

## POLYSTYRENE MELTED DOWN

Council's waste team has a new weapon in its recycling arsenal with the arrival of a new polystyrene processing machine.

The machine was installed this week and is already helping slash polystyrene transport costs as well as conserve storage space.

The machine heats up polystyrene waste, compresses it and turns it into small, solid bricks, which take up less space and can be easily transported for repurposing.

Melting the material down is the first step in the polystyrene recycling process, and the fact it can now be done in-house means cheaper transport costs.

Acting Waste Co-ordinator Mark Borgert said, "with the machine now up and running we can fire it up as soon as large quantities of polystyrene come in, which also helps reduce the chance of polystyrene litter blowing about the waste facility and entering the environment."

The melted down material is recycled for use in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including flooring and cladding. "The new machine is another way we're working toward our waste reduction and recycling goals."



Resource Recovery Australia staff Kyall Parris-Smith, Mitch McIntyre and Jeff Prater

## AVOID SHORT-STAY LETTING APPLICATION FEES

**Council has processed more than 650 applications for short-stay letting approval since February as owners make the most of the current fee waiver.**

The deadline to apply for short-stay letting and home-hosted accommodation approval without incurring applications fees is June 30.

Acting Environment and Sustainable Development Director Leo Jensen said Council had already received more than 650 applications from property owners keen to take advantage of the

current fee waiver.

"The fee waiver has been in place since February, when the new Short-Stay Local Law took effect," Mr Jensen said.

"Fees will form part of Council's current budget deliberations and will apply to all applications lodged after June 30. "Owners using their properties for

short-stay or home-hosted accommodation should act quickly and apply now if they'd like to save on the cost of the application fee." To apply visit [noosa.qld.gov.au](https://noosa.qld.gov.au).

Noosa's new Short-Stay Local Law requires all Noosa Shire properties used for short-stay and home-hosted accommodation to have Council approval, which is

to be renewed annually.

It's among a raft of reforms to help ensure short-stay property owners are being good neighbours.

A 24-hour hotline - (07) 5329 6466 – for the reporting of problems with short-stay accommodation properties launched in February.

## GEM AT NOOSA NORTH SHORE



A multi-million dollar upgrade has reinvigorated Noosa Northshore Campground.

Visitation has virtually doubled since the refurbishment.

Council injected \$2.4 million for extra powered campsites, a new modern camp kitchen, outdoor beach showers, renovated and new amenities.

Prior to the upgrades about 9,500

campers would visit the premier beachside holiday park annually, but that's surged to 17,900 people annually since the refurbishment.

Council's Commercial Property Advisor Robyn Mercer said new management appointed by Council has helped lift the level of service and provided quality holiday park management services.

## REGISTER YOUR POOCH FOR FREE

**Act now to take advantage of Dog Rego Amnesty Month.**

During the month of May, dog owners can register their dog for free.

There are currently over 10,522 dogs registered in the Noosa Shire.

It is a State Government requirement that all dogs over the age of three months must be registered with their local council. The registration is renewed annually.

Local Laws manager Paul Kirkley encourages responsible pet ownership. "This is a great opportunity for people to get into Council and get their dogs

registered. Registering your pet helps us identify lost dogs and reunite them quickly with their owners."

He explained, "It also gives us important information to ensure services such as waste bags, litter bins and off-leash areas are provided where they are needed.

"The fees are also used to inform and educate the community about dogs."

You can register you dog online at [noosa.qld.gov.au](https://noosa.qld.gov.au) or visit our team at the Customer Service Centre in Tewantin.

Make sure to follow Noosa

"The positive comments from visitors is overwhelming," Ms Mercer said.

"We are consistently praised for the facilities, amazing location and high levels of service."

Drew in Brisbane writes "I've been going to this place for 20 years and it is better than ever."

"What a gem, facilities are immaculate and hosts friendly," says Cheryl Fillmore.

"We've also recorded a jump in visitation to Boreen Point Campground, thanks to a \$450,000 upgrade to modernise the amenities and water supply infrastructure," Ms Mercer said.

All three Noosa Holiday Parks have just received 2022 Tripadvisor Traveller Awards, which are based on reviews and opinions of travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12 month period.

"It reflects the work our operators and staff have done to ensure visitors enjoy the tourism experience," Ms Mercer said.

The revamped Noosa Holiday Parks website has also sparked renewed interest in Council's prized camping and caravanning sites.

## IN BRIEF

### Business Excellence

Nominations are open for the 2022 Sunshine Coast Business Awards. Celebrate the Hinterland's thriving business community. Nominate your favourite business or enter your own. Nominations close August 29. Visit [sunshinecoast.businessawards.com.au](https://sunshinecoast.businessawards.com.au)

### Green Business Breakfast

Small business owners and managers are invited to a free Biz to Zero breakfast forum on Thursday 2 June at The J. Find out about reducing emissions, investing in offsets and promoting as a carbon-neutral business.

To register, search 'Biz to Zero' on EventBrite.

## YOUR VOICE, YOUR BUDGET

Tell us what is important to you and what should be prioritised.

The 2022-23 Draft Council Budget is now out for feedback until 5 June.

As we emerge from the impacts of COVID-19, the draft budget has a focus on rebuilding and recovering from the 2022 February floods, managing increased land valuations and the rising costs of goods and services.

Much of this budget has been based on feedback and results from the Liveability Survey and the Community Attitude Survey.

What are your thoughts? Visit [yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au](https://yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au).

