



**Noosa Botanic Gardens
Draft Master Plan
Community Engagement Summary**

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Stakeholder Reference Group Summary

Phase 2 engagement for the Draft Noosa Botanic Gardens Master Plan was delivered from 13 October to 7 November 2025 and generated more than 120 contributions, including 80 online surveys, 23 written submissions and 21 pieces of anecdotal feedback captured through activations and pop-ups.

Engagement activities included a Cooroy community pop-up, a series of wellbeing activations within the Gardens (art therapy, nature therapy, nature play and yoga), targeted stakeholder meetings, and a coordinated communications campaign supported by media, social media and newsletters.

Overall feedback demonstrated a high level of support for the Draft Master Plan. Of the 80 survey respondents, 91% indicated they support the proposed 25-year long-term vision for the Gardens.

Community input focused primarily on refining and clarifying elements already included in the draft rather than proposing major changes.

Consistent themes across all engagement channels included:

- Protecting and strengthening the botanical collections and long-term stewardship
- Maintaining the Gardens' tranquillity and natural character
- Improving accessibility, pathways and wayfinding
- Enhancing comfort and amenity such as shade, seating, shelters and toilets
- Clarifying dog access, lake use and the 25-year implementation timeframe
- Recognising the ongoing role of the Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens

The findings indicate strong alignment between the Draft Master Plan and community feedback. Targeted refinements are recommended to improve clarity, strengthen stewardship and partnership recognition, and reinforce the Plan's long-term direction prior to Council consideration in early 2026