

# Noosa Biosphere is . . .



## a history of shared values . . .

The awarding of UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status for Noosa came about through the combined efforts of many individuals and groups and, in more recent years, the former Noosa Council.

These people are determined to protect the Noosa they value through planning that guides development and population so that the beauty and diversity of the natural environment is conserved.



## a vision . . .

Noosa Biosphere promotes harmony between people and nature through education, conservation and sustainable activities.

Key words within this vision . . . **harmony** (as a result of balanced, considerate and tolerant ways of living) . . . **education** (requires openness, curiosity, willingness to share) . . . **conservation** (caring for our wildlife, bushlands, waterways, and for our cultural heritage) . . . **sustainable activities** (so our jobs, businesses and lifestyles don't cost us the earth) . . .

## inspired communities . . .

Sustainable futures are created by everyday efforts of people working together to make a difference.

Take a look on the Noosa Biosphere website. There you'll see a growing list of organisations working within the Biosphere for example, charities helping the disadvantaged, environmental groups getting their hands dirty, educators working with children, arts and cultural organisations, business organisations, activists and many more.



## a place . . .

Noosa Biosphere's boundaries are those of the former Noosa Shire, from Peregian Beach in the south, Doonan and Kin Kin in the west and across to Noosa North Shore.



The Biosphere's 1500 sq kilometres of land includes farms, towns, bushlands, national parks, coastlines and much of the Noosa River catchment, as well as a three kilometre strip of adjacent offshore waters.



## A special place

Noosa Biosphere Reserve is a place of high biodiversity. More than 626 vertebrate fauna species have been recorded here. There are thirteen types of vegetation, including rainforest, heathlands, eucalypt forest, melaleuca wetlands, sand dunes and mangroves. Nearly twenty five percent of Queensland mangrove plant species are found here.

Noosa Biosphere Reserve's exceptional beauty and natural environments have been protected by a culture of responsible stewardship and managed urban growth. We need to work together to ensure this protection continues.

The heart of Noosa Biosphere is its people – the many individuals, families, groups and businesses committed to living and working together to make a difference.

## How can I be involved?

If you live in the Noosa Biosphere you already are involved! You are part of Noosa Biosphere Reserve – you can help care for it by being waterwise and minimising your household waste and energy use.

If you want to take a more active Biosphere role, check out the Noosa Biosphere website – [www.noosabiosphere.org.au](http://www.noosabiosphere.org.au)

Noosa's beauty and laidback, low-rise lifestyle attracts visitors from all over the world. Tourism is one of the region's largest industries. If you are a visitor, remember: Noosa is not just about the beach! Find out about the many Noosa Biosphere natural and cultural attractions at one of the Visitor Information Centres. Explore, enjoy, help care for and celebrate the Biosphere alongside the locals.



# Noosa Biosphere Reserve

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# Welcome to Noosa Biosphere Reserve



In 2007 the Noosa region was designated a Man and the Biosphere (MaB) Reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status is an international recognition that Noosa is very special.

The Biosphere provides a focus for Noosa's aspirations for a sustainable future: to work together to build sustainable communities, sustainable economies and to undertake research & learning. The Biosphere is strongly focused upon ensuring that our natural environments are valued, cared for and conserved.

