



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.*

DECEMBER 2023 and Summer is here. Holiday time for many residents, holiday visitors and school children. During this busy period, watch out for kids, be patient, stay hydrated, follow health precautions and enjoy the season. We urge everyone to take take extra care during this busy time, and stay safe!

NSRRA Management Committee meets regularly to examine issues, consider impacts on our Noosa and make submissions to address a range of ongoing issues.

What's Happening?

Council Meetings

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 and Council are performing and being managed on our behalf. You can also watch Noosa Council meetings on the internet live streaming on 'Youtube'.

Go to www.noosa.qld.gov.au then follow the menus to 'council' and 'meetings'. Council has an online consultation system that is a great source of information with a great facility for feedback. Go to noosa.qld.gov.au 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.

SEQ Regional Plan.

Of great concern is the push by the State government to substantially increase population of our Shire with resulting increases in congestion, traffic, etc. "Gentle Densification" of SE Qld means more people in a smaller space.

The Noosa Plan

A strong Planning Scheme remains our best protection from changes to policy resulting in weakened regulation which would adversely affect residents' amenity. Strong enforcement is required. The push for Noosa to take significant increases in population as SEQ grows and is also a source of pressure on our lifestyle, already under threat from vested interests.

Current Issues:

The Noosa River Catchment Plan implementation has been pushed away until July 24 and is currently under attack from some Councillors – interesting meeting - and business groups. See explanation in 'Noosa Matters' State government plans for marine safety improvements are slowly being implemented.

Noosa Shire Housing Strategy. Some of these problems are years in the making. Council, State and Federal governments are trying to find solutions but have serious concerns about the potential impacts on our small Shire.

Local Law - short stay letting and home hosted accommodation.

Noosa Council adopted a new local law for short stay rental accommodation regulating the ongoing operation of short stay letting. It is somewhat managing the impacts on neighbours. Remember, Noosa Council **24hr Complaints Hotline is 53296466** to report issues. These businesses are required to display their registration number.

Kin Kin Quarry Issue – Ongoing issues continue with dangerous quarry trucks. The people of the hinterland are currently awaiting a Court decision.

And a range of other issues!

The Future!

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 Shire Council Election – March24

Next Council Election is in March 2024. Already, indications are that this will be an important election with our community values under threat from both inside and outside our boundaries. As a small Shire we need community involvement to protect the way of life we enjoy from over development and politics.

It is an important time with pressure on Noosa's values and way of life increasing from State government, political parties and local agendas, rather than what is best for the whole of Noosa Shire and our residents and ratepayers. Time to start researching Candidates backgrounds and connections. Its a time for ferreting out the truth from the misinformation and spin.

Already, signs are appearing of an aggressive and bad mannered campaign from some who would seek change.

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.

Vote with purpose. Dont just be a '1 to 6' (on the Ballot paper) voter.

Our areas of interest for 2024 include:

- 1 Seeking suitable independent and resident focused Candidates for the March24 Council Elections.
- 2 A financially sound, transparent and resident responsible NSC Council protecting Noosa Shire.
- 3 Management of traffic, parking and congestion issues adversely affecting local residents across Noosa.
- 4 Control of STA growth and it's impact on Residents.
- 5 A housing strategy that focuses on State Govt leadership for affordable, and social housing and not on swamping Noosa Shire with high density living.
- 6 For Translink - The large, noisy, polluting, and frequently poorly utilised diesel buses still attract complaints. We have ONE Electric bus on the network - even though electric buses abound worldwide.

Membership of NSRRA – Noosa Shire Needs You! –

If you are not yet a member, and wish to join, email us at noosaratepayers@gmail.com and we'll send you our Membership Form. Membership process and form have recently been changed. Membership fees remain \$10 per person.

If you are renewing your membership, email us for bank details.

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

'Noosa Residents & Ratepayers' on Facebook and website is: www.noosaratepayers.org.au

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a better 2024! Stay Safe!

***Adrian Williams
President***

