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Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd

Secure your table at this year's Noosa Biosphere Gala - Supporting Noosa's food future

Tickets for the highly anticipated 2022 Noosa Biosphere Gala are now on sale, announcing a fundraising luncheon to further secure a strong food future for the Noosa region.

Celebrated on Tuesday 1 November, the event is a celebration of people and nature, recognising the International Day for Biosphere Reserves and Noosa's UNESCO biosphere reserve status.

This year's theme, *Grow for Noosa*, is raising awareness and support to grow a vibrant and sustainable food and agriculture economy in the Noosa region.

Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation Chair, Fiona Berkin said this year's Gala is certain to be an event of interest for local foodies.

"This year's Gala is a celebration of local produce and growing Noosa's food future," said Ms Berkin.

"We're excited to be inviting special guests onto our expert panel to talk all things food resilience and abundance, as well as opportunities for our region's food and agriculture industry."

Confirmed panelists include slow food ambassador and View Restaurant Executive Chef, Matt Golinski, Food & Agribusiness Network CEO, Emma Greenhatch, and Pyrocal Managing Director, Durrel Hammond.

The 'Grow for Noosa' Gala is supported by Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas, UniSC, Tourism Noosa, Alshwa Health Retreats, Noosa Council Economic Development and Your Local Lifestyle.

The Luncheon will feature a number of fundraising activities, including the ever popular Silent & Live Auction with prizes worth over \$5,000.

Proceeds from the event will kickstart the Foundation's Grow for Noosa Fund, a seed funding initiative to help stimulate sustainable food and agriculture enterprise and initiatives.

This very special culinary event will treat guests to a 2-course menu designed by View Restaurant Executive Chef, Matt Golinski, featuring local and seasonal produce, matched with a 3-hour beverage package.

"This will be Matt's last day at View Restaurant, so the Gala is your last chance to enjoy one of Matt's outstanding seasonal dishes at View," said Ms Berkin.

The Noosa Biosphere Awards will also be presented, celebrating the individuals, businesses and organisations implementing local solutions to global challenges of climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development.

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The Awards recognise people who are making a difference in our community, championing sustainability across four categories of Land, Water (sponsored by UniSC), Wildlife (sponsored by Tourism Noosa), and People & Economy.

An eco-fashion parade by Sunshine Beach State High School students will showcase their latest work, demonstrating the art of repurposing discarded materials into wearable statements.

You can help contribute to a strong food future by supporting this year's Noosa Biosphere Gala and Noosa Biosphere Awards by coming onboard as a Sponsor, contributing an auction prize, or by purchasing tickets at www.NoosaBiosphere.org.au.

Event Details

What: Noosa Biosphere Gala: *Grow for Noosa*

Date: Tuesday 1 November 2022

Time: 12pm to 3pm

Location: Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas

Tickets: noosabiosphere.org.au/gala

About Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation (NBRF) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Noosa Shire Council in 2015 to support projects and ideas that align with the aims of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. In 2007, the Noosa Shire achieved global recognition for the high values of its natural environment with the designation of our Shire as the Noosa Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). www.noosabiosphere.org.au