

See you at the Show

Familiar faces from across Council will be back at the Noosa Country Show on 11-12 September, keen to connect with the community at the Pomona Showgrounds.

Among the teams greeting visitors this year will be our Local Laws team and popular mascot Butch.

Local Laws Officer Ryan Woodforde said the annual show is one of the team's favourite opportunities to connect with residents in a relaxed setting.

"We love meeting and chatting with people at the show, promoting responsible pet ownership and helping residents with their questions. We can't wait to catch up with everyone at this year's show," Officer Woodforde said.

Anyone who visits the Local Laws team and has a registered dog gets a free entry into the \$200 Greencross Vets voucher draw. Registering on the day also earns an entry.

The Council marquee will be buzzing with activity again this year, offering plenty to see and do just to the left of the main entrance gate at the Pomona Showgrounds.

For full details on this year's show, visit noosashowsociety.org.au



Council brings fun to Country Show

Join in the fun at The Pomona Showgrounds with a range of exciting activities, giveaways and demonstrations at Council marquee

The Noosa Country Show returns to Pomona Showgrounds on 11 and 12 September, and Council's marquee will be jam packed with activities, giveaways and fun for the community.

Visitors can grab free family swim passes to the Noosa Aquatic Centre, enter to win tickets to Grease at The J and go into the draw for a Noosa Aquatic Centre 20-visit fitness pass

valued at more than \$300. Noosa Regional Gallery's team will dazzle visitors with colourful balloon-themed art activities.

Our Noosa Libraries team will have cowboy hats to decorate, seeds to collect from the Noosa Seed Library and Heritage Library services to explore. The Mobile Library will be at the show on Friday.

You'll also find Council's Disaster Management team in the marquee, armed with information to help you get prepared for storm and bushfire season and with free Emergency Action kits to hand out.

Visitors can also see live fire ants and speak with the National Fire Ant Eradication team.

Council Public Relations Officer Heather Williams said the marquee offered something for everyone.

"We love the opportunity to connect in person with our community at the Noosa Show and share practical information and plenty of family-friendly fun," Ms Williams said.

Simple steps to happy trails

Noosa's Biosphere Trails are a gateway to breathtaking scenery, pristine bushland and thriving wildlife habitats that remind us how lucky we are to have such extraordinary natural assets on our doorstep.

The trails take walkers, riders and nature lovers through national parks, state forests, rural landscapes and privately owned land within our Biosphere Reserve. But enjoying these special places also comes with a shared responsibility to tread lightly, protect and care for them.

Environmental Services Manager Ben Derrick said simple steps went a long way to ensuring happy trails for everyone.

"The Noosa Biosphere Reserve that our trails traverse through is internationally recognised for its outstanding environmental values. They also venture through national parks, state forests and private land, so it's absolutely incumbent on all of us to respect these places when we're in them and leave nothing more than our footprints," he said.



"Whether we're walking or riding, it means staying on marked tracks, adhering to signage, leaving gates as we find them, keeping noise to a minimum and of course taking any rubbish home with us.

"It's also very important that we don't disturb wildlife and also respect the peace and quiet of other people who're out enjoying the trails."

Council also recommends checking trail information, weather conditions

and any temporary trail closures before heading out.

"By following a few very simple rules and practicing good trail etiquette, everyone can enjoy and help protect these special places and ensure the Noosa Biosphere Trails remain a wonderful experience for future generations," Mr Derrick said.

For trail maps, updates and more information, visit Council's website.

Two more weeks to have your say

Residents have until 6 September to review the proposed amendment and help shape Cooroy's future employment land

There's still time to share your views on a proposed amendment to the Noosa Plan that could help shape the future of employment land in Cooroy.

Council has extended the community engagement period for the proposed rezoning of land at 94 and 170 Holts Road by two weeks, giving residents until 6 September 2026 to review the proposed amendment and lodge a submission.

The amendment proposes rezoning part of the 33.78 hectare site from Rural Zone to part Industry Zone, Low Impact Industry Zone and Environmental Management and

Conservation Zone to help meet Noosa's current and future employment needs. About 20 hectares is considered suitable for development, while the remaining 13.8 hectares would be protected through Environment and Conservation zoning.

As part of the extended consultation, Council hosted a second Talk to a Planner pop-up session at Cooroy Library on 20 August, giving the community more opportunities to speak



one-on-one with planning staff and ask questions about the draft amendment.

Residents who'd still like to discuss the draft amendment can book an appointment with a planner during the consultation period.

To view the draft amendment and lodge a submission before the deadline, visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au and have your say.

In Brief

Discover the power of volunteering in Noosa



Whether you're looking for volunteers or looking to become a volunteer, the Noosa Volunteers Connect Expo can help find what you're looking for.

The inaugural event will be held at the Noosa Leisure Centre on Saturday 26 September from 10am – 2pm and more than 50 local not-for-profit groups are set to exhibit – from sporting clubs and environmental groups to emergency support services, arts and community help organisations.

It's ideal for anyone who'd like to lend a hand, learn new skills, meet like-minded people or support a cause close to their heart.

If your Noosa-based not-for-profit group hasn't registered yet, email commdev@noosa.qld.gov.au.

What the tech?!

Do you need help using a device, a program or a platform? Drop in to one of our Tech Help sessions at the Cooroy and Noosa Libraries.

These free sessions are held every Saturday from 9am to 11:30am and can help you troubleshoot simple issues and enable you to get the most out of your device.

There's no need to book, just bring along your device and our friendly tech experts will help get you sorted.

Since launching in February 2024, the Tech Help program has helped approximately 1,500 community members build confidence and overcome everyday technology challenges.