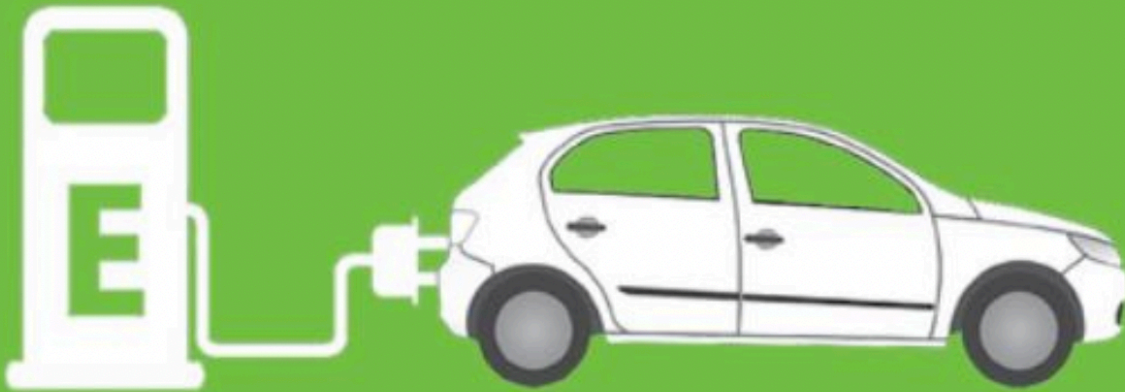


NOOSA ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

Sunday 21 March 2021
10am to 2pm

Transit Centre Car Park,
Lanyana Way,
Noosa Junction



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Wyld e-choppers in Noosa.

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Inokim electric scooter.

Hey, easy rider

Exciting new easy-riding transport options will be a feature of the free Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo, with everything from e-scooters, chopper-style motor scooters and powerful electric motorbikes on display.

"Personal electric transport is no longer just about cars and e-bikes," said Expo coordinator Vivien Griffin. "E-scooters are transforming our transport options and the range of vehicles now available can provide for sitting or standing travel, and distance range up to 70 kilometres, depending on ride mode chosen. They are lightweight, affordable, and can be folded to take on public transport or into the workplace.

"Expo visitors will have the chance to have a test ride in a safe, dedicated space. Queensland legislation limits their speeds to 25 kph, and they may be ridden on footpaths

and on local roads of up to 50k speed limit."

On-road electric scooter transport now includes the eye-catching "Easy Rider" chopper-style motor scooters, which are challenging our concepts of what a motor scooter looks like, with both the NKD and Wyld vehicles getting a lot of interest. Maximum speed for the Wyld is 50 kph, and only a standard driver's licence is required. It has a range of 80k and a removable battery for easy recharging.

The Fonzarelli electric NKD comes in three different models, with maximum speeds from 50kph to 100kph and a range up to 200k. Both will be on display at the Expo, as well as the silent but powerful Evoke motor bike.

The Expo will be held on Sunday 21 March, from 10-2pm, at the Noosa Transit Centre Car Park, Lanyana Way, Noosa Junction. Further information at noosaeexpo.com.au.



The powerful Evoke.

Handbrake on e-car sales

Figures released last week by the Electric Vehicle Council show Australian electric car sales are stagnating at a time when the rest of the world is hitting the accelerator hard.

In 2020, there were 6,900 electric cars sold in Australia, a 2.7 percent increase from the 6,718 sold in 2019. But the 2020 figures show electric cars account for just 0.7 percent of total Australian car sales. By comparison, electric vehicles in the European Union increased their market share from 3.8 percent in 2019 to 10.2 percent in 2020. In the UK, it was 3.1 percent in 2019 against 10.7 percent in 2020. In California, market share went from 7.6 percent to 8.1 percent. And in Norway, it rose from 56 percent in 2019 to 75 percent in 2020.

Electric Vehicle Council chief executive Behyad Jafari said the baffling Australian anomaly needed to end. "Australian drivers are ready to join the exciting global electric car transition, but our politicians are yanking the handbrake," Mr Jafari said.

"We have no targets, no significant incentives, no fuel efficiency standards – and in Victoria we even have a new tax on non-emitting vehicles. If we follow the rest of the world and look to accelerate the shift to electric vehicles, we will be rewarded with clean city air, reduced carbon impact, enhanced fuel security, and a renewed manufacturing sector."

Take action on climate

This March, Tourism Noosa through their Plastic Free Noosa Program, and in partnership with Noosa Council will be hosting four community clean-up events to bring awareness to the importance of waste reduction and the circular economy.

The clean-up days will not only help clean up our Noosa villages, but will also support the Trees for Tourism Initiative via community donations and Tourism Noosa funding.

To finish Climate week 2021 events off strong, Tourism Noosa's final event on Friday 26 March will be a Trees for Tourism tree planting day.

Tourism Noosa's goal this Climate Week, with help from Noosa and District Landcare

and the community is to plant 500 new trees, bringing the grand total to 2378 trees planted since the program started in 2019.

Join in on one of four community clean up events located in some of our local villages, open to everyone and anyone.

- Peregian Beach Village: Monday 22 March, 3:30pm - 5pm.
- Sunshine Beach Village Community Clean Up: Tuesday 23 March, 3:30pm - 5pm.
- Noosa Junction Community Clean Up: Wednesday 24 March, 3:30pm - 5pm.
- Noosa Main Beach Community Clean Up: Thursday 25 March, 3:30pm - 5pm.

Did you know that Tree for Tourism helps to protect Noosa's outstanding natural assets? In

partnership with local events, businesses and visitors we plant trees for land rehabilitation, carbon emission reduction, erosion mitigation and the protection and enhancement of Noosa's koala habitat. Part of what makes Noosa so beautiful is how truly sustainable it is.

For information about the Plastic Free Noosa clean-ups during Climate Week 2021, which is supported by Noosa Council and Tourism Noosa visit <https://www.facebook.com/plasticfreenoosa> for further details on registering.

Take Action for Climate Week this year.



Energy efficiency funding for accommodation houses

By Zero Emissions Noosa Inc.

Juanita Terry-Bloomfield, Tourism Noosa's Head of Sustainability, is excited about the Hotel Energy Uplift Grant from the Federal Government and the upcoming Zero Emissions Noosa Inc. Business Forum – Reducing Energy Costs for Business on 24 March at 5.30pm at Belmondos.

"This grant enables our accommodation members with 1 to 99 rooms to apply for funding to help them improve their energy efficiency," she said. "The free business forum ZEN Inc. is running will give our members the information they need to help them become more energy efficient, including the opportunity to meet exhibitors with energy efficiency products and services.

"The grant of between \$10,000 to \$25,000 can be used for upgrading equipment to reduce energy consumption. For example, upgrading the building fabric to save energy, such as improving windows, drapes or insulation; undertaking energy management activities and assessments, such as energy audits and engineering feasibility studies for energy efficiency upgrades or investing in energy monitoring and management systems."

Juanita is urging all Tourism Noosa members not to be put off by the title of the grant. "The grant is available for small to medium sized hotels, motels or serviced apartment complexes that are advertised to, and available to be booked by, members of the public on a nightly basis. This grant, which closes on April 1, fits well with Tourism Noosa's goal of helping our businesses to operate more sustainably, as well as assisting them to reduce their bottom-line operating costs."

Register for the business forum at www.zeroemissionsnoosa.com.au/ and for information about the grant contact 13 28 46 or go to business.gov.au/SearchResult?query=Hotel

Energy Uplift Program

Case study: future proofing your business

When award winning Australian interior designer Di Henshall talks about "future proofing" her business she is talking about her decision to install solar power.

In 2016 Di designed and built her custom design studio and factory at 32 Gateway Drive Noosaville. As a Greensmart Builder, Di built the premises to maximise performance output and sustainability. Integration of a solar system was a commonsense approach to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy bills and costs.

She says: "Having a big roof area, after installing the 32 KW solar system, an added bonus was our greatly improved energy efficiency with the solar panels acting as insulation for the factory floor. Whether renting or as a building owner, installing solar is about future proofing your business. As a manufacturing business, using a lot of machinery and power, we owe it to our community to reduce our impact on the environment. However, it is not just about reducing our impact on the environment, it is a very sound business decision as it reduces our quarterly operating costs substantially.

"I am a strong advocate for solar, and advise other businesses to consider investing in a solar system. For added reassurance, choose a local solar installation company for quick after sales support and a system with remote performance monitoring capabilities," Di said.

Di Henshall Interior Design has been in business on the Sunshine Coast since 1988. Her premises include Di Henshall Interior Design and Resident Hero Custom Furniture, which manufactures high quality contemporary furniture, and Kitchens by Resident Hero, which manufactures cabinetry for homes and well as multi-residential projects.

Di is on the panel of speakers at the ZEN



Di Henshall's solar set-up.

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Inc. Business Forum – Reducing Energy Costs for Business on Wed., March 24, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Belmondos in Noosaville. Registration is essential at <https://www.zeroemission-noosa.com.au/>

Facts and figures: System installed August 2017; Size 31.75kW; electricity cost before solar \$4,000 per quarter; electricity cost after solar \$770 - \$1,120 per quarter depending on workload; installation cost \$26,363; estimated payback period 1.9 years; emissions reduction Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction per year: 38.5 tonnes of CO2-e. Technical REC 265W solar panels; Fronius ECO 27.0-3-S inverter.

Reducing Your Energy Costs for Business Forum

Bring your energy bill to ZEN Inc's. Business Forum, on Wed., 24 March, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Bookings essential for COVID compliance. More information and bookings <https://www.zeroemission-noosa.com.au/> This free event is supported by Noosa Council.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Trees for Tourism program helps protect Noosa's outstanding natural assets, contributing to making Noosa a truly sustainable destination. In partnership with local events, businesses and visitors we plant trees for land rehabilitation, carbon emission reduction, erosion mitigation and the protection and enhancement of Noosa's koala habitat.

Join us to TAKE ACTION for
Climate Week

With your help, we'll be able to plant 500 additional trees, increasing our total to **2378 trees** planted since the program commenced in 2019.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Plastic Free Noosa Community Clean-Ups

Peregian Beach Village

Mon 22 March
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Meet at Peregian Beach Hotel

Sunshine Beach Village

Tue 23 March
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Meet at Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Noosa Junction

Wed 24 March
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Meet at Village Bicycle

Noosa Heads/ Noosa Main Beach

Thu 25 March
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Meet at Noosa Visitor Information Centre

Trees for Tourism tree planting with Noosa & District Landcare

Fri 26 March
Limited spaces available

These clean-ups will shine light on the importance of waste reduction and the circular economy, and will support the Trees for Tourism Initiative via community donations and Tourism Noosa funding.

If you want to support Trees for Tourism by joining one of our Climate Week clean-ups **RSVP to anita@plasticfreenoosa.org** or make a donation today at the Noosa Visitor Information Centre at 61 Hastings Street, Noosa Heads.