



ANNUAL CONNECT 2023



For those new to Noosa, we love our home, and the efforts of many over the years to protect what we value are no doubt part of the reasons you chose to join our 'family'! Full of character and 'different by nature', Noosa is an electorate and shire of beach and hinterland communities, who fought for years to gain independence after being amalgamated in order to determine our own future and direction. As the only Queensland Independent Member of Parliament (MP), I continue to reflect these efforts, representing our community rather than state or national party-based policies. As any extended family, our community has

diverse views, and working together to come to a united stance through commonalities is how we get to a Noosa 'position'. The results of independence speak for themselves, demonstrating that anything can be achieved through hard work, knowledge and perseverance!

This year has been one of disaster recovery and resilience planning, with many including myself awaiting repairs following the 2022 flooding. It is vital we prepare for bushfires, floods or storms, by heading to www.getready.qld.gov.au and if able, to join up with our fabulous volunteer emergency services groups such as the SES or Rural Fire Brigades.



Besides attending many wonderful community events, roundtables and 'think tanks', MPs have bills to research and vote on, as well parliamentary commitments and inquiries. My Parliamentary Legal Affairs and Safety Committee is an extremely busy one, and I ensure as much information as possible is shared with our community, without overloading in volume! Announced as the first Independent Chair of a Parliamentary Select Committee in over two decades, obtaining a bipartisan approach to address crime in Queensland is key, especially involving youth. My focus will be what can be enacted right now to reduce impacts to communities, as well into the future to break the intergenerational contributors to offending, and I continue to thank our very dedicated frontliners in Noosa and across the state who work hard to keep everyone safe.



The following pages summarise the progress made on a number of Noosa issues, with further information on our website at Noosa 360 where regular updates include on affordable and emergency housing, the Kin Kin Quarry, draft SEQ Regional Plan, policing, the Noosa River and Cooloola Great Walk Eco Project as examples. There are also results from our surveys, important contacts for residents, businesses and organisations, and so much more! Please visit www.sandybolton.com/noosa360 and use the handy search bar to find your topic of interest.

Some of the issues we are experiencing will be assisted by the implementation of an Independent Environmental Protection Agency for Queensland, as well designation of greater ministerial powers, and we continue to advocate for these, alongside efforts to see a review of Queensland Committee and Estimates systems and processes, which are flawed and not meeting community expectations.



As part of ensuring your voice is included in the Noosa 'position', please subscribe to our newsletter (recent edition included) at www.sandybolton.com/newsletters to receive Noosa-specific surveys as released. Due to printer and Australia Post timelines, much will have occurred from when this was written in October, so please subscribe to stay updated including on our annual Community Christmas Picnic. For assistance or paper copies, contact our office via email Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au or 5319 3100.



Enjoy this annual 'Connect' fellow Noosans! As always, gratitude to all of our incredible residents, volunteers and organisations who make a real difference and continue to inspire all of us. May everyone's holiday period be filled with special times, out and about at events or relaxing in your garden under a shady tree with friends, family or a wonderful book!

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SANDY BOLTON

Independent State
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Legal Affairs and Safety
Committee

Chair Parliamentary Crime
Committee

Parliamentary Friends of First
Nations People



For almost 35 years Sandy has lived, worked and raised her three children in the Noosa community, and now shares her life with gorgeous rescue 'furbabies' Jet, Critta, the rascally Bear and partner Ian 'Shoey' Schuback OAM, who between them have 10 incredible grandchildren!

Sandy holds formal qualifications in Social Innovation and her diverse background covers 35 years in managerial and consultancy roles in tourism, agriculture, sporting, community, training and social services. Prior to becoming our MP, Sandy held roles such as NDIS project manager for disability service provider Sunshine Butterflies, founding member of Innovate Noosa, Director of four local Bendigo Community Banks and Community Advisory Council Member of the Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network.

Sandy was also one of the inaugural councillors to form the de-amalgamated Noosa Council in 2013.

Passionate about 'people before politics' Sandy's focus is outcome driven by strengthening, informing and uniting our community, and ensuring all voices are heard.

NOOSA WORKING GROUPS

- Local Disaster Management Group
- Noosa Business Roundtable
- Housing Roundtable
- Kin Kin Roundtable
- Workforce Shortages Group



WHAT DOES STATE GOVERNMENT DO?

There is often confusion surrounding the three levels of government, their representatives, and what they do!

State and Territory governments administer laws and provide services not covered by the Federal Government such as hospitals, schools, police and housing. The Federal Government has broad national powers and administers laws in relation to defence, immigration, foreign affairs, trade and taxation. The powers of local councils include responsibility for building regulations, rubbish collection, local roads and pest control. The representatives of these three levels of government work independently of each other, although there are times when collaboration is welcomed and necessary, to achieve resolution.

The role of a State Member of Parliament (MP) is a multi-functional one, having responsibility to our constituents, as well to broader Queensland. We provide assistance and advice to those in difficulty, act as a champion for local interest groups and issues and negotiate outcomes for our electorate.

My Electorate Office staff can assist you by accessing information and advice on state matters and making representations to the relevant Minister's office. As with every process there are rules to follow, and the role of an MP does not allow intervention in a judicial process or civil matters, and rightly so. Should the process or system fail, then an MP's role is to advocate for a review of these and seek amendments to the underpinning legislation in efforts to remedy.

Who to call when you have a concern?

State Government - Our office is located at Suite CB05, Noosa Civic. We regularly conduct mobile offices, and are available via email Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au, phone 5319 3100, Instagram [@sandy_bolton_mp_noosa](https://www.instagram.com/sandy_bolton_mp_noosa), Facebook [@SandyBoltonNoosa](https://www.facebook.com/SandyBoltonNoosa), LinkedIn [sandy-bolton-noosa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/sandy-bolton-noosa) or our website www.sandybolton.com.

Local Government - Noosa Shire Council is located in Tewantin. Their friendly staff are available on 5329 6500, or visit their website at www.noosa.qld.gov.au to obtain the contact details of our Elected Councillors.

Federal Government - North is Llew O'Brien representing Wide Bay (most of Noosa area) on 4121 2936 or Ted O'Brien representing Fairfax on 5479 2800 to our south.



PROGRESS UPDATE SUMMARY



Full updates are available at
www.sandybolton.com/noosa360

or hold your camera over the QR code, then just type the item into the search bar!

- Stage 2 Tewantin Bypass - Funding for final stages TBA
- Six Mile Creek Bridge #7 - Completion due early 2024
- Former TAFE Site - awaiting Native Title determinations
- Noosa River Management - Stage 2 partially complete
- Cooloola Great Walk - Progressing advocacy following survey
- Noosa Hospital - Interim completed, permanent TBA
- Katie Rose Hospice - Funding model advocacy progressing
- Independent Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) - TBA
- Kin Kin Quarry - Awaiting final court decision
- Pomona Kin Kin Road Upgrades - Stage 2 progressing
- Lake MacDonald Dam - Awaiting announcement
- Affordable Housing - Doonella Site secured, projects TBA
- Cooloola/Teewah/North Shore - awaiting announcement
- DAF Boatshed - Official opening soon
- Committee/Estimates & Review - Progressing
- Gympie/Nambour Rail Shuttle - Northern Study due 2024
- Advanced Manufacturing Sunshine State School - Progressing
- Pomona Men's Shed - Land revoked for lease finalisation
- Police Mobile Unit - Established
- Pomona High School Hall - Official opening 2024
- Pomona Pedestrian Crossings - Progressing
- DV Housing - Funds & site secured Coast2Bay & Bendigo Bank
- SEQ Regional Plan - Awaiting response to our submission
- Shark Nets - Working Group to be established
- Student Travel Assistance Scheme - Progressing
- Live Flood Monitoring Cameras - Installed
- Budget 2023-24 Summary -
www.sandybolton.com/budget-2023-24-summary
- Estimates 2023-24 Summary -
www.sandybolton.com/estimate-hearings-2023-summary-august-2023



MP INITIATIVES 2023

In response to community organisations experiencing hardships through increased costs and volunteer shortages, this year, we used 30% of our office operating budget for QuickStart/Emergency Grants. Thirty small organisations from beach to bush, who deliver support or services to our electorate, were successful.

We have also invested nearly \$10,000 for an assessment of key wildlife road-kill hotspots, awards for our local schools, donations of prizes for community groups, and the provision of our trailer, marquees and photocopier for community organisations free of charge.

The Noosa Queensland Day Awards 2023 was the biggest ever with over 120 residents in attendance to recognise 51 deserving and incredible Noosans who give their valuable time to support our wonderful community.



KEEP UP TO DATE

Please subscribe to our monthly newsletters at
www.sandybolton.com/connect/newsletters

which will also ensure you receive any Noosa related surveys and polling.

Check [Noosa 360](#) for progress updates and don't forget our columns in local papers. Join me on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) as there is always so much to share, discuss and celebrate.

KEY CONTACTS

For a list of key contacts in Noosa visit:

www.sandybolton.com/keycontacts



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Our Voice.

Our Noosa.

Our Future.

2023 GRANTS SNAPSHOT

The electorate of Noosa received a diverse range of State Government funding and grants this year. Examples include:

- **Active Club Grants** - \$77,500 collectively to 31 of our sporting clubs to upgrade equipment and provide education.
- **Minor Infrastructure Program** - \$79,185 to Noosa Council to upgrade Noosaville outdoor spaces.
- **Business Basic Grants** - \$110,000 to 23 Noosa small businesses to assist them to improve their core capabilities.
- **Work Skills Traineeships Program** - \$517,900 awarded to Noosa Landcare to assist 20 trainees in receiving AHC10120 Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.
- **Community Benefit Fund** - A total of \$260,281 collectively for 9 of our not for profits to improve the services they provide.
- **Disaster Ready Fund** - \$373,453 awarded to Noosa Council.
- **Environmental Recovery Grants** - \$55,000 to Noosa Council and Noosa Landcare collectively to assist with flood recovery.
- **Regional Arts Development** - \$52,500 for Noosa Council.

For more information on grants and how to apply visit www.sandybolton.com/services/gov-grants

NOOSA ELECTORATE MAP

Area: 657km²

Constituents: 36,797 (2020)

For a map of the Noosa Electorate visit:

www.sandybolton.com/map

STATE GOVERNMENT QUICK LINKS

Queensland State Government & Departments

www.qld.gov.au

Covid-19 Unite & Recover

www.covid19.qld.gov.au

State Parliament

www.parliament.qld.gov.au

Disasters & Emergencies

www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies

Business

www.business.qld.gov.au

Environment

www.des.qld.gov.au



HAVE YOUR SAY. BE HEARD.

2024 Noosa MP Annual Community Survey

It takes just 5 minutes for You to Have your Say in the Noosa Community Survey! Your responses are invaluable in helping to identify priorities and issues that are important to you and our community. The Survey closes 16th of January 2024 and can be completed here:

www.sandybolton.com/your-say-annual-survey

Hard copies are also available by calling our office on 5319 3100. NOTE - From the end of January 2024 this link can also be used to refer to the results of the survey.



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