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Our Noosa.
Our Future.



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From the Estimates Hearings to the largest onshore SEQ Queensland earthquake in fifty years, fortunately the tremors from both caused no damage! However it is a timely reminder to always be ready for any disaster, so if you have not already done so head to Get Ready Queensland, via www.getready.qld.gov.au, or drop into Noosa Council or our office for an info pack. Being prepared is about the safety of our families, friends, property, emergency service teams and vulnerable neighbours. Mother Nature can be unpredictable, just as many other aspects of our lives where we need to make provision, including for those of us on tank water, keeping those containers we have in the cupboard regularly refilled to avoid that 'ikky' tasting drop!



Sunshine Butterflies 15th Anniversary



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Tewantin State School's 150th



Noosa Tiger's Ladies Day



Kind Hearts Cooran

Hot Topics

Estimates 2025 - Estimates 2025 - Ever wonder what happens to your tax dollars in Queensland? The estimates process is where questions are asked about services, resourcing and infrastructure and whether what is in there or not, passes the 'pub test.' For greater efficiency and transparency, we continue to fight for reform with the Premier confirming recently that work had commenced on this. However, unfortunately those introduced this year fell short of community expectations and positive changes made last year were reversed. In a recent Question on Notice to the Premier I asked for a proper review, and reinstatement of key tools essential to scrutinise government. This is something all representatives must fight for, because Queenslanders deserve effective systems, not ones geared to benefit the government of the day. To read our summary, which covers a broad range of our questions from policing to the environment, business support, tourism, and much more, visit: www.sandybolton.com/estimates-hearings-2025-summary-august-2025

Proposed Closure of Noosa Dental Clinic – This is currently being considered by the Minister for Health due to its reported low utilization rate. In response to community feedback, we have requested clarification as what is being reported does not align with low usage. Assurances have been provided that the clinic will remain open until the Nambour Dental Clinic's expansion is finished in twelve to twenty-four months, and that if the closure proceeds, Noosa residents will be offered free, on-demand transportation to alternative clinics. As this is not an imminent course of action, we are asking residents to send their feedback to both our office via noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au and the minister's via health@ministerial.qld.gov.au. Please read our full Noosa 360 update for more information, via www.bit.ly/4m7mY5E.



River updates from MSQ



Tewantin Bypass Meeting



Fire Sign Installed on Pound Road



Salvation Army Fundraising Breakfast

Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority (SCWA) - Details of the SCWA remain unclear, as well the reasoning behind Noosa's inclusion. Having resources to manage our waterways has always been our major concern, so the development of an extra level of bureaucracy that will cost \$35.6 million understandably raises many questions. We have requested government undertake immediate consultation with our local stakeholders before any further consideration of Noosa's inclusion. Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) will also soon announce more details regarding changes to 28-day anchoring on Noosa River and we will update as soon as possible.

Tewantin Bypass – In a recent meeting with Noosa Council and Transport and Main Roads (TMR), discussions were held regarding the next stage of the Tewantin Bypass, with construction scheduled to begin in 2028 according to the State Budget. The long timeframe was questioned, and it was explained that a final design must be completed before an application to the Federal Government's EPBC process can be made, which could take up to two years. TMR stated that planning is underway using the \$8.5 million allocated by the previous government for stage two, which will allow construction to begin in 2028, provided environmental approvals are obtained. TMR will also investigate opportunities to advance earlier work following our advocacy. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/Beckmans-Bypass

Decommissioned Tafe Site – The successful proponent, NRA Collective, have been reassessing the buildings which over the past four years have continued to deteriorate substantially from their original assessment. We have requested they update us on progress and the importance of also reassessing community needs which also may have changed since 2021, including for a potential 'Learning Hub' in one of the pods! Any plans or work they commence to restore, repurpose or rebuild the site would be subject to Noosa Council planning approval. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/DecomTafe>

Status Report

Safe Night Precinct (SNP) – Most Noosa stakeholders contacted by the independent review into SNPs advised that they remain unsupportive of the current model, which does not provide necessary funding for police special operations. In response to our inquiry about the consultation's outcome, the Attorney-General's office advised that the final review report is anticipated in September 2025 and that the SNP model may be revised following the review, potentially creating a program that has local stakeholder support.

Electronic Fire Sign, Pomona – With the removal of the old fire danger signs in 2022, following the introduction of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, new electronic signs were introduced in 'high impact' areas. This was not sufficient for our rural Noosa communities and following our advocacy, a new fire sign has been installed on Pound Road, Pomona.

Lake MacDonald Dam Improvement Project – Seqwater and John Holland are working with Kabi Kabi, Noosa & District Landcare, and aquatic fauna specialists including on monitoring the lake's condition and the relocation of 683 large-bodied fish to Cooloolabin Dam. Additionally, an upgrade to the Elm Street and Lake Macdonald Drive intersection begins mid-September to improve safety for all road users.



Salvo's Safe Carpark



Beach Wheelchair Launch



Pomona Community Compass

From the Chamber

Bills – There was multiple, however I will highlight the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Bill 2025 which enables further protections by empowering police to issue twelve-month orders, as well introduce electronic monitoring for perpetrators and the streamlining of court procedures. I thought this Bill would have widespread support, however, DFV advocates opposed aspects due to risks of misidentification of perpetrators, bypassing of court process and limiting victim’s access to legal advice and services, and I made a plea to government to work with the DFV sector to mitigate risks, as well to perpetrators and their families and friends, as it is up to all of us to end what continues to traumatise communities across Queensland.

Afterhours Events – Amongst the many this month at Upstanders on the Green, we made our pledges against bullying youth in our community, which highlighted again the reality of the behaviours in our Chamber where bullying continues between the two parties, and something I will continue to raise. At ‘Wear it Purple’ we heard from our LGBT+ youth, and at Sock it to Stigma we met the GROW team who support Queenslanders with their recovery from mental ill-health. Between the Queensland Renewable Energy Council, launch of the Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety, and celebrating the Royal Flying Doctors Service, lunch or dinner was always on the run!



With the RACGP



Upstanders on the Green



Royal Flying Doctors Service



Vietnam Veteran's Day Parade



Vietnam Veteran's Day Function



With the Zappo Stoppie Team



Sunshine Coast District Medal & Awards Ceremony

On the Homefront

Vietnam Veteran's Day – A very emotional gathering in Tewantin, and I struggled in my speech to truly convey how much we honour our Vietnam Veterans and those we lost in the Battle of Long Tan. Songs by St Teresa's Catholic College choir left us in tears, and as always Don Dysdale's pipes ignited the importance of reflection. Gratitude to all who attended, laid wreaths and showed respect for our service men and women and their families. We will always remember them.

Sunshine Coast District Medal Presentation – In amongst those Queensland Police Service members who received their service awards, were Noosa Officer in Charge (OIC) Nick Paterson, Cooroy OIC Ryan Hanlon, Pomona OIC James Driver, and Senior Constable Ryan Deller for their outstanding service. Additionally, Inspector John Mahony received a Certificate of Appointment for his promotion to Inspector North Patrol Group, Sunshine Coast. A special shout-out to the Noosa's 'Zappo Stoppie' team, including Senior Constables Thomas Ayling, Danny Baker, Mitch Burton, and Detective Senior Constables Michael Duff and Michael Macguire who all earned District Officer Certificates for their outstanding work on e-bike safety and enforcement in Noosa.

Noosa MP Grants – Our grants continue to help our not-for-profits deliver for our community! Heather from the Cooroy Pomona Lions Club shared about the successful Pomona Family Fun Day and reptile exhibit which was a big hit. Joe from Thrive Café demonstrated the new tamping machine that will ensure the coffees made to raise funds for programs that re-engage our youngsters are precise, and Wildlife Noosa has new gear for rescuing our furry and feathered buds! Pomona and District Community House were able to update the fabulous Community Compass, which connects new residents to all and volunteering, and the launch of a new beach wheelchair, available for hire at the Noosa Visitor Information Centre, which will provide access for all to our beaches, with Daisy happily testing it for us and the news crew!



Thrive Cafe



Sunshine Coast Business Women's Network Awards



Jarrah at the Sunshine Beach 'Moby'



Peregrine Beach 'Moby'

Events Around and About – As always so many and not enough room!

Generations of Noosans gathered for a historic march to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Tewanin State School, the annual Salvation Army's Fundraising Breakfast was filled with love, hope and dreams, with Olympic Gold Medallist Nat Cook OAM inspiring our passion. The Pomona Intergenerational Living Workshop explored ways forward to address multiple needs in our community, including affordable accommodation for seniors and alternative educational pathways for our youngsters. The outcomes from this will go to community consultation, and we will keep everyone updated on progress. Craig from Kind Hearts Cooran continues to use his art to raise funds for our vulnerable, Sunshine Butterflies turned fifteen with a fantastic Open Day, and the Noosa Tigers AFC hosted their inaugural Ladies Day where I was able to also check out the brand-new field lighting made possible with a \$300,000 state government grant. The Noosa District State High School's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was phenomenal, and we celebrated inspirational Noosa business women at the Sunshine Coast Women's Business Network Awards, including Rise and Thrive Co.'s Janelle, Shine Executive's Naomi, Little Palm Events Co.'s Natalie, Serafina Wealth Management's Cathy, and Antoinette from Youturn who won the Professional Business Woman of the Year Award. Congratulations all!

Meetings, Catch-ups & Mobile Offices – Amongst a long list, it was good to see in action the Noosa Salvos Safe Car Park for our women, complete with showers, laundry and support from on-site Homeless Support Workers. With Police Inspector John Marney we looked at temporary accommodation options to encourage applicants for upcoming police vacancies, as we do not want to be short coming into the Christmas period. Our 'mobys' are always fabulous, and we shared vital information with our businesses at Sunshine Beach and Sunrise, where we also introduced everyone to our Youth Member for Noosa, the wonderful Jarrah Small! At the Peregrine Beach Markets Noosa electorate residents shared their views on the government's proposal for a shark net to be installed at Peregrine Beach North, with 95% of respondents opposing.

And Finally...

As a very connected community, understandably we feel both ends of the emotional spectrum of pure joy as well deep sadness. It is important to grieve when tragedy visits us and turn that into an action to prevent similar trauma, whether accidental, or intentional. With QLD road statistics at an unacceptable level, and violence whether alcohol fuelled or from deteriorating mental health evidenced in our own and surrounding communities last month, I ask everyone to get involved. Both victims and perpetrators are someone's friends, children or parents, and it is up to all of us to protect each other, and that takes responsibility. This includes as we learnt at the Live Learn Survive session we supported at Cooran State School to be aware, knowledgeable and know our strengths, as well weaknesses. As I said in my speech during Vietnam Veterans Day, those who sacrificed their lives for us make us want to do better. To honour them, we must honour each other. Always remember, it takes a village. Until next month, love our home and all within!



Live, Learn, Survive
Cooran State School

KEY CONTACTS

Emergency

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| Cooroy Police Station | 5442 5030 |
| Crimestoppers | 1800 333 000 |
| Emergency Services | 000 |
| Lifeline | 13 11 14 |
| Noosa Police Station | 5440 8111 |
| Pomona Police Station | 5485 2586 |
| Policelink | 131 444 |
| State Emergency Services | 132 500 |

Housing & DFV Support

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| Better Together Housing | 0427 465 148 |
| Caloundra House (NDIS focused, no children) | 3517 0166 |
| Centacare | 1300 236 822 |
| Community Action Inc | |
| Gympie | 5482 6188 |
| DVConnect – men's line | 1800 600 636 |
| DVConnect – women's line | 1800 811 811 |
| Homeless Hotline | 1800 474 753 |
| IFYS Limited (Youth) | 5438 3000 |
| Kybara Community Association Inc | 5441 3837 |
| Maroochydore Housing Service Centre (Dept of Housing) | 5352 7333 |
| Pomona Community House | 5485 2427 |
| SunnyKids – 07 5479 0394 | |
| The Salvation Army Supported Accommodation Service | |
| Sunshine Coast (Nambour) | 5447 1184 |
| Youturn Youth Services | 5442 4277 |

Health Support

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| 1800Respect | 1800 737 732 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous Australia | 1300 222 222 |
| Blue Care | 1300 258 322 |
| Blueknot | 1300 657 380 |
| Head to Health | 1800 595 212 |
| Headspace | 5409 4900 |
| Katie Rose Cottage | 5471 1468 |
| Lives Lived Well | 1300 727 957 |
| Medicines Line | 1300 633 424 |
| Mensline Australia | 1300 789 978 |
| Mental Health Carer | |
| Arafmi QLD | 1800 554 660 |
| Mental Health Access Line | 1300 642 255 |
| Narcotics Anonymous Australia | 1300 652 820 |
| Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline | 1800 250 015 |
| National Home Doctor | 13 74 25 |
| Noosa Community Health Centre | 07 5449 5944 |
| Noosa Hospital | 5455 9200 |
| Ozcare | 1800 692 273 |
| Parent line | 1300 301 300 |
| Poisons Information | 131 126 |
| QLD Health | 13 43 25 84 |
| Quitline | 13 78 48 |
| Sexual Assault Helpline | 1800 010 120 |
| StandBy | 1300 727 247 |
| Suicide call back service | 1300 659 467 |

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| Women's Health QLD | 1800 017 676 |
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General Support

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| Animal Welfare League Qld | 5509 9000 |
| Australian Red Cross | 1300 885 698 |
| Child and Family Services | 1800 177 135 |
| Child Safety | 1300 703 921 |
| Good Shepherd | 1300 050 150 |
| Making Lives Matter | 5238 8181 |
| National Debt Helpline | 1800 007 007 |
| Pomona & District Community House | 07 5485 2427 |
| RSPCA Pet in Crisis Program | 07 3426 9999 |
| Salvos Mates Support | 0423 317 375 |
| St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland | 1800 846 643 |
| The Hub Food Outlet | 5449 9658 |
| The Salvation Army | 07 3001 6288 |
| Waves of Kindness Care Centre | 0499091352 |

Seniors

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| Elder Abuse Hotline | 1300 651 192 |
| Seniors Card QLD | 137 468 |
| Seniors Enquiry Line | 1300 135 500 |
| U3A Noosa | 5440 5500 |

Legal

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| Community Legal Centres | 02 9160 9500 |
| Legal Aid QLD | 5433 6200 |
| LGBTI Legal Services | 3124 7160 |
| Public Trustee of Queensland | 1300 360 044 |
| Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service | 07 4045 7500 |
| Queensland Ombudsman | 1800 068 908 |
| Suncoast Community Legal Service | 5376 7800 |
| Women's Legal Service Qld | 1800 957 957 |
| Youth Law Australia | 1800 950 570 |

Noosa River

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| Australian Maritime Safety Authority | 1800 627 484 |
| Coast Guard Noosa QF5 | 5474 3695 |
| Fishwatch Hotline | 1800 017 116 |
| Maritime Safety QLD | 5373 2310 |
| QLD Boating and Fisheries | 5449 7555 |

Energy and Water

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| Energex | 13 12 53 |
| Energy and Water Ombudsman | 1800 662 837 |
| Unitywater | 1300 086 48 |

Federal

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

Noosa Shire Council

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| General Enquiries | 5329 6500 |
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Other Services

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| QPWS (National Parks) | 13 74 68 |
| State Roads (Urgent Issues) | 13 19 40 |
| Translink | 13 12 30 |
| Wildlife Noosa | 0419 046 999 |
| Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc | 07 5441 6200 |