



Hanging at The Hive, a drop-in centre for young people aged 12 to 17.

## Hanging out at The Hive

Did you know there's a place in Noosa where young people can chill out, watch a movie, grab a bite to eat and learn a new skill or two?

It's called The Hive Noosa and it's open Thursdays and Fridays from 4-8pm and Saturdays from 12-5pm for 12-17 year olds.

Noosa Council Youth Project Officer Brooke Mendes said The Hive is a place where youngsters can choose their own adventure.

"If you need somewhere to relax, watch a movie, listen to music, talk to someone or have a snack, you're very welcome here," she said.

"You can also do some really fun activities like drawing, coding, yoga and clay moulding.

"The Hive also has friendly staff who can help young people connect with youth services or even put together a resume to help find a job."

The Hive is located at 14 Earl Street, Tewantin. It is dual funded with grants from Youth Justice Queensland and the Australian Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

Check out The Hive Noosa Facebook and Instagram pages for info on activities.

## TREE-MENDOUS BENEFITS



Cooran resident Dawn Couchman and Council's Partnerships and Offsets Office Paul Sprecher.

Going out on a limb for environmental excellence has grown into something great for Cooran resident Dawn Couchman.

Dawn and her late husband registered their 20-acre property in 2004 with Land For Wildlife – a free, voluntary program which supports landholders who wish to manage their property as habitat

for native plants and animals. "It was one of the best decisions we've made," Dawn said.

"It enabled us to work with Noosa Council's Conservation Partnerships team to identify and remove weeds from our property, as well managing feral animals like foxes which are a huge threat to our native animals.

"This has helped our property

become an important corridor to koalas, marbled frogmouth, tusked frogs, echidnas and greater gliders. "We've also had access to free land management advice specific to our property, discounts on our rates and regular on-the-ground support from Council.

"Joining Land for Wildlife has given us the peace of mind to know that we're leaving our property in better shape than when we bought it. We're creating an environmental legacy which will remain in the title deed of our property forever," Dawn said.

Conservation Partnerships and Offsets Officer Paul Sprecher said Dawn is one of 453 Land for Wildlife property owners in Noosa Shire, allowing an additional 2893 hectares of land to remain protected. "The state and federal Governments protect certain areas but when private landowners like Dawn and her neighbours join Land for Wildlife it allows protected areas to be connected which is so much more effective in preserving habitat," he said.

To see if your property is eligible for Land for Wildlife, contact [environment@noosa.qld.gov.au](mailto:environment@noosa.qld.gov.au) or call (07) 5329 6500.

## HELPING YOU LIVE WELL IN 2025

### A year for mind, body, and spirit with Living Well Noosa

2025 marks a new beginning for those seeking balance and connection, thanks to Noosa Council's Living Well Program.

As the year unfolds, locals will have the opportunity to embark on a journey of self-discovery with workshops designed to nurture the body, mind, and spirit.

Whether it's the calming practice of yoga, the grounding effects of breathwork, or the mindful exploration of meditation, there's something for everyone.

Community Programs Officer Jasmine Bashford said this year's program was crafted with

participants' input. "Feedback showed a strong desire for art-based programs and mindfulness workshops, which we've made sure to include," she said.

"A large portion of our community has moved to Noosa in recent years, and many expressed a need for deeper social connections. We're responding to that in 2025."

Whether looking to make new friends, reconnect with self, or explore creative outlets, these workshops offer a perfect way to start the year feeling great.

Yoga Qigong participant Katarina

Keating said the classes had been good for both her body and mind, and the class is suitable for all ages. For more information and to register, visit [noosa.qld.gov.au](http://noosa.qld.gov.au)



## In Brief



### Free mulch in March for Noosa residents

Get your vehicle or trailer ready, there's no limit on how much mulch you can take.

Pick up FREE mulch at:

\* Cooroy Waste Transfer Station – 8am-1pm, Saturday 8 March.

\* Pomona Waste Transfer Station – 8am-1pm, Saturday 15 & 22 March.

A loader will be on-site to help. Spread the word and make the most of this free resource, while stocks last. Weather dependent.

### Grants open

Applications are open for Council's latest round of Environment Project Grants and Climate Change Response Grants. These grants provide funds for programs and events that positively impact Noosa's local environment.

The Community Grants program which has been revamped for 2025 is also now open and includes key changes to the program. These changes will make the grants process easier for applicants and more responsive to the needs of not-for-profit organisations.

For more information on the programs, and to apply, visit [noosa.qld.gov.au](http://noosa.qld.gov.au).

## Council to invest in stormwater system infrastructure to meet future needs

### Planned \$1.8M annual investment to strengthen shire's drainage system

Council is set to invest over \$1.8 million annually in stormwater-related capital projects over the next decade, maintaining and improving the region's drainage and water management infrastructure, and where possible improving waterway quality.

The investment will cover a range of projects, including the renewal of existing pits and pipes,

upgrades to biofiltration basins, and enhancements to stormwater outlets.

"This ongoing investment ensures our stormwater system remains resilient and effective in managing water flow, reducing flood risks, and protecting our environment," Council's Infrastructure Services Director Shaun Walsh said.

One key initial project is the design of an enhanced biofiltration basin at Cooyar Street, Noosa Junction, which is important treatment device for the Burgess Creek catchment

Council is also reviewing and updating its Local Government Infrastructure Plan which considers Noosa's growing population and forms part of the

planning scheme. This review will assess future demand and its impact on critical infrastructure, including stormwater management.

"As our region expands, we must plan to meet future demands on our infrastructure," Mr Walsh said.