resources and communication with customers and suppliers. To register, visit Eventbrite/Noosa Small Business Disaster Resilience Forum.

GRANT INFO NIGHT RETURNS

Council's popular Grants Connect event is back on Wednesday, February 8 from 5:30-7:30 pm at The J Noosa, alongside the next round of Community Grants and Regional Arts Development Fund grants which open at 9:00 am.

The evening will offer presentations for community groups to find out what free grants, services and initiatives are available. Topics include Council's grant programs, sport and recreation grants and the Community Benefit Fund.

Free event, attendees must register on Eventbrite/Grants Connect. For more information call 5329 6437.

