

Our Voice.

Our Noosa.

Our Future.



Sandy Bolton MP Member for Noosa



ANNUAL CONNECT 2021

2021 GRANTS SNAPSHOT

The Electorate of Noosa has received a diverse range of State Government grants and funding for our community groups, organisations and endeavours. A few examples include:

- **Doonella Lake Bridge** - \$7,000,000 for replacement
- **Noosa Parade** - \$4,460,000 active transport facilities
- **Noosa LGA Schools** - 2021-22 financial year \$3,179,000
- **Garth Prowd Bridge** - \$3,500,000 for upgrade
- **Youturn** - \$510,000 for homelessness services.
- **David Low Way (Peregian Beach)** - \$454,000 for rehabilitation of pavement.
- **Community Benefit Fund** - A total of \$229,091 awarded across the electorate including kitchen facility upgrades at Cooran State School; Weightlifting equipment and a defibrillator for Noosa Barbell Club; food trailer for the Lions Club of Noosa Heads; Rescue Boats for Wildlife Noosa and Sunshine Beach Surf Life Saving Club; equipment for Pomona and District Community House; plus many more!

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

One Place Community Services Directory

www.oneplace.org.au

Disasters & Emergencies

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

Business

www.business.qld.gov.au

Environment

www.des.qld.gov.au

For those new to Noosa or our Annual Connect, a very warm welcome! I am unashamedly proud of our electorate and the incredibly diverse communities and people who have chosen these beautiful lands as their home. We are, and will always be #onemob!



This year has had its challenges, not only for those affected by the housing crisis, border closures, separation from families, or various mandates and their impacts; but also those whose incomes have been devastated. Our businesses and workers have faced enormous hardships, increasingly unable to afford rents whilst managing COVID requirements. Government staff and services have been overwhelmed with traumatic cries for assistance in multiple realms. Our frontline workers - many diverted to roles never predicted due to this 'bug' - working triple shifts as well as bearing the brunt of anger from frustrated Queenslanders. We have all learned much through these times, and will continue to from future challenges, with our own brand of resilience and care for all.

Amongst our COVID dominated world, the usual role of MPs and governments did not pause. There have been some historical determinations including those with terminal illnesses having their voice heard in Parliament, with the passing of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. In addition, instrumental turning points in our society through acknowledgment that change is urgently needed, whether in relation to our youth offenders, behaviours on social media or how our parole systems work.

As a member of Parliament's Legal & Safety Affairs Committee, we held public hearings into some of Queensland's greatest concerns including serious vilification and hate crimes which social media has amplified. Freedom of speech comes with the responsibility not to humiliate or persecute others, and we cannot rest until respectful debate and discourse is restored. Whether in written submissions or in person, your voice forms part of how we can create a better world, with all committee information available at www.parliament.qld.gov.au as well as the live streamed broadcast on the 10 year anniversary of the committee system, in which I was honoured to be a panellist.



With involvement in numerous local working groups and roundtables tackling our social, environmental and business needs, I am fortunate to work with stakeholders and representatives at 'grass roots'. Even though we all have moments of frustration, the progress has been instrumental with updates on these, including housing, as well many other matters posted to our 'knowledge bank' Noosa 360 at www.sandybolton.com/noosa360.



As we do each year to obtain your priorities on major items both in and out of Parliament, please add your voice by completing our annual survey (see page 2) or anytime via our office. There is always so much to share, so please subscribe to our newsletter and Facebook to ensure you remain in the 'loop'!

Having recently acknowledged the 2nd anniversary of our bushfires in Peregian, Cooribah and Noosa North Shore, please ensure your family is fire, storm and flood ready, including having your essentials pack ready! Head to www.getready.qld.gov.au.

As we come to the end of a year like no other, into reuniting with loved ones (for some it's been over 2 years), at the time of writing I am filled with gratitude.

Thank you to all who work so hard in our community, who have cared, committed resources and never lost sight of where we had to get to, and where we still need to go. With toil, kind words, wisdom and selflessness, we have shone. Thank you.

Sandy

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CONNECT 2021



SANDY BOLTON

Independent State
Member for Noosa

Legal Affairs and Safety
Committee
Parliamentary Friends of
First Nations People



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, a gorgeous rescue dog 'Jet' and a therapy dog-in-training 'Bear'.

Sandy holds formal qualifications in Social Innovation and her 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.

Prior to being a Member of Parliament, Sandy 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 2022 & 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 2022. To avoid duplication, issues already in progress have not been included.

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 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, in order to get resolution.

The role of a State Member of Parliament (MP) is a multifunctional 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!

My Electorate Office staff assist by accessing information and advice, and 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.

Who to call when you have a concern?

State Government - Our office is located at Noosa Civic, we regularly conduct mobile offices, and are available via 5319 3100, Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au, Instagram, Facebook or 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 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.

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 1 Tewantin Bypass - build commenced
- Six Mile Creek Bridge #7 - to commence 2022
- Decommissioned TAFE site - EOI shortlist
- Noosa River Management - Noosa River Stakeholder Advisory Committee formed
- Cooloola Great Walk - Final consultations
- Noosa Hospital - Emergency Dept negotiations
- Katie Rose Hospice - Funding model advocacy
- Kin Kin quarry - Noosa Council court action
- Pomona Kin Kin Rd upgrade - \$6m committed
- SCUH Transport Pilot - near completion
- Lake Macdonald - Investment review
- Business Roundtable - Continues to convene and advocate on behalf of our businesses
- Housing Action Group - awaiting Noosa Council's Housing Needs Assessment
- Cooloola/Teewah/Noosa North Shore - Sustainability/Management survey/review
- Voluntary Assisted Dying - Bill passed
- Budget 2021/22 (full update at bit.ly/2122budg)
- Estimates 2021/22 (full update at bit.ly/2122est)
- COVID 19 (Noosa FAQs at bit.ly/noosacovid)
- Parliamentary Committee Panel (bit.ly/3kssEtV)

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. This 'annual' is far too short to cover all that has happened, and happens!

www.sandybolton.com/connect/newsletters



MP INITIATIVES 2021

This year saw the return of standard initiatives that had been put on hold due to the pandemic with funds redirected to COVID assistance.

The Noosa Queensland Day Awards acknowledged residents from diverse community groups for the amazing work they do via volunteering or pro bono contributions.

Various organisations were supported through our two funding programs—Community Connect and Seeds for Change, with projects ranging from drones for environmental monitoring, to youth entrepreneurship and kitchen garden projects.

Funding was also provided for the Be Noosa Connect transport pilot, the Noosa Education Training Alliance feasibility study into a Learning Hub, and the purchase of a beach accessibility mat for our all abilities at Noosa Main Beach. In addition, co funding with Noosa Council for work with our business sector in branding and expanding!

NOOSA WORKING GROUPS

- Teewah and Cooloola Working Group
- Local Disaster Management Group
- Kin Kin Roundtable
- Noosa Business Roundtable
- Housing Action Group
- Noosa River Stakeholder Advisory Committee

KEY CONTACTS

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

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