Know before you throw

Not sure what belongs in your yellow-lid bin? National Recycling Week, from 9-15 November, is the perfect time to refresh your recycling habits.

Council's Waste Education and Sustainability Officer Emma Menzies said the biggest source of contamination in Noosa's recycling bins was soft plastics.

"Residents are generally doing a great job with their recycling but soft plastics remain our biggest contamination issue," Ms Menzies said.

"Items like plastic bags, bread bags, cling wrap and chip packets should never go in the yellow-lid recycling bin.

"Please also keep your recycling loose. Never place recyclable items inside plastic bags, as bagged recycling cannot be sorted correctly.

"If you're unsure where something belongs, ask Recycle Mate, a free app that can help you find the right disposal option for thousands of household items.

"You can receive reminders about which bins to put out, and never miss bin night again." Download the free Recycle Mate app or visit Council's recycling webpage for local recycling tips and information.



Council's Waste Education and Sustainability Officer Emma Menzies.

Noosa residents helping inform local decisions

Meeting people where they are, from the hinterland to classrooms, with on-site pop-ups and online feedback, bringing more than 4,100 contributions so far

From playgrounds to long-term planning, residents have been actively sharing their views on key projects in the shire.

So far this year, we've recorded more than 4,100 contributions through surveys, workshops, in-person activities and online feedback.

Council has visited the hinterland, conducted a series of on-site consultations and launched a new Your Say Noosa platform for easier online participation.

Communications and Engagement Manager Ken Furdek said feedback opportunities have also been taken into local classrooms at Good Shepherd Lutheran College and Noosa Adventist College.

"We received some great information from the youth for the customer satisfaction survey,

"People care about where they live and want to contribute to its future. We are creating new ways for people to have a say, listen to different views and show how feedback helps shape outcomes," Mr Furdek said.

To find out what's open for feedback now, visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au.

You can register for project updates, take part in current activities and see how community input has been considered in past decisions across the Shire.

Keeping Noosa swimming



Noosa Aquatic Centre Coordinator Tim Wilson poolside.

When visitors dive into the pools at the Noosa Aquatic Centre, few realise the sophisticated systems working behind the scenes to keep the water safe and sparkling clean.

For Aquatics Coordinator Tim Wilson, ensuring those systems operate swimmingly is a daily focus and took an extra urgency soon after he joined the NAC three years ago.

"After 25 years of reliable service, it was clear this equipment needed upgrading and we needed to take action before problems emerged," he said.

Tim initiated a comprehensive review of the centre's filtration systems and began a two-year journey to identify the best long-term solution. This included consultation with aquatic industry experts and collaboration with other local government aquatics professionals to source the best possible solution for the NAC.

Operating costs, sustainability benefits, long-term value and potential funding sources were also investigated, before Tim presented his recommendations to Council's leadership team and councillors.

With support secured, delivery of a multi-million dollar 13-week upgrade began, including significant plumbing and electrical improvements and the installation of modern filtration and water treatment technology.

"Seeing this project completed successfully and under budget was incredibly rewarding, particularly knowing that it secures the long-term sustainability of aquatic services for our community," Tim said.

While the upgrade is one of Tim's proudest achievements, he says people are what make his role at the NAC truly rewarding.

"What I enjoy most is seeing the positive impact our team has every day on people's health, wellbeing, confidence, and connection to the community."

In Brief

Have your say on Tewantin Bypass, Beckmans Road upgrade

Community consultation is now open on the proposed Tewantin Bypass, Beckmans Road project, with residents invited to provide feedback until 14 December 2026.

The project proposes additional lanes between Swanbourne Way and the Eumundi-Noosa Road roundabout, along with roundabout improvements, to reduce congestion and delays, improve traffic flow and safety, and support the long-term Tewantin Bypass vision.

Community feedback will help shape the next stage of design and future planning. Have your say by visiting the TMR project webpage to review the proposal and complete the consultation survey.

This project is funded by the Queensland Government and delivered by Noosa Council.

Reflecting, remembering, preparing

Community gathers to strengthen bushfire readiness

More than seven years after the devastating 2019/2020 summer bushfires, Noosa residents came together at Noosa Banks Parklands to reflect on the impact of the fires and learn how to better prepare for future bushfire seasons.

The community event brought together officers from the Queensland Fire Department, Rural Fire Service and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, who shared advice on bushfire preparedness and emergency planning.

Residents also collected free emergency packs. Adding a powerful visual dimension to the event was River of Fire, a striking artwork by local artist and passionate Noosa Men's Shed member Martin Taylor, capturing the power of fire and its role in protecting communities and landscapes.

"Witnessing some of the controlled burns that Council carries out near my home on the North Shore first sparked the idea for the painting," Martin said.

Council was honoured to feature the evocative piece as part of the event, helping to prompt reflection on the past while reinforcing the importance of being prepared for future bushfire seasons. To ensure you're prepared this storm and bushfire season, visit Council's Disaster Dashboard: disaster.noosa.qld.gov.au



Local artist Martin Taylor.

Get ready Noosa

Meet local emergency services and learn how to prepare for storm, bushfire and heatwave season at Bunnings Noosaville tomorrow, 7 November, from 8am to 2pm.

The free community event will feature specialist emergency vehicles, practical preparedness advice, evacuation kit demonstrations and free Noosa Get Ready information packs.

Residents can chat with local experts and learn more about the role emergency services play in keeping the community safe during severe weather events.

A sausage sizzle supporting Noosa SES will also be running throughout the day.