



As the State Member for Noosa, a focus is to listen and engage with as many constituents as possible, as well to increase knowledge and respectful discussions in our communities through the sharing of information. Welcome to my first annual "Connect", including the December edition of our newsletter, available monthly by subscribing at [www.sandybolton.com](http://www.sandybolton.com). Here you will also find links to our work in Parliament, as well to Noosa 360 where we post research, hot topics and host discussions on major issues.

Representation is one of the greatest honours and especially vibrant and challenging, given the changing landscape of Queenslanders. As a Member of Parliament not aligned to any political party I take your views to Parliament unhindered by any conflicting party ideologies or my own personal views. It is liberating to be a true Independent MP and my work on your behalf is incredibly rewarding.

**As many of you are aware, the Noosa community has been my, and my family's home for nearly 30 years. It is the land of the Gubbi Gubbi, also known as Kabi Kabi, first nation peoples, and I am proud to serve our home which is rich in cultural diversity and vibrancy. Noosa is an extended 'family', and you will often hear me refer to us as 'one mob'!**

For those new to Noosa, a very warm welcome to the very best place to live in Queensland - if not Australia! Our home is a unique place and space of international recognition that offers many wonderful experiences, and I truly hope you enjoy exploring them all. For those already blessed to call Noosa home for a length of time it is worth a reminder to head out and explore, and we recommend you go to [www.visitnoosa.com.au](http://www.visitnoosa.com.au) for more information.

Noosa is not just the name of our electorate. It is who we are. We have a laid-back way of life and style, as well as fiercely protective about our natural environment that we are blessed with. Our history is full of examples where community activism has met our social needs, as well, fought against threats to our way of life. The result is that we continue to live in a beautiful area, unspoilt by high-rise, traffic lights, bill boards and other intrusions that are commonplace to most populated areas. Noosa Council's 'Noosa Plan' underpins these ideals and provides the framework within which we live, work and play. If you would like to know more about our history, please visit [www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au/heritage](http://www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au/heritage) and [www.noosaparks.org.au/our-history](http://www.noosaparks.org.au/our-history).

Living the Noosa lifestyle with our passion for the environment, residents wellbeing and sustainable industries, comes with both personal and community responsibility. If you have a love of what Noosa represents, we encourage you to connect with any of our organisations or groups, (nearly 400!). They will inspire and assist,

as well address your and our community needs, ensuring that we will all continue to enjoy the very best of the reasons why we have chosen to call Noosa 'home'. You will meet other dynamic locals and make some wonderful new friends on the journey. Some, but not all, can be found at [www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Noosa](http://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Noosa).

As we head into a new year, please take time to assist Noosa efforts by completing a survey online at [SandyBolton.com/YourSay](http://SandyBolton.com/YourSay) by 5pm January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, or call the office for a hardcopy to be sent. Your thoughts and voice are important for both local advocacy and State issues brought before Parliament.

Warmest regards and I look forward to meeting you and seeing you on the Christmas trail!

*Sandy*



**So who to call when you have a concern?**

For State Government issues, my office is located at Noosa Civic. I regularly conduct mobile offices throughout the electorate, otherwise I'm available via 5319 3100 or [Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au).

Our Local Government, Noosa Shire Council, is located in Tewantin and their friendly staff are available on 5329 6500 or you can visit their website at [www.noosa.qld.gov.au](http://www.noosa.qld.gov.au) to obtain the contact details of your Councillors.

Federal Government has two representatives depending on your address. To the North is Llew O'Brien MP representing Wide Bay (most of Noosa area) on 07 4121 2936 or to the South, Ted O'Brien MP representing Fairfax on 07 5479 2800 (and no, they are not related!).



## ABOUT SANDY BOLTON

### Independent Member for Noosa

Innovation, Tourism Development & Environment Committee

Visit [SandyBolton.com](http://SandyBolton.com) for further details.

#### ITEMS IN PROGRESS

- Beckman's Road/Six Mile (#7) Bridge
- Decommissioned Tewanin TAFE Site
- Noosa River and North Shore Management
- Noosa Hospital Lease and Public Funding (completed)
- Short Term Lets
- Local Economic Diversification, Job Creation & Training
- Affordable Living – Housing and Utilities
- Transport to Sunshine Coast University Hospital

Updates on these topics available in our monthly newsletters or online at [Noosa360.SandyBolton.com](http://Noosa360.SandyBolton.com)

#### MP INITIATIVES

- Designing Solutions Forum - Youth Unemployment
- Community Partnerships Program - At Risk Youth
- Creating Change Sponsorship - Individuals and Groups
- Schools Innovation Awards 2019

#### LOCAL WORKING GROUPS

- Teewah and Cooloola Working Group
- Local Disaster Management Group
- Noosa Youth Network
- Dementia Friendly Community Advisory Board
- Sustainable Tourism Stakeholder Reference Group
- Disability Action Group

## WHAT DOES STATE GOVERNMENT DO?

**There is often confusion surrounding the three levels of Government and the representatives associated with.**

State/territory governments administer and set laws, and provides services not covered by the Federal Government; for instance, hospitals, schools, police and housing services. The Federal Government has broad national powers and administers (puts into action) laws and provides services in relation to defence, immigration, foreign affairs, trade, postal services and taxation. The powers of Local Councils are defined by Acts of Parliament passed by State Parliaments and include responsibility for building regulations, rubbish collection, local roads and pet control.

The role of a Member of Parliament (MP) is a multi-functional one. We have a responsibility to our constituents as well to greater Queensland, giving assistance and advice to those in difficulty and making representations on your behalf, either to State Government departments or to the relevant Ministers. As with every process there are rules we must follow. MP's are regulated, and rightfully so, to not become involved or interfere with cases that are in a judicial process, including civil matters already in the courts or an appeal process with first instance tribunals such as QLD Civil & Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). As a State MP it is also inappropriate in my role to interfere in the way local council conducts its business.

MP's advocate for change whether that be cultural or through legislation, and negotiating outcomes sought by their community as a whole or for individuals. This can be through direct appeal, various speeches or Questions with or without Notice, and importantly through the casting of our vote to Bills brought before Chamber. The greatest juggle between competing priorities is finding the time balance between research of Bills, consulting with stakeholders and community, and attending the hundreds of meetings, events, seminars and functions both at home and in Brisbane. Most appreciated are those moments when you are out amongst the community without a time allocation!

### State Government Service Areas

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| • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships | • Local Government, Racing & Multicultural Affairs              |
| • Agriculture and Fisheries                          | • Natural Resources, Mines and Energy                           |
| • Child Safety, Youth and Women                      | • Fire and Emergency Services                                   |
| • Communities, Disability Services and Seniors       | • Health  |
| • Employment, Small Business and Training            | • Police  |
| • Environment and Science                            | • Premier and Cabinet   |
| • Housing and Public Works                           | • Treasury  |
| • Innovation, Tourism Industry Development           | • State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning |
| • Justice and Attorney-General                       | • Transport and Main Roads                                      |

### State Government Quick Links

**One Place Community Services Directory** - [www.oneplace.org.au](http://www.oneplace.org.au)

**Queensland State Government** - [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)

**State Parliament** - [www.parliament.qld.gov.au](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au)

**Disasters & Emergencies** - [www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies](http://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies)

## What happened in Noosa in 2018?

State Government funding of over \$10 million covered both infrastructure projects and programs in partnership including:

- Sunshine Beach State High School - New Buildings
- Cooran State School - Playground
- Noosaville State School - Infrastructure
- Yurol/Ringtail State Forest - Purchase Partnership
- Various Community & Sporting Groups - Equipment
- Advance QLD - Business Startup Funding
- Regional Arts Development - Programs
- Tewartin Social Housing Units - 9 x 1 Bed Units
- Noosa Botanic Gardens - Shade House Partner
- Noosa & District Landcare - Skilling Queenslanders
- Cooran & Pomona Rail Stations - Upgrades
- Noosa National Park - Upgrades
- Lake Macdonald Dam - Upgrade
- Plastic Free Noosa - Initiative
- Community Sustainability Action - Initiatives
- Noosa Library - Refurbishment



## What issues concern you? Join our online survey at... **SandyBolton.com/YourSay**

As part of creating great outcomes and communities, it is vital to have the range of diverse views and feedback as part of researching our vote on legislation, prioritising concerns for the coming year, as well as advocating for any needed change in Noosa and for the people of Queensland.

Your views are important, and the collective voice powerful, so jump online at [SandyBolton.com/YourSay](https://SandyBolton.com/YourSay) or call the office on (07) 5319 3100 and we will post out this survey to you.

### NOOSA 2019 SURVEY - YOUR PRIORITIES?

A range of issues and topics have been brought up already from residents as priorities for 2019 or may be brought before Parliament and are included in the survey at [SandyBolton.com/YourSay](https://SandyBolton.com/YourSay). A sample of these are listed below for your consideration before you jump online!

#### Local Specific State Issues

- Sustainable Fishing Noosa
- Noosa State Road Conditions
- Wildlife Corridors/Road Crossings
- Increased Youth & Family Support
- Sustainable Funding Models for Community Organisations

#### State Issues

- Driver Behaviour & Attitudes
- Road Congestion to Brisbane
- Violence and Domestic Violence
- Education Systems
- Affordable Transition to Renewables
- Aged Care
- Mining & Energy (please specify)
- Rail Duplication to Nambour & Fast Rail
- Animal Protection (please specify)
- Daylight Saving
- Poker Machine/Gambling
- Waste Reduction/Recycle/Repurpose
- Illicit Drug Use/Addiction
- End of Life Care & Voluntary Euthanasia
- Government Processes (please specify)
- Medicinal Cannabis
- Decriminalisation of Sex Workers



Your Voice.

Your Noosa.

## KEY CONTACTS

### EMERGENCY

Emergency Services 000  
 Noosa Police Station 5440 8111  
 Cooroy Police Station 5442 5030  
 Pomona Police Station 5485 2586  
 Crimestoppers 1800 333 000  
 Lifeline 131 114  
 Homeless Hotline 100 474 753  
 Salvation Army 13 72 58  
 SES—Flood/Storm Emergency 132 500

### HEALTH

Women's Health QLD 1800 017 676  
 National & Other Drug Hotline 1800 250 015  
 Ozcare 1800 692 273  
 Bluecare 1300 258 322  
 1800Respect 1800 737 732  
 Mental Health Qld 1300 642 255  
 Medicines Line 1300 633 424  
 Poisons Information 131 126  
 Health (nurse phone advice) 13 HEALTH  
 A/H HomeDoctor.com 13 SICK  
 A/H HouseCallDocotr.com.au 135 566  
 Katie Rose Cottage 5471 1468  
 Pomona Community House 5485 2427

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Child Safety 1300 706 147  
 DV Connect 1800 811 811  
 United Synergies 5442 4277  
 Headspace 5409 4900

### SENIORS

Seniors Card QLD 137 468  
 Seniors Enquiry Line 1300 135 500  
 U3A 5440 5500

### LEGAL

Suncoast Community 5443 7827  
 Legal Service 1300 360 044  
 Legal Aid 5433 6200  
 Public Trustee 1800 068 908  
 Ombudsman 1800 017 116

### NOOSA RIVER

Maritime Safety Qld 5373 2310  
 QLD Boating & Fisheries 5449 7555  
 Fish Watch 1800 017 116

### ENERGY & WATER

**Energex**  
*Loss of Supply* 13 62 62  
*Emergency, fallen lines etc* 13 19 62  
*General Enquiries* 13 12 53  
 Unity Water 1300 086 489  
 Energy & Water Ombudsman 1800 662 837

### OTHER SERVICES

Translink 131 230  
 Dept of Housing 5352 7333  
 State Roads (Urgent issues) 131 940  
 QPWS (National Parks) 13 74 68  
 WIRES Wildlife Rescue 1300 094 737

### FEDERAL MP's

Wide Bay - Llew O'Brien 4121 2936  
 Fairfax - Ted O'Brien 5479 2800

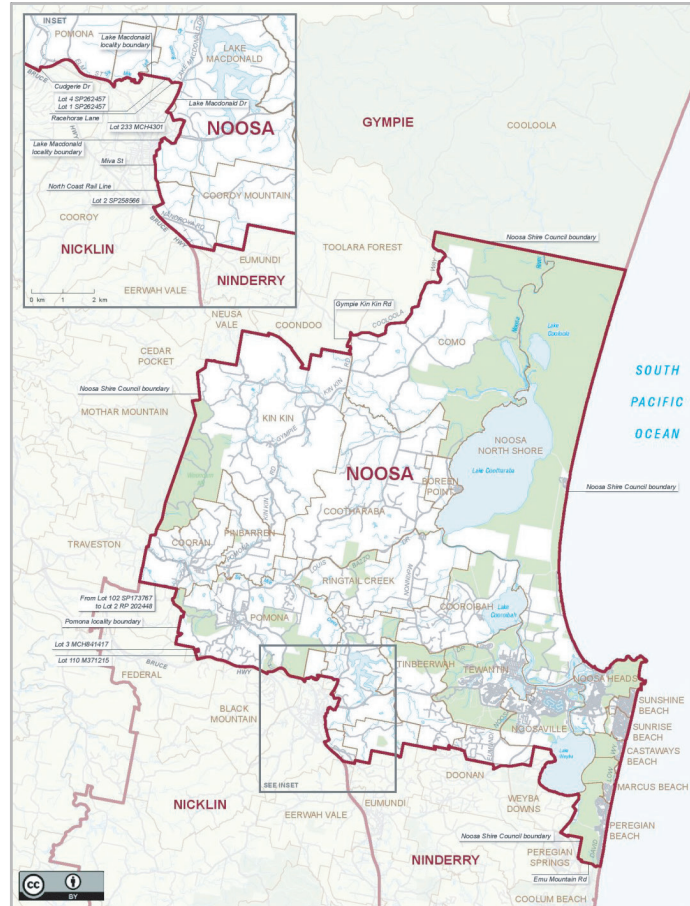
### NOOSA SHIRE COUNCIL

General Enquiries 5329 6500

## NOOSA ELECTORATE MAP

Area: 657km<sup>2</sup>

Constituents: 35,163 (2017)



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