

BUILDING THE VISION

I would like to congratulate Greg Reddaway on his well written and well thought out article in today's Noosa Today under the heading "Noosa - what next".

Michael Gloster had a vision for Noosa, this is Noosa being the basis of the model for a sustainable area which can be looked at and used throughout the world. We now have a chance for our own Noosa Council and to start work on this. We have had four-plus years of a different council model that we did not like and we now have the opportunity to start work on a model we do like and which can set an example.

I get sick of people who feel that prosperity and employment can only happen with more development such as that planned for Noosa on Weyb". Any employment the proposed model of this development could produce would be of a temporary nature. Not of much value to Noosa but good for putting money into the pocket of the developer. This is yesterday's thinking. Noosa must do much better and must do much better if Noosa is to prosper and remain relevant.

Greg has done some lateral thinking and has set out a number of ideas for us to start thinking hard about. Noosa has the foundations already in place to make many of Greg's ideas happen. We should be making better use of what nature has provided us with. How about the developer redesigning the Lake Weyba area as a world-class wildlife sanctuary and study centre? This area would be ideal with its abundance of bird, fish and other animal life as well as its aboriginal history. It would provide the developer and Noosa with an infinite income. Look at what has been done

at Kakadu which attracts people from all over the world.

Everything that enabled Noosa to gain Man in the Biosphere Reserve status could be put to use and incorporated in the ideas Greg has put forward.

Greg, I look forward to your future articles

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