



Noosa Biosphere® Reserve Foundation Ltd

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Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation Board Director positions open

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation has opened its call for new applicants to join their Board of Directors.

“Several of our Directors have reached the end of their current term and as a result we are publicly recruiting for individuals who are keen to join the Board,” said Dick Barnes, Chair of the Foundation.

“Directors play an active, hands-on role in the organisation. They oversee projects in their special interest area, working with project partners and the community in enabling big ideas aligned with the aims of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program,” Mr Barnes said.

NBRF is looking for experienced individuals with skills in governance, policy and scientific or environmental research, with links to academic and research organisations preferable.

Mr Barnes says he is constantly inspired by the opportunities to create long lasting impacts.

“It’s very rewarding to be part of something that has long-term benefits for both our environment and the community,” he said.

“Having previously held successful grant rounds for a variety of projects, we have now been challenged by the Noosa Council to take on a think tank role to develop and facilitate big idea projects. We have developed a new strategic plan and are actively pursuing projects which align with key areas of focus.”

“The whole UNESCO concept of Biosphere Reserves is focused on harmonising environmental, economic and social activities. I cannot think of anything more appropriate to our times and look forward to making progress in all of these areas simultaneously.”

“Given we are a volunteer board progressing multiple projects, it is important to maintain our Board numbers and our skilled expertise. We take succession and induction seriously and are pleased we have been able to plan these transitions well ahead of time,” Mr Barnes said.

The positions are expected to be filled quickly with successful candidates starting as casual Directors until they are formally appointed to a three-year term at the AGM in September.

Applications for the Director positions close 20 June.

Ends.

Photo caption:

Working for our biosphere: NBRF directors Dick Barnes, Rex Halverson, Deanna Lane and Greg Schumann.

Media enquiries

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About Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

The Noosa Shire as a region is distinct from other, more developed urban areas on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and elsewhere in Australia, and has achieved global recognition for the high values of its natural environment. In 2007, this exceptionalism was internationally recognised with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) consenting to the designation of our Shire as the Noosa Biosphere Reserve under its Man and the Biosphere program (MaB). The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation (NBRF) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Noosa Shire Council to support projects and ideas that align with the aims of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program. www.noosabiosphere.org.au