



INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

The Noosa region has a rich and unique history. Noosa Council, through its Cultural Heritage Unit and Heritage Library, plays a significant role in collecting, interpreting and preserving this heritage to connect our community and visitors with Noosa's past and to inform current and future generations.

Noosa Council invites historians to participate in the inaugural Historian-in-Residence program and be part of telling Noosa's story.

The Noosa Council Historian-in-Residence is a paid opportunity for suitably qualified and experienced historians or heritage professionals to explore, develop and showcase aspects of Noosa's history and heritage, connect with the local community and create new works which add to the body of documented history on the local area.

THE RESIDENCY

The Historian-in-Residence will undertake research on an aspect or aspects of Noosa's history and heritage to produce a minimum of three stories (of at least 1,000 words each or equivalent) in written or digital form. The stories should be inspired by Noosa Heritage Library collection items, related to a current event or topic, or responsive to an identified 'gap' in the existing body of historical work.

The Historian-in-Residence will draw on the Noosa Council heritage collections as well as relevant online sources and material held in other repositories (e.g. State Library of Queensland, State Archives of Queensland) in developing the works.

The Historian-in-Residence will also be expected to engage with the community through a number of public drop-in/open house sessions during the residency with a view to tapping into, and sharing local knowledge or material held in private collections.

The Residency will be for a period of three months in early 2020.

The Historian-in-Residence will receive:

- Payment of \$7,000 (to be paid in instalments) plus access to a small budget to support the production of works (e.g. copying fees at other repositories)
- Support from Council's Heritage Coordinator
- A workspace at Noosaville Library
- Access to physical and digital heritage collections held by Noosa Council

Applicants will propose topics or story ideas as part of the application process. The final decision regarding topics for the residency and a timeline for the residency will be determined jointly by the Heritage Coordinator and the successful applicant.

There are two residencies available.

OUTCOMES/WHAT IS REQUIRED

The Historian-in-Residence will create a minimum of three stories or works during the residency. These could be written works or digital stories of a minimum of 1,000 words (or equivalent) each.

The works will be added to the Heritage Library collection and Council's heritage webpages.

The works created in this project will be promoted through Council's media channels, including social media, and may be showcased in a public event in 2020.

The Historian-in-Residence will retain copyright of the material generated during the residency and will acknowledge Noosa Council as the original commissioner of the material.

Noosa Council will retain the right to publish material generated from the residency in any format without further permission or remuneration.

CRITERIA

The Historian-in Residence will:

- Hold tertiary qualifications in history or a related discipline
- Have demonstrated experience in historical research and writing including the ability to critically assess and contextualize evidence and events of the past
- Have demonstrated ability to write effectively, engagingly and accessibly for a general audience
- Have the ability to relate to people from all backgrounds and communicate engagingly with community members
- Be familiar with the tenets of copyright, intellectual property and privacy legislation and have the ability to apply these to the creation of historical works
- Live locally or within reasonable travelling distance to Noosa
- Have an ABN and relevant insurances

Applicants from a Kabi Kabi background are particularly encourage to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to complete the Expression of Interest form and provide the following supporting material:

- Current resume/CV
- 3 examples of work similar to that required in this residency. If the work is a book, a chapter may be submitted.
- Names of two referees familiar with the applicant's research and writing skills
- Story proposals: suggested topics/outlines for three stories (including a proposed project plan) and explain the reason for the proposed topic, making referent to any or all of the following:
 - The collection items that have inspired the story ideas
 - How the proposed stories will enhance the existing body of documented history of Noosa Shire Council
 - How the proposed stories respond to a current event or topics
 - How the proposed story ideas will connect with the community.
- Proof of insurance

NOOSA COUNCIL HERITAGE COLLECTIONS

Noosa Council's heritage collection can be accessed via the library catalogue:
<https://noosa.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME> Additional heritage content is available at: <https://www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au/heritage>

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of staff from Noosa Council will assess the Expressions of Interest against the criteria above, including:

- Proposal concept (including connection to Noosa Council Heritage Collections and connection to the Noosa Story)
- Qualifications, experience and skills
- Outcome of referee checks
- Examples of prior work

KEY DATES:

Expressions of Interest open:	20 January 2020
Expressions of Interest close:	9 February 2020
Successful applicant(s) notified:	17 February 2020
Onboarding:	17 – 28 February 2020
Project commencement:	2 March 2020
Community engagement sessions:	April 2020
Project completion:	29 May 2020

QUESTIONS?

Any questions regarding the residency or the application process should be directed to:

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