



Noosa Biosphere® Reserve Foundation Ltd

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## **Noosa Biosphere fundraiser bets on Glossies**

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation (NBRF) held its inaugural fundraiser on Tuesday 3 November in celebration of International Day for Biosphere Reserves.

More than 100 attendees and special guests dressed up for the Black and Glossy Gala to raise awareness for the threatened Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

“The Glossy Black is one of Australia’s rarest cockatoos and lucky for us, Noosa is a very significant habitat,” said Sharon Wright, Executive Coordinator of the NBRF.

“The Glossy Black-Cockatoo population is currently under threat from urbanisation and bushfire events, so we wanted to do our bit to protect this vulnerable species.”

Guests learned about the plight of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo from local birders “Glossy Bob” Carey and young Spencer Hitchens who explained how to spot a Glossy from the more common Red or Yellow-Tailed Black-Cockatoo.

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is hosting a forum later this month with community conservation groups, researchers and local government representatives to identify opportunities for future management and conservation of important habitat.

“We were so happy to raise over \$6,000 to go towards outcomes from our upcoming Glossy Black-Cockatoo forum through our Glossy Raffle,” Ms Wright said.

Held at Peppers Noosa Resort in the open-air View Restaurant, guests were served a sumptuous long lunch featuring local produce prepared by Executive Chef, Matt Golinski.

An eco-fashion parade showcased designs made from upcycled garments and discarded textiles by local designers Larissa Salton, Teddy McRitchie and senior students from Sunshine Beach State High School.

Plastic Free Noosa launched their bespoke Noosa reusable water bottle artist series, featuring local artist Suzanne Bloomfield’s illustrations from the children’s book, *Fussy Glossies*.

More than \$5000 worth of prizes were donated by local Noosa operators, individuals and Tourism Noosa to support local business.

“The Black & Glossy Gala was designed to celebrate our Noosa Biosphere. Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive and shows that many people would prefer to frock up for a cause as an alternative to the Melbourne Cup. I would like to thank everyone who supported our first gala, with special thanks to our sponsors In Noosa Magazine, Plastic Free Noosa and Tourism Noosa. We’re already looking forward to 2021!”

Find out how you can support the Glossy Black-Cockatoo campaign at [www.noosabiosphere.org.au](http://www.noosabiosphere.org.au).

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**Photo L-R:** “Glossy Bob” Carey, Sharon Wright and Eric Anderson at the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation Black & Glossy Gala, Tuesday 3 November. Credit: Katja Anton Photography



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### **About Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation**

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 (MaB) Program. In 2007, the Noosa Shire achieved global recognition for the high values of its natural environment with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) consenting to the designation of our Shire as the Noosa Biosphere Reserve. [www.noosabiosphere.org.au](http://www.noosabiosphere.org.au)