



## ANNUAL CONNECT 2024



As always in an election year we get the 'Connect' out early and have lots to share. Whether you live coast, countryside, or anywhere in between, we are all Noosans who love our wonderful home with passion!

The achievements so far this year have included the completion of Six Mile Creek Bridge #7, progress on the remaining stages of the Tewantin Bypass and the Sunshine Beach Advanced Manufacturing Hub, as well phase two for improved river management, even though there have been some 'teething' problems that are being worked through. The progress summary on page three has updates on much more, including capital works. Noosa's independence is very much part of our uniqueness and has been of enormous benefit to our community as can be seen, demonstrating how politics can be done differently!

Our mobile office travels across our electorate, and the annual Question & Answer sessions with community organisations, schools and retirement villages are always a hit! As an Independent MP, I work to hear directly from our residents, whether face to face, online in social media or through our annual surveys as well polls. This, as we do not adopt the ideology or beliefs of a political party, nor our own views, instead represent the diversity of our community.



The following pages also includes a snapshot of the State Government funding Noosa has received so far this year, which has been over \$35.5 million (in addition to the capital works totalling over \$100 million). Gratitude to all of our organisations who work tirelessly supporting us all.

In Parliament, it was a big year! Chairing the Youth Justice Reform Select Committee was an honour with three MPs each from the Liberal National and Labor parties respectively to produce an interim report with sixty recommendations. After an attempt to block/delay the report by one of the major parties, I managed to have it tabled to honour the promise made to Queenslanders, and called for both Government and the Opposition to commit to those recommendations. Within days, the current Government committed to all either in principle or in full, and since April over half are in the budget or draft legislation. As of writing, there has been no response from the Opposition, however, they have committed to some items in their campaigning. We will be tracking to make sure all sixty recommendations are actioned as they are all essential to create greater safety now, and into the future. Regarding other reforms, we secured for the Cross Bench a Private Members Motion each parliamentary sitting, improvements to the estimates process, and have made progress on the needed review of the committee system. Though in efforts to protect your privacy through transparency around data harvesting, both major parties did not support my Private Members Motion to end this practice, and I will not relent in this as it is about your rights to know who is using your personal information and why.



Further information on issues important to our community is available on Noosa 360 at [www.sandybolton.com/noosa360](http://www.sandybolton.com/noosa360). To ensure your voice is heard, please subscribe to our newsletter, (sample copy included), at [www.sandybolton.com/newsletters](http://www.sandybolton.com/newsletters) so you can also receive Noosa specific surveys. Please note, we never use your information for anything besides this! Due to printer and Australia Post timelines, much will have occurred from when this was written in August, to when you receive in September, so please contact us via [noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au) or on 5319 3100 if you need any information or assistance.

When you see me out and about, please say 'hello' or grab a hug as we are very much an extended Noosa 'family'! Gratitude to all for what you do, from our frontliners, advocates, community organisations and their volunteers, to our businesses, staff and those who provide world class services and facilities. Our unique and beautiful community takes a 'village' and you are that village!

Noosa leads the way in so many realms. With the historical issues that I inherited now dealt with, it is time to move into our future aspirations! This includes calls from our community for greater integration between generations, and innovations that reflect how we can live with our natural surrounds. It is an honour to serve you as your Independent State MP, and with your support, look forward to Noosa continuing to be unique, and a much-desired home for all!

*Sandy*



# SANDY BOLTON

Independent State  
Member for Noosa

Community Safety and Legal  
Affairs Committee

Parliamentary Friends of First  
Nations People

2024 Chair Youth Justice  
Reform Committee



For almost 35 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, Coco and the rascally Bear!

Sandy holds formal qualifications in Social Innovation and her diverse background is in managerial and consultancy roles in tourism, agriculture, sporting, community, training and social services. Prior to becoming our MP, Sandy held roles such 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 was also one of the inaugural Councillors to form the de-amalgamated 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 WORKING GROUPS

- Local Disaster Management Group
- Housing Roundtable
- Noosa Business Roundtable
- Kin Kin Roundtable



## 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, to achieve a 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. This includes researching bills and voting on Noosa's behalf in State Parliament.

My Electorate Office staff can assist you by accessing information and advice on state matters and making representations to the relevant Minister's office. As with every process there are rules to follow, and 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 seek amendments to the underpinning legislation in efforts to remedy.

### Who to call when you have a concern?

**State Government** - Our office is located at Suite CB05, Noosa Civic. We regularly conduct mobile offices, and are available via email [Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au), phone 5319 3100, Instagram @sandy\_bolton\_mp\_noosa, Facebook @SandyBoltonNoosa, LinkedIn (sandy-bolton-noosa) 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 Elected 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)

- Tewantin Bypass - Stage 1 complete, Stage 2/3 for fast track.
- Six Mile Creek Bridge #7, Pomona - Completed.
- Decommissioned TAFE - Announcements after ILUA in November.
- Noosa River - Phase 2 for better management underway.
- Noosa Private Hospital - Announcement expected by EOY.
- Katie Rose Hospice - Extra funding from State Government received.
- Kin Kin Quarry - Still awaiting Court decision.
- Pomona Kin Kin Road Safety - Stage 1 complete, Stages 2/3 to commence.
- Lake Macdonald Dam Upgrade - Construction commencing 2025.
- Affordable Housing - Tewantin and Lake Macdonald progressing.
- Cooloola/Teewah/North Shore - Awaiting outcomes from draft plan.
- Noosaville DAF Boatshed - Completed.
- North Coast Transport - Strategy for consultation early 2025.
- Advanced Manufacturing for SBSH School - Pre construction funding.
- Pomona Men's Shed - Permit to occupy granted, QPWS developing plan.
- Pomona High School Hall - Completed.
- Factory St, Pomona Pedestrian Crossing - Design done, funding requested.
- DFV Housing - Construction has commenced on the RISE2 site.
- Shark Nets - Survey completed, working with community.
- Student Travel Assistance Scheme - Success on Co-parenting.
- Electric bike/scooter safety - New laws passed, advocacy continuing.
- Wildlife Safety - Study funded and submitted to TMR and Council.
- More police and ambulance officers - Progressing.
- SEQ Plan - Working with Council and State to retain amenity.
- Cooloola Great Walk - No longer proceeding.

## FROM THE CHAMBER AND BEYOND

- Youth Justice Reform - Over half of recommendations in progress.
- Independent Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) - Awaiting decision.
- Environmental Powers - Bill passed to expand avenues for reviews.
- Data harvesting by parties - Motion moved and voted down by majors.
- Containers for Change - Expansion to wine/spirit bottles completed.
- Disability Royal Commission recommendations for QLD - Advocacy ongoing.
- Committee/Estimates Review - Elements achieved, balance expected 2025.
- [www.SandyBolton.com/Budget-2024-25-Summary](http://www.SandyBolton.com/Budget-2024-25-Summary)
- [www.SandyBolton.com/Estimate-Hearings-2024-Summary-August-2024](http://www.SandyBolton.com/Estimate-Hearings-2024-Summary-August-2024)



## MP INITIATIVES 2024

We distribute as much as possible of our office operating budget back into the community instead of advertising or self promotion! In previous years, these funds have assisted our young Noosans access sports, major initiatives such as the all-abilities mat at Noosa Main Beach, provided emergency accommodations and the 'Be: Noosa Connect-SCUH Transport Pilot' which resulted in transport for vulnerable residents to hospital treatments.

In 2024, thirty one Noosa organisations from beach to bush were successful in our Quick Start grant program delivering vital new equipment, infrastructure, fuel vouchers for their volunteers and more. Separately, other programs we funded include Waves of Kindness's Free Hair Cuts initiative, a shade structure for our veterans next Anzac Day and the 'Mummas' Group at Pomona Community House.

In addition, our Noosa MP Queensland Day Awards 2024 was record breaking with over 150 residents in attendance to recognise 57 deserving and incredible Noosans who give their time free of charge to provide essential services to our community.

How blessed we are to have so many, doing so much for us, including our 'elves' who make it possible for us to host the Noosa Christmas Day Community lunch which brings enormous joy to all!

## KEEP UP TO DATE

Please subscribe to our monthly newsletters at

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

which will also ensure you receive any Noosa related surveys and polling.



## KEY CONTACTS

For a list of key contacts in Noosa visit:

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

or hold your camera over the QR code.

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



Our Voice.

Our Noosa.

Our Future.

## 2024 FUNDING SNAPSHOT

The Noosa Electorate received a diverse range of State Government funding and grants, for our community groups, organisations, and endeavours. The following are examples of those secured in the last 12 months alone!

- **Community Benefit Fund** - A total of \$522,932 collectively for our not for profits to improve the services they provide to us.
- **Work Skills Traineeships Program** - \$1,134,400 awarded to Noosa organisations to assist 20 trainees in receiving certificates in Skills development, conservation and ecosystem management, and business.
- **Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities** - \$468,921 for infrastructure upgrades at the Pomona Demons and the Noosa Yacht and Rowing club.
- **Disaster assistance** - \$25m provided to Noosa Council between Sep 23 and Jul 24 through the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).
- **SEQ Stimulus** - \$4.8m to Noosa Council to fast-track investment in infrastructure, planning and capability development projects.
- **SEQ Liveability fund** - \$3.58m to Noosa Council for Infrastructure for the Cooroy Sports Complex & links to Coastal Pathway at Peregrin Beach.
- **Various grants** for our clubs, schools and heritage buildings - \$181,000.
- **State Development** - \$209,000 to local all abilities for Infrastructure.
- **Capital works funding** - over \$100 million secured in this year alone.
- **And more!**

## 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)



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**2025 Noosa Community Survey**  
opening 1 December 2024

Your responses are invaluable in helping to identify priorities and issues that are important to you and our community. By subscribing you also receive Noosa specific polls as issues are raised.

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