

Come and visit the Noosa Shire Museum at the heart of the Noosa Biosphere. Located in the original Shire Council Chambers in the historic town of Pomona, which is nestled at the foot of Mount Cooroora. You can see shared cultures of the local Aboriginal people, the Gubbi Gubbi, and European settlers.

Not only can you experience pioneering early settlement, commerce and industries of the region but other amazing collections - like the Masonic Lodge Collection - and you can also learn more about the King of the Mountain Festival.

You will be warmly welcomed by volunteers and you can explore the Museum at your own leisure or have the opportunity to learn more one on one. The amazing volunteer staff give over 6000 hours of service to Museum and the community annually. The Museum also provides opportunities for research, particularly relating to family history.

With over 60 themed displays, this Pandora's Box is sure to have something for everyone - no matter what your interest.

After your visit to the Museum, you'll see Pomona and the region in a different light. Whilst in town there is lots to do, you can take a bush walk, see heritage buildings, visit the Majestic Theatre and enjoy a coffee in a friendly, country town atmosphere.

Did you know?

Did you know Noosa Shire Museum worked with the local Aboriginal community and Council in the late 1990s to create a keeping place for Gubbi Gubbi objects? The adjacent Island of Reconciliation was designed for quiet contemplation and encourages respect for Gubbi Gubbi culture. It is a short walk through Cooroora Creek Park from the Museum.

Did you know Australia's first representative cricket team were all Aboriginal players and toured England in 1868? The team included Jimmy Crow from the local district. You can read his story at the Museum.

Did you know Pomona is home to Australia's only recognised mountain race - the Bendigo Bank International Mountain Challenge? Now held as part of the King of Mountain Festival on the 4th Sunday in July each year. The Museum holds two of the original prizes, one the Qantas Cup is a beautiful, engraved silver cup.

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Opening Hours: Tue-Thu, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

Admission cost: Adult \$5, Concession \$4, Students \$2

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What the Standards Review Program has meant for our museum

Valuable information

Our participation as volunteer staff in the Standards Review Program provided us with experience and information to apply to our collections, displays, governance and conservation practices.

Sourcing volunteers and improving community engagement

Workshops and round table discussions during the Standards Review Program explored options for sourcing and managing volunteers, seeking feedback from visitors and interacting with stakeholders.



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