



# ANNUAL CONNECT 2022

Hello fellow 'Noosan's', or 'Noosarians'! It is again a privilege to collate the efforts from the year into your Annual Connect as part of keeping everyone updated on progress, especially those who may not be online in our community. As you know, I am so proud of Noosa and its people, and am unashamedly very Noosa 'centric'!



'Noosa' is a local government 'shire' and state government 'electorate', not a town in itself as many believe. Noosa comprises great diversity throughout our beach, river and rural communities, that I represent individually and collectively and who we lovingly refer to as 'one mob'!

2022 has been another challenging year with floods, ongoing heavy haulage impacts to our beautiful Noosa countryside, extended COVID-19 powers and subsequent lifting of mandates and restrictions. As well, the 'fallout' from the pandemic continues with housing, staff and material shortages leading to reduced services across all sectors including health. With ongoing questions surrounding virus variations, personal health management is vital to reduce catching or spreading to our vulnerable loved ones. Remember to call 13 HEALTH (13 432584) 24/7 for advice, and many other important contact numbers, including for homelessness, are available at [www.sandybolton.com/keycontacts](http://www.sandybolton.com/keycontacts).

The federal government election saw a host of Independents wearing 'teal' voted in to represent their communities, leading to media commentary that I was the 'mother of tealers'! As proudly the only Independent in the last two QLD Parliament's, I continue to encourage 'indies' across all levels of government as part of much needed 'grass roots' change. As demonstrated, you do not have to be in a party to make a difference, and our progress update on some of what we have been working on this year is summarised on Page 3.



Attending community events and assisting constituents is just one part of what an MP does. There are bills to research, advocacies to take forward, Parliamentary sittings, as well the work of my current Committee, Legal Affairs and Safety. This year we undertook many inquiries including on donor conception, holding hearings across regional QLD for the Working with Children (Indigenous Communities) Bill and much more. As the only MP submitting a dissenting report opposing the 3 year limit proposed in the Workcover Bill, it was a great achievement securing a 5 year timeline for those terminal, demonstrating that you can effect change and I thank our residents who shared their stories.



With involvement in numerous local working groups and roundtables tackling Noosa's social, environmental and business needs, I am fortunate to work with many incredible stakeholders and representatives daily. Even though we all have moments of frustration with processes and how slow some of the simplest of projects can be, progress continues and we have updates on local issues, including affordable housing and numerous environmental matters, at our 'knowledge bank' Noosa 360 at [www.sandybolton.com/noosa360](http://www.sandybolton.com/noosa360). Just use the handy search bar and type in the topic, or scroll through with the latest post at the top!

As the festive season approaches, enjoy the accompanying newsletter which you can subscribe to at [www.sandybolton.com](http://www.sandybolton.com), as well please take 5 minutes to complete our annual survey and share your views to help determine the priorities for 2023.

Happy 'Connecting' everyone! Remember whilst enjoying all that Noosa has to offer and those moments spent with precious loved ones, furry and otherwise, please look to how you can help those less fortunate, and give gratitude to all of our irreplaceable volunteers. Your voice is always welcomed, for any way that we can serve you better by simply emailing [noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au) or calling 5319 3100.

In closing, thank you for your incredible support again this year. Never forget that AWESOME communities are created by AWESOME people who put effort into the change they wish to see. This starts with our own expectations, what we do and how we do it, within our own homes, relationships and broader communities, and how we communicate with each other.



As always "Be the change you wish to see!"

*Sandy*

# SANDY BOLTON

Independent State  
Member for Noosa

Legal Affairs and Safety  
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Parliamentary Friends  
of First Nations People



For over 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, gorgeous rescue 'furbabies' Jet, Critta and the rascally 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 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 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!



## 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 Government 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!

My Electorate Office staff can assist you 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, email [Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au), Instagram @sandy\_bolton\_mp\_noosa, Facebook @SandyBoltonNoosa or our website [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 Ted O'Brien representing Fairfax on 5479 2800 to our South.

# PROGRESS UPDATE SUMMARY

Full updates are available at  
[www.sandybolton.com/noosa360](http://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 - Complete
- Six Mile Creek Bridge #7 - Commenced
- Decommissioned TAFE site - update prior to year end
- Noosa River - Community consultation early 2023
- Cooloola Great Walk - Awaiting Kabi Kabi determinations
- Noosa Hospital - Interim expansion underway
- Katie Rose Hospice - Contract renewed, seeking increase
- Kin Kin Quarry - Awaiting final Court decision
- Pomona Kin Kin Road Upgrades - Commenced
- SCUH transport pilot - Completed. Now state funded
- Lake Macdonald Dam - Outcome from review imminent
- Business Roundtable - Ongoing
- Housing Action Group - Transitioned to Noosa Council
- Affordable Housing - Multiple efforts underway by State & Local Governments with updates at Noosa 360
- Teewah/North Shore - awaiting Sustainability Report
- DAF boatshed - Complete
- Committee & PV Reply Paid Envelopes - Progressing
- Gympie to Nambour Rail Shuttle - Northern Line study
- Adv. Manufacturing Sunshine State School - Masterplan
- Pomona Men's Shed - Land revoked for lease finalisation
- Police Mobile Unit - Expected April 2023
- Independent Environmental Protection Agency - In review
- Enviro Upgrade Agreements - State consulting with Councils
- DV Housing - Progressing
- Student Travel Assistance Scheme - New funding to rectify
- Bridge Flood Warning monitors - Installed
- Noosa River Testing - Completed
- Budget 2022-23 - [www.budget.qld.gov.au](http://www.budget.qld.gov.au)
- Estimates 2022-23 - <https://bit.ly/22-23est>



## MP INITIATIVES 2022

The Noosa Queensland Day Awards acknowledged 39 selfless residents nominated by community groups for the amazing work they do volunteering or via pro bono contributions. We welcomed Cooroy RSL as new sponsors, joining long time supporter Noosa Today.

Multiple projects were funded through our Seeds for Change program, with one from last year, the 'All Abilities' Beach Mat, now being fully utilised and loved by our community and visitors alike! This year the initiatives included mental health projects, an indigenous education hub, Bin Buddy prototype and much more that has been shared via Facebook.

In addition, 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.

## NOOSA WORKING GROUPS

- Local Disaster Management Group
- Kin Kin Roundtable
- Noosa River Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Noosa Business Roundtable
- Housing Roundtable
- Workforce Shortages Group

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

## KEY CONTACTS

For a list of key contacts in Noosa, please visit:  
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or hold your  
camera over the  
QR code.

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



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Our Noosa.

Our Future.

## 2022 GRANTS SNAPSHOT

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

- **Active Gameday Projects** - \$366,782 to upgrade lighting at Noosa District Netball, new irrigation systems at Noosa District Rugby League, mountain bike tracks at Tewantin, arena fencing at Tewantin Noosa Pony Club and field upgrades at Noosa Lions Club
- **Community Sustainability Grants** - \$156,168 for climate action/conservation projects in our National Parks & State Forests
- **Active Grants** - \$60,000 to 30 sports groups to support volunteers, participation opportunities and safe experiences
- **Business Basics Grants** - \$115,000 to 23 businesses
- **Disaster Assistance Recovery** - \$516,920 to Noosa primary producers, \$310,291 to local small businesses, \$64,323 to our community organisations for recovery from floods and \$246,193 to 886 residents
- **Community Benefit Fund** - A total of \$292,304 awarded including nature play area and bubblers at Sunshine Beach State School, boat and trailer for Friends of Kinaba, lights for Noosa Arts Theatre, kitchen upgrade, new storage shed and undercover area for Pomona District Meals on Wheels, equipment for Wildlife Noosa, plus many more.

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: 36,797 (2020)

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)

Business

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

Environment

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



# HAVE YOUR SAY. BE HEARD.

## 2023 Noosa 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 2023 and can be completed here:

[www.sandybolton.com/your-say-annual-survey](http://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 2023 this link can also be used to refer to the results of the survey.



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