



THIS WEEK IN NOOSA

Including Coolumb and Eumundi

Welcome to the Noosa region. With its pristine, sandy beaches, majestic Noosa River and fertile hinterland forming Queensland's first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, it is the perfect backdrop for adventurous fun in a special place. We hope you enjoy your stay and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food, flowers and fun: Flamboyant flowers, gardening greats and show-stopping chefs are at The Ginger Factory for three days from Friday January 27 to Sunday January 29 with the annual Ginger Flower and Food Festival, a tribute to Queensland's sub-tropical lifestyle. More than 120 varieties of ginger plants, exotics and flowers are on display and there will be floral art design, live entertainment, children's activities, free cooking and gardening presentations, guided garden walks, expert gardening tips – and one visitor will win a barbecue and outdoor setting package. Guests include Dominique Rizzo, Colin Campbell, Julie Ray, Phil Dudman and Ross McKinnon. Chefs will prepare beautiful dishes on a main stage, themed around barbecues, picnics, cocktails and canapés. Admission to the festival is free and the event is under cover. The Ginger Factory is at 50 Pioneer Road, Yandina. For a full program, see www.gingerfactory.com.au

Model search: Head to Noosa Heads Surf Club overlooking Main Beach at Noosa Heads for the first heat of the Miss Sunkissed Australia model search this Sunday January 29 from 1pm, where you can also check out the swimwear competition. The club also has live music this weekend with Smoking Mirrors on Friday night and One Eyed Pilots performing on Saturday night.

CUISINE / FOOD

Angelic menu: Blue Angel Restaurant on Gympie Terrace, Noosaville has a new 3-course set lunch for \$32. Also new is a 2-course dinner available alongside the main menu every Wednesday night for \$30. Choices are available and you can order either entree and dessert or main and dessert. Also look out for Blue Angel's Valentine's Day special coming up. Book on 5473 0800.

Locals' Night at berardo's: Visitors are welcome at the popular Locals' Nights at berardo's restaurant & bar, Hastings Street, Noosa Heads. The 3-course menu, available from Sunday to Friday evenings, changes each week. Dinner plus a glass of red or white wine costs only \$39 per person – great value for diners who'd like to experience one of Noosa's finest restaurants. Bookings are essential on 5447 5666.

GIG GUIDE / ENTERTAINMENT

Live music: Peter Cupples performs at **Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club** (5447 1766) on Thursday February 2 at 7pm. In **Cato's Bar** at the Sheraton Noosa in Hastings Street, see The Vibe this Friday from 6-10pm and AJ on Saturday from 6-9pm. At the Sheraton's **River Lounge**, Soul Temptation perform on Saturday from 8.30-11.30pm. AJ Duo perform at **Sunshine Beach Surf Club** this Sunday from 3pm – book the courtesy bus on 5447 5491. At **Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club** on Gympie Terrace, Noosaville (5449 8602), Andrew Healey performs this Friday from 7.30pm and Michelle Brown performs on Sunday from 2.30pm. David Flower is at **The Great Sandy Bar and Restaurant** at Noosa North Shore Retreat this Friday night, Banksia Men perform there on Saturday night and Sister C are on Sunday from noon – book a seat at the restaurant and order the courtesy bus on 5447 1225.

Music and spit roast: Take a short drive to the historic Apollonian Hotel at Boreen Point which has live music every Friday night. This Saturday afternoon Bluegrass will perform, along with the Pirate Brides from Brisbane (banjo, accordion, double bass and guitar) who will run the regular Saturday jam, followed by a show. Stay on and enjoy a spit roast for dinner.

All aboard: Passenger from the UK, Tim Hart and Stu Larsen (Boy & Bear) are at Joe's Waterhole, Eumundi (5442 8144) this Friday from 8.30pm. Tickets are \$17.50 or \$18 at the door if not sold out – doors open at 7.30pm.

WHY NOT....

Cool down summer: The Spa at Noosa Springs Golf & Spa Resort has a spa offer to help cool down summer. For \$99, your experience includes a welcome refreshment tray, use of spa facilities including HydroMassage Pool (55 mins), full body massage (55 mins) or sugar scrub (55 mins), use of relaxation lounge, complimentary fruit juice and fruit, and cool down in the 25m swimming pool. Valid till February 29. Book on 5440 3355.

Romantic cruise: Get in the mood for Valentine's Day with a gondola cruise on the Noosa River. Gondolas of Noosa has a February special from now until February 14 – book a private dinner cruise or purchase a private dinner/lunch cruise gift certificate and receive a complimentary 1-hour cruise voucher. Mention this promotion when making a booking or purchasing a gift certificate. Phone 0412 929 369.

Carve your name: Leave your mark on the world-famous Original Eumundi Markets with The Paving Project, a public art project that's happening every market day. Decorate a uniquely carved, unfired paver with the help of artist and ceramic teacher Michael Ciavarella – the paver will be fired and laid in the market precinct so it will be there for you, your family and friends to see any time you visit Eumundi in the future. No experience is necessary and all tools will be provided. Market days are Wednesdays from 8am and Saturdays from 7am.