



Noosa Shire Residents & Ratepayers Association

Newsletter

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NSRRA Aims & Objectives

- *To ensure that Rates and Levies are kept at the lowest practical level, consistent with an acceptable level of services to the community.*
- *To protect the Noosa lifestyle, which is built on a good balance between the natural and built environment – the reason most of us are here.*
- *To ensure that the views of the Noosa community are represented in a forceful but constructive way.*
- *To maintain a good relationship with Council while being respected for its well informed scrutiny of Council activities.*

2024 has seen a year of pressure on Noosa's way of life with a series of political events threatening to push us into a city-like state of densification that most residents don't want.

Transport, Traffic congestion and Short Term Rental levels impacting resident amenity, and almost housing rental affecting availability of workers.

Noosa Shire Council (NSC) loses control of property development with a State process to override the NOOSA Plan.

The aesthetic look and feel of Noosa could be permanently destroyed and the Noosa planning scheme effectively ignored under the state government's new State Facilitated Development (SFD) assessment system, designed to fast-track development applications in Noosa.

Mayor Frank Wilkie obtained an agreement from a major political party that Noosa Council would not be sidelined, prior to the election.

NSC Council Elections were held in March.

NSC proposal to intensify Noosa Foreshore Infrastructure was rejected by community feedback. Council has reviewed the community response and proposed a much more 'Noosa' plan.

Queensland State Elections were held in October..

For Noosa, this was a pivotal election with threats to our lifestyle from two major parties overriding our Noosa Council Planning Scheme to impose increase building heights and increased 'densification'.

We retained our independent local Member – Sandy Bolton - in Qld Govt.

The NSRRA was instrumental in lobbying the State government to refuse the two high-density Development Applications in Noosa which have now been stopped by the new Planning Minister

And more!

Noosa Matters

To keep up to date with information that matters to those who are concerned about some of the things happening in local politics, we urge you to go to noosamatters.com.au.

A wealth of knowledge and hard hitting commentary analyses information otherwise not easily found. For Facebook fans, search for ***NoosaMatters***.

Noosa Council

Council Agendas with reports and Minutes are listed on the Noosa Council website. noosa.qld.gov.au These are a valuable source of information as to how the Noosa Shire Council is performing and being managed on our behalf. You can also watch Noosa Council meetings on the internet live streaming on 'Youtube'.

The Future!

Your support and community involvement is very important. Consider what is happening around us and be aware and involved. We live in Paradise with a lot to protect.

Our areas of interest for 2025 include:

- 1 A financially sound, transparent and resident responsible, cohesive and focused Council, with Councillors and Staff protecting Noosa Shire primarily for Residents.
- 2 Management of traffic, parking and congestion issues adversely affecting local residents across Noosa.
eg: Translink - The large, noisy, polluting, and frequently poorly utilised diesel buses still attract complaint and are unsuitable in dense traffic urban areas.

- 3 Control of STA growth and it's impact on Residents by enforcement of Local Laws and Noosa Plan rules.
- 4 A housing strategy that focuses on State Govt leadership for affordable, and social housing and not on swamping Noosa Shire with high density living.

If you are not yet a member, and wish to join, or are renewing your membership, please complete our Membership Form. Membership process and form have recently been changed. No membership fees.

If you have any issues or local problems, contact us and we will try to help.

"noosaratepayers@gmail.com' by email, 'Noosa Residents & Ratepayers' on Facebook and website is: www.noosaratepayers.org.au

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a better 2025! Stay Safe!

***Adrian Williams
President***

