



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

13 October

Noosa River Plan

This week on October 13, Guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum will be **Noosa Council Environment Officer, Jan Maddin**. She will explain how subsequent to the 1997 plan, broad community input was sought to develop a Community Catchment Strategy.



Family cooling off in the Noosa River.

As a result, issues such as a speed limit review, rehabilitation of degraded stream banks and wetlands, research into water quality issues and a voluntary Code of Practice for Noosa's commercial boatmen were put in place.

However key issues of concern about anchoring, mooring, living on the river and commercial use of the river remained unresolved, despite attempts to have them addressed.

Twenty years ago the first Noosa River Plan (1997) was commissioned by Council. It delivered a comprehensive review of marine infrastructure and use patterns, identified various environmental, recreational and fisheries values and outlined the factors affecting river use and management. This information had not previously been ascertained and was critical in understanding the then current and potential future use of the river.

In 2014 Noosa Council publically declared interest in taking on management of these activities. Since then the relevant State Government agencies have provided advice and a 24-member Community Jury of local residents and ratepayers has provided recommendations on how they would like to see these matters addressed. A new Noosa River Plan (2017), which heralds a contemporary era of catchment management in Noosa has been developed.

*Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville, on 13 October to hear Jan Maddin. Her vast experience in the area of Catchment Management will enable her to provide expert insight into the 2017 Noosa River Plan. Coffee and a chat are on offer from 10am and the forum commences at 10.30am. The Interpretive Birding group welcomes newcomers to join their walk in Wallace Park. Meet Valda in the car park at 8.30am. All welcome and visit www.noosaparks.org.au for more information.. **All welcome.***



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