

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



ZERO EMISSIONS

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Top right: Minister Mark Bailey at opening of Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo

Centre top right: Anne Kennedy, Gareth Duggan, Steve Speldewinde, Vivien Griffin and Carolyn Bullen from Economic

Development, Noosa Council

Centre top left: Tewantin Introduction to E-Bikes group ride

 $Centre\ bottom\ right:\ Maxine\ Parry,\ Thorsten\ Kels,\ Michael\ Davis,\ Kerri\ Watson,\ Darren\ Walters\ at\ Roadmap\ consultation$

Centre bottom left: Warren Smith, Mayor Wellington, Dick Barnes and Vivien Griffin at Roadmap launch

1. From the President

2018 has been a very busy and productive year for ZEN and its passionate and energetic team of volunteers. We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal of zero Noosa community emissions by 2026, but the groundwork laid in 2018 has established a sound foundation towards that end. This Annual Report documents the work undertaken by our volunteers over the year, and I want to record my appreciation for the efforts and goodwill of each and every one of them.

I particularly would like to thank the ZEN Inc. Management Committee for their diligent oversight during the year:

Joe Shlegeris (Treasurer)
Darren Walters (Secretary)
Carina Anderson
Geoff Acton

2. Our Objects

Our Constitution records the following Objects for the association:

- (1) The protection and enhancement of the natural environment by working towards the achievement of zero net greenhouse gas emissions in the Noosa Shire by 2026 through effective engagement with the community, industry and government including:
 - A. Development of a joint understanding of the current sources and level of emissions in Noosa community and potential responses to reduce them;
 - B. Develop plans, policies and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
 - C. Engage with all levels of government and other community and industry groups to achieve shared commitment to, and delivery of, the goal of ZEN

3. Our Working Groups and Volunteers

From very early in its life, ZEN recognised that the two key areas where we could make a difference were electricity consumption and transport emissions. As a result, we established two working groups: ZENe, concentrating on electricity consumption, and ZENt, focusing on transport emissions.

a. ZENe

Joe Shlegeris continued his motivating role as convenor of this group, which meets monthly. ZENe instigated both the Roadmap project and the Repower Noosa project, more of which below in Section 6. As a result of the Roadmap project, a number of volunteer teams have been established to tackle specific sectors of electricity consumption. The sectors and team leaders are listed below.

- Major Consumers (Joe Shlegeris)
- Education (Roman Raudonikis)
- Tourism (Michael Davis)
- Business (Anne Kennedy)
- Academic ZEN (Dr. Carina Anderson)
- Renters and Low Income (Vivien Griffin)
- Community Buildings (Anne Nolan)

- Major Solar (Shayan Barmand)
- Repower Noosa (Gareth Duggan)
- Repower Cooran (John Essen)

b) **ZEN Transport**

The ZEN Transport Working Group has focussed on community engagement and advocacy activities around sustainable transport, including cycle skills workshops, e-bike group rides, the Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo and participation on Council's Transport Steering Group (see further in report for details).

4. Our Partners

a. Our Inaugural Memorandum of Understanding

Zen was formally launched on 9 November 2016 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with 15 key community and business organisations. Our MOU partners include:

- Country Noosa Inc.
- CQ University
- Noosa and District Landcare Group
- Noosa Community Biosphere Association
- Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation
- Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Noosa Integrated Catchment Association
- Noosa Junction Traders' Association
- Noosa Parks Association
- Noosa Shire Council
- Noosa Shire Residents and Ratepayers Association
- Sunshine Coast Environment Council
- Tourism Noosa
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- J2

We want to record the particular support given by the following in 2018:

b. Noosa Council

We are grateful for the continual support given to our initiatives by the Noosa Council. Mayor Tony Wellington has made himself available at our community consultations and for the opening of the Electric Vehicle Expo, we have received welcome grant funding support, Deputy Mayor Frank Wilkie spoke at our welcome to the Solar Tuk team, and Council officers have assisted



with advice and support throughout the year. Thank you one and all.

c. Solar installers

We have established a strong and invaluable link with Sunshine Coast solar installers. Particular thanks to Matt Harold from Enviro Project and Gareth Duggan from Home and Energy who have enhanced our ZENe initiatives with their knowledge and experience. We believe that this collaboration will be invaluable in 2019 as we focus more intensively on the business and tourism sectors.

d. ITP Renewables

Our thanks to Dr. Rob Passey, who authored the key report <u>Achieving 100% Renewable Electricity in Noosa</u> (see more below). His work has delivered a seminal piece of research which has set an invaluable foundation for our work in 2019.

e. <u>Ecotekk</u>

Darren Walters from Ecotekk has been a steadfast supporter of ZEN efforts since inception. We particularly thank him for collaborating with ZEN for our Introduction to E-Bikes group rides.

f. Bike On

Tracey Wyatt from Bike On delivered a series of cycling skills workshops on behalf of ZEN, and has supported our goals throughout the year.

g. CQ University

CQ University has been a ZEN partner since inception, signing our original Memorandum of Understanding. Through Dr. Carina Anderson, we are grateful for the very material support provided to ZEN through provision of high quality meeting and workshop facilities.

h. Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

We are appreciative of the support given to ZEN by NBRF. Again they were a signatory to our original Memorandum of Understanding, and funding support from their "Big Ideas" program led directly to the ITP Renewables report.

i. The Social Deck

The Social Deck team, and especially Steve Speldewinde, have worked with us on the Repower Noosa project, and provided pro bono contribution as part of that project. Stage 1 of the Repower Noosa project has also resulted in the important research report, Repower Noosa Report:

Understanding the Barriers and Benefits of Solar for Business.

j. RACV Resort

We express our appreciation to the team at RACV Noosa, for assisting with workshop facilities and accommodation for the Solar Tuk team during their visit ... and for just being an outstanding sustainability role model!

5. Community Engagement

A major part of our role is to raise awareness within the community of the need to reduce carbon emissions. Over the year we have fulfilled this role through various engagement activities.

Community Consultation Workshops

As part of the Roadmap project, four community workshops were held during 2018, inviting input for the report. We are very appreciative that Mayor Tony Wellington spoke at each of the workshops. They were:

- Coast Workshop (1 May 2018, CQU)
- Hinterland Workshop (2 May 2018, Cooroy RSL)
- Business Workshop (3 May 2018, RACV
- Draft Report workshop (11 August 2018, CQU)



Cycle Skills Workshops

As part of our commitment to sustainable transport, ZEN offered 3 cycle skills workshops in 2018 in collaboration with our partners Bike On Australia, and funded by Noosa Council.

The workshops were:

- Basic Cycle Skills for Women (24 March 2018)
- Social Guided Ride (28 April 2018)
- Bike Maintenance Workshop (26 May 2018)



tips to improve her riding

Cycle Skills for Women (3-4.30pm).
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either privately funded or in

from similar workshops

Sunshine Coast Council.

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The final session will I Bike Maintenance Work on May 26 to give participants the skills an confidence to undertake basic bike maintenance required to be a regular

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c. Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo

With funding from Noosa Council, ZEN delivered the inaugural Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo. We were delighted to have Mark Bailey, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, open the event. Our goal was to promote more sustainable transport modes, and we attracted over 60 exhibitors and more than 2000 event visitors. Our thanks to all the behind the scenes ZEN heroes who helped to make the event a terrific success! Planning is already well under way for the 2019 event.



d. Introduction to E-Bike Group Rides



ZEN has consistently advocated for the role of electric bikes in reducing congestion and emissions. We received funding support from Council to offer 8 Introduction to Electric Bikes group rides throughout the shire, and have received great interest and support from the community. Most rides have been booked out very early, and several riders have now purchased their own electric bikes.

e. Solar Tuk Visit (10 December 2018)

We were delighted to welcome the Solar Tuk Tuk team to Noosa, as part of their inspiring journey up the east coast of Australia. They were very grateful for the accommodation sponsored by the wonderful RACV Noosa.

Noosa MP Sandy Bolton, and Deputy Mayor Frank Wilkie were on hand to welcome them, and to participate in our



green cavalcade down Hastings Street and out to Noosa National Park.

Sunshine Beach High School students also had the chance to meet with the team and find out more about the future of sustainable transport.

6. Grants

ZEN wishes to acknowledge and thank the following funding sources during 2018:



- Noosa Council Community Grant. A grant of \$3835 was received to deliver 3 cycling skills workshops and the 2018 Electric Vehicle Expo
- Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation. A grant of \$19800 was received to fund the preparation of the Roadmap report by Dr. Rob Passey from ITP Renewables. This report, <u>Achieving 100%</u>
 <u>Renewable Electricity in Noosa</u>, now provides invaluable analysis of Noosa's current electricity patterns and sources, and various initiatives for reducing consumption.
- Noosa Council Economic Development Grant. A grant of \$14500 was received to undertake the Repower Noosa project, focussing on developing uptake of rooftop solar by business.
- Noosa Council Community Grant. A grant of \$3875 was received to deliver 8 Introduction to E-bikes group rides throughout the shire. Six rides have been delivered, with two remaining for 2019.

7. Research

ZEN commissioned two seminal pieces of research in 2018.

The first was authored by Dr. Rob Passey, from ITP Renewables, with funding from Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation. It was entitled, "Achieving 100% Renewable Electricity in Noosa", and provided invaluable analysis of our current electricity consumption patterns, and options for achieving our goal of zero emissions by 2026. This study has laid the groundwork for identifying priority actions in the coming years.

The second report was authored by Steve Speldewinde, from The Social Deck, with funding from Noosa Council. It was entitled, "Repower Noosa Report: Barriers and Benefits of Solar to Business". The report has already enabled initiatives to promoting the uptake of solar by business.

8. Advocacy

ZEN provides policy input on three major Council consultative committees, as well as to Energex. They are:

- Noosa Council Sustainable Tourism Reference Group
- Noosa Council Transport Steering Group
- Noosa Council Environment Strategy Forum
- Energex Community Leader Forum

9. Social Media

We currently have three websites: www.zeroemissionsnoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa.com, www.repowernoosa and NoosaEVexpo (400 likes) Facebook pages. Our thanks to Geoff Acton and Malcolm Scott who have diligently ensured frequent additions to our Facebook pages and a growing number of likes. Our plan is to consolidate the Zeroemissionsnoosa and repowernoosa websites early in 2019. We also have over 400 subscribers to our newsletters.

10. Financial Statements (see Appendix 2)

Appendix 1: Media Articles

Hop on yer' bike to push our ZEN

Peter Gardiner

THEY are going to be part of Noosa's zero heroes – locals who get on their bikes to help cutting down local emissions while building up their fitness.

And some will be increasing their "social capital" as part of Bike On's free cycling workshops funded by the council-backed Zero Emissions Noosa initiative.

The first of the 1.5 hour workshops is on Saturday, March 24 On at Girraween Sports Complex – Basic Cycle Skills for Women (3-4.30pm).

Bike On's Tracey Wyatt is delighted to have ZEN's support as these follow on from similar workshops either privately funded or in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Council.

Local resident Judy Kitcher is one of the first to book for the first workshop.

Tracey said the aim is to build confidence and improve cycling safety for females aged 18 plus years who haven't ridden in a while and need a refresher.

"She has a bike and would like to ride more but is looking for a few coaching



noosanews.com.au Friday, February 23, 2018

ZERO HEROES: Bike On is helping push the Zero Emissions Noosa message. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

tips to improve her riding confidence," Tracey said.

Zero Emissions Noosa is working towards net zero carbon emissions within the Noosa shire by 2026.

"Encouraging more people into cycling and away from vehicles is cornerstone to ZEN meeting these objectives," ZEN coordinator Vivien Griffin said.

The second workshop is a Social Guided Ride on Saturday, April 28 (3-4.30pm) coinciding with the start of National Bike Week (April 28-May 7).

"The aim of the ride will be to encourage friends and families to ride together and for the community to explore on the network of local cycle paths," Tracey said

The final session will be a Bike Maintenance Workshop on May 26 to give participants the skills and confidence to undertake the basic bike maintenance required to be a regular rider.

Tracey said ZEN has been supported by Noosa council in staging these cycling introductions and bikes are also available to hire on request for anyone unable to transport their own.

Phone Bike On at 5474 3322 or email info@bikeon.com.au for more information.

noosanews.com.au Friday, February 16, 2018

Electric hum to transport expo

Peter Gardiner

NOOSA will showcase its future sustainable transport options when the Zero Emissions Noosa hosts the first local Electric Vehicle Expo.

Among the cars on display will be a Tesla Model X, a Nissan Leaf, a Holden Volt and the Mitsubishi PHEV Outlander.

Electric bikes will also feature prominently at the expo to be held at Noosa Australian Rules ground on Weyba Road, Noosaville on May 12, according to ZEN co-ordinator Vivien Griffin.

"Already we have some terrific exhibitors lined up," Ms Griffin said.

"Electric vehicles are not something in the future, they are definitely part of the contemporary transport picture.

"We will be showcasing electric cars, buses, e-bikes, electric outboard motors and charging infrastructure."

Ms Griffin said the site had been to allow for safe off-road trial rides in some of the vehicles.

"There is a great cycle path which can be accessed



ELECTRIC EXPO: Going green is Noosa is really taking off.
PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

from inside the site, and we will definitely be scheduling trial e-bike rides."

"Electric vehicle owners will also be on site to answer the hard questions and show off their pride and joy."

Ms Griffin said six proud electric vehicle owners came along to the launch of the expo at the Noosaville Aussie Rules grounds.

"The Queensland Government's Electric Superhighway is now live from Cairns to Coolangatta, so the old concerns about charging infrastructure are being eliminated."

This has been highlighted in the *Noosa News* via the battery charging station at Cooroy. "It's council's ambitious goal to become carbon neutral by 2026," councillor Brian Stockwell said.

"Our community too has seized the emissions-reduction message and this charger is a great way, that we, with the state's help, can support the uptake of electric vehicles in the shire."

He said Noosa welcomed the chance to join the first phase of the program.

"We've also been able to make use of charging infrastructure we already had in-house to provide this public service, which is good news for ratepayers," councillor Joe Jurisevic said. Friday, March 9, 2018 noosanews.com.au

Plugged in to a new travel way

FOR Transport Minister Mark Bailey it will be a case of on your electric bike as he heads to Noosa to officially opening the Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo on May 12 at the Noosa Tigers AFL ground in Noosaville.

According to Zero Emissions Noosa co-ordinator Vivien Griffin, Mr Bailey and a team of Transport and Main Road Department officers will be here promoting the electric vehicle strategy during the 10am–2pm sustainability showcase.

Ms Griffin said the inaugural May expo was "off to a great start" with "some terrific exhibitors and vehicle owners already keen to participate".

She said Mr Bailey was a keen electric vehicle supporter and cyclist, whose government was constructing the Electric Vehicle Super Highway in the shape of recharging stations as part of strategy.

"Proud owners of Teslas, BMW I-e, Nissan Leaf, Holden Volt and Mitsubishi Outlanders will be on hand to give you first hand owner experience and information," Ms Griffin said.



The Vallkree electric bikes offer some Byron bay cool in Noosa.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

"In addition, we have some very exciting exhibitors to showcase. The amazing Clenergy Team Arrow are bringing their solar car to the Expo.

"The gorgeous Vallkree vintage electric bikes which are handmade in Byron Bay are coming, with opportunities for trial rides."

Ms Griffin said the "very sustainable" Noosa RACV Resort was supporting the expo by bringing their two electric Nissan Leafs, which they provide for members and guests to rent.

"Cycle Power are supporting the expo and you will be able to try their terrific leaning trike electric bike ... great for the shopping.

"Our expo will be fun, but also a chance for you to try out, find out about, those emission free alternatives to the fossil fuel car.

"It all helps to take us to our Noosa zero emissions target by 2026," she said.

noosanews.com.au Thursday, March 29, 2018 Start of a new life cycle

Women are so keen to get on bikes

FOR 14 intrepid women life to be more free-wheeling after attending Bike On's basic cycle skills for women

after attending Bike On's basic cycle skills for women workshop.

The Saturday gathering at Girraween Sporis Complex with its criterium cycle track was the first of three free workshops backed by Noosa Council and the Zero Emissions Noosa initiative.

Tracey Wyatt from Bike On said the confidence of budding cyclists to ride more frequently was boosted. "They showed great camaraderie and loved the inclusive feel of the workshop with many making plans to meet again to ride together over the coming weeks," Tracey said. For many it was the first time they had been to the bike track and "they were extremely happy" with the safe riding area on which to

extremely happy" with the safe riding area on which to practice. "The Noosa Council has

already received some terrific feedback following



cycle paths.

The final session will be a

bike maintenance workshop on May 26 from 3-4.30pm to help keep people in the

workshop," Tracey said.
Participant Maureen
Milne said: "It was such a
huge confidence builder that
we can't wait to attend the next session and become more confident on Noosa's

great bicycle pathways." Saturday's workshop is being followed by a free Social Guided Ride on Saturday, April 28, (3-4.30pm) April 28 to May 7.

Tracey said the aim of the ride was to encourage friends and families to ride together and for the community to explore the area on the network of local each notice. L It was such a huge confidence builder

The workshops are structured sessions run by accredited cycle skills instructors from Bike On.

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Places are limited and bookings are essential. Contact Bike On: 5474 3322

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ALL ABOARD: The European cargo style electric bike has finally made it to Noosa's pathways

PHOTO: MALCOLM SCOTT

European electric bike on show at expo

THE much-loved European cargo style electric bike has finally made it to Noosa's pathways and is garnering much interest.

Parents Gerry and Gillian loved the bike they had in the Netherlands so much, they shipped it back to Australia.

"This is a great way to get around Noosa," Gerry said.

"We can take three

children in the front, and another strapped in the rear seat.

"That makes this a five-seater vehicle.

"The children just love it, and sing along as we go.

The bike is very stable, and the electric motor makes it all very easy to get around Noosa's great pathway network.

"We would love to see more of these cargo bikes in Noosa, and are happy to show the bike and its capabilities to interested people."

Gerry said he could be contacted through Zero **Emissions Noosa at** 0407 116 105 or zeroemissionsnoosa @gmail.com "and they will pass on your contact details to us'

The cargo bike will also be on display at the Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo to be held on May 12 at the AFL ground at Weyba Road, Noosaville.

"This style of bike is popular across Europe, with countries such as Norway and France providing subsidies to encourage their uptake and cut down on vehicle pollution," expo co-ordinator Vivien Griffin

Friday, April 13, 2018 noosanews.com.au

Three-wheel green

Powering on electric goer called ZBee

NOOSA'S zero emissions future could arrive in part on three wheels. A Swedish-designed

three-wheel ZBee brings a whole new approach to transport, and locals will be able to see it and possibly take a ride at the Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo at the Aussie Rules Grounds on Weyba Rd, Noosaville, on Saturday, May 12. "We are delighted to have

"We are delighted to have this innovative transport option coming to Noosa," expo co-ordinator Vivien Griffin of Zero Emissions Noosa (ZEN) said. "It has been described as the world's most super-efficient clean electric

efficient clean electric vehicle to meet the transportation needs of the 21st century and we need to be exploring these new technological options for our future.

The ZBee has received full road-certification approval, which makes the vehicle available for onroad use throughout



GREEN POWER: The ZBee electric three-wheeler is used as a taxi in India. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

"It's a vehicle that is "It's a vehicle that is perfectly suited to small inner city trips or perhaps as a convenient shuttle to Main Beach," Ms Griffin said. "The Zbee is an energy-efficient vehicle designed to have a low."

designed to have a low environmental impact and a smaller footprint than traditional petrol vehicles. making transport movement more efficient."

The range for a fully

charged battery is 70km and consumes less than 40 cents for 100km of power.

In 2013, the Zbee received the WWF Climate solver award which recognises the

development and widespread use of technologies that can dramatically reduce carbon-dioxide emissions.

For details visit www.facebook.com/

NoosaEVexpo.
Meanwhile, Noosa's quest for zero carbon emissions is to be put under the public

to be put under the public spotlight early next month in the first of two "road map" project public consultation sessions. The first ZEN feedback session will be at Noosaville on Tuesday, May 1 and the second will be held in the hinterland on May 2 at a

venue and time to be

advised. "With funding from the "With runding from the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation, ZEN has commissioned a professional plan to achieve net zero emissions," Ms Griffin said. "The Noosa Council's emissions focus up to now has been inward

now has been inward looking, aimed at getting its own operations right

"ZEN's efforts overlan with the council in many areas and the council has the ability to provide funding under existing programs."

Francis is plugged in to future

New solar saving transport

Peter Cardiner

WHENEVER Valdora cane

WHENEVER Valdora cane grower Francis Schmidling wants to do some serious running about, he just nips outside and plugs a special set of wheels into his own solar panels.

Energy conscious Francis drives a Model X Tesla and the duo will be among the star attractions at the inaugural Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo on Saturday, May 12 from 10am-2pm, at the Noosa Tigers Aussie Rules Grounds in Noosaville. "We think Francis must qualify as the most sustainable car driver in Australia," expo co-ordinator Vivien Griffin said.

"He has a 30kW (solar panel) array at his farm, and is able to adjust the tilt to align the panels for optimum energy production for the time of the year.

"Francis will be at the

expo with his gull-wing
Tesla and very happy to
speak with visitors."
The expo is promising to
showcase a
thought-provoking range of
accessible electric transport
options to demonstrate that
an emission free transport
world is not that far away.
"We have a fantastic
line-up of exhibitors,
including private owners of
electric vehicles who will be
very happy to speak about
their electric car owning and
driving experience," Ms
Griffin said.
"Many more people are
now seriously looking at
electric car ownership, as
new more affordable models
are about to hit the
Australian market.
"At least 10 brands are
about to launch electric cars
in Australia by 2020, and
several of them will
definitely be at the more
affordable end of the price



idling and his Model X Tesla recharging from his own solar farm SWITCHED ON: Francis Schr

spectrum.
"At the moment, only
BMW and Tesla sell purely
battery-powered cars in
Australia."
The German company has
the 13, an innovative 588,100
small city car, while the
American EV-only brand
has the big Model S sedan
and futuristic Model X SUV
at prices stretching from just
over \$100,000 to more than
\$200,000.
"Coastline BMW are
bringing the 13 to the expo,
and we will have several
private owners of the Tesla
Model S and Model X who
are keen to speak with
visitors about their
experiences as Tesla
owners," she said.



"However, the more affordable Hyundai Ioniq Electric five-door fasthack hatch, expected to be about \$45,000, will go on sale in about August, at the same time as Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid versions.

"Before the end of the year these probably will be joined by two hatchbacks, the small Renault Zoe and the larger, second-generation Nissan Leaf."

Renault began selling the Zoe to fleet buyers in 2017, for \$44,470 or \$45,870,

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

NEWS

LEFT: The Clenergy Team Arrow solar car is coming. PHOTO: SAMUEL EAMES

depending on equipment grade, and the intention is to be offering the vehicle to private owners in the near future.

private owners in the near future.

"Last month Nissan's Japanese HQ announced the new Leaf would go on sale in Australia in the next 12 months." Ms Griffin said.

"The new Leaf is predicted to cost about \$50,000. RACV resort are bringing their two first generation Leafs to the expo. together with a private Leaf owner."

The expo is supported by Noosa council. Go to facebook.com/noosaEVexpo.

Friday, May 11, 2018 noosanews.com.au

Electric push for commuter trial

Peter Gardiner

TOMORROW'S milestone electric vehicle expo in Noosa could be the catalyst for an electric bike commuter trial that could go a long way to solving local congestion.

Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo co-ordinator Vivien Griffin said Transport Minister Mark Bailey was to officially open the major green transport push at the Tigers Aussie rules ground at Noosaville from 10am-2pm.

"This is really a great opportunity for Noosa to strut its stuff and to say we take sustainability seriously," Ms Griffin said.

"My personal goal with the minister is to interest in him in an electric bike commuter trial here.

"There's been a research project in Perth where commuters were supplied with electric bikes and they replaced over 50 per cent of their vehicle journeys.

"It's not just about carbon emissions, it's about congestion, so if we can get those cars off the road and commuters using the bikes to get to work it's going to also help the council in deferring its capital works programs and spending millions of dollars on new roundabouts.'

Ms Griffin said she rode an electric bike and "I get up over Noosa Hill no problems at all".

"We have some interesting options for Noosa to start thinking about how Noosa feels about



TRANSPORT GOALS: Vivien Griffin wants to see an electric bike commuter trial in Noosa. PHOTO: PETER GARDINER

congestion," she said. Ms Griffin said locals had to start thinking about replacing their internal combustion engine vehicles and tradies would be able to see some available electric work vans.

Ms Griffin said currently Noosa households have 1.8 cars on average.

"If we can get that down to one car per household it would make a huge difference," she said.

'This (expo) is certainly a first on the Sunshine Coast and we think in Southeast Queensland.

"It's part of the work being done by Zero Emission Noosa – our goal is zero emissions by 2026.

"The transport emissions of residents only, not counting tourism, make up 30 per cent of our emissions.

Ms Griffin said this was a great opportunity for people to try out electric bikes.

She said there were three-wheeled trike bikes and "beautifully designed retro bikes"

Counting private vehicle owners, there should be more than 60 exhibitors.

FREE ENTRY







ELECTRIC IS ACE

BY MARGARET MACCOLL

Australian Clean Energy Electric Vehicle (ACE EV) used the event to launch its affordable all-electric cars - a panel van and a ute - which will be on sale from June and in stock from November.

ACE EV representative Greg McGarvie said the vehicle, which was the product of a joint Swiss, German and Taiwanese venture, had been two years in design.

The car will travel 350km per charge, retail for under \$40,000 and each one come with a home charging station and app to locate charging stations, he said. Greg boasted of the economy of the electric vehicles saying one of his colleagues had recently driven from Melbourne to Maryborough in a Tesla at a cost of \$20.



Minister Mark Bailey speaks with Greg McGarvie, Noosa MP Sandy Bolton and Noosa Mayor Tony Wellington.

noosatoday.com.au



Terumi lwagani tests a Vallkree electric bicycle.

PEDAL WITH POWER

BY MARGARET MACCOLL

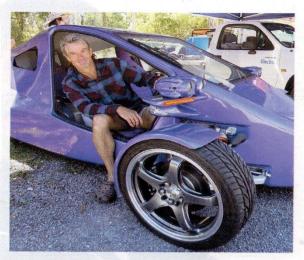
Electric bicycles of all shapes and sizes were available to test out at the Electric Vehicle show at Noosa on Saturday. Among them were the Vallkree bikes.

Named after the flying goddess the bikes are described by their creator Jason Sanger as a "gentleman's cruiser".

With a top speed of 25km/hr and the ability to run about 50km on a single charge the bikes are street legal and sleek.

Jason said the bikes retail from Thomas Surfboards for \$33,000 and a hand made wooden version was available for \$4,900. The bikes can be trialled at Golden Breed at the entrance to Hastings Street.

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Trevor Richards with his electric trike.

BUILT IN THE BACK SHED

BY MARGARET MACCOLL

When Trevor and Marcy Richards worked as teachers in Kiribati in the Pacific Ocean they realised how dependent their lives were on electricity.

"There was no power, no phone, no doctors," Trevor said. "Fuel prices were going up down here. We got involved in wind and solar power and then electric driven vehicles."

Having grown up on a farm where he learnt a lot about fixing vehicles and a background in manual teaching, Trevor developed about a decade ago an electric ute he said was the first electric vehicle registered in Queensland. He brought his ute and a trike prototype to the show. Powered at his house in Kuttabul near Mackay, using solar power, Greg said the trip to Noosa cost about \$3.

Trevor's Drive by Nature business aims to market his trikes. For more information visit www.thebackshed.com/basiclynatural or phone 4954 0285.



An electric Lotus was shown off by the Australian Electric Vehicle Association.



Chris Hewitt demonstrates how to use a Tritum charging station.

DRIVEN BY THE ELECTRICITY

BY MARGARET MACCOLL

The atmosphere was electric on Saturday for what Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey described as "an historic event - the first ever electric vehicle event" held in Noosa on Saturday.

Electric cars, scooters, bicycles, trikes and charging stations were on show for the Zero Emissions Noosa Expo and crowds gathered to see what was on offer.

Noosa Mayor Tony Wellington said the Council was aware that the modal shift to electric vehicles was inevitable.

"We have provided an electric charger at Cooroy as part of the State's electric superhighway scheme," he said. "Our transport strategy is also considering electric vehicles and other new technology.

"Major vehicle manufacturers across the planet are all designing and making electric vehicles. Ford has committed \$11 billion on technology to build no less than 40 different models of electric and hybrid vehicles by 2022. Daimler said it would spend a similar amount creating 10 purely electric and 40 hybrid models. And, as the ZEN Expo revealed, there are local independent manufacturers popping up as well.

"When I first bought my Prius hybrid car 13 years ago, there was a lot of



Mike Danielli of Electron Vehicles with one of their bikes.

scaremongering about batteries failing and other nonsense. Just today, driving between Cooroy and home, the car's speedo ticked over 300,000kms. It's still on the original battery. In fact, it hasn't had a hiccup in 13 years."

The Queensland Government last week announced the release of a guide to installing EV chargers for property owners, planners and developers.

Minister Bailey said sales of electric vehicles in Queensland were growing and with new, more affordable models entering the Australian market, EV charging infrastructure would grow in importance.

"In January 2018 the Palaszczuk Government successfully completed the Queensland Electric Super Highway



Crowds visit the ZEN electric vehicle



James Pauly of Traction EV with his electric VW.

(QESH), which stretches from the Gold Coast to Cairns," he said.

Charging stations on the electric super highway are free for the first year, he said.

Don't 'tank' on road jam busting

"GOOD progress but can do better" - that is the report card assessment issued by Zero Emissions Noosa on the recent Noosa Council's progress towards its Transport Strategy. "There is no doubt that Noosa Council is giving this issue a high priority and has great aspirations," ZEN transport spokesperson Vivien Griffin said. "We totally support the direction they have set in the strategy, and the e-Noosa goal. "However, we think it is time the CEO was required to provide clear

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"However, we think it is time the CEO was required to provide clear implementation time lines to the Noosa Council and community for the initiatives being discussed."

Ms Griffin said if the mix of carrot and stick," she said.
"The carrot is high quality and safe alternatives such as frequent shuttle buses and safe cycling and public transport transit lanes, particularly at bottle necks such as Garth Prowd bridge. "If the Noosa Triathlon can organise shuttle buses, why can't Noosa Council?"

Ms Griffin said the stick

council was to present the region as a model of an innovative transport community to federal and state governments, we needed to have some runs on the board, not just words. "If you want people to choose alternatives to the private motor car, you need a sophisticated behaviour change strategy involving a mix of carrot and stick," she said.

was "obviously paid parking, which can fund the alternatives".
"There are over 400 parking spaces in Noosa Woods which are currently

parking spaces in Noosa Woods which are currently free.

"This could be a revenue source to pay for the alternatives.
"Yes, council has flagged this as an option, but will the delivered and how?
"It makes no sense at all to raise parking fees in Noosa Lions Park at peak time, and leave the Noosa Woods car parking free.
"So the important priority is delivery on the alternatives... not on tacking congestion, which you will never solve.
"Right now there is at least \$2.2 million sitting in

the sustainable transport levy, with nearly another million to come this year." Mayor Tony Wellington said the council's short, medium and long-term goals involved far more costs than could be met by the transport levy. "Many will require funding support from higher levels of government." he said.

"We can't put delivery dates on actions that are not funded. We do have an idealised schedule for delivery of our short-term implementations," he said.

"We have had to gather and analyse data to ground truth our implementations. We have also needed to gather information from transport experts."

GRIDLOCK: Traffic build-ups at peak times are clogging up major access points. PHOTO: PETER GARDINER

The mayor said the council did not want to rush into actions that were poorly modelled and ill-considered. "We need to ensure that ratepayers' funds are being spent effectively. The transport strategy involves

integrated solutions,"
Cr Wellington said.
"This means that many of
the actions require other
simultaneous actions to
work effectively, and this
complicates their roll-out."
— Peter Gardiner

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Leading an ebike char

Local uni about to put our bike behaviour to the test

ONE Noosa researcher about to help launch a locally ground-breaking trial on the benefits of electric pedal power, once regarded the ebikes as a bit of a joke.

But now Dr Carina Anderson, of CQUniversity School of Nursing, who is about to steer a three-month trial is one of the battery-charged converted

"I'm just really keen to see less people using their cars so we have less emissions,' Dr Anderson said.

"Thirty per cent of emissions come from transport, so if we can get some of the cars off the road it's good for everyone and it's good for the infrastructure, because you have less wear and tear on the road."

She cycles and charges along on electric no-pedal

"I never thought I'd own an ebike because I laughed at them the first time I ever heard of them," she said. "One of the guys in town

let me ride one and I thought this is really fun.

"It took me a year to buy

A I hop on the bike to get the groceries, because I can...

- Dr Carina Anderson

one, but gee I'm really hooked – I love them. "For me it makes me ride

my bike when normally I would have taken my car.

"So I make an effort now I live at Castaways and I make an effort to hop on the bike and go to Coles or up to Aldi to get the groceries, because I can and it's fun."

CQU has teamed up with bike company GIANT and Zero Emission Noosa to put two lots of 10 indifferent bike users to the test. ZEN has been helping

recruit for this study that ties in with its electric vehicle push along with other green groups like Noosa Parks Association.

"It's about trying to get people in Noosa out of their cars and thinking of alternate low emissions form of transport," she said. "We're looking at whether

we can change their



TRIAL RIDES: CQUniversity researcher Dr Carina Anderson and GIANT Noosa store manager
Jesse Sutton saddle up for a three-month trial. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED Jesse Sutton saddle up for a three-month trial.

behaviour and also at their health and well-being benefits of using an ebike.

The study will chart the changes in the mental and physical state.

"We're recruiting right now. They have to do a bicycle safety workshop first and that will be on September 8 and so long as the hikes are here on time we'll be kicking off after that'

Locals need to meet the

following criteria:

Regularly drive your car

to get to work

■ Do not cycle often■ Are over 18 years of age

■ Have a body mass index of between 25-40

Are physically inactiveLive and work in Noosa Dr Anderson can be contacted on c.anderson@

cau.edu.au.

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GOING SOLAR: Solar panels on Noosa Marina structures

esses: pick solar

ZERO Emissions Noosa is asking all businesses to complete a short online complete a short online survey at repowernoosa .com/business-survey which is asking their reasons for installing or not installing rooftop solar for their business. "Noosa businesses are spending \$23.4m on

spending \$23.4m on electricity every year," Zero Emissions Noosa president Vivien Griffin said.

Yet just 4.6 per cent of (them) have upgraded to solar power compared to 38 per cent of residential

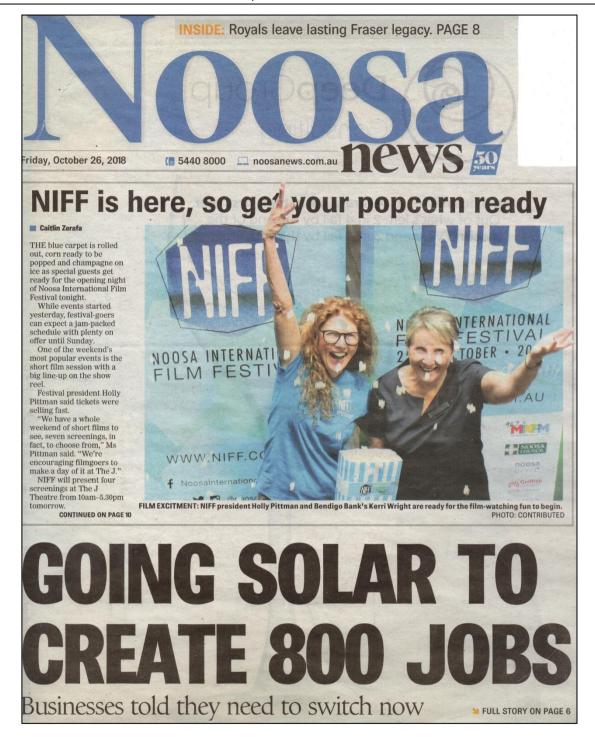
properties.
"We want to work with businesses to identify the barriers preventing (their) installation of solar. Then we want to develop solutions that work for them, in

that work for them, in partnership with them," Ms Griffin said.
"I urge all businesses to complete the survey, as this will help us tailor initiatives that work for them, not just what we think will work.
"Our Repower Noosa project represents an

project represents an opportunity to facilitate the generation of over \$100m of economic benefit for local businesses and at the same time help with our transition

time help with our transition to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2026.
"By taking an innovative approach to growing our solar industry and ensuring the costs of transition to renewable energy are fed back into the local economy, we're investing in jobs and industries of the future for Noosa."

Ms Griffin said businesses could contact her at zeroemissionsnoosa @gmail.com or 0407 116 105.



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Power proves a dinky Di saving

LOCAL businesswoman Di Henshall has noted her interior design service has achieved a 55 per cent reduction in energy usage and an 86 per cent reduction in energy costs since her solar installation.

Zero Emissions Noosa's

Vivien Griffin paid tributed to solar adopters like Gull Brothers, Bissell's Paint & Panel, Page Bros Furniture, Noosa Flashpackers, Noosa Seafood Providores, Noosa Radiators, Waves of Kindness and Noosa Sun Motel.

"These companies are

doing the right thing, while making their businesses more profitable and more secure," she said.

"I applaud them all, and I worry a bit about those others which are lagging behind. They need to catch up right now."

Jobs bonanza in solar conversion

Peter Gardiner

NOOSA businesses could help create 800 skilled jobs in the next eight years and save \$3.4 million if they were to join the solar push by Zero Emissions Noosa.

That is the upside of ZEN's "historic" report, Achieving 100% Renewable Electricity in Noosa, produced by Dr Rob Passey of ITP Renewables, funded by the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation.

Foundation chair Dick Barnes said "this is just the start of a very big idea and NBRF would welcome being further involved in the next stages," he said.

ZEN president Vivien Griffin said this report was a "historic milestone in our collective journey to zero emissions".

The downside of Noosa not adopting a solarpowered future was spelt out starkly by Noosa Mayor Tony Wellington at the official handover of the report beside a Noosa Marina decked out with a roof full of sun-powered panels: "The recent IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report has underpinned the urgency of these sorts of actions.

"The latest report argues that the planet has just 12 years to avoid a climate change catastrophe."

The mayor said the IPCC report is based on 6000 scientific projects and reports and "it would be pretty foolish for all of us to ignore such a mass of expertise".

While private homes have been quick to take up solar, Noosa businesses have been "dragging their heels somewhat" with just a 5 per cent take-up compared to Noosa's 35 per cent domestic adoption rate.

Ms Griffin said the report set out pathways for

achieving the ZEN goal and said the Noosa Marina and a growing band of others were "a shining example at abusiness that is doing not only great business, but also great for the environment as well"

Marina manager Warren Smith said deciding to invest \$135,000 two months ago to install 200 kilowatts of solar panelling was a "no-brainer really"

"They've been offering us a saving at this stage of around a quarter to a third of our energy consumption to the tenants.

"And we pass on that saving to the tenants – they're saving about 20 per cent off their power bill."

Mr Smith said the panels would pay for themselves in five years and stage two would see the addition of software to help manage the electricity usage better for an expected further 15 per cent power saving.



SOLAR POWERING: Mayor Tony Wellington, NBRF chair Dick Barnes, ZEN president Vivien Griffin and Noosa Marina manager Warren Smith are sold on solar panelling. PHOTO: PETER GARDINER



FROM LEFT: Mick Davis (ZEN), John Esso (CER), Bill Fitch (CER), June Norman (CER), Kerri Watson (ZEN) and Paula Reynolds (CER).

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Quiet revolution is taking place

A QUIET revolution is unfolding in Cooran thanks to the efforts of a few dynamic Noosa locals.

Spending an hour or two on a Saturday morning learning how to unlock the secrets of electricity bills (and inspecting a home for more clues on household energy usage), is probably not your ideal weekend activity.

But this hardy group of locals begs to differ.

Following on from their Declaration of Cooran as a Coal and Gas Free Community on August 11 this year, members of the Cooran Earth Rights (CER) group have been meeting with volunteers from Zero Emissions Noosa (ZEN) to take back the power, one household at a time.

The group's goal is to become the first community in Noosa, Queensland and maybe, Australia, to be a zero net user of coal and gas-generated electricity.

They aim to do this by reducing consumption, and installing more solar photovoltaic panels.

With assistance from

ZEN's Repower Cooran Project Officer Geoff Acton, the community has learned that it currently draws 3.9 million (mega) kilowatt hours from the electricity grid each year.

That equates to the average Cooran household emitting 4.1 tonne of carbon dioxide from electricity usage due to the burning of coal.

Furthermore, about 20 per cent of households are high energy users, with the remaining 80 per cent low-medium energy users.

While more than 45 per cent of households currently have solar PV panels installed, and 22 per cent with solar hot water, the community wants to reduce its reliance upon coal as an energy source.

But making the switch to solar power is not that simple.

Surveys conducted in the community by ZEN and CER have found that the main barriers for Cooran residents in switching to renewable energy are: a lack of awareness about solar power and affordability

issues; limited understanding of how people use energy in the home; and a lack of knowledge about how to decipher a power bill.

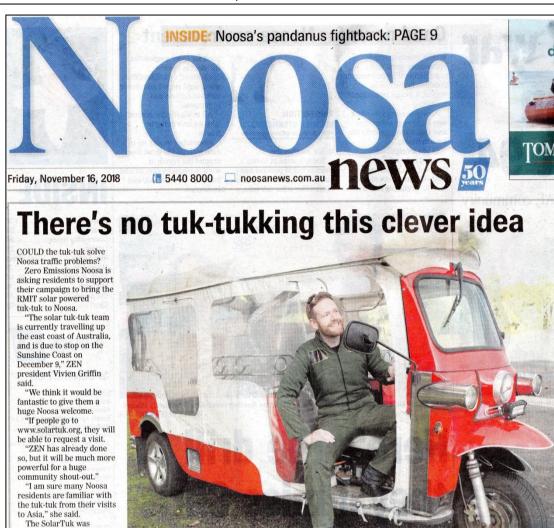
So, the group has embarked upon the challenging journey of becoming Energy Coaches for their local community.

ZEN volunteers, Michael Davis of Sustainable Energy Management P/L and Kerri Watson of EcoStrategy Consulting, are sharing their expertise with the group, using a simple energy audit process.

The idea is that by transferring some basic knowledge about energy utilisation and potential solutions, the members of CER can then offer this expertise to other residents.

A little bit of knowledge can translate into a lot of power, especially if the whole community is behind the initiative.

This is community-based social marketing at work, and it is being used increasingly around the globe as communities take action against climate change.



Solar tukking around the globe

SOLAR SMOOTH: Expedition leader Julian O'Shea with his solar-powered tuk tuk headed our way.

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unveiled at RMIT University EnGenius event

in October.

"We think that electric vehicles have a role to play, and would love to see a faster transition to greener forms of mobility," the SolarTuk website said.

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"We think that if we can make it across Australia and the world in a slow-moving tuk tuk, then people needn't be too worried about the range of their own, more appropriate, electric vehicles.

SolarTuk Expedition leader Julian O'Shea is a social entrepreneur, educator, humanitarian engineer. Mr O'Shea heads up Unbound, a social enterprise that designs and leads innovative education programs across the Asia-Pacific region.

He worked with a team of final year students from RMIT University's School of Engineering to convert the tuk tuk to solar power and prepar it for the expedition. The students were predicting the tuk tuk's battery to have a range of between 250-300km.

This vehicle has six Tesla Model S battery modules, each of which offers about 5.3kWh for a total pack capacity of more than 30kWh.

Ms Griffin said the humble

tuk tuk, also known as an auto-rickshaw, is used by millions of people around the world for their daily commute and are loud, dirty, small and fun.

PHOTO: SOLARTUK

SolarTuk will travel the length of Australia, and then around the globe, to show an unlikely green vehicle can go the distance.

She said the journey would involve outreach with schools, community groups, and sharing stories of innovation and environment.

"So, come on Noosa, let's bring this clean, green innovative transport initiative to Noosa," Ms Griffin said.

APPENDIX 2



Zero Emissions Noosa, Inc.		
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treasurer's report		
31 December 2018		
assets		
cash at Bendigo Bank	\$9,261.80	
due from Noosa Council re Transport Module 3 inc GST	\$5,500.00	
due from Noosa Council re Community Proj Rnd 10 inc GST	\$5,500.00	
GST refund due	\$45.45	
other assets	\$0.00	
total assets		\$20,307.25
liabilities		
services contracted but not yet delivered/invoiced:		
The Social Deck Pty Ltd (inc GST)	\$7,975.00	
Ecotekk Pty Ltd (inc GST)	\$835.00	
GST payable	\$0.00	
other liabilities	\$0.00	
total liabilities		\$8,810.00
net assets		\$11,497.25

Joe Shlegeris Treasurer, Zero Emissions Noosa, Inc.