



NOOSA SHIRE RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

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President's Report:

It has been a relatively smooth time generally for NSRRA with Noosa Council widely consulting with issues likely to have community impacts and enjoying strong community support. Again, the community largely appears to have support for councillors and staff with good consultation and outcomes. There are always individuals and groups who have an alternative view. We can do our bit to participate in our community by interacting with Council.

Don't forget, Council Agendas with reports and Minutes are listed on the Noosa Council website. Go to www.noosa.qld.gov.au then follow the menus to 'council' and 'meetings'. Council has a online consultation system that is a great source of information with a great facility for feedback. Go to Council Website, and under 'quicklinks' and 'your say noosa', find the current consultative projects and a wealth of reports. A real opportunity exists to contribute and get involved.

This past year, I and several committee members have participated in a number of projects which, we hope, will support and protect our objectives.

The Noosaville Foreshore Plan was adopted to control the commercial pressures on the river foreshore and the importance of retaining public open space.

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A series of workshops defining sustainable tourism, including it's importance to the business community and it's impacts adversely affecting residents is a work in progress.

The Climate Change Action Strategy involved Risk Assessment on parts of Noosa likely to be affected by sea rise and storm surge over coming decades. This work is ongoing. See a couple of maps on our Facebook page.

Participation in development of an Events Policy. This has already seen changes to Noosa Beach use and is a work in progress.

Our areas of interest for 2018 & 2019 include:

1. Council and State changes to the Noosa Plan, our all-important Planning Scheme,
2. Better management of the Noosa River and the Noosa River Plan,
3. Review into Events policy and planning and impacts on community.
4. Traffic, parking and congestion issues across Noosa adversely affecting local residents.
5. The large noisy and frequently poorly utilised Sunbus buses still attract complaints. This has not been dealt with satisfactorily.
6. There has been no replacement of the failed Electric Bus trial yet electric buses abound worldwide.
7. Toilets on North Shore along Teewah Beach are inadequate and camping waste needs better controls.

These matters are all outstanding from 2017 (and earlier) and, while acknowledging that work is progressing, it's too slow. If you have any issues please contact us.

Thank you

Adrian Williams

President

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Committee positions for 2019 were as follows:

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| ○ PRESIDENT | Adrian Williams |
| ○ VICE PRESIDENT | Aaron White |
| ○ SECRETARY | Janet Kake |
| ○ TREASURER | Sue Kingston |
| ○ COMMITTEE MEMBER | Tim Blackburn |
| | Kevin Brennan |

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As we approach the busiest time of the year, we will experience the usual congestion and parking woes. Council has introduced a number of strategies for the 2018/19 holidays season. Take note of road/parking and river issues and hot spots and let us have your thoughts.

'Noosa Residents & Ratepayers' Facebook page is now operating properly. Look for and follow our updates in the new year.

On behalf of NSRRA Committee, Best Wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

Adrian Williams
President



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