

OPEN HOUSE

SUNSHINE COAST
18 & 19 OCTOBER 2025



FREE DESIGN EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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KEY DATES

SCOH 2025 Forum - What is Home? #2
Friday 10th October

Walking Tours
11 - 12 October

Open Buildings and Gardens Weekend
18 - 19 October



Acknowledgement of Country

Sunshine Coast Open House is inspired by the strength and endurance of the world's oldest living culture. We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara People as the Traditional Owners of the land shown on this map and we pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, past and present.

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Sunshine Coast Open House is a celebration of the unique built environment of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa regions - showcasing inspiring local design, architecture, heritage places, gardens, sculpture, and sustainable developments.

Each year, the program invites the public to step inside some of the region's most interesting spaces, while also providing a platform for education and dialogue about the future of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa region. Enjoy meeting the people who design, build, and preserve these buildings and take a tour to hear more.

Sunshine Coast Open House is part of the Open House Worldwide network, founded in London in 1992 and now in over 60 cities around the world.



Round Hill Retreat. Photo: In Sitū Studio



Her Excellency The Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD

As Joint Patrons of Sunshine Coast Open House, we are delighted to lend our support for this program, which showcases the architectural and environmental features that make the Sunshine Coast such a distinctive and beautiful place.

From its dynamic coastline to evolving public spaces, the region's built environment reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents and visitors. Open House provides an invaluable chance to celebrate the legacy of past generations while exploring contemporary and innovative designs that enrich community life. Communities adapt and grow, and buildings of architectural merit and civic value will always shape this journey.

Congratulations to the organising committee for presenting a diverse and engaging program of tours and talks that capture the Sunshine Coast's unique character.

**Her Excellency the Honourable
Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM
Governor of Queensland
and Professor Graeme NIMMO RFD**



Leah Lang Queensland Government Architect

The Sunshine Coast is more than a beautiful place—its homes, civic buildings, and public spaces shape how we live, connect, and celebrate heritage. This year's Sunshine Coast Open House program embraces the theme of Resilience, showcasing over 30 sites, tours, and events that reveal how architecture responds to climate, place, and community. From rainforest retreats and coastal cottages to social housing, heritage landmarks, and creative studios, each site tells a story of design, history, and imagination. Together, these places reflect our region's values: connection to landscape, community pride, and innovation that ensures a sustainable, inclusive future. The Office of the Queensland Government Architect works with Sunshine Coast and Noosa Councils to embed design leadership and best practice across the region's evolving built environment, ensuring thoughtful, place-based design continues a legacy of public good and shared heritage.

Leah Lang
*Queensland Government Architect
Office of the Queensland Government Architect*



Sunshine Coast Mayor Rosanna Natoli

From historic treasures that tell the stories of our past, to bold new buildings shaping our future, Sunshine Coast Open House is a celebration of the places that make the Sunshine Coast unique.

This special weekend is our invitation to step inside some of the most fascinating, beautiful, and surprising spaces across our region.

Each year, Sunshine Coast Open House gives us the opportunity to experience design that works with our sub-tropical climate, while enhancing and protecting our local character and natural environment.

Resilience is the thread that runs through the 2025 Sunshine Coast Open House program, seen in our heritage, our design and the way our communities continue to grow, especially given the changing climate.

The passionate, community-led Open House Committee continues to work with councils, local businesses and industry to present an exciting array of events. These include back-of-house tours, walking tours, library talks, sculpture and art viewings, private building and garden tours, and the return of the community forum that explores the meaning of home.

It's a reminder that our region is not just defined by our stunning beaches and hinterland, but by the creativity, community spirit, and care that go into every space we share.

On behalf of our Council and our entire community, I thank the organisers, volunteers and participating property owners for making this event possible. Your generosity and commitment open the way for discovery, learning and shared pride in our home.

Mayor Rosanna Natoli
Sunshine Coast Mayor



Noosa Mayor Frank Wilkie

The architecture, design and heritage of our region plays a vital role in shaping Noosa's identity and strongly influences what it means to live, work and play in our unique part of the world. Noosa Council recognises the importance of this design language and through prescribed design principles, works hard to protect and preserve the discrete Noosa style. Through this commitment Noosa remains a place of distinct character with a built landscape respectful of the environment. By celebrating and acknowledging our built environment we show the value that we hold in these places and spaces.

It is with great pleasure that Noosa Council supports through the Community Grants Program the 2025 Sunshine Coast & Noosa Open House event and the many talks, forums, walks and open house explorations on offer. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for both locals and visitors to explore the often-hidden stories of the Sunshine Coast and in doing so build an appreciation of the tapestry of innovation, experimentation and resilience, held so proudly as characteristics of the region.

This year, with the inclusion of the Noosa Regional Gallery and Noosa Open Studios' programs, participants will have an even greater opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of Noosa and learn how our stunning built and natural environment inspires our creative community.

Mayor Frank Wilkie
Noosa Mayor



Magdy Youssef
MPIA(Fellow)
Co-Chair



Ron Scott
Co-Chair



Dr Noel Robinson OAM LFRAIA AIA
SCOH 2025 Ambassador

We are honoured to serve as Co-Chair of the Sunshine Coast Open House Committee for 2025.

Open House is more than opening doors to remarkable buildings, gardens, and places—it is about opening minds and hearts to the stories they hold. Each home, structure, and public space reflects the creativity, resilience, and vision of those who shaped our community. This international program invites us to share those stories, spark creativity, and deepen our appreciation for the heritage and innovation that define the Sunshine Coast and Noosa region.

This year's program promises to be one of the most engaging yet. With new categories such as gardens, public art, and resilient architecture and with the support of our dedicated committee, passionate volunteers, Sunshine Coast and Noosa Councils, local architects, generous sponsors, and the enthusiastic participation of the public, we will showcase a diverse range of places, from historic landmarks to contemporary designs, that reveal the richness and character of our region.

We extend heartfelt thanks to building owners, architects, designers, artists, and all who have made this event possible. Your commitment ensures that Sunshine Coast and Noosa Open House continues to grow, connect people, and celebrate the unique identity of our sustainable community.

As we look ahead, let us remember Open House is not just about design it is about pride, learning, inspiration, and building stronger connections within this UNESCO recognised Biosphere region.

Magdy Youssef
MPIA (Fellow)
Urban Planner
SCOH 2025 Co Chair

Ron Scott
Moon Mountain
Sanctuary
SCOH 2025 Co Chair

I am honoured to be the Ambassador again for Sunshine Coast Open House in 2025. The Sunshine Coast is amongst over 60 cities and regions around the world to host an Open House program.

This inspiring community-led and focused event provides access to places and spaces which usually have limited access to the public. The inclusions demonstrate the innovation and benefits that good design contributes to our community's health and uplifting of spirit.

Good design is climatically responsive design that in turn delivers Regionality to Architecture and Place. This event also celebrates the Sunshine Coast's beach to bush heritage that respects the environment through deeply considered design principles that draw on a knowledge of climate and Country. The Sunshine Coast School of Architecture history delivers all these outcomes and deserves the level of immersion that this event offers to its visitors. This is your opportunity to dive into its magic and learn from those that have helped create it.

Dr Noel Robinson OAM LFRAIA
SCOH 2024 Ambassador

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Moffat Morphing House.
Photo: Christopher Frederick Jones

Sunshine Coast Open House 2025 | Photography Competition

If you have a passion for the built environment and urban landscape enter the 2025 Sunshine Coast Open House Photography Competition. Snap your winning photo over the Sunshine Coast Open House program between Friday 10 October and Sunday the 19!

TWO DIVISIONS ARE OFFERED:

OPEN CATEGORY

OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Entries can be submitted in five categories:

- Exterior
- Timber
- Landscape
- Interior
- People

PRIZE: \$1,000

courtesy of Queensland Timber Flooring

STUDENT CATEGORY

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Entries can be submitted in five categories:

- Exterior
- Timber
- Landscape
- Interior
- People

PRIZE: \$250

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Entries are judged on creativity, quality, and significance to architecture by a panel of architects, built environment photographers and industry representatives.

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Sat 11 Oct

Ask an Architect at Ace

Hosted at Ace Stone and Tile
16-18 Bearing Ave, Warana

3:00pm - 5:00pm, Saturday, October 11

Booking required

Thinking of building or renovating? Ask an Architect offers free 30-minute sessions with local architects, providing inspiration, guidance and insights in a relaxed environment to help shape your home or project.

ACE.

Architect for a day

Kawana Forest Meeting Place
60 Woodlands Boulevard, Meridian Plains

10:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, October 11

Booking required

Thinking of studying architecture? Join an interactive workshop for high school students with architects and university representatives, exploring design through model making, sketching, teamwork and Q&As about study pathways and careers.

Sun 12 Oct

Eumundi Pino & Podcast

Tollys, 101 Memorial Dr, Eumundi

2pm - 4pm, Sunday October 12

With In Noosa Magazine

With Deb and John Caruso, Wendy Birrell, Sally Stent, Thomas O Shea.

Join us for a magical afternoon in Eumundi celebrating the harmony of heritage, architecture, and community.

As the sun sets over the hinterland, enjoy a glass of champagne, live music by, and the company of fellow art and architecture enthusiasts. Surrounded by inspiring works and thoughtful design, guests will share stories, admire the surroundings, and experience the warmth of a truly special community event.

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Wed 15 Oct

Halse Lodge 'Walk and Tour' Design Tour

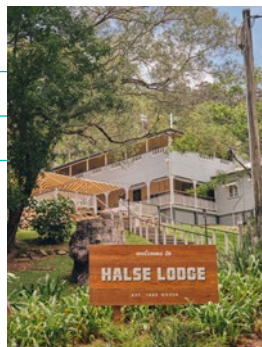
Halse Lodge, 2 Halse Lane, Noosa Heads

1:00pm, Wednesday 15 October

Booking required

Join us for a captivating Walk and Talk to hear the story of Halse Lodge, Noosa's longest continuously operating guesthouse, originally built in the 1880s. Nestled just behind Hastings Street, this heritage-listed treasure has welcomed generations of travellers, locals, and beachgoers. Discover how the Lodge evolved from a humble guest house into a vibrant community hub, and hear tales of its colourful past, including its role in shaping Noosa's laid-back coastal identity.

HALSE LODGE





Wed 15 Oct

Sunshine Coast 'Grand Designs' Library Talk

Caloundra Library, 8 Omrah Ave, Caloundra

10:00AM, Wednesday 15 October

Local Landscape Architect Sarah Chalkley will discuss the importance of design and landscape for the future of the Sunshine Coast region. Her talk will touch on the design elements that keep the Sunshine Coast special and the importance of maintaining local character and a sense of place. Sarah will draw on some of the buildings and gardens that are showcased in the Sunshine Coast Open House program.

Fri 17 Oct

Lost in Palm Springs Opening Event & Curator's Talk

Noosa Regional Gallery,
9 Pelican Street, Tewantin

Curator's Talk 4:30pm

Opening 5:30-7:30pm (booking required)

Celebrate the launch of Lost in Palm Springs, a multidisciplinary exhibition exploring mid-century modern design and desert landscapes, featuring works from leading Australian and American creatives.

Exhibition continues from 18th October - 7th December.

Fri 17 Oct

Noosa Design - Spaces and Places Library Talk

Noosa Library, 7 Wallace Dr, Noosaville

9:30AM, Friday 17 October

Local landscape architects Sarah Chalkley and Shaun Walsh will discuss the importance of design and landscape for the future of the Noosa region. Sarah will focus on the notion of "Cool Streets" and the ongoing application to the special Noosa character and sense of place. Shaun will focus on the "Spaces around Buildings" that have created a unique identity for Noosa from the macro scale surrounding our urban development, to the intimate scale surrounding specific buildings.



Sat 18 Oct & Sun 19 Oct

Urban Sketching with Peter Richards

Saturday 18 October – The Majestic, Pomona
9:30AM - 12:00PM

Sunday 19 October – Nambour Tram Terminus
Building 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Join renowned architect and urban sketcher Peter Richards for a hands-on workshop and sketching session. Peter will guide participants in capturing the character and detail of our built environment through the art of drawing on location.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced sketcher, this is a unique opportunity to learn from one of Australia's leading practitioners in design thinking and urban sketching.



Urban Sketchers

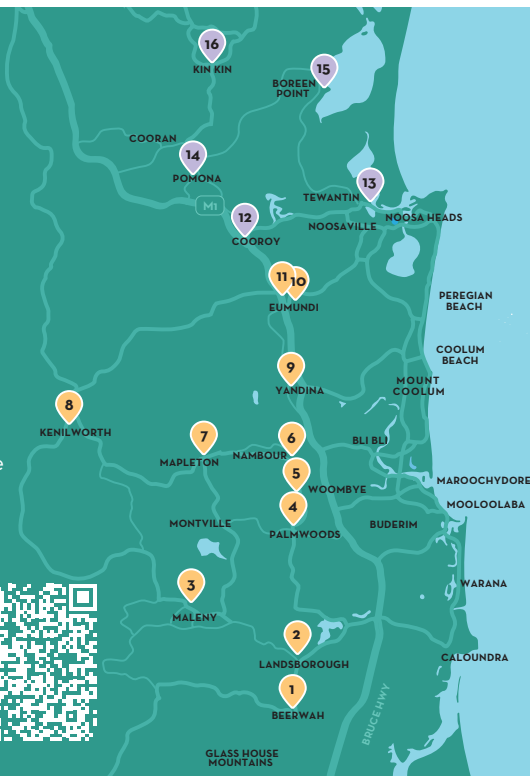


Heritage Pubs of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa

Celebrating heritage pubs across the region.

Sunshine Coast Open House celebrates 16 heritage pubs across the Sunshine Coast and Noosa, shining a light on their enduring role in the region's history and community life. These grand old watering holes form part of a special heritage trail, each one telling its own story through unique character and charm. Once the lifeblood of every country town, these pubs continue to stand as proud reminders of our shared past.

Hit the road and explore at your own pace – from Beerwah in the south to Kin Kin in the north – discovering iconic venues that offer both a window into the past and a warm, welcoming spot to enjoy the present.



What is Home? #2

Date: Friday 10th October

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Location: Coolum Civic Centre

What does home mean to you?

Come along to this inspiring and heart-felt event to hear a selection of speakers from different backgrounds and perspectives talk about what home means to them. In a world where the idea of home is shifting across generations, cultures, and circumstance, this gathering invites us to reflect, connect, and reimagine what home truly means. Building on the success of last year's forum, this year brings fresh voices and new insights to the conversation.

Whether you're curious, passionate, or simply enjoy a fun night out, this is an evening not to be missed.

Ticket price \$25 includes pizza and a 1 drink.



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WHAT'S YOUR NEXT PROJECT?

Beerwah
4 Turner St
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Currimundi
788 Nicklin Way
5491 4888

Nambour
92 Howard St
5441 1873

Noosa
7 Rene St
5449 8008

WALKING TOURS

Saturday 4 October, 9am

Tewantin Heritage Walk

Saturday 11 October, 9am

Cooroy Lower Mill Heritage and Design Tour

Saturday 11 October, 10am

Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden Designing with Heart

Saturday 11 October, 2pm

Moffat Beach Walking tour

Sunday 12 October, 11am

Eumundi Streetscape Walk

Sunday 12 October, 2pm

Moffat Beach Walking tour

Monday 13 October, 10am

SunCentral - Walking Tour of the CBD

Saturday 18 October, 11am, 12pm

Smart Infrastructure at Maroochydore City Centre

Tewantin Heritage Walk

Saturday 4 October

Tour time: 9am

Guide: Bruce Cuttle

Proudly presented by Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society Inc. and Parkyn's Hut V.I.C. Walk through Tewantin's old business district and along the riverbank past where the wharves were built. Hear of the early timber getters. Discover connections to the pioneering families. Hear of our first inhabitants.

Cooroy Lower Mill Heritage and Design Tour

Saturday 11 October 2025

Tour time: 9am

Guide: Shaun Walsh

Meet outside the Butter Factory, 11 Maple Street Cooroy.

Join landscape architect Shaun Walsh for a precinct tour of Cooroy's Lower Mill Site, exploring heritage and award-winning design. Highlights include the Cooroy Butter Factory, Cooroy Library, Hinterland Adventure Playground, and the state heritage-listed kilns and hoppers.

Designing with Heart: A Walk and Talk with Maureen Sheargold

Saturday 11 October

Tour time: 10:00am

Guide: Maureen Sheargold

Meet at the Arts and Ecology Centre, Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden, Palm Creek Road, Tanawha

Join longtime Botanic Garden advocate Maureen Sheargold for a guided walk through the Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden and Arts and Ecology Centre, exploring how design, ecology and community shape this evolving place. Connect, learn and be inspired by decades of stories

Moffat Beach Walking Tour

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 October

Tour time: 2:00pm

Guide: Roger Todd

Post-WWII optimism and full employment sparked a holiday boom, with Caloundra a favourite for Brisbane families. At Moffat Beach, bushland gave way to simple shacks and holiday houses, embracing informality, modern ideas and Australia's enduring love of the coast. Walk duration: 1.5 hrs



Maroochy Bushland BG pathway

Eumundi Streetscape Walk

Sunday 12 October

Tour time: 11:00am

Guide: Josef Hextall

Explore Eumundi's heritage and creative spirit on a guided walking tour. Discover heritage-listed buildings, hidden stories, local characters, the upgraded streetscape and the Eumundi Art Trail—an immersive experience blending history, architecture, art and community in this vibrant hinterland town. Walk duration: 2 hours

SunCentral - Walking Tour of the CBD

Monday 13th October

Tour time: 10am

Guide: SunCentral and Walker Corporation

Shaping a New World Class City

This is a unique opportunity to gain a bird's eye view of the new Maroochydney City Centre on this exclusive tour.

Hear about the history of the development of this site, what you will find here, what is to come, and why it is important to the future of the region. Location: Foundation Place, Market Lane Maroochydney.

Smart Infrastructure at Maroochydney City Centre

Saturday 18th October

Tour times: 11am, 12pm

Guide: Michael Whereat

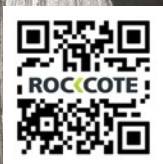
Tour Maroochydney City Centre and explore the smart infrastructure elements incorporated into the heart of the region. Get an exclusive insight into the mobile data trailer and the latest technology to improve community services while ensuring privacy.



**All walks require pre-bookings.
Please see website for details.**

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10 YEARS OF THE BEST ART TRAIL IN QLD

Noosa Open Studios, the biggest Art Trail in Queensland will be held from 10th to the 19th of October this year.

This is the perfect time of the year to plan your road trip through the highly rated artist studios scattered throughout the Noosa Shire. You can visit the studios of potters, painters, sculptors, mixed media artists, ceramicists, jewellers and so many more. Plan now and we will be welcoming you to our studios in October.

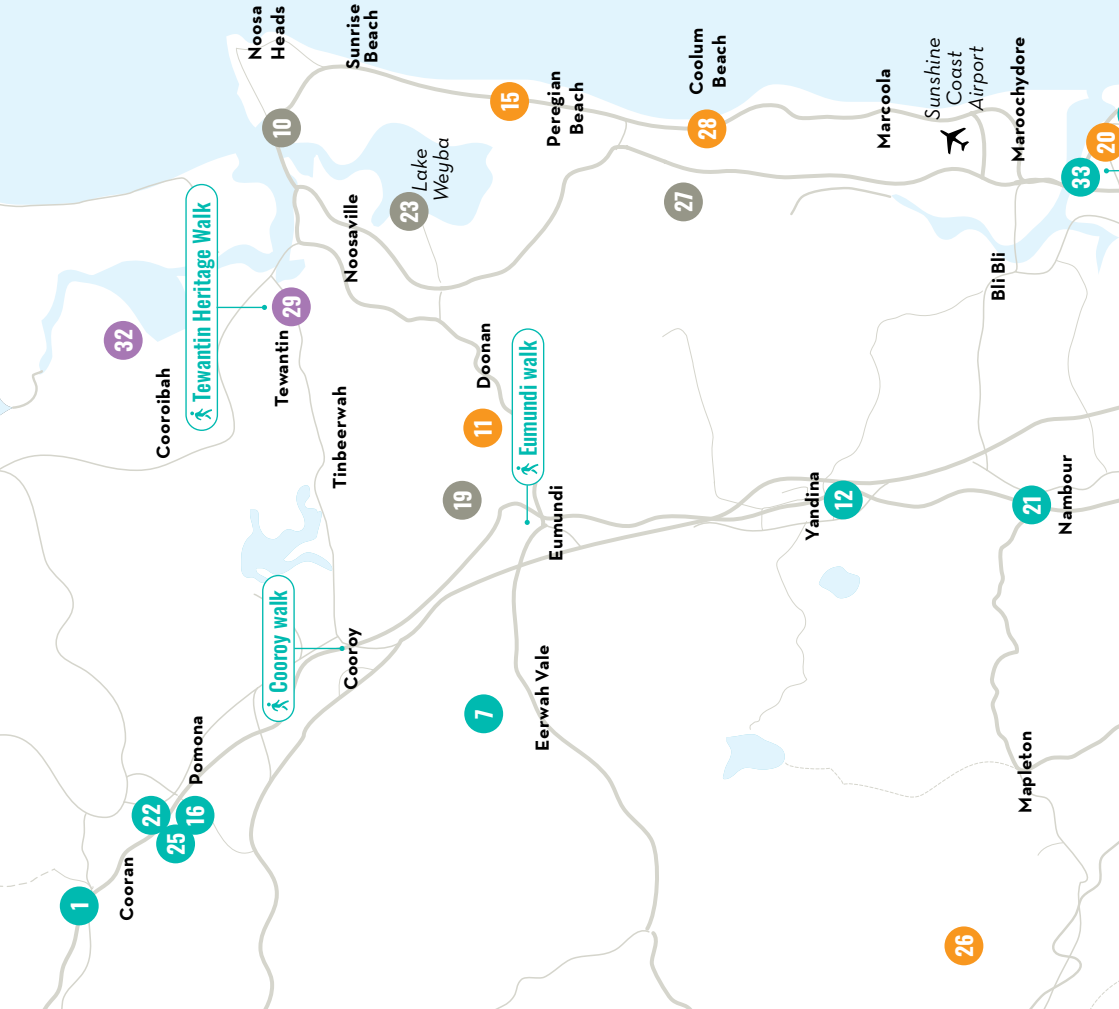


NOOSA OPEN STUDIOS

10 - 19 OCTOBER 2025



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Categories



New Buildings

Completed within the past five years, showcasing contemporary design, innovative materials and construction approaches.



Extensions / Renovation

Projects that extend or adapt existing buildings, giving them new life.



Heritage Places

Celebrating places that tell the story of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa Shire and Hinterland - showcasing history, cultural heritage and community identity.



Public Buildings / Infrastructure

Civic and community buildings, or infrastructure projects, that demonstrate their role in serving the region.



Gardens & Art

Celebrating spaces where art, architecture and landscape come together, offering visitors unique perspectives on creativity in the built and natural environment.



Resilient Buildings

Celebrating Sunshine Coast architecture that responds to site and climate, harnessing orientation and energy efficiency for long-term sustainability.

RESILIENCE

For 2025, Sunshine Coast Open House takes resilience as its theme. Resilience looks to how architecture in the region adapts to the region's unique coastal conditions and evolving communities. From managing flooding, storms, and erosion to creating sustainable designs that respond to a changing climate, resilient architecture embraces both innovation and tradition.

It's about building spaces that endure while staying deeply connected to their natural surroundings. Sunshine Coast Open House celebrates projects that reflect this spirit – places that not only withstand environmental challenges but also support vibrant, thriving communities for generations to come.



1 Alfredsons

28 King Street, Cooran
Built by Lars Alfredson

Sunday 19 October, 11:00AM – 2:00PM
Tours: 11:00AM and 1:00PM

Limited wheelchair accessibility

Built between 1933 and the 1950s, Alfredson's Joinery was a pre-cut house workshop and sawmill. After closing in the 1980s, Al Guymer preserved its heritage with vintage tools and equipment. Alfredson's is now the proud home of Noosa Hinterland Brewing Co.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Address provided once booking is confirmed



2 Alsahwa Estate

20 Rifle Range Rd, Palmwoods
AZB Creative

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October
Garden Tour Times: 11:00AM and 12:30PM

Alsahwa Estate, five minutes from Palmwoods, is a 30-acre hinterland farm and home to ethos, a farm-to-plate restaurant. Explore landscaped gardens and organic produce on a guided tour, discovering a regenerative agritourism vision where food, nature and community come together.

BOOKING REQUIRED



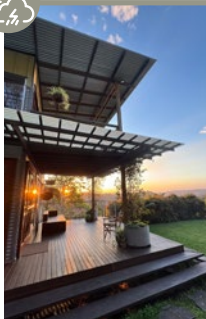
3 Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct

1998 Old Gympie Road, Glasshouse Mountains
Mary Grigor Centre – Tim Ditchfield Architect

Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM – 3:00PM
Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

limited accessibility

Bankfoot House, the district's oldest surviving residence (1868), welcomed the first Cobb & Co coach en route to Gympie. Now state heritage listed, it features restored buildings, artefacts and a new interpretive centre, sharing stories of family life, settlement and First Nations' history.



4 Bariya Rainforest House

Balmoral Ridge
David Gole, JDA Co.

Saturday 18 October
Tour 1: 9:00AM – 10:30AM
Tour 2: 11:00AM – 12:30M

Bariya Rainforest House nestles into a steep forested site, its timber and tin forms framing mountain views and forest edges. Set within a regenerated 25-acre rainforest, the home balances shelter, openness and connection to landscape, wildlife and family living.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Address provided once booking is confirmed

limited accessibility



5 Caloundra Lighthouses

3 Canberra Tce, Caloundra
Francis Drummond Greville Stanley

Saturday 18th October, 10:00AM – 4:00PM
Tours: Rolling guided tours.

No Wheelchair access

Caloundra's twin lighthouses chart Queensland's maritime history. The 1896 timber-and-iron lighthouse, relocated then restored, is the town's oldest building. Beside it, the 1968 concrete Signal Station reflects changing technology. Together they offer sweeping views and a vivid story of coastal navigation.



6 Caloundra Regional Gallery

22 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra
Bark Design Architects

Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM – 1:00PM, self-guided viewing
Tours: 1:00 – 2:00PM, Curator Floor Talk.

2:30 – 4:30PM, Official launch of Wildflowering by Design. **Ticketed event.**

Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM – 1:00PM, self-guided viewing

Caloundra Regional Gallery, opened in 2000 in a Bark Architects conversion of the former library, is the Sunshine Coast's flagship visual art space. Its dynamic program of exhibitions and public events showcases local and national artists within an award-winning architectural setting.



7 Cooroy House

Cooroy
Henry Bennett + Dan Wilson

Sunday 19 October, 11:00AM – 2:00PM

BOOKING REQUIRED

Address provided once
booking is confirmed

No wheelchair accessibility

Cooroy House is a modest off-grid retreat inspired by local timber-and-tin cottages. A series of pavilions and courtyards linked by a verandah spine connect living to landscape, while passive design and operable screens ensure comfort with minimal site impact.



8 Ewen Maddock Water Treatment Plant

Mooloolah Connection Road, Mooloolah Valley

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October
Tours: 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:30PM

No wheelchair access

Ewen Maddock Dam, near Landsborough, supplies drinking water to South East Queensland and holds 16,587 million litres when full. Adjacent to its treatment plant, the dam also offers recreation at Maddock Park, with trails, swimming, picnics and family-friendly spaces.



9 Fairview

15 Porters Lane North Maleny
Built by the Pattimore Family

Saturday 18th October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Fairview (Pattimore House), built in 1907 from white beech timber, is a state heritage listed farmhouse in North Maleny. Surrounded by gardens and orchards, it is lovingly restored and shared through open days, exhibitions and tours by the Friends group.



10 Kijiji

Noosa Heads
Sam Cunningham, Designer

Sunday 19 October
Tours: 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM

Kijiji is an off-grid, toxin-free home designed around permaculture and sustainable living. Featuring natural materials, food production gardens, and seamless indoor-outdoor spaces, it embraces traditional design principles while encouraging conscious, low-impact living in close harmony with nature and community.

BOOKING REQUIRED

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11 Kite House

Doonan
Scott Barleet Architects

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October

See Rockcote in use at Kite House

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The Kite House, perched among gum trees, blends with its hillside site through wing-like forms and subtle tones. Oriented for solar efficiency, this three-bedroom home dissolves boundaries between inside and out, balancing ecological sensitivity with serene, cocooned living spaces.

BOOKING REQUIRED

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12 Koongalba

Yandina
Built by William Andrew Grigor

Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Tours: 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM

Koongalba, built in 1894 by William Grigor for timber-getter John Low, used locally sourced timber floated down the Maroochy River. This late 19th-century home, with verandahs and single-skin walls, remains a heritage treasure preserved by Low descendants since 1970.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Address provided once booking is confirmed



13 Landsborough Museum

4 Maleny Street, Landsborough
Walter Carey Voller

BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Designed by Walter Carey Voller in 1924, the former Landsborough Shire Council Chambers now houses the Landsborough Museum. State heritage listed, it preserves original features and showcases local government history, early settlement and regional development through photographs, artefacts and memorabilia.

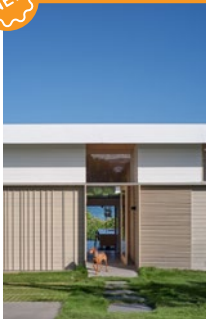


14 Light Lane Banya

61 Light Lane Banya
HMA Architects

Saturday 18 October, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

61 Light Lane @ Banya delivers 34 community housing units within Aura's masterplanned "City of Colour." Designed for accessibility, sustainability and belonging, it challenges perceptions of social housing with natural light, ventilation, communal spaces and a distinctive Scandi barn-inspired architectural form.



15 Lyrebird

Peregrine Beach
Sparks Architects

BOOKING REQUIRED

*Address provided once
booking is confirmed*

Saturday 18 October, 9:30AM - 12:00PM
Tours: 9:30AM, 10:00AM 10:30AM, 11:00AM

Lyrebird is a sustainable beach house of twin pavilions connected by a courtyard bridge. Built with mass timber and prefabricated CLT panels, it embraces airflow, light and coastal views, balancing durability, environmental performance and family living within a native garden.
Sparks Architects



16 Majestic Theatre Pomona

3 Factory Street, Pomona
Built by R McTackett

Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Tours: 11:00AM, 11:30AM, 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 2:30PM, 3:00PM

Built in 1921, the Majestic Theatre is Australia's longest continuously operating picture theatre and the world's oldest silent film venue. Extensively restored, it retains original charm, including its rare sprung dance floor and a restored 1937 Compton Organ with 750 pipes.



17 Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden

1 Palm Creek Rd, Tanawha

Landscape architect Lawrie Smith AM

Saturday 11 October - Walk & Talk with Maureen Sheargold

Wednesday 15, Friday 17, Saturday 18 October - Artists in

Residence: Libby Derham & Mieke van den Berg

Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden at Tanawha blends art, ecology and community within 82 hectares of native bushland. During Open House, enjoy guided walks with designers Maureen Sheargold and Lawrie Smith, and an Artists in Residence program with Libby Derham and Mieke van den Berg.



18 Moffat Morphing House

Moffat Beach

Arcke Architects

BOOKING REQUIRED

*Address provided once
booking is confirmed*

Sunday 19 October

Tours: 9:30AM, 10:15AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 1:15PM, 2:00PM

Moffat Morphing House by Arcke is a compact coastal retreat that redefines small-footprint living. Using passive design, natural light, breezes and operable screens, it blurs indoors and outdoors, creating adaptable spaces that balance intimacy, family gatherings and sustainable coastal living.



19 Moon Mountain Sanctuary

Eumundi

AJC Architects

BOOKING REQUIRED

*Address provided once
booking is confirmed*

Sunday 19 October

Tours: 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM

Eumundi House by AJC, set on a 25-hectare farm, integrates home, horses and habitat. With award-winning architecture, a thriving sculpture park, and a vision of rewilding, it fosters harmony between people, animals, art and landscape in the Noosa hinterland.



20 Mundai Dja

13 + 15 Broadmeadows Rd, Maroochydore

HMA Architects / Hollindale Mainwaring Architecture

Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Broadmeadows Road, Maroochydore, delivers 18 sustainable social housing dwellings for Kabi Kabi Aboriginal Corporation members. Designed for accessibility and resilience, the project achieves 7-star NatHERS ratings with solar PV, rainwater reuse, natural ventilation and energy-efficient design, creating long-term homes in a central location.



21 Nambour Tram Terminus building

28 Mill St, Nambour
Greenway Architects

Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM
Tours: 11:00AM, 1:00PM no bookings required

The Nambour Tram Terminus, inspired by the old Moreton Mill, is a community hub and visitor centre. Soon it will house a solar-powered, steampunk-inspired tram on heritage tracks, reactivating Nambour's historic tramway and linking the CBD with the Showgrounds.



22 Noosa Shire Museum

29 Factory Street, Pomona

Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Noosa Shire Museum, founded in 1985 in the former Shire Chambers at Pomona, holds over 5,000 artefacts and photographs. Its collections trace the region's story from Indigenous heritage and pioneer days to timber, farming, war history, and Noosa's modern transformation.



23 Pan Pottery Studio

2/251 Eumarella Road Weyba Downs
Angus McDiarmid and Bridget McDiarmid

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Pan Pottery Studio, founded in 2014 by ceramist Angus McDiarmid, showcases traditional wood-fired techniques, hand-dug clay and locally milled timber. Light-filled and serene, the studio reflects Angus's passion for craftsmanship, architecture and connection to earth, offering visitors an inspiring experience.



24 Pioneer Cottage

5 Pioneer Crescent, Buderim
Harry Board

Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Pioneer Cottage, built in the 1880s from locally felled and pit-sawn timbers, is one of Buderim's oldest surviving homes. Gifted to the community in 1965, it now serves as a house museum, preserved by the Buderim Historical Society.



25 Pomona Railway Station Gallery

10 Station St, Pomona
Queensland Railways Department

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Pomona Railway Station, opened in 1891 and closed in 1991, was saved by volunteers and relocated in 2000. Reopened in 2001 as the Pomona Railway Station Gallery, it now hosts exhibitions, workshops and resident artists, displayed in the former Station buildings.



26 Round Hill Retreat

Obi Obi
SLIDE Architecture

Sunday 19 October, 2:00PM - 6:00PM

Round Hill Retreat, a gabled cabin in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, reflects family heritage, resourcefulness and connection to land. Clad in blackened timber with crafted interiors, it embraces breezes, light and landscape, offering a modest yet enduring retreat for reflection and gathering.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Address provided once booking is confirmed



27 Saltair Modular Display Village

41 Quanda Road, Coolum
Saltair Modular In-House Design Team

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October, 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Saltair Modular, Queensland's most awarded modular builder, opens its display village for Sunshine Coast Open House. Explore three homes, see behind-the-scenes construction, and learn about modular design, finance and sustainability—while enjoying coffee and discovering a faster, smarter way to build.



28 Sharks Clubhouse

20 Heathfield Road, Coolum Beach
Adrian Just (Architecture About People)

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October, 9:00AM - 2:00PM

No wheelchair access

The Sharks Clubhouse is a compact 72m² modular home demonstrating affordability, sustainability and smart design. Built in a factory and craned to site, it maximises light, breezes and greenery while offering a flexible, low-cost model for Australia's housing future.



29 St Marys Church

17 William St, Tewantin
Noel Robinson Architects

Saturday 18 October, 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Guided tours offered

Designed by Noel Robinson Architects and awarded an RAlA Regional Commendation in 1996, the church features a vaulted roof cut at 45 degrees, creating light edges, a sculptural hoop pine ceiling, and louvred ventilation ideal for the subtropical climate.



30 Sunshine Coast City Hall

54 First Avenue, Maroochydore
Cottee Parker Architects

Saturday 18 October
Rolling tours on the hour: 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM

Opened in 2022, Sunshine Coast City Hall by Cottee Parker Architects is a sustainable civic landmark in Maroochydore. Inspired by the Glass House Mountains and waterways, it targets 5-star Green Star and NABERS ratings while embodying transparency, community connection and design excellence.



31 The Shed Palmwoods

3-5 Main Street, Palmwoods
Queensland Railways Department

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October, 7:30AM - 4:00PM
See the website for more details

The Shed, Palmwoods, breathes new life into the town's historic railway sheds. Home to Chew Chew Bistro, retail emporium and event spaces, it blends heritage character with contemporary design, offering visitors a unique place to gather, eat, shop and explore.

BOOKING REQUIRED



32 Wallumburn

376 Lake Cooroibah Rd, Cooroibah
K Architecture

Sunday 19 October, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Tours: 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM
by Greg and Eliza King - K architecture

Wallumburn is a humble corrugated steel home in eucalypt bushland, shaped by resilience after recent fires. With whimsical gardens, reclaimed materials and a creek bed linking house to dam, it blurs boundaries between bush and design, embracing raw beauty and place.



33 The Wheel House on Bradman

165 Bradman Avenue, Maroochydore

Saturday 18 October, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

The Maroochy River Boat House, built in 1965, has been meticulously restored by Buderim Men's Shed using traditional methods. One of five heritage-listed boat houses on Bradman Avenue, it stands as an iconic symbol of Maroochydore's riverside character and community collaboration.



34 Wilson Beach House

Dicky Beach
John Railton Architect

Saturday 18 October, 12:00PM - 3:00PM

Tours: Pre-booked guided tours at 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM.

BOOKING REQUIRED

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booking is confirmed

Limited wheelchair accessibility

The Wilson Beach House at Dicky Beach, designed by John Railton in 1969, is a rare intact example of Queensland regional Modernism. This modest timber "robust box" balances simplicity, ventilation and double-height spaces, embodying a treasure of coastal architecture.



Pan Pottery Studio. Photo: Shane Hastings.



ACE.

With locations spread across the region, planning your journey ahead of time will help you make the most of the Sunshine Coast Open House program. There are a variety of transport options available for exploring the buildings, sites and tours included in the program.

Public Transport

Translink operates bus and train services throughout the Sunshine Coast and we recommend taking advantage of 50c fares.

- **Buses** run regularly between major hubs, including Caloundra, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, and Noosa.
- **Trains** connect Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast via the North Coast Line, with stations at Landsborough and Nambour.

You can plan your trip using the Translink Journey Planner, and travel with a Go Card or by tapping your bank card. Public transport services can be limited in some hinterland areas, so check timetables before you travel.



PLAN YOUR
JOURNEY

Driving & Parking

Most Sunshine Coast Open House sites are most easily reached by car.

- Allow extra time for parking, especially around popular areas.
- Council-run carparks and street parking are available in most town centres.
- Some sites may have limited or no parking onsite – please check individual listings for details.

Please respect local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways when parking.

Cycling & Walking

Cycling or walking can be a scenic and sustainable way to travel between sites.

- There are excellent shared pathways along the coastline, particularly between Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland, and Maroochydore.
- Remember to bring water, sun protection, and a bike lock if you plan to cycle.

Plan Your Day

STEP 1

Browse the building list at SunshineCoastOpenHouse.com.au or in this guidebook, pick your favourites and plan your itinerary for the weekend. Please check the day and times that the buildings are open. They vary from site to site. Some buildings offer only pre-booked tours.

STEP 2

Visit our website for more building information. Follow us for live updates:

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STEP 3

Explore the Sunshine Coast and enjoy your weekend. Upload photos during your Open House journey and hashtag **#SCOH2025** and **#SunshineCoastOpenHouse**



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“Cohabitation with the horses was a driving force in our building a new home here. The herd congregates regularly at the verandah waiting for us; it’s one of our greatest joys.”



On a farm in the Noosa hinterland, AJC designed a series of outbuildings that are both modest in scale and ethically ambitious. Three structures – a house, a garage, and a horse pavilion – dispense with fences and play with rural vernaculars, forging a close connection between the clients and a herd of brumbies that roam their 25 hectare property.

The home has won several design awards and is certainly a tribute to good design.

But in recent years, Eumundi House has become more than an architectural feat – it is an expression of lifestyle and how many aspects contribute to that.

The garden has expanded considerably; an example of how a garden can have a life of its own without being controlled and manipulated.

The horse herd has increased significantly, now 14 horses, all very happy and never want to leave the Sanctuary.

A focus this year will be on the sculpture park; one of the most significant private sculpture parks in Australia – it represents diversity, whimsy, a combination of serious art like Inge

King, joy and whimsy from Gillie & Marc, a wonderful piece by New Zealand’s top sculptor, Chris Booth; some amazing rock sculptures using the best of local basalt and many many more from some of Australia’s top sculptors.

On the 19th October, several of these sculptors like Georgie Seccull, Colleen Lavender, Finn Cossar and the Senior Judge of Sculptors Qld., Margit Radcliffe will be on hand to take guided tours and answer questions on the creative processes.

The lack of fences between the house and outbuildings supports the clients’ greater landscape projects of habitat regeneration to encourage diversity and the free movement of wildlife and the horses across the property. Their vision is not a wilderness as such, but a place for wildness.

Rewilding will be another focus of the day and Lynn Scott will discuss this relevance as well as highlighting her energy map.





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