

Tackling the fire threat

More equipment and proactive mitigation measures are ensuring Noosa is well-prepared for the coming bushfire season. Council has bolstered its fire mitigation capabilities with two fit-for-purpose Landcruisers as part of a fleet of five light attack vehicles.

“We also have 16 nationally accredited trained staff who can hit the ground running, and be utilised as supporting resources to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, if required,” Shaun Harris, Fire Management Officer said.

“QFES and local Rural Fire Brigades help us prioritise hazard reduction burns and other mitigation measures on Council owned properties,” added Mr Harris.

“I have strongly supported the need for increased fire mitigation measures, so it’s pleasing that we have taken such proactive steps in this space to keep our community as safe as we can,” Mayor Clare Stewart said.

Council continues its fire trail maintenance schedule of over 60 kilometres of Fire Trail networks, with increased slashing/mowing regimes during heightened fire danger months.



FIRE WATCH: Shaun Harris (Fire Management Officer) Inset: Hazard reduction burn at local airfield.

Reshaping the future of waste in Noosa

The Draft Waste Plan looks at innovative ways to sustainably manage waste and how to better reuse waste materials

Noosa Council’s Draft Waste Plan 2023 -2038, ‘From Waste to Resource’ is available for community feedback until Sunday 10 September.

This comprehensive plan is designed to reshape how the community views waste and its potential for a more sustainable future. In March this year, the Noosa community was invited

to tell Council what is important to them to improve waste management strategies and reduce the waste going to landfill.

Over 600 residents clearly said they want a transformative change in our waste management strategies. The survey revealed that nearly 80% of the Noosa community values environmental protection in waste management,

with 62% of respondents stating the importance of reducing waste at its source for a sustainable future.

Mayor Clare Stewart has unveiled a key objective of the draft plan, shifting towards a circular economy that emphasises recycling and reusing waste materials, all while fostering economic growth with a

forward-looking approach to environmental responsibility.

“This draft plan recognises how waste can be a valuable resource to deliver economic and environmental benefits to the community,” Cr Stewart said.

Visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au to provide feedback until 10 September.

New Standards for food safety



Noosa Council’s Environmental Health Coordinator Haylee Fox with Paperboy Cafe owner Deb Keir.

Food businesses that handle unpackaged, potentially hazardous ready-made food, need to be aware of a new Food Safety Standard that comes into effect on 8 December 2023.

Council’s Environmental Health Coordinator Haylee Fox said Council is always looking to improve food safety practices for the community.

“The purpose of the new standard is to strengthen food safety in these businesses and to help prevent foodborne illness,” said Ms Fox.

The Standard introduces three new food safety management tools, firstly around Food Safety Supervisor training and Food Handler training. Finally, food businesses will need to

actively monitor and manage key food safety risks. Council has developed a range of record templates to assist businesses.

Owner of Paperboy Café, Deb Keir said Council’s support is much appreciated, for a small local business receiving Council assistance is integral for success.

“Whenever I’ve had dealings with Council they have responded quickly, and the communication was transparent and very helpful.

“I’ve already been in contact about the upcoming changes in regulations, and they have provided lots of useful information,” said Ms Keir.

The new Standard doesn’t apply to food handling at or for fundraising events, wholesale foods and other food businesses that are not serving or retailing unpackaged food.

“Council is assisting businesses to meet these state government requirements before December by emailing information to business operators and providing targeted education,” Ms Fox said.

For more information visit noosa.qld.gov.au/food-safety-management-tools.

Innovative Place Program in Pomona

Placemaking project asks what makes Pomona so unique

Pomona locals came out in droves last weekend to participate in drawing workshops, walk-shops, social events and pop-ups at the markets to pinpoint what they love about Pomona and their aspirations for the future.

Placemaking is about designing authentic places that cater to people, promoting connection and ensuring locals are the ones who identify what is important to them and their community.

The aim of the project is to provide valuable input and creative ideas to develop a draft Place Plan for Pomona, and reflect the unique identity of Pomona while fostering a sense of belonging among residents and visitors alike.

Council’s Strategy and Environment Director Kim Rawlings said that this was just the start of the engagement activities, and the Pomona community will be invited to get involved as the project unfolds until 24 September.

“Through collaboration with the community, the pilot project will help to identify Pomona’s strengths and new opportunities,” she said.

Visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.

au and social media channels for more information and opportunities to engage in the Pomona Placemaking pilot project.



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In Brief



Noosa’s Cutest Dogs!

Once again, in September, we’re launching a competition to seek out the most charming canine companions in Noosa! Fantastic prizes await.

Stay connected with us on Noosa Council Instagram and Facebook for exciting updates and entry details.

It’s also an important nudge that dog registrations are up for renewal this month.

Complete your dog’s registration and keep them part of our community.

See you at the Noosa Country Show!

Join us at the Show on 8 and 9 September. Libraries will bring the Seed Library, Book Bike, reading mat and Heritage Library information.

Learn about recycling from the Waste team, and chat with the Disaster Management team. Our Local Laws team will be on site talking about dangerous dogs.

The Parks and Gardens and the Environment teams will display information about plants and wildlife around Noosa, under the marquee with the Regional Gallery staff for fun and creative activities and much more!