

Noosa Biosphere® Reserve Foundation Ltd

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## Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation welcomes Cr Wegener to its Board

Newly elected Noosa Councillor, Dr Tom Wegener has been appointed as council's representative to the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation Board.

Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation (NBRF) Chair, Rex Halverson said Cr Wegener was a welcome addition to the Board.

"We are looking forward to Cr Wegener's expertise and energy complementing our skills-based volunteer Board," he said.

"There are several big ideas we're excited to get off the ground this year as we progress our work to preserve and enhance the Noosa Biosphere Reserve for our community.

"We would also like to thank Cr Frank Wilkie for his valuable contribution to the NBRF Board during his term," Mr Halverson said.

Cr Wegener said he is looking forward to supporting the great work of the NBRF and its many community partners, as council's representative.

"The Noosa Biosphere Reserve is part of what makes living in our region special. The economic value of maintaining a thriving natural environment benefits all of us today and future generations.

"I am excited to support those in our community who are working to enhance our ecosystems, wildlife corridors and ensuring a healthy, productive river that our residents and visitors enjoy," Cr Wegener said.

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is the body tasked with developing key projects that are aligned with the global aims of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program.

"Our role is to identify and action projects that enhance biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable living in Noosa," Mr Halverson said.

"One way we do this is by working with the community to develop and implement innovative ways to protect and reduce threats to our iconic species and places. Community education about the Noosa Biosphere and how it benefits them is also a key focus of ours."

For more information, visit www.noosabiosphere.org.au.

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Photo: Cr Tom Wegener joins the NBRF Board as Noosa Council's representative.

**In photo (L-R):** Members of the Board: Rowan Rafferty, Prof Rod Smith, Rex Halverson, Cr Tom Wegener, Jady Smith.

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## **About Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation**

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. 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. <a href="https://www.noosabiosphere.org.au">www.noosabiosphere.org.au</a>