

Sandy Bolton MP

Independent Member for Noosa

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Funding and Traineeships

Catching up with recent recipients of our Noosa MP grants including Rise & Thrive, Noosa Landcare, Noosa FM, and Patches of Cooroy was both a joy and educational! We learnt of intensive trauma intervention, prevention, and recovery programs for both youth and adults, and how defibrillators are not only lifesaving but that they also emit a very loud alarm when you open the cabinet as I found out! Congratulations as well to those who received state funding this month, including over thirty local sporting groups, as well the Solutions Network and Noosa Landcare who have been successful again in the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. This is testimony of how to effect change and create jobs through traineeships for our young Noosans, and the extra staff needed in Noosa!



L-R: Mobile office moments at Noosa Marina, Hilton Terrace & in Tewantin

GenesisCare clinic now open

From meeting with the team when they were concepting, to a site visit during construction, then cutting the ribbon, I saw the enormous efforts, learnt much, and met some incredibly dedicated people. Accessibility is everything especially when undergoing treatments daily for weeks, and this Goodchap Street location will integrate with existing radiology and healthcare services, including cancer care delivered at Noosa Hospital. It was wonderful to hear firsthand from fellow Noosans about their experiences, and of those who have hit the 'gong' after completing their treatment before placing their name on the tree of life. Thank you to all who made this possible.



L-R: GenesisCare Opening on Goodchap St

More police, better allocation modelling, new station

During the 2023 Estimates Hearings, we queried how adequate police numbers are determined for a region given the increase we have had in domestic and family violence and mental health callouts since COVID. The Commissioner stated in response at the time that they take into account 'hidden demand' however, since then, the Queensland Audit Office has conducted a performance audit report called '[Deploying police resources](#)'. This found this was incorrect and reforms are now being undertaken, as relayed in my questioning during the Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee 2024 Estimates Hearing, to develop better modelling.

As reported previously ninety-eight additional police officers have been allocated for the Sunshine Coast, and we have requested the amount for Noosa as well as their projected timeline. Further information is available at www.sandybolton.com/police-recruitment-numbers-and-general-update-july-2024. In addition, the first youth co-responder team for Sunshine Coast is also in process, and work on the Maroochydore Courthouse to provide improved services for those impacted by Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is underway, as well more. Even though outside the Noosa State Electorate, our residents will also be serviced by the new Cooroy Police Station, and we are looking forward to the opening. The 'old' station is still manned, fully operational and Cooroy police officers work night and day shifts seven days a week, as there has been some misinformation on social media.



L-R: Noosa MP funded Rise & Thrive projector, Landcare volunteer kitchen & Defib @ Cooroy CWA Hall

HOT TOPICS

Wildlife strikes on Yurol Forest Drive

With three koalas sadly hit on the hundred-kilometre zone of Yurol Forest Drive, we welcomed Transport and Main Roads (TMR)'s swift response in placing flashing 'Watch out for Koalas' signs on Yurol Forest Drive, McKinnon Drive as well as Cooroy Noosa Road. We are grateful to our wildlife rescuers and all who stop to assist our furry buds. We can confirm that the process has commenced for a speed review of Yurol Forest Drive, which includes obtaining feedback from Noosa Council and local police and we will update shortly including on strike mitigations we have urgently requested. For anyone wishing to also email TMR direct regarding, you can do so via northcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au. A resource for your emails and one that we use is our Noosa MP funded wildlife study, available at www.sandybolton.com/noosa-mp-funded-study-to-protect-our-wildlife-update-january-2024.



L-R: Red Cross AGM 2024

Noosa river management

With a 'no anchoring zone' 60m from the southern shoreline commencing on the 15th of July as part of new river management and greater safety there has been some confusion around access, including the trial exemption for vessels under 5m to access shops and recreational activities. We collated and provided issues to Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) for clarifications including around the hitching poles/transit areas with a response expected shortly. This, we will update via 'Noosa 360' where information obtained so far and requested links to related legislation is also located, as well as FAQs provided by MSQ. Amongst the confusion online was also misinformation that I was involved in Noosa Council's Conservation Park concept, which is completely incorrect, and we have posted the facts to www.sandybolton.com/noosa-river-management-update-2-july-2024. Must be an election coming up methinks!

Tewantin Bypass/ Beckmans Road

As mentioned last newsletter, we are currently awaiting the response from TMR Minister Bart Mellish to our calls to fast-track detailed designs of the next stages of the Tewantin Bypass regardless of whether the delays were on State's or Noosa Council's end. When we had party MPs, with their respective parties holding government during their terms, they did not deliver historical projects such as the Tewantin Bypass and Six Mile Bridge #7, and I will not stop fighting until all stages are completed no matter who is in Government, or the reasons for delays

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Noosa North Shore Ferry change over

The gathering to farewell our old ferries and their owners for twenty-five years Cliffy, Pam and June, and welcome the new ones, saw a sharing of photos and stories through the years. With some disgruntlement due to price increases and the 'trainer wheels' on for our ferry drivers, please be patient. For any operational issues the appropriate contact is firstly Entrada via info@noosa-northshoreferries.com.au or if regarding pricing, it is Noosa Council as even though I would love to have influence on everything, I do not!



L-R: New Ferry; Noosa North Shore (NS) Farewell/Welcome; A much earlier ferry!

Red Cross AGM 2024 and Queensland Day Award 'catchups'

We madly dashed to join our lovely red cross volunteers for their annual general meeting, and to give hugs to awardees! We have such a beautiful, interconnected family here in Noosa, showcased by our Queensland Day Awards last month. With some including Phil Moran, Louise Tully, Carol Johnston, Peter Bold and Beryl Rowan unable to attend the ceremony, we invited them for an 'in office' celebration and congratulatory hug! Thank you to our selfless residents for what you do as a vital part of our Noosa 'tapestry' of care and support. It takes a village!

Mobile Offices, 'drop ins' and meetings

Our regular 'Mobys' took us this month to Hilton Terrace, Noosa Marina, Tewantin, and the Outlook and Bushlands shopping centres. My staffer Dylan again had to restrain my urge to 'buy', however I circumnavigate him in ways he may not realise? Asking our Noosa 'biz' and all encountered in cafes and on the roadside about any state concerns. It was lovely that 99% were all happy, which gave us an opportunity to update on e-bikes, Beckmans Road, and the new river management, an initiative/issue that often gets mistaken for the Foreshore Management Plan and takes some explaining.



L-R: QLD Day Award catchups with Phillip Moran, Beryl Rowan, Peter Bold and Carol Johnston

Meetings were plentiful and included with 'GSK' on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) prevention, Seqwater for Lake Macdonald updates, Activity Link, those working in the affordable housing space, and many, many residents. In addition, with the official opening of the new Noosa Heads post office/ hub shortly, we met with local artist Amanda and Hayley to sort through the final ten fabulous designs for post cards submitted by our youngsters. The unveiling of the most 'Noosafied' postcard will be at the opening on the 16th of September, and can I say how hard it was to choose a winner? They were all fantastic, and , we would love to see all displayed everywhere, and not only as postcards! Another highlight was joining Ada Zerafa to celebrate her 100th birthday. With her daughter Deanna, we enjoyed stories, pried for the secret of longevity, absorbed words of wisdom, and did a chocolate 'cheers'!

Tourism Noosa networking night

Plenty happening both during and after hours including the Tourism Noosa network night full of connection and inspiration at LAND & SEA Brewery with presentations from Noosa Alive and the Noosa International 'Surfilm' Festival, both reasons why we love our home! It was great to catch up with everyone over wonderful food, to check in on any concerns, and enjoy the great vibes. Never forget to check up on the many wonderful nooks and crannies in our beautiful home from bush to beach, by visiting www.visitnoosa.com.au

FROM THE CHAMBER AND BEYOND

2024 Estimates Hearing

For anyone unfamiliar with these hearings, they follow the budget deliberations and gives an opportunity for State MPs to 'drill' down into the details on how funds are being spent, or not spent. With our efforts to see the failings of this process addressed via a review of the Committee and Estimates systems, it has been good to see some partial improvements from our advocacies including the amending of Standing Orders 181 and 182 so now we can submit Questions on Notice (QONs) to all Portfolio committees for greater efficiencies.



L-R: QLD Day awardee Louise Tully; 'Just4kids' Bunnings sausage sizzle; With Ada Zerafa on her 100th birthday

Other welcome changes have now been made via a Parliamentary motion, which reduced the time allocated for Government questions as they now cannot exceed thirty per cent of the total time, with the remaining distributed proportionately between the Opposition and Crossbench MPs. This year, our questions covered a broad range of budgetary inquiries relevant to the Noosa Electorate from community safety, policing and domestic and family violence to community batteries, land tax, roads, and more. All 49 questions including from my Community Safety and Legal Affairs hearing are posted on Noosa 360 at www.sandybolton.com/estimate-hearings-2024-summary-august-2024 and will be updated as responses are received. It is not a short read; you may want to use the 'Control F' search function on computers to skip to the topics you are interested in!



L-R: TN networking night; with TMR onsite on Beckmans Rd; Noosa postcard competition

AND FINALLY....

Another wonderful, progressive and 'learning' month, with much to be grateful for, as well fight for! That there continues to be misinformation spread via social media wasting much of our office time, please tag me or share our Noosa 360 link, phone number 5319 3100 or email address noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au to posters or commenters so that we can provide correct information, or direct to the appropriate level of government. Much is a lack of knowledge, and this is one area we continue to look for ways to improve so that our community can make better decisions.

With Vietnam Veterans' Day on the 18th of August, please try to make it to one of our local ceremonies with me, either in Cooroy or in Tewantin, to show your support for our veterans and families.

We had a new four-legged team member, 'Coco', join us this month and she already rules the roost, with attitude, winning the hearts of all she meets!

Have a great final Winter month!

Sandy 🙏

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KEY CONTACTS

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EMERGENCY

Emergency Services	000
Noosa Police Station	5440 8111
Cooroy Police Station	5442 5030
Pomona Police Station	5480 1733
Policelink (non urgent reporting)	131 444
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Lifeline	13 11 14
SES- Flood/Storm Emergency	132 500

HOUSING SUPPORT

Public Trustee of Queensland	1300 360 044
Youturn Youth & Family Services	5442 4277
The Salvation Army Supported Accommodation Service Sunshine Coast (Nambour)	5447 1184
Noosa Salvation Army Office	5335 8500
St Vincent De Paul Society	1800 846 643
Kyabra Community Assoc. Inc	5441 3837
IFYS Limited (Youth)	5438 3000
QLD Department of Housing	5352 7333
Homeless Hotline	1800 474 753
Community Action Inc Gympie	5482 6188
Better Together Housing	0427 465 148

HEALTH SUPPORTS

Caloundra House (NDIS focused, no children)	07 3517 0166
DV Connect women's line	1800 811 811
DV Connect men's line	1800 600 636
DV Connect Sexual Assault Helpline	1800 010 120
The Hub Food Outlet	0421 788 948
Women's Health QLD	1800 017 676
National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline	1800 250 015
1800Respect	1800 737 732
Medicines Line	1300 633 424
Poisons Information	13 11 26
QLD Health	13 43 25 84
National Home Doctor	13 74 25
Home Doctor Wide Bay	13 55 66
Katie Rose Cottage	54711468
Pomona Community House	5485 2427
Child Safety	1300 703 762

SENIORS

Seniors Card QLD	137 468
Seniors Enquiry Line	1300 135 500
U3A Noosa	5440 5500
Blue Care	1300 258 322
QLD Elder Abuse Hotline	1300 651 192
Ozcare	1800 692 273
Noosa Care	5449 8799

LEGAL

Suncoast Community Legal Service	5376 7800
Legal Aid QLD	5433 6200
Queensland Ombudsman	1800 068 908

NOOSA RIVER

Maritime Safety QLD	5373 2310
MSQ Afterhours reporting	3623 3900
QLD Boating and Fisheries	5449 7555
Fishwatch Hotline	1800 017 116

ENERGY AND WATER

Energex	13 12 53
Unitywater	1300 086 489
Energy and Water Ombudsman	1800 662 837

FEDERAL MP's

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

NOOSA SHIRE COUNCIL

General Enquiries	5329 6500
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MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Access Line	1300 642 255
Headspace	5409 4900

OTHER SERVICES

Translink	1312 30
State Roads (Urgent Issues)	1319 40
QPWS (National Parks)	13 74 68
WIRES Wildlife Rescue	1300 094 737