

SUN POWERED POMONA

ZERO Emissions Noosa (ZEN) is a volunteer group assisting the Noosa Shire community to become net zero greenhouse gas emitters by 2026

Noosa and the hinterland are well known for sustainable living. We take pride in finding a balance between the natural environment that supports and sustains us and economic growth. Achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions is an important part of our future. Many of our residents and businesses are already seeing the benefits of lower emissions living. The hinterland towns and districts of Federal, Pinbarren and Pomona make up postcode 4568 and are under the spotlight as Zero Emissions Noosa continues to track progress towards the goal of zero community emissions for Noosa by 2026.

Local resident and Noosa Cr Brian Stockwell is feeling pretty impressed with the results by his community of just over 3,500 people and says:

“It’s great to see over a half of residential properties in Pomona have solar arrays and a bit over a quarter of business properties likewise. With only 12% of our roof space used, the town is already getting 41% of its power needs from renewables. This makes the goal of zero community emissions by 2026 a realistic goal.”

“I reckon with the typical friendly rivalry it will be a race to see which hinterland town or village will be first to claim the prize of 100% of its power supplies being generated from renewables, at this stage Cooran is in the lead with 46%.”

The postcode has installed over 4,000 kW of solar, which if laid end to end would stretch for 25 km. Pomona is also home to the largest industrial solar installation in the Noosa Shire with the 200kW system at Page Furnishers. All this solar means that the community in the postcode is averting over 5,000 tonnes of CO2 which otherwise would have been emitted by coal-fired power stations.

Pomona is also home to another Cr Karen Finzel. She’s equally enthusiastic and says,

“A big shout out to all those who are in the race towards reducing emissions! Pomona Hinterland Village is home to like-minded individuals who are focussed on working locally as a community to help achieve our goal of zero emissions by 2026. Together we strengthen communities.”

Details can be found at
www.zeroemissionsnoosa.com.au/4568

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Pomona & districts - postcode 4568	
% residents dwellings with solar	56.7 %
Total PV solar installed	4.1 MW
Potential roofspace used	12.3 %
Annual tonnes of CO2-e saved	5,008
Daily residential grid usage over 10 years	reduced by 17 %
% electricity from renewables	41.2 %