



# ANNUAL CONNECT 2020

## 2020 GRANTS SNAPSHOT

We have been fortunate to see diverse State Government funding and grants totaling over \$20 million since early 2020 for our community groups, organisations and endeavours. Some examples include:

- Noosa Parade - \$4.4 million 2.4km on/off road cycling path
- COVID Works for QLD – \$1.83 million for community halls/ facilities including roof replacements & amenities upgrades; crisis accommodation; environmental projects pathway renewals and more
- Unite & Recover Community Stimulus Package - \$2.25 million for 14 projects including upgrades to Peregrine Beach Boardwalk, Boreen Point Campground, Sunshine Beach Skatepark and Tinbeerwah Hall
- School Transport Infrastructure - \$195,000 road improvements, pedestrian crossing and pathway changes St Teresa’s Catholic College
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work - \$1 million
- Community Recovery - \$600,000 Bushfires Community Development Officer

And more: Noosa District Rugby League Field Drainage; Pomona State School Accessibility Ramp; RSCPA Trailers; Waves of Kindness Refrigerated Truck; Pomona Bowls Club Equipment & Disability Parking; Noosa AH&I Society Grandstands; to name just a few!

For more information on grants and how to apply visit [www.sandybolton.com/services/gov-grants/](http://www.sandybolton.com/services/gov-grants/)

## NOOSA ELECTORATE MAP

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

Constituents: 35,163 (2017)

For a map of the Noosa Electorate visit:

[www.sandybolton.com/map](http://www.sandybolton.com/map)

## STATE GOVERNMENT QUICK LINKS

Queensland State Government & Departments

[www.qld.gov.au/](http://www.qld.gov.au/)

Covid-19 Unite & Recover

[www.covid19.qld.gov.au](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au)

State Parliament

[www.parliament.qld.gov.au](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au)

One Place Community Services Directory

[www.oneplace.org.au/](http://www.oneplace.org.au/)

Disasters & Emergencies

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



If this is your first ever edition of Connect, welcome to the wonderful Noosa electorate! You are now part of an iconic destination, and the extended Noosa family, with new friends to be made every day, at every corner!

2020 is a year no one will ever forget. Following from our major bushfires, the COVID -19 pandemic brought a reality we had never confronted, creating challenges and angst for so many. Yet we are blessed to have residents across our community looking out for each other and volunteering through endeavours such as YELLOWt and the Care Army. To our incredible frontliners – police, nurses, emergency service personal, volunteers, teachers, aged and disability carers, retail assistants and other essential workers - thank you for everything!

Even though COVID-19 has taken many months from our ‘standard’ working year, much has been achieved as outlined in detail on our website. Highlights include funding for historical issues, with Stage 1 of the Tewantin Bypass to be completed within 2 years, as well the replacement of the notorious Six Mile Bridge #7. Finalisation of the public services contract at our Noosa Hospital, multiple initiatives for our river management, a transport trial to Sunshine Coast University Hospital and a host of others are summarised on page 2. Thank you to all Ministers and their Departments for assisting Noosa throughout the year, and to my staff whom have worked alongside me on this long journey.

At a Parliamentary level, I continued our efforts to see not only reform, but reform of the underpinning processes that guides reform! As I have said numerous times, we must move beyond ‘why we can’t’ to ‘how we can’. Issues cannot be addressed by, as famously said by Albert Einstein “...doing the same thing over & over again & expecting different results”.

The Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee in which I am a member, morphed into the State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee this year. With a focus on "QLD made" as part of our post COVID-19 economic recovery, we will no doubt have a full agenda into the future. To view our work in Parliament and on Committee, please go to [sandybolton.com/parliament/committee/](http://sandybolton.com/parliament/committee/) or for Bill debate or other speeches [sandybolton.com/parliament/speeches](http://sandybolton.com/parliament/speeches).

As an election is nearly upon us, can I say how deeply honoured and humbled I have been in serving you as your State MP. How proud I am of the incredible inroads we have made here at home, as well with broader concerns impacting QLD. We have achieved this together, and our community has shone through the fires and COVID pandemic and all this has encompassed. Our home is a place, and space like no other, with people that continue to inspire, and aspire to. Blessings to you all, and thank you. Every day, in all ways!

To finish, remember be #fireready, even though conditions are not expected to be as severe as last year. Have your essentials handy (including passport & medications) should there be any need to evacuate.

As we go to print, we are still in COVID conditions. However, we have included some pre-COVID shots as part of the incredible memories of the year. Remember keep to the ‘1.5m’, the ‘air high 5’ and the hand washing as we continue on our journey of recovery. I look forward to seeing you out and about over the coming weeks. Don’t forget to tap me on the shoulder as I charge past!

### So, who to call when you have a concern?

#### State Government

Our office is located at Noosa Civic, we regularly conduct mobile offices, and am available via 5319 3100, [Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au), Instagram, FB or [www.sandybolton.com](http://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](http://www.noosa.qld.gov.au) to obtain the contact details of our Councillors.

#### Federal Government

North is Llew O’Brien representing Wide Bay (most of Noosa area) on 4121 2936 or South, Ted O’Brien representing Fairfax on 5479 2800 (and no, they are not related!)

## Sandy Bolton MP Member for Noosa

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Our Future.

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# SANDY BOLTON

Independent Member for Noosa

State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee



For 30 years, Sandy has lived, worked and raised her three children in the Noosa community, and now shares her life with partner Ian 'Shoey' Schuback OAM... and a gorgeous rescue dog named Jet.

Sandy's diverse background covers 35 years in managerial and consultancy roles in the tourism, agriculture, sporting, community, training and social services sectors. In addition prior to becoming our MP, roles as NDIS project manager for disability service provider Sunshine Butterflies, founding member of Innovate Noosa, Director of the four local Bendigo Community Banks and Community Advisory Council Member of the Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network.

Sandy holds formal qualifications in Social Innovation and was one of the inaugural Councillors to form the deamalgamated 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 COMMUNITY SURVEY HAVE YOUR SAY. BE HEARD.

### NOOSA - What are your priorities for 2021 & beyond?

Your responses from the last survey, as well as issues raised throughout the year, have been invaluable. We now need to know what your priorities are for 2021. To avoid duplication, issues already in progress have not been included.

[www.sandybolton.com/your-say-annual-survey](http://www.sandybolton.com/your-say-annual-survey)

It only takes 5 minutes! Alternatively call 5319 3100 and we can assist you.

NOTE – The survey only pertains to State issues – not Local or Federal government.



## 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 provides 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, in order to get 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.

As an Independent, researching Bills and consulting with stakeholders and community are vital parts of the decision-making process. Meeting with constituents and attending the hundreds of events, seminars and functions both at home and in Brisbane, is both educational and inspiring!

Our Electorate Office staff can assist residents by accessing information and advice by making representations to the relevant Minister's office. As with every process there are rules to follow. 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 the underpinning legislation.

If unsure whether your matter is State or another level of government, please contact us on 5319 3100.



## PROGRESS UPDATE SUMMARY

Full updates are available at [www.sandybolton.com/noosa360](http://www.sandybolton.com/noosa360)

- Beckman's Road – \$10.5m funding for stage 1
- Six Mile Creek Bridge #7 replacement – \$19.8m
- Decommissioned TAFE site – in negotiations
- Noosa River Management- MSQ officer appointed, SAM installation, Advisory Group developed
- Cooloola Great Walk – sites finalised
- Noosa Hospital – 10 year lease and public services contract finalised
- Katie Rose Hospice - funding for accreditation and \$250k p/a support for 3 years
- Burgess Creek – commencement of the clean out!
- Bluewater Review – awaiting final funding models
- Former House with No Steps Site – Review completed
- Noosa River Health – testing of river and catchments
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Law Reform – inquiry completed, Queensland Law Reform Commission due to submit draft legislation by 1 March 2021
- Short Term Lets – Taskforce reconvened
- Renewables - Environmental Upgrade Agreements
- Fire Management – new equipment, truck & focus on fire prevention and mitigation
- Business Forum—this year's scheduled forum of business leaders, was replaced with a 'roundtable' of business member organisations to mitigate the impacts of COVID- 19, in partnership with Council. This is reportedly the only one of its kind in QLD, and has been invaluable.
- Housing affordability—this continues to be our 'bug bear'. We need all levels of Government committed to removing roadblocks, outdated notions and systems that have led us to this crisis that impacts our social, economic and environmental wellbeing. It's time, and I have brought together a Noosa Project team to move beyond 'words' to tangible 'works'.
- Transport Pilot—After 18 months working with Sunshine Coast University Hospital to develop transport options for Noosa residents who have difficulty accessing their appointments, I have committed personal funds to assist our community during COVID-19 to fund a 'mini' pilot in partnership with Be, known formerly as Comlink. We look forward to everyone's support during this trial, which will not only plug a 'gap', but provide data in efforts to secure a longer-term solution.



## MP INITIATIVES 2020

As a result of COVID-19 our Community Partnerships Program was redirected to provide a Restart Grant to 13 of our community and sporting organisations to get back operational.

The Changemaker Awards and Schools Innovation Awards has been put on hold, with the Qld Day Awards rescheduled to 2021.

Funding was also provided for emergency accommodations during the height of the pandemic, and for the Be Noosa Connect transport pilot.

## NOOSA WORKING GROUPS

- Teewah and Cooloola
- Dementia Friendly
- Local Disaster Management
- Sustainable Tourism
- Disability Action
- Noosa Business Roundtable

## KEEP UP TO DATE

For those that do not receive our monthly newsletter, please subscribe on the website, or join me on Facebook or Instagram as there is always so much to share, and discuss. And this 'annual' is far too short to cover all that has happened, and happens!

[www.sandybolton.com/connect/newsletters](http://www.sandybolton.com/connect/newsletters)

## KEY CONTACTS

For a list of key contacts in Noosa, please visit:

[www.sandybolton.com/keycontacts](http://www.sandybolton.com/keycontacts)

If you would like a printed copy please visit our office.

