

9. CULTURAL HERITAGE

The cultural heritage theme explores Noosa Shire's identity. In a rapidly changing world, maintaining links with the past and history provides a valuable and tangible link with the events that helped to shape the current character of the Noosa area. Cultural heritage is particularly important to visitors, and plays an important part of the tourist's experience.

Cultural heritage is embodied in buildings, stories, events, artefacts, places and objects. It includes indigenous and European cultures and history, and is represented in a voluminous range of sources.

The Steering Committee for this report decided that rather than represent a limited analysis at this stage, and risk omitting important elements from the discussion, this theme would not be explored as part of this report. Important and extensive studies are underway which will provide a rich and sound foundation for a full assessment in future State of Environment reports.

