

AGENDA

Special Meeting

Friday, 23 April 2021

commencing at 10.00am

Council Chambers, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin

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Brian Stockwell, Tom Wegener, Frank Wilkie**

“Noosa Shire – different by nature”

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REPORTS**1 2021/22 NOOSA COUNCIL BUDGET PROCESS CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

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Attachments

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- 4 Your Say Noosa 10 Year Capital Plan Responses**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report by the Director Corporate Services to the Special Meeting dated 23 April 2021 regarding the 2021/22 Budget Process community consultation outcomes and note that Councillors will consider the feedback received during the continuing development of the 2021/22 Council budget.

REPORT

Under sections 104 and 107A of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council is required to adopt, for each financial year, after 31 May before the financial year and before 1 August in the financial year, a budget and revenue statement.

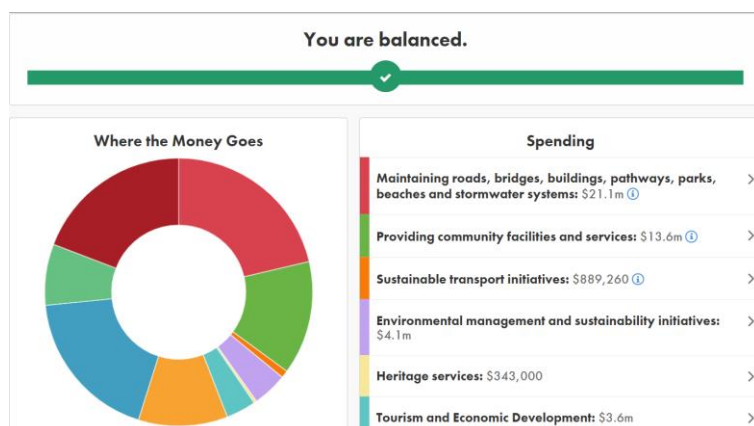
Council's budget process runs from November through to June each year and is a significant annual project for Council, requiring considerable organisational and Councillor input to ensure that budget decisions align with Corporate Plan objectives, Operational Plan targets and Financial Sustainability Policy requirements.

Council has commenced its inaugural community engagement process for its 2021/22 budget development, with a number of channels offered to elicit community feedback regarding budget priorities. The engagement approach has involved the following to date:

1. General communication of the process through Council social media channels, website and local newspapers.
2. Establishment of an online Council Budget Engagement Process project page via the Your Say Noosa tile on Council's website.
3. Introduction of the *Balance Your Noosa Council Operating Budget* participation tool where residents could change budget spending priorities whilst still having to balance the budget.
4. Encouraging general submissions regarding community budget priorities on the Council Your Say webpage via ideas, and also via email to Council's budget feedback email address.
5. Publishing of Council's 10 year capital plan for feedback.
6. Face to face sessions to allow residents to discuss budget priorities directly with Councillors.

A summary of the key outcomes has been provided below.

1 Balance Your Noosa Council Operating Budget Participation Tool

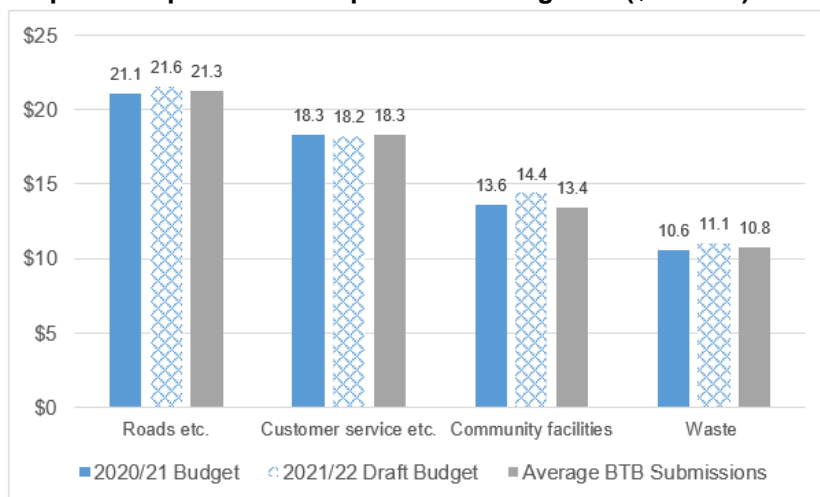


The balance the budget online participation tool was deployed on the Your Say Noosa webpage in an attempt to engage and educate the community regarding Council's budget, and allow a resident and or ratepayer to sit in a Councillor's shoes regarding setting spending priorities, in addition to ensuring that the budget is balanced by either increasing revenues or reducing spending in other areas. Feedback from the use of the tool by the community is intended to assist Councillors in understanding whether the spending priorities of the community aligns with Council's current and future spending priorities, with any significant funding misalignment explored and understood as part of the budget process.

The tool was made available for use from 1 March to 29 March 2021. Council received 547 webpage page views, the average time on the webpage was 7 minutes 24 seconds, and 67 submissions were made (users were required to balance the budget before a submission was allowed). The software provider (Bang the Table) was consulted regarding the activity levels for the tool, with Bang the Table advising that the activity was higher than what they would usually see with other councils utilising the balance the budget tool for budget engagement for the first time.

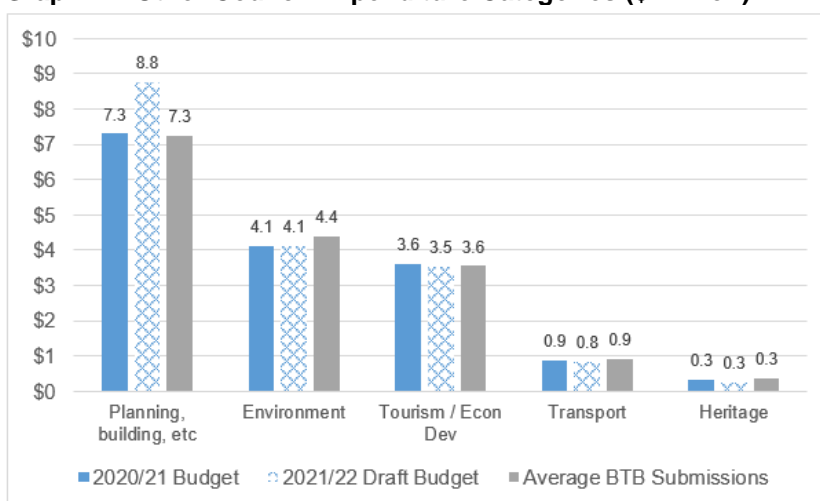
The two graphs below highlight the average overall balance the budget (BTB) submitted amounts compared to Council's current spending priorities (i.e. current 2020/21 budget) and proposed spending priorities identified to date in developing the draft 2021/22 budget. It should be noted that the graphs represent averages across all of the 67 submissions made, with individual submissions including both increases and decreases in expenditure for specific expenditure categories (outlined in the table below the graphs and also in Attachment 1).

Graph 1 – Top 4 Council Expenditure Categories (\$ million)



- Average balance the budget submissions wanted higher levels of investment in infrastructure such as roads and bridges maintenance (\$221k or 1% higher than Council's current budget), more expenditure in waste management (\$105k or 1% higher than Council's current budget) and less expenditure in community facilities and services (\$163k or 1.2% lower than Council's current budget).
- The desire for additional investment in infrastructure is generally aligned with the outcomes of the budget consultation undertaken online via Your Say Noosa in October 2020.

Graph 2 – Other Council Expenditure Categories (\$ million)



- Average balance the budget submissions wanted higher levels of investment environmental management and sustainability initiatives (\$245k or 6% higher than Council's current budget), with other expenditure areas remaining on average the same.
- The desire for additional investment in the environment is also generally aligned with the outcomes of the budget consultation undertaken online via Your Say Noosa in October 2020 (4th highest investment priority after roads/bridges, parks and fire management).

Table 1 – Summary of Expenditure Submissions by Category

Submission Summary	Current Budget (\$ mill)	No change	Increase Budget	Decrease Budget	% Budget Increase	% Budget Decrease	% Budget Unchanged
Maintaining roads, bridges, buildings, pathways, parks, beaches and stormwater systems							
Operating and maintaining sealed and unsealed roads, bridges, buildings, pathways and stormwater systems	\$13.7	43	17	6	26%	9%	65%
Operating and maintaining parks, landscapes, trees, beaches and canals	\$7.3	44	17	6	25%	9%	66%
Providing community facilities and services							
Community development and other services	\$2.1	50	5	12	7%	18%	75%
Library services	\$3.1	53	3	11	4%	16%	79%
Noosa aquatic centre, The J community centre, leisure centre, Noosa community support	\$5.9	51	4	12	6%	18%	76%

Submission Summary	Current Budget (\$ mill)	No change	Increase Budget	Decrease Budget	% Budget Increase	% Budget Decrease	% Budget Unchanged
<i>Art gallery and Cooroy butter factory</i>	\$1.0	51	1	15	1%	22%	76%
<i>Holiday parks</i>	\$1.4	56	2	9	3%	13%	84%
Environmental management and sustainability initiatives							
<i>Natural areas including bushland reserves and trails maintenance, fire management, environmental operations and sustainability initiatives</i>	\$2.4	16	44	7	66%	10%	24%
<i>Environment levy funded initiatives (land purchases, private land conservation, river management)</i>	\$1.7	51	12	4	18%	6%	76%
Waste collection, disposal, recycling and waste education	\$10.6	55	8	4	12%	6%	82%
Tourism and Economic Development							
<i>Tourism</i>	\$2.6	65	2	*	3%	0%	97%
<i>Economic Development</i>	\$0.9	33	11	23	16%	34%	49%
Sustainable transport initiatives	\$0.9	27	29	11	43%	16%	40%
Heritage services	\$0.3	43	15	9	22%	13%	64%
Planning, building, health and other inspection services	\$7.3	53	3	11	4%	16%	79%
Customer service, governance and administration	\$18.3	50	5	12	7%	18%	75%

* Funding levels to Tourism Noosa were unable to be reduced due to current contractual arrangements.

In terms of how the submitters wished to balance the operating budget expenditure changes through revenue adjustments the following was observed (on average).

- General rates were increased by \$550,000 (1.12% increase);
- Fees and sales were only slightly increased by \$22,000 (0.12% increase);
- The environment levy was increase by \$219,000 or \$7.30 per property (12.8% increase);
- The heritage levy was increased by \$7,000 or \$0.23 per property (4.6% increase);
- The sustainable transport levy was increased by \$42,000 or \$1.40 per property (6% increase)

Further specific details extracted from the *Balance Your Noosa Council Operating Budget* participation tool submissions has been provided in **Attachment 1** for information.

2 Your Say Noosa Submitted Ideas

In addition to using the *Balance Your Noosa Council Operating Budget* participation tool, Council also encouraged residents and ratepayers to take the opportunity to send in specific suggestions and / or submissions via the Your Say Noosa webpage that could be considered by Council. 11 contributions occurred on the page with ideas varying between requests for information through to ideas to provide additional services and also reduce services. The full list of ideas are provided as **Attachment 2** to this report.

3 Direct Feedback to Council's Budget Email Address

Residents and ratepayers were also encouraged to email any specific budget priorities directly to Council's budget email address budgetfeedback@noosa.qld.gov.au.

A number of emails were received which are summarised in **Attachment 3** to this report. A number of emails (based on a letter template provided by Zero Emissions Noosa) related to requests for increased investment in staff resources to support emission reduction initiatives.

4 Face to Face Meetings

Two Councillor led half day consultation sessions were offered to allow residents to meet with Councillors to discuss their specific budget priorities. Sessions were held on 8 and 13 April, and 6 residents / ratepayers took the opportunity to make an appointment for a face to face meeting with Councillors. A number of issues were raised including a suggestion to increase rates to fund additional service level increases, public space activation in the hinterland, road network maintenance and upgrades as well as suggestions to increase and decrease levies and waste charges.

5 10 Year Capital Plan Responses

Council's draft 10 year capital plan was published on the Your Say Noosa page for feedback from 29 March to 12 April 2021. 2 comments were made on the page and both generally related to requesting the provision of additional recreation equipment in Council parks. One email submission referencing the capital plan was received which outlined concerns regarding the lack of capital investment in Kin Kin.

Previous Council Consideration

Ordinary Meeting Minutes, 18 February 2021, Item 4, Page 6

That Council note the report by the Director Corporate Services to the Services & Organisation Committee Meeting dated 9 February 2021 and endorse the proposed engagement process for the 2021/22 budget which includes the use of both online and face to face solutions to maximise feedback.

Ordinary Meeting Minutes, 15 October 2020, Item 7, Page 23

That Council note the report by the Director Corporate Services to the General Committee Meeting dated 12 October 2020 and:

- A. Note the outcomes of the community budget consultation undertaken between 7–27 September 2020, provided as Attachment 1 to the report;*
- B. Note that Council will consider the priorities identified in the feedback when undertaking future 2020-21 budget reviews; and*
- C. Note the community's preference for online community budget engagement process for future budgets and request staff to report back to a future Council meeting with options.*

Ordinary Meeting Minutes, 18 June 2020, Item 6, Page 10

That Council note the report by the Director Corporate Services to the Services & Organisation Committee Meeting dated 9 June 2020 and:

- A. Following Council's adoption of the 2020/21 Budget, agree to engage with the community via Your Say Noosa on:*
 - 1. How the allocation of any additional funding should be prioritised if it becomes available through the financial year; and*

2. *Where services/expenditure should be reduced if further budget reductions are required.*
- B. *Agree to engage with the community on their preferred public consultation model for the 2021/22 budget process; and*
- C. *Request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council on the outcomes of both public consultation processes for Council's consideration before it meets to consider its scheduled Budget Review 2 in November 2020.*

Finance

Minor costs have been incurred to date to undertake the budget engagement process and have been absorbed in the current operating budget.

Risks & Opportunities

Risks

Reputational – Council has progressed down the path of consultation on future Council budgets. Community trust will likely be eroded should Council determine to abandon future budget consultation.

Priorities – Engagement processes with the community can achieve sub optimal outcomes and priority misalignment should wide engagement not occur as intended.

Opportunities

A budget consultation process is an opportunity to understand the spending priorities of our community and ensures that effective engagement continues to retain community confidence in Council processes and decision making.

Consultation

External Consultation - Community & Stakeholder

The purpose of the process was to elicit feedback from the general community regarding budget priorities for consideration for the development of the 2021/22 budget.

Internal Consultation

Community Engagement.

Departments/Sections Consulted:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Director Community Development Community Facilities Libraries & Galleries Local Laws Waste & Environmental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services X Director Financial Services ICT Procurement & Fleet Property Revenue Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Services X Director Community Engagement Customer Service Governance People and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Sustainable Development Director Building & Plumbing Services Development Assessment Economic Development Environmental Services Strategic Land Use Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Services Director Asset Management Buildings and Facilities Civil Operations Disaster Management Infrastructure Planning, Design and Delivery

Attachment 1 - Balance the Budget Participation Tool Response Summary

REVENUE - GENERAL RATES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$49,103,000	\$49,653,746 (101.12%)	\$49,103,000 / \$60,003,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$550,746 (1.12% of starting amount)	\$0 (0.00% of starting amount)	\$550,746
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
453	568 (83.16%)	115 (16.84%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$206,542	\$0	\$206,542
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
20.90%	23	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
14	0	53
Comments		
<p>At least 20% of general rates should be directed towards the environment. The spend on roads should be dramatically reduced. Small bins should be provided to everyone and charges on excess waste should be dramatically increased.</p> <p>March 1, 2021 at 4:19 am</p>		
<p>To balance the whole NSC budget, I believe it would need at least a 5% increase in rates.</p> <p>March 7, 2021 at 5:22 am</p>		

REVENUE - ENVIRONMENT LEVY

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$1,718,000	\$1,937,403 (112.77%)	\$1,568,000 / \$2,168,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$255,738 (14.89% of starting amount)	\$39,130 (2.28% of starting amount)	\$216,608
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$85,922	\$7,500	\$78,422
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
74.63%	7	1
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
44	6	17

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

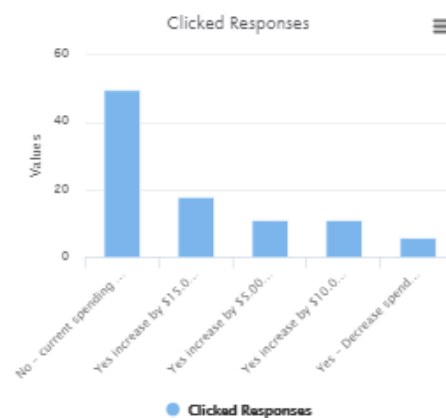
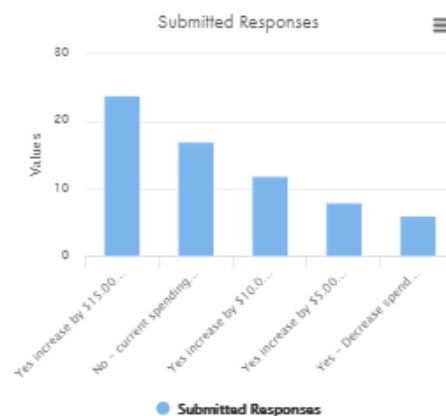
Should spending change on initiatives funded by the environment levy?

Submitted Responses

- Yes increase by \$15.00 per property: 24 (35.82%)
- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 17 (25.37%)
- Yes increase by \$10.00 per property: 12 (17.91%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 6 (8.96%)

Clicked Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 50 (47.62%)
- Yes increase by \$15.00 per property: 18 (17.14%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 11 (10.48%)
- Yes increase by \$10.00 per property: 11 (10.48%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 6 (5.71%)



Comments

“ Council should allocate far more of its budget to the environment. An extra \$450k (the maximum response) is woefully inadequate. General rates should be diverted to the environment. The total spend should be greater than 20% of the total council budget (including general rates).

March 1, 2021 at 4:19 am

“ Should be zero!!!

March 5, 2021 at 3:46 am

“ We live here for the beauty the natural environment provides. Any option that works toward preserving and safe guarding the environment is worth more dollars paid.

March 6, 2021 at 6:51 am

“ Ways to financially benefit from the purchases and so find future pyments need to be found...such as offers for visitors to “buy a token plot” of land etc ...google “highland titles” a great model for this

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm

“ Council has rezoned most of my, and neighbor's rural residential property to conservation, koala habitat without our knowledge or compensation. There's no justification for this levy!

March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am

“ While I have made no adjustment. In actual fact the levy should be increased by \$10 per household (which will reinstate 1999/20 level. Then the \$150,000 can be allocated to Natural Areas.

March 22, 2021 at 2:56 am

“ More must be done to preserve what little we have left of the natural habitats surrounding Noosa Shire! Its not just about the money it should be about allocation of these levi funds. The establishment of a local Koala hospital could be implemented in the new Koala habitat along Mckinnon Drive. The extra funding gained could go towards this.

March 27, 2021 at 1:12 am

REVENUE – HERITAGE LEVY

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$153,000	\$160,045 (104.60%)	\$3,000 / \$305,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$28,339 (18.52% of starting amount)	\$23,077 (15.08% of starting amount)	\$5,262
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$3,958	\$15,865	-\$11,907
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
34.33%	1	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
15	8	44

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

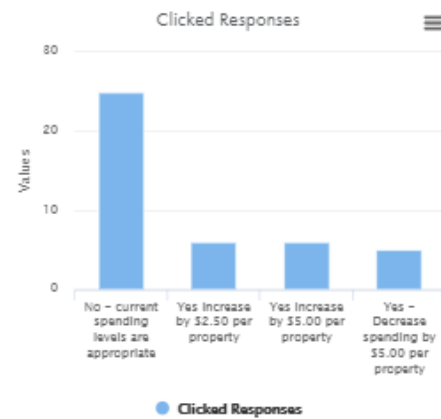
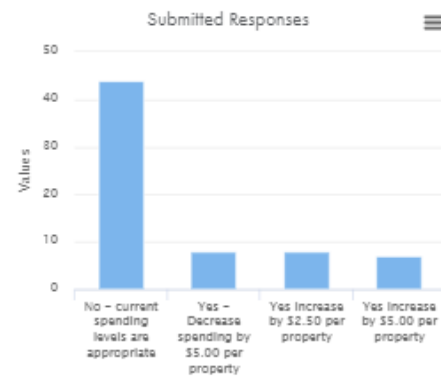
Should spending change on activities funded by the heritage levy?

Submitted Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 44 (65.67%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 6 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 7 (10.45%)

Clicked Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 25 (23.81%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 6 (5.71%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 6 (5.71%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 5 (4.76%)



Comments



As noted in the Environment levy, The Heritage Levy should be increased by \$5 reinstating it to 1999/20 level and \$150,000 transferred to Natural Areas.

March 22, 2021 at 2:56 am

REVENUE - SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT LEVY

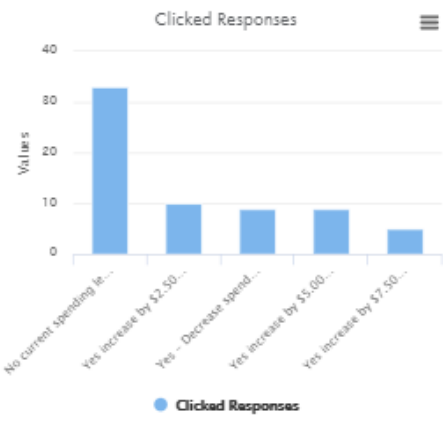
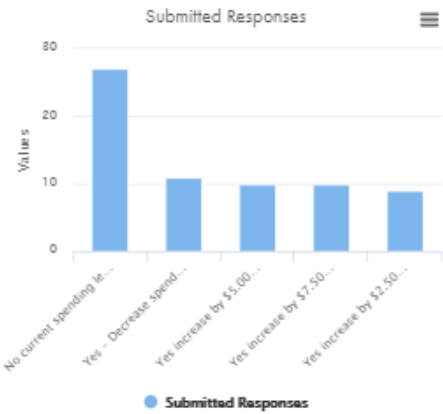
Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$690,000	\$731,970 (106.08%)	\$538,000 / \$918,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$80,071 (11.60% of starting amount)	\$44,000 (6.38% of starting amount)	\$36,071
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$13,154	\$4,653	\$8,501
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
59.70%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
29	11	27

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text
Should spending change on Council's sustainable transport initiatives?

- Submitted Responses**
- No current spending levels are appropriate: 27 (40.30%)
 - Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 11 (16.42%)
 - Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 10 (14.93%)
 - Yes increase by \$7.50 per property: 10 (14.93%)
 - Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 9 (13.43%)

- Clicked Responses**
- No current spending levels are appropriate: 33 (31.43%)
 - Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 10 (9.52%)
 - Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 9 (8.57%)
 - Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 9 (8.57%)
 - Yes increase by \$7.50 per property: 5 (4.76%)



Comments

- I think like in other countries cars which are electric should get a reduction in this levy and new cars purchased which are not electric or hybrid attract the fee. Funds should be allocated to make specific car places available for electric vehicles in high traffic areas to promote more residents to shift to greener car solutions.

March 1, 2021 at 6:57 am
- Should be zero!!!!

March 5, 2021 at 3:46 am

REVENUE - TOURISM AND ECONOMIC LEVY

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$2,898,000	\$2,874,291 (99.18%)	\$2,851,250 / \$2,991,750
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$39,014 (1.35% of starting amount)	\$40,906 (1.41% of starting amount)	-\$1,892
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$30,107	\$43,047	-\$12,940
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
89.55%	13	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
11	49	7

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

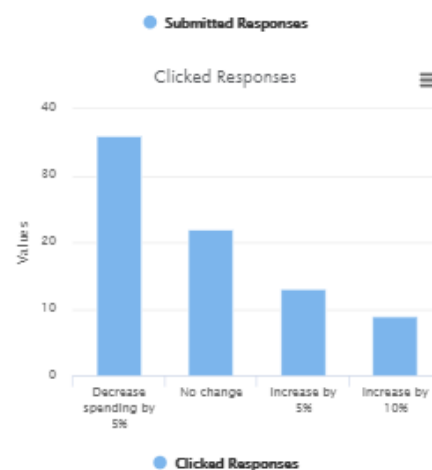
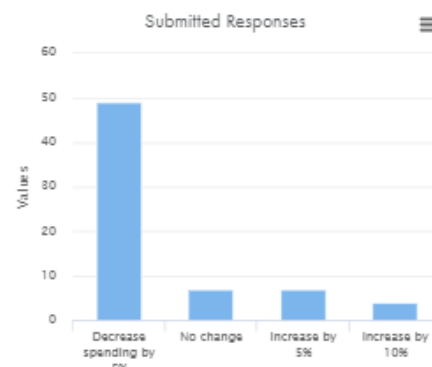
Should economic development spending change?

Submitted Responses

- Decrease spending by 5%: 49 (73.13%)
- No change: 7 (10.45%)
- Increase by 5%: 7 (10.45%)
- Increase by 10%: 4 (5.97%)

Clicked Responses

- Decrease spending by 5%: 36 (34.29%)
- No change: 22 (20.95%)
- Increase by 5%: 13 (12.38%)
- Increase by 10%: 9 (8.57%)



Comments

There should be no funding given to private industry or economic 'development'. This should be decreased to \$0.
March 1, 2021 at 4:19 am

If we are to safeguard the natural environment the extra tourism levy should be ear mark to go to the environmental levy to off-set the environmental damage which is part and parcel of tourist activity.
March 6, 2021 at 6:51 am

This should be spent on upgrading infrastructure affected by tourism, not advertising for more visitors.
March 8, 2021 at 1:54 am

Stop spending money to bring more people here
March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm


There should be a bigger decrease in tourism levy Although we are a tourism-accommodation business, there is too much weekend visitor and low budget tourists and overcrowding of beach and National Park.
March 12, 2021 at 10:19 am

This levy should be increased to closer match the expenditure. Any increase should not increase the amount paid to Tourism Noosa or amounts the Council uses to support tourism, rather reduce the amount the Council effectively subsidises the industry.
March 22, 2021 at 2:56 am


Given Tourism is called out separately in this line item, I believe it causes contention in our community, amongst local associations, and even within council itself. So much so that an enormous amount of energy goes into disputing it, questioning it, fighting for it and justifying it. It is counter productive and a waste of valuable resources time. Tourism is such an important industry to our local community - as we have felt in the last 12 months. I strongly believe that the entire Economic Development budget should be extended and the tourism component should not be decreased. Looking at the success of key initiatives such as the Peregrine Beach Digital Hub (which is having tangible and measurable impacts on our local economic and industry development), we can see by investing in the RIGHT programs that make a difference, we can make an impact. I believe there needs to be a clear strategic vision that sets the direction for the next 10 - 20 years for our region, so we can ensure funding is allocated in the right areas and working to achieve shift the dial on key economic objectives.
March 25, 2021 at 10:56 am

More must be done to preserve what little we have left of the natural habitats surrounding Noosa Shire! Its not just about the money it should be about allocation of these levi funds. The establishment of a local Koala hospital could be implemented in the new Koala habitat along Mckinnon Drive.
March 27, 2021 at 1:12 am

REVENUE – WASTE UTILITY CHARGES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$12,358,000	\$12,356,507 (99.99%)	\$12,158,000 / \$12,558,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$4,688 (0.04% of starting amount)	\$6,154 (0.05% of starting amount)	-\$1,466
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-54	38 (29.23%)	92 (70.77%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$16,038	\$1,923	\$14,115
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
7.46%	12	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
2	3	62
Comments		
 Green waste should be free at the tip! March 1, 2021 at 8:28 pm		

REVENUE - FEES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$6,640,000	\$6,650,901 (100.16%)	\$6,573,600 / \$7,171,200
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$13,280 (0.20% of starting amount)	\$2,108 (0.03% of starting amount)	\$11,172
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
26	58 (64.44%)	32 (35.56%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$4,427	\$1,915	\$2,511
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
8.96%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
4	2	61
Comments		
 I think Noosa could make money by charging tourists (including out of shire ratepayers, but not live in shire renters or ratepayers) a permit fee to have their cars in the biosphere, fee charged by engine size, free for electric car or scooters. March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm		

REVENUE - SALES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$11,092,750	\$11,103,198 (100.09%)	\$10,992,750 / \$11,492,750
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$12,121 (0.11% of starting amount)	\$1,563 (0.01% of starting amount)	\$10,558
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
15	19 (82.61%)	4 (17.39%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$4,673	\$0	\$4,673
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
5.97%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
3	1	63

EXPENDITURE - OPERATING AND MAINTAINING PARKS, LANDSCAPES, TREES, BEACHES AND CANALS

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$7,337,000	\$7,442,970 (101.44%)	\$7,037,000 / \$9,337,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$137,705 (1.88% of starting amount)	\$26,000 (0.35% of starting amount)	\$111,705
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
63	172 (61.21%)	109 (38.79%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$29,000	\$61,458	-\$32,458
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
34.33%	8	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
17	6	44

Comments



Playgrounds need to updated throughout Noosa. They are very outdated and bring Noosa down

March 1, 2021 at 8:28 pm



It is essential the Council put in place a strategy to fund seawalls and dune vegetation over the coming years. Council funds should be clearly allocated to protecting the dunes and associated reserves.

March 8, 2021 at 5:38 am



More needs to be spent on facilities used by residents - local parks, paths, etc and less on tourist areas.

March 13, 2021 at 5:46 am

EXPENDITURE - OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SEALED AND UNSEALED ROADS, BRIDGES, BUILDINGS, PATHWAYS AND STORMWATER SYSTEMS

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$13,731,740	\$13,846,665 (100.84%)	\$5,031,740 / \$16,831,740
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$303,333 (2.21% of starting amount)	\$210,000 (1.53% of starting amount)	\$93,333
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
68	239 (58.29%)	171 (41.71%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$68,367	\$92,157	-\$23,790
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
35.82%	7	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
17	7	43

Comments



If you are going to allow cyclists to use McKinnon Drive and Louis bazzo then proper cycle ways need to installed and the road widened. You can expect cars to cross single white lines to allow cyclists right of way!

March 1, 2021 at 8:28 pm



Much money is spent on repairing unsealed roads year after year. Gumbail Road, Tinbeerwah is a case in point. I suggest if the remaining unsealed portion was asphalted money would be saved over time . It would also reduce the danger presented by steep and deeply rutted sections and save ratepayers \$\$ by having few punctures.

March 6, 2021 at 3:45 am



Much of the erosion in the Eastern Beaches occurs due to the manner in which sewerage and stormwater systems are currently managed, it is essential that funds are allocated by Council to ensure there is no further erosion in the dune areas as a result of poor management of infrastructure.

March 8, 2021 at 5:38 am



I see council spend so much money and council officer time on this just because they recieve grants to double the value of asset. Please stop wasting money upgrading infrastructure just because we get free money through grants and instead only upgrade what is needed

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm



An extra \$ 0.9 - \$1.5million would be justified building a one-way outbound road with bike/walking track from Bushlands Dr to Gateway Dr opposite / north of, bunnings trade entrance . This would be both an escape for residents in uncontrolled wildfires and ease traffic congestion on Beckmans Road!

March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am



Louis Bazzo bridge is dangerous. It needs to be made one way like Cooran. A vehicle nearly ran my boys car off the bridge. Also buses and trucks go in convoy and no time to slow down with cars racing up and down the Louis Bazzo. Also craziers road Pomona needs to be sealed it is in poor state. Bitumen. Thanks for your time

March 24, 2021 at 6:43 am

EXPENDITURE - NOOSA AQUATIC CENTRE, THE J COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEISURE CENTRE, NOOSA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$5,937,000	\$5,898,194 (99.35%)	\$5,437,000 / \$6,637,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$27,273 (0.46% of starting amount)	\$65,079 (1.10% of starting amount)	-\$37,806
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-48	33 (28.95%)	81 (71.05%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$3,158	\$39,623	-\$36,465
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
23.88%	4	1
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
4	12	51
Comments		
<p>” These businesses should be run at a profit and not reliant on rates. March 22, 2021 at 11:10 pm</p>		

EXPENDITURE - ART GALLERY AND COOROY BUTTER FACTORY

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$990,000	\$934,776 (94.42%)	\$490,000 / \$1,090,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$1,923 (0.19% of starting amount)	\$57,576 (5.82% of starting amount)	-\$55,653
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-52	21 (22.34%)	73 (77.66%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$16,842	\$37,500	-\$20,658
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
23.88%	4	1
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
1	15	51

EXPENDITURE - HOLIDAY PARKS

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$1,396,000	\$1,366,149 (97.86%)	\$896,000 / \$1,496,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$3,448 (0.25% of starting amount)	\$33,846 (2.42% of starting amount)	-\$30,398
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-13	7 (25.93%)	20 (74.07%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$2,857	\$5,660	-\$2,803
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
16.42%	20	5
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
2	9	56

EXPENDITURE - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER SERVICES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$2,134,000	\$2,132,507 (99.93%)	\$1,634,000 / \$3,134,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$49,091 (2.30% of starting amount)	\$45,161 (2.12% of starting amount)	\$3,930
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-8	40 (45.45%)	48 (54.55%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$4,902	\$17,143	-\$12,241
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
25.37%	18	4
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
5	12	50

EXPENDITURE - LIBRARY SERVICES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$3,096,000	\$3,058,687 (98.79%)	\$2,596,000 / \$3,296,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$7,143 (0.23% of starting amount)	\$45,313 (1.46% of starting amount)	-\$38,170
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-26	37 (37.00%)	63 (63.00%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$26,882	\$41,584	-\$14,702
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
20.90%	9	2
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
3	11	53

EXPENDITURE - SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INITIATIVES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$889,260	\$931,230 (104.72%)	\$737,260 / \$1,117,260
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$80,071 (9.00% of starting amount)	\$44,000 (4.95% of starting amount)	\$36,071
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$13,154	\$4,653	\$8,501
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
59.70%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
29	11	27

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

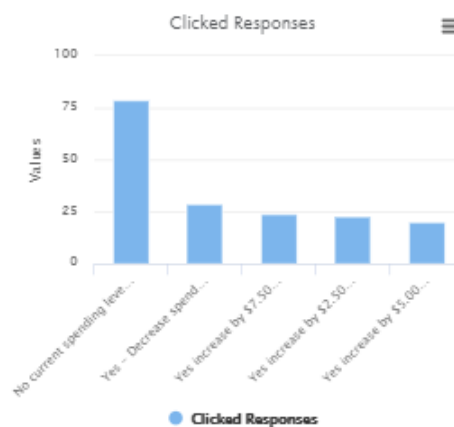
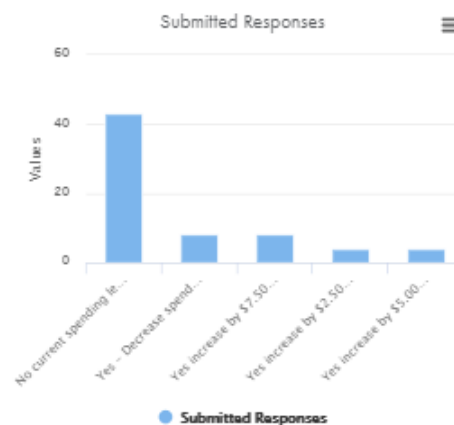
Should spending change on Council's sustainable transport initiatives?

Submitted Responses

- No current spending levels are appropriate: 43 (64.18%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$7.50 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 4 (5.97%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 4 (5.97%)

Clicked Responses

- No current spending levels are appropriate: 79 (75.24%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 29 (27.62%)
- Yes increase by \$7.50 per property: 24 (22.86%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property: 23 (21.90%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 20 (19.05%)



Comments

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Public transport in our shire is infrequent and dismal. It is stupid that the river is not better utilised for public transport...the current ferry daypass is too expensive to be a viable option. Also ridiculous there is no continual every 5 minutes shuttle service from our biggest carparks, i.e. junction to hastings st, and then hastings st to the national park

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm

"

I'd decrease this levy even more or discard it. In years it's been in place it hasn't really done anything to reduce traffic or congestion. I would ditch the free buses. They're a feel good idea that doesn't really help most residents and does little good.

March 13, 2021 at 5:46 am

"

We don't support Council waste of money on electric vehicle fast chargers. Charge batteries at home or overnight.

March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am

"

Spend now for more efficient services & infrastructure of the future ??

March 26, 2021 at 10:55 am

EXPENDITURE - ENVIRONMENT LEVY FUNDED INITIATIVES (LAND PURCHASES, PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION, RIVER MANAGEMENT)

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$1,718,000	\$1,935,164 (112.64%)	\$1,568,000 / \$2,168,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$260,000 (15.13% of starting amount)	\$45,652 (2.66% of starting amount)	\$214,348
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$85,922	\$7,500	\$78,422
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
76.12%	12	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
44	7	16

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

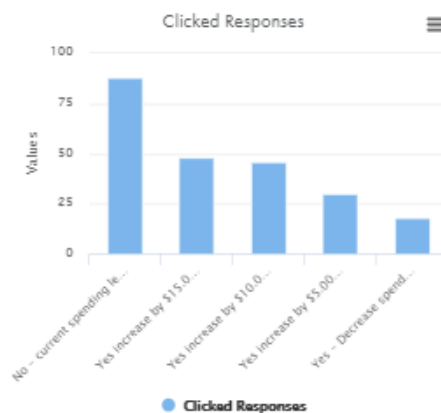
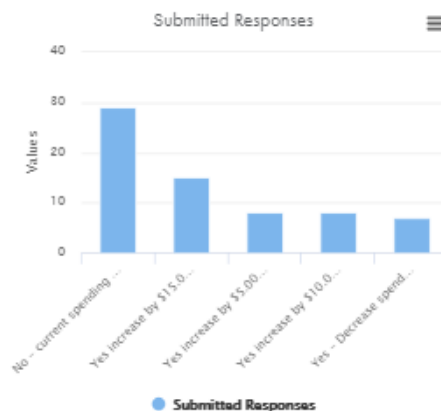
Should spending change on activities funded by the environment levy?

Submitted Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 29 (43.28%)
- Yes increase by \$15.00 per property: 15 (22.39%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$10.00 per property: 8 (11.94%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 7 (10.45%)

Clicked Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 88 (83.81%)
- Yes increase by \$15.00 per property: 48 (45.71%)
- Yes increase by \$10.00 per property: 46 (43.81%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property: 30 (28.57%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property: 18 (17.14%)



Comments

At least 20% of the total budget (including general rates) should be spent on the environment. Funding to roads should be dramatically decreased. Small waste bins should be provided and excess waste should be charged dramatically more.

March 1, 2021 at 4:19 am

Waste of my money

March 3, 2021 at 3:46 am

This whole exercise is obviously tokenism, and an insult to Noosa ratepayers. Publish the details of what our money is being spent on, then ask for our opinion. For example, river management can mean anything, from paying staff to continually rewrite a never ending river plan, to funding sedimentation mitigation measures. Ever heard of GIGO? Maybe this levy has become a slush fund for staff to spend their pet projects.

March 16, 2021 at 1:58 am

Property owners such as myself have had their land rezoned koala habitat without request or compensation!

March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am

We need to look after the environment better as the consequences will be dire, eg global warming

March 26, 2021 at 3:48 am

Support the Noosa Biosphere Reserve!

March 26, 2021 at 4:17 am

EXPENDITURE - NATURAL AREAS INCLUDING BUSHLAND RESERVES AND TRAILS MAINTENANCE, FIRE MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$2,417,000	\$2,445,358 (101.17%)	\$1,917,000 / \$2,917,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$53,968 (2.23% of starting amount)	\$27,273 (1.13% of starting amount)	\$26,695
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
32	66 (66.00%)	34 (34.00%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$11,429	\$5,882	\$5,546
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
23.88%	18	3
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
12	4	51
Comments		
<p>” More needs to be spent on fire and weed management March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm</p>		
<p>” Council has not done fire management in our immediate area, including the roadside and adjoining Tewantin national park for over 30 years! Wasted money on zero emissions should be diverted to fire hazard reduction for actual benefit March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am</p>		

EXPENDITURE - HERITAGE SERVICES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$343,000	\$347,806 (101.40%)	\$193,000 / \$495,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$28,828 (8.40% of starting amount)	\$25,962 (7.57% of starting amount)	\$2,866
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$3,958	\$15,865	-\$11,907
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
35.82%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
15	9	43

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

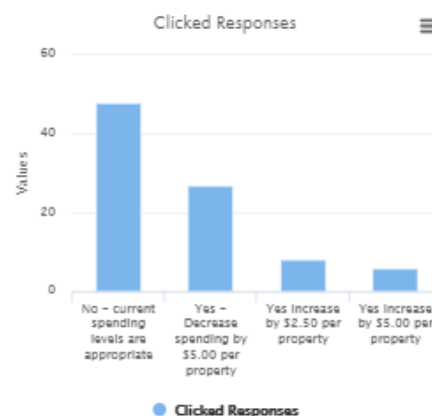
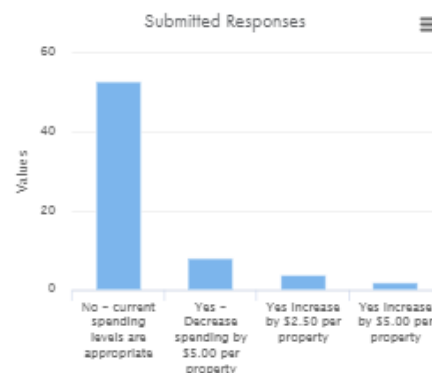
Should spending be changed on Council's heritage activities?

Submitted Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 53 (79.10%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property : 8 (11.94%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property : 4 (5.97%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property : 2 (2.99%)

Clicked Responses

- No - current spending levels are appropriate: 48 (45.71%)
- Yes - Decrease spending by \$5.00 per property : 27 (25.71%)
- Yes increase by \$2.50 per property : 8 (7.62%)
- Yes increase by \$5.00 per property : 6 (5.71%)



Comments

“ Please share where this money is spent? I would only be happy increasing this where actual engagement, driven by kabi kabi (and pay them for their time) , happened to reconnect them to their land, in the ways they want, (ones i have heard of are fire management and other carong for country, educational signage design etc) not tokenistic offers for tour guide opportunities that only serve to benefit tour coordinators

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm

“ Some developer's money should have been spent on relocating the heritage house opposite Cooroy doctor's surgeries to open more land for allied development.

March 20, 2021 at 1:12 am

“ I want to see First Nations heritage identified & publicly, permanently acknowledged & celebrated

March 26, 2021 at 10:55 am

“ This heritage service I don't quite understand however if the funds are directed to preventing more wanton development of aged care institutions and business centre such as nearby the civic precinct then yet by all means. Land should be our sovereign heritage for sustainable futures. Not buildings and more more more.

March 27, 2021 at 1:12 am

EXPENDITURE – TOURISM

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$2,620,000	\$2,625,970 (100.23%)	\$2,620,000 / \$2,820,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$5,970 (0.23% of starting amount)	\$0 (0.00% of starting amount)	\$5,970
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
6	11 (68.75%)	5 (31.25%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$1,869	\$0	\$1,869
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
2.99%	17	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
2	0	65

EXPENDITURE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$931,000	\$925,418 (99.40%)	\$884,250 / \$1,024,500
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$15,938 (1.71 % of starting amount)	\$19,201 (2.06% of starting amount)	-\$3,263
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$4,429	\$5,554	-\$1,126
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
50.75%	17	1
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
11	23	33

Multiple Choice Question Statistics

Question Text

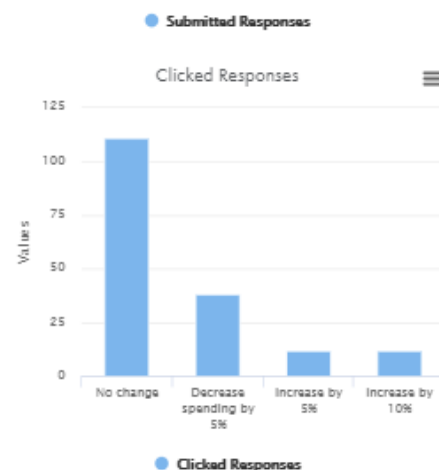
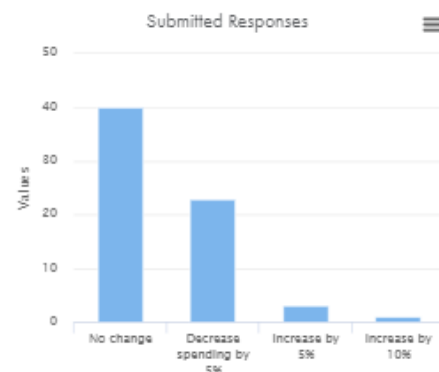
Should economic development spending change?

Submitted Responses

- No change: 40 (59.70%)
- Decrease spending by 5%: 23 (34.33%)
- Increase by 5%: 3 (4.48%)
- Increase by 10%: 1 (1.49%)

Clicked Responses

- No change: 111 (64.16%)
- Decrease spending by 5%: 38 (36.19%)
- Increase by 5%: 12 (11.43%)
- Increase by 10%: 12 (11.43%)



Comments



No funds should be directed to private industry or economic development;

March 1, 2021 at 4:19 am



There is no place to comment on the Cooroy Hinterland Playground, which is an unacceptably expensive tourist attraction. Noosa Council should not be in the business of building tourist attractions, especially on flood prone, contaminated land. This is a flawed budget balancing exercise! Also more \$\$ should be spent on maintaining one our top attractions, the Botanic Gardens!!

March 8, 2021 at 1:54 am



Given the success of tourism here that has benefited substantially from the natural spirit and beauty of the place...it seems a good time to now divert funds allocated to tourism instead to cultural heritage healing with Kabi Kabi displaced to Cherberg ...to be spent by dedicated, experienced, qualified, vocational and connected with Kabi Kabi cultural heritage experts ...not tokenistic titles or line items added to others existing roles

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm



While I support Council's role in economic development it should not be a levy, it is part of their role. Call a spade a spade and stop using levies to pretend there are no rate increases. Council should have almost no role in providing economic support to tourism. Too much is already spent on infrastructure which is funded in the guise of 'community' but is really to meet the tourism demand.

March 13, 2021 at 5:46 am



Tourism Noosa has done a great job ...but is it necessary to continue funding tourism at this level, when it appears to be self supporting. Noosa may end up suffering from over-tourism. This money would be better spent on small business development and support and affordable housing initiatives.

March 15, 2021 at 12:09 am



The tourism industry is paramount to the survival of Noosa. My concern is the over tourism of the area making it unpopular and unsustainable. We have built a wonderful industry on the beauty of Noosa Shire as a whole. I increased this amount as I think we need to put some money into researching over tourism and how we can maintain our tourism without sacrificing the beauty and natural tourist attractions. For my business the Noosa North Shore day trippers do not contribute to the region. The clog up the ferry and leave a lot of mess on the beaches. Perhaps working with the State Government re a two tier fee structure. If people are staying in the Noosa area they pay a different fee to if people are travelling to the region for the day for their beach pass???

March 22, 2021 at 11:10 pm

EXPENDITURE - WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, RECYCLING AND WASTE EDUCATION

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$10,645,000	\$10,750,970 (101.00%)	\$9,145,000 / \$16,145,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$141,270 (1.33% of starting amount)	\$30,508 (0.29% of starting amount)	\$110,762
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-15	117 (46.99%)	132 (53.01%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$11,538	\$78,641	-\$67,102
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
17.91%	19	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
8	4	55
Comments		
<p>Green waste at the tip should be free March 1, 2021 at 8:28 pm</p>		
<p>Let's get emissions down and all green waste composted! March 26, 2021 at 4:17 am</p>		

EXPENDITURE - CUSTOMER SERVICE, GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$18,344,000	\$18,321,612 (99.88%)	\$17,844,000 / \$19,344,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$50,909 (0.28% of starting amount)	\$69,355 (0.38% of starting amount)	-\$18,446
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-47	89 (39.56%)	136 (60.44%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$9,890	\$53,333	-\$43,443
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
25.37%	21	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
5	12	50

Comments



Council needs to step up and take responsibility for ensuring the amenity of residential areas - by taking responsibility for enforcing local laws and regulations on STA's and illegal camping.

March 13, 2021 at 5:46 am



Administration charges are wasted IMO. There is way too much delivery of regulations by a variety of pen pushers all of whom seem rather incompetent. The old adage Too many cooks spoil the broth. Selected professionals of fewer could achieve better results.

March 27, 2021 at 1:12 am

EXPENDITURE - PLANNING, BUILDING, HEALTH AND OTHER INSPECTION SERVICES

Subcategory Budgeted Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Amount ⓘ	Lowest / Highest Submitted Amount ⓘ
\$7,278,000	\$7,248,149 (99.59%)	\$6,778,000 / \$8,278,000
Average Submitted Increased Amount ⓘ	Average Submitted Decreased Amount ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$28,571 (0.39% of starting amount)	\$56,250 (0.77% of starting amount)	-\$27,679
Total Changes ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Increased ⓘ	Total Individual Clicks Decreased ⓘ
-39	31 (30.69%)	70 (69.31%)
Avg. Clicked Increased Amount / Session ⓘ	Avg. Clicked Decreased Amount / Session ⓘ	Difference ⓘ
\$9,278	\$30,769	-\$21,491
Percentage of Total Budget Interaction ⓘ	Number of "More Info" Clicks ⓘ	Number of "More Details" Clicks ⓘ
20.90%	0	0
Total Submissions Increased ⓘ	Total Submissions Decreased ⓘ	Total Submissions Unchanged ⓘ
3	11	53

Comments



Less use of Council's funds on expensive litigation must be a priority. Stop inflaming local property owners (particularly where they are complying with the planning requirements) and work with them to achieve a win-win outcome.

March 8, 2021 at 5:38 am



A dedicated Erosion and Sediment Control officer is needed for building sites

March 10, 2021 at 9:25 pm



Too many regulations hold people to ransom by charging them for the privilege. People should be allowed to erect tiny homes granny flats or extend there homes as they wish within reason. This should be doable for the average home owner and not just for the wealthy. Council should wear the cost of Council for health inspections and not pass it over to the home owner or business owner unless there has been gross misconduct or obvious neglect.

March 27, 2021 at 1:12 am

Attachment 2 - Your Say Noosa Submitted Ideas

Idea #	Contribution
1	<p>Idea: No doubt the Council is benchmarking its finances against other councils - so let's see some data please.</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for your feedback, the following link will provide you with the benchmarking that was presented to council on 4th February 2021. https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/2701/2021-02-04-special-meeting-minutes</p> <p>Comment: Budget Project Admin - thanks, but that sheds little light on how your expense ratios compare.</p> <p>Council Response: Further information on comparative benchmarking can be found on the State Government website: https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/resources/plans-strategies-and-reports/local-government-comparative-reports</p>
2	<p>Idea: How does the council calculate its estimate of new rates? Has the council undertaken any research of its rating level and policy?</p> <p>Description: Or research of rates comparisons with other shires in our SEQ region?"</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for your feedback, the following link will provide you with the benchmarking that was presented to council on 4th February 2021. https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/2701/2021-02-04-special-meeting-minutes</p>
3	<p>Idea: For the past decade, the NSC has been using the template of statements of Income & expenditure, financial position, cashflow, equity., etc</p> <p>Description: Why have you changed and restricted the template now, please?"</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for your feedback. Noosa Council has not made any changes to the reporting formats, if you can please provide further information for clarification.</p>
4	<p>Idea: Noise pollution - working with State government on solutions to calm noise from modified car/motorcycle/truck exhausts.</p> <p>Description: We're all blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Unfortunately for many living in the area, our enjoyment of the natural peace and serenity is shattered by the (my estimation) 1 in 10 vehicles that have a modified exhaust resulting in excessive and intrusive noise. The topography of the noosa region means that many of us live near arterial and busy roads. I'll put my hand up and own that as my choice. This is not about the vast majority of traffic that is just background noise. It's the 10% of vehicles that can be heard from kilometres away and the noise bounces around valleys and crests for a good minute after passing. There are technologies that exist and are improving (mobile noise cameras https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/6306758/mt-ousley-noise-camera-a-decade-without-a-single-fine/) and strategies for landscaping that council can employ. Even putting pressure on State govt to crack down on vehicles that emit excessive noise. Council could also permit residents in certain zones via complying development to increase the height of fences so they can include a sound absorbing extension - assuming the height increase does not impact in any way views, neighbour's etc."</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations.</p> <p>Comment: Yes, modified cars and motorcycles are an affair attack on residents who live in the streets where the these modified vehicles drivers go for joy rides. Lets' try to stop them and fine them! The other problem we have is in the Noosa Shire Hinterland towns of Pomona,. Cooran and Traveston where the freight trains blast the hell out of the peaceful community, at least 12 times away with their loudest possible klaxons that are meant to used in the open country side and mines. They use them when they are already a few meters from the rail crossings, which are already having the traffic lights flashing and the bells ringing with the ramps down. They should be announcing their arrival 300 meters before the rail crossing as nobody can escape the train atet is meters from the crossing already.. Noosa Shire should approach the State government on this issue!</p>
5	<p>Idea: Prioritise basic service provision to residents that pay rates and live here</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations.</p>

Idea #	Contribution
	<p>Comment: We need the council to pay more attention to large first gum trees that had been planted decades ago when the streets were developed and now present life danger to the residents and their children below as well as the powerlines. For instance where our daughter both a Queenslander house 5 Edward St. Cooran, there are two huge paperbark/gum trees looming, unkempt and threatening to either drop branches on the powerlines or the houses on that side of the street. Can Noosa Shire develop a budget to have contractors prune regularly or get rid of the trees that are dangers to residential community. It is too late after the fires like in 2019 to say, "sorry we should have thought of this earlier". I actually believe in this particular Council more than previous ones. Some of the decisions and the way Noosa has been run since the last Council election have been outstanding. Thank you new Mayor and thank you Councilors. Let's hope this post gets noticed as it is about human lives and property!</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for providing feedback. Tree management on public land is a significant budget item for Council, and we have a Tree Management policy which provides a framework to guide tree management in the shire. Costs of tree management are reviewed annually as part of Council's budget from base budget approach. Further information on council's Tree Management Policy can be found on our website: https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/services-facilities/parks-facilities/tree-management</p>
6	<p>Idea: We need regulation of STA's. If that requires a rise in rates I'm happy to pay it.</p> <p>Description: Expecting STA's to regulate themselves is not going to work. Council needs to step up and take responsibility. The tourism levy should pay towards this - changes to be made when the current policy expires in 18 months. STA's need to pay a hefty fee to cover at least a good proportion of the costs, plus contribution from the tourism levy.</p> <p>Council Comment: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations. In regard to the Tourism levy we can confirm that all rates and levies are being reviewed as part of the budget process.</p>
7	<p>Idea: Get rid of the 'free' buses.</p> <p>Description: They're not free (we pay for them) and they benefit only a very small proportion of the community. They've done absolutely nothing to reduce congestion and traffic or to solve parking problems. Get rid of the transport levy. "</p> <p>Council Comment: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations. Council will be considering rates and levies priorities as part of the budget process.</p>
8	<p>Idea: 3 full time gardeners for the Noosa Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>Description: The Noosa Botanical Gardens are promoted as a tourist destination. I am frequently at the gardens and they never look as a tourist would expect 'botanical gardens' to look. They are in need of some full time care. They are over run with weeds and need a lot of attention. It is too much work for the volunteers and one employee. They do their best but are mostly all retired people who meet weekly. I am in favour of full time gardeners to at the least keep the place tidy for visitors, especially as they are promoted as a place to visit for tourists and locals."</p> <p>Council Comment: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations.</p>
9	<p>Idea: More bus shelters for old Tewantin residents where they are needed particularly Werin street where also about 150 schoolchildren catch buses.</p> <p>Description: Nothing fancy, just cover from the sun and rain with a seat for elderly residents.</p> <p>Council Response: Thank you for providing your budget priority idea. Your feedback will be considered accordingly as part of upcoming budget deliberations.</p>

Idea #	Contribution
10	<p>Idea: Ensure future developments and policies recognise our natural environment and seek to enhance, not degrade it.</p> <p>Description: Given most of us live here (and some moved here particularly) because we enjoy our natural surroundings (otherwise we'd live somewhere else), we need to be assured that future developments especially value preservation and nurturing of our native fauna and flora. Preservation and enhancement of vibrant biodiversity is critical to our continued health and sustainability as a community. We are already a standout, but still need to engage and conscientiously improve! The need for this is also an economic driver to ensure many of our visitors continue to come here and that all the businesses that serve them continue to thrive along with those purely serving our local communities. We do not need any more dated, inappropriate developments (approved by a "previous" Council; Noosa Civic, Uniting Church/Blue Care/Lendlease, Crabtree Court) to be pulled out of a bottom drawer and actioned to the detriment of our community. Are there any more?</p>
11	<p>Idea: The budget need more money for concrete walkways on the foot patches in the older suburbs, this is needed for safety for walkers of all ages</p>

Attachment 3 – Budget Email Submissions Received

Submission Topic	Detail
Zero Emissions Initiatives (22 emails received generally containing the content in the detail column)	<p>Submission to Noosa Council Budget Consultation</p> <p><i>Boosting Noosa Shire's Economy through Renewable Energy Initiatives and Reducing Transport Emissions</i></p> <p>The initiatives below will also assist Noosa Council in its implementation of the Climate Power Partnerships Economic Recovery Plan to which Council is a signatory; its own Climate Change Adaptation Plan and to growing Environmental (Cleantech) Industries as a priority industry sector in the Noosa Local Economic Plan.</p> <p>They will also assist in keeping the \$77m that leaves our shire each year in electricity costs. Using the innovations below will help to keep this money in our Shire to be used to stimulate our local economy.</p> <p>Council can support its goal of zero net community emissions by 2026 by:</p> <p><u>A. Providing funds for a Green Economic Development Officer from the Tourism and Economic Development Levy.</u> This officer will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with businesses to assist them to easily take up renewable energy and/or energy efficiency to reduce their power bills and reduce their emissions by connecting them to easily understood information and information and technology providers and 2. Help them to get the best value from their investment in renewable energy innovations by working with stakeholders like Energex on issues currently impeding some of the business benefit of using renewable energies like grid instability, demand charges and soon to be possible charges for exporting power to the grid 3. Work with businesses on solutions like peer-to-peer trading, virtual power plants VPP's and community batteries. 4. Encourage renewable energy technology and service providers to locate to Noosa Shire boosting jobs and innovation capacity using the regional competitive advantage to further diversify and build further resilience into the local economy. <p><u>B. Making Council's Project Officer Transport Infrastructure Services a full-time role.</u> This will enable this officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deliver the annual Noosa EV Expo as part of an Integrated Transport Strategy along with it's Walking and Cycling Strategy. The EV Expo is recognized as a key event for Noosa Council and for community engagement to raise the community awareness of the importance of electric vehicles (cars, buses, scooters and bikes) and change behaviour to help reduce the 30% of emissions that Noosa generates from transport. - strengthen the existing Council's strategies to get people out of emissions polluting vehicles and into low emissions transport options with resulting social (health), environmental and economic. <p>I thank you for your time in considering this submission and trust that Council is committed to reducing emissions across the Shire.</p>
Infrastructure and Green Transport	<p>Email 1 - The budget for the next ten years seems to be missing a high speed connection to the Bruce Highway. Noosa and Tewantin has schools on all exit roads. This means people communiting to and from Noosa and Tewantin are caught in at least one schools traffic on all exits. Tewantin is basically a crawl all mornings already and the Emundi road has a growing problem with the school off Grey Road. Currently as the load on the Noosa Cooroy Road increases the number of incidents increase and thus the speed limit decreases, this road is no longer a high speed connection from Tewantin to the Bruce. Like Maroochydore, and Caloundra, Noosa and Tewantin need a high speed connection to the Bruce Highway</p> <p>Email 2 - The original noosa council used to look after water they resurfaced the roads in sunrise beach and then later put sewerage lines through the new bitumen. Then unity water took over fees went up and the water manholes started popping and road surface collapsing. I complained several times to council over the years since because it is dangerous and carries buses and school children. The buses hitting raised manholes shook our house. In 2019 I was told that Woolomia way /boxsell rise was in 2021 budget. Instead we lost all our street trees and then nothing. This road is one of the worst surfaces I travel over and the eastern beach suburbs are forgotten by Council in preference for tourist areas and commercial zones. We need basic services and repairs done. Peregrian seems to have gardeners and street sweepers working daily, unnecessary works</p>

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	<p>are being prioritised over repairs and maintenance and then waste fees are going up. Hectares of the natural environment are being lost to developers to destroy for profit despite reports of the biodiversity importance. Noosa coastal flora is special but in the wrong hands it will be gone. Buses should be light electric and small and council should set its priorities for local ratepayers that live here and pay the rates.</p> <p>Email 3 – Emissions reductions and associated benefits of stronger adoption of e-bikes in Noosa Shire.</p> <p>SPECIFIC STRATEGY PROPOSAL Council initiatives that demonstrate the environmental, social and financial benefits of everyday use of e-bikes, and encouragement e-bike adoption by Noosa residents</p> <p>OUR CONTEXT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are residents of Peregrine Beach, within Noosa Shire 2. In August 2019, we purchased two e-bikes locally, and have maintained a log of trips undertaken since. 3. We believe that a simple Noosa Council strategy of publicising how we (and similar others) have used our e-bikes could provide a powerful encouragement to other residents, particularly older residents, to adopt e-bikes as a key, everyday travel option. 4. Our use of e-bikes was publicised in a January 2021 edition of Noosa Today also featuring Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart. 5. In that newspaper item, we were quoted at length. In particular, we made the point that, in the space of about fourteen months, we had used our e-bikes for 126 trips to the Peregrine Village shops, particularly the IGA supermarket. We see those trips as emblematic of a potentially powerful initiative in e-bike use in Noosa Shire. 6. The key aspects of those trips are that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those trips replaced 126 trips that would have been undertaken using a petrol-powered vehicle. • Each round trip was of only six kilometres, but we had previously baulked at riding conventional bikes to Peregrine Village because the return journey ends in a long, significantly steep climb up the length of Lowry Street to our home in Calliandra Grove, approximately 35 metres above sea level. • With the bikes fitted with soft 'bags/panniers', we can carry a sizeable load of groceries etc, and can manage to ascend Lowry Street with a moderate effort, easily maintaining a speed around 15kph. • Our use of e-bikes for these trips alone has eliminated petrol-driven travel of about 760km over 18 months, or about 506km in a year. 7. We also use our e-bikes for many everyday trips - to swim squads at the Noosa Aquatic Centre (NAC); to a casual teaching role at a Peregrine Springs school; to book club meetings; recreational rides as far as Mudjimba (south) and Tewantin (north). 8. Our combined total mileage of e-bike usage from August 2019 to March 2021 was 5,500km. <p>If even only one thousand Noosa Shire residents used e-bikes for their particular equivalent of our trips to the local supermarket/shops (506km annually), that would amount to over half a million kilometres of e-bike travel replacing petrol-fuelled travel. That calculation is based on only one potential use of e-bikes, and does not refer at all to the other types of trips that Noosa citizens would undertake in any year (as signalled for our context in point 7 above). We see the potential benefits for Noosa Shire of encouraging Noosa citizens to - in their own individual ways - replicate the ways we have modified our daily travel through adopting e-bikes.</p> <p>The benefits go beyond reductions in fossil-fuel emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of e-bikes reduces road/traffic congestion, reduces road maintenance/repair costs, reduces the demand for car parking spaces at local retail/commercial/recreational hubs. • It encourages people to visit places where the challenge of finding a parking spot would usually discourage them from visiting (shops, entertainment places, local markets, beach). • Bikes (e- or otherwise) also encourage social engagement: people riding bikes tend to chat casually when they encounter each other, for example when parking their bikes outside the local supermarket or café. • Current interest in e-bikes has promoted these types of random social conversations. (By contrast, it's probably rare for a car driver in a supermarket car park to strike up a random conversation along the lines of 'I notice you've driven a car here today. How interesting. Let's chat!'.)

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	<p>We recommend that Noosa Council explore and enact simple ways of conveying to the public the message explicit in our submission above – that, indeed, ‘you’ can consider using an e-bike to take many of the everyday trips you usually take by car. And, that in so doing, you’ll be contributing to the environmental and social well-being of the communities of Noosa Shire. For example, could simple, striking signs be placed near supermarket/shop entrances stating ‘I came here by e-bike today. Could you?’ – and providing a simple story in a couple of sentences: ‘We live three kilometres from here, at the top of a ridge. We used to come by car. Now, our e-bikes let us do it easily, conveniently and sustainably. That’s just one idea. We hope that there would be an appropriate Noosa Council officer who could undertake the type of initiative we have described above within a broader portfolio related to environment, transport, community and sustainability. We have appreciated the opportunity to make this submission to Noosa Council.</p> <p>Email 4 - Draft Noosa Council 10 Year Capital Works Program Submission</p> <p>As an interested community member, rate payer of the Kin Kin Community Group Inc. I recently reviewed the ‘draft’ Noosa Council 10 year Capital Works Program with anticipation and too gain an understanding of what Council may had considered as important capital works projects to improve our community infrastructure in Kin Kin over the next decade.</p> <p>Other than rural road maintenance and the replacement of Wahpunga Lane bridge (which was in the pipeline for some years), there is no ‘other’ programmed capital works for Kin Kin ie, skatepark expansion, streetscaping, footpaths, improvements. It is very disappointing that Council have not embarked on a relationship with the Kin Kin Community to gain an understanding or listen to what ‘we’ suggest would be promising projects for our town moving into the future. The KKCG Inc. expressed an interest with Council to be involved in Strategic Planning for Kin Kin (which we were told we had missed out’ and have communicated through various liaison, emails and discussions with Council over a period of time, which all but seem to have been ignored. It has been over 15 years since we received our first roundabout in Main Street and over a decade since KKCG Inc. instigated the request and led community consultation for our skatepark on the oval. Other than these two works, there is little that has been provided for our community.</p> <p>Well, to say the least, the proposed (or lack of) capital works projects reflects broadly on the relationship that Noosa Council lacks with our community. The KKCG Inc. has worked tirelessly to express (with many levels of Council; Councillors, Property Officers and Administration) our community need for the Kin Kin Sportsground Community Centre to be made available to the community to support the wellbeing, cultural, sporting, social aspects and facilities that it once did, since it has been closed by council by a Public Health Order on 18 September 2019. Numerous engagements, meetings with council about this issue has provided little to NO support, understanding or acknowledgement of our community needs. We have been asking for answers for over 18 months, ‘a way forward’ with no resolve. On Friday 9 April 2021, a resident of Kin Kin posted the question on social media to the Mayor ‘asking why the community house has been closed for so long and why the water supply was turned off instead of putting filters on taps’, that same afternoon the Major was able to respond with ‘It has been closed because of a bat infestation and money has been allocated by our property department in this year’s budget to clean up the mess left by the bats and as well as the addition of a new water supply system’. How is it that we have been waiting for answers for some time and as soon as the question is posted on social media, an answer is provided by the Major. Whilst I appreciate that this issue is ‘finally’ moving forward, why isn’t the proposed funding for ‘Expansion Upgrade to Oval Facilities and Amenities’ programmed for delivery in the 2027 / 2028 be given immediate priority so that sportsground buildings works can be undertaken at the same time so that the facilities are adequate for our community and not just a ‘fix up job’ proposed this year.</p> <p>I urgently request that Council reassess their priorities for Kin Kin capital works and create a relationship with the community, an opportunity to provide input, suggestions and ambitions for our town. Simply, to wait another 10 years is not fair, nor responsible of Council. What can Council provide to enhance the town for our children, elderly and visitors?. Why is funding for projects to the north of the shire, non existent. We deserve an explanation and further consideration prior to Council finalising the capital works for next 10 years.</p>

Submission Topic	Detail
Environmental Management	<p>Email 1 - Attention Noosa Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Councillors, I write with concern re Noosa Council's current preparations for this year's Budget. In my time living in Noosa Shire, I have participated enthusiastically in the Bushcare program however over recent years there seems to always be a shortfall in the funds available for Bushcare across the Shire & in other areas of the maintenance of our precious natural environment. Noosa's point of difference has always been the protection of our natural environment but in recent years the amount of required funding hasn't been available for ongoing maintenance in particular! Bushcare volunteers have been successful in acquiring grants to support our activities designed to improve the biodiversity & to protect our natural bushland reserves from being overrun with habitat changing weeds. However Council has continuously cut back the funding so that little Council funded maintenance is actually achieved & what is done is sporadic & infrequent. Noosa's reputation is built on its natural vegetation but the protection of this environment requires substantially more funding to be allocated so that REAL protection happens as a matter of course. At the moment, it seems that Parks allocation of personnel & resources outstrips that of natural areas. To my mind every community around Australia has parks & gardens but few are lucky enough to have the magnificent natural features of forest & beaches at their fingertips. Unfortunately the relentless onslaught of introduced species from home gardens, agricultural activities etc have a disastrous impact on the health of our Reserves, bushlands, dunes & requires additional personnel & funds. As teams of senior volunteers, we have been holding on to the many Bushcare sites, by a thread! With the emphasis of the CHAP Plan's recommendations for dunal bushland management as the most desirable application to confront the rising sea levels & the impacts of big weather events, Council's budget will need major adjustment to meet the anticipated management requirements to enable the frontal dunes & bushland's to build resilience. Another area of Council funding in need is for the ZEN program to support the 2026 emission free plan.</p> <p>Email 2 - Just some thoughts for the budget As the world continues to heat, trees can help to ameliorate this problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One suggestion is to provide a free tree(indigenous to that area) once a year to every ratepayer who lives in the Shire. • Allocate more funds to provide more greenery by planting small trees and shrubs on local footpaths, other walkways and road islands. Avenues of cool greenery? • As development ravages trees and habitat for many small animals, birds and insects, a ratio of trees to houses plus footpath plantings could be part of the building approval application-trees that provide food for wildlife, part of Noosa's attraction. • Any type of development that is beside any natural reserve, park or National Park could be required to plant only indigenous plants so that these reserves and parks do not become invaded by exotic species. • Funds to safeguard and preserve old established trees – even old dead trees have value and provide habitat for some animals and birds. • Provide more funds and support to those volunteer groups who work to restore natural habitats. • Provide funds/ penalties for the clearing of privately built infrastructure on public dunal land and restore it with plants. Hedges Avenue Landowners on Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast had built BBQ pits, added lighting, rose hedges, tables and chairs and had fenced off the dunal area as part of their private property. The Council acted and this was cleared even though Council were threatened with being sued. • Provide funds to fence off the tracks from private property across the dunes- dunes are being severely eroded. Restore the vegetation. • Provide a free compost bin for those who wish to compost their own green and vegetable waste. • Provide funds for a 20 to 30 centimetre high extruded cement barrier between the road and the bike lanes . Greater safety and encouragement for the growing numbers of bike riders. • Offer Greenships apprenticeships to school leavers to provide youth employment and to keep them living in the area. <p>Email 3 - Budget Feedback Submission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have been ratepayers for 35 years and lived permanently here for 21 years. 2. In that time invasive weeds on verges, roadsides and other natural areas have been proliferating out of control. 3. Weed vines, in particular, in those areas need urgent attention. 4. The Environmental Levy needs to be increased or monies taken from general rates to employ at least one team of 4 full time to start a systematic and sustained program to remove invasive vines and highly flammable weed grasses on roadside verges on both Council roads and Main Roads.

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General Budget Process	<p>Email 1 - I thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the above. As a resident and ratepayer, please note the following comments regarding Council's budget process and priorities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Government Act sets out important criteria regarding the relationship between the Corporate Plan, the annual Operational Plan and the Budget. S. 104(5) of the Act states: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The system of financial management established by a local government must include— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a corporate plan that incorporates community engagement; a long-term asset management plan; a long-term financial forecast; an annual budget including revenue statement; an annual operational plan; and the following financial accountability documents prepared for the local government— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a report on the results of an annual review of the implementation of the annual operational plan; <p>In addition, S. 168(8) of the Local Government Regulation states:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The budget must be consistent with the following documents of the local government— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> its 5-year corporate plan; its annual operational plan. Put simply, there must be a clear pathway leading from the 5 year Corporate Plan, through to each annual Operational Plan, via delivery of the actions identified in Council's adopted Strategies. The Operational Plan should contain actions which are specific and measurable, as it is the means by which Mayor and Councillors assesses performance of staff in delivering the actions, and by which the community has accountability and transparency for the expectations they hold given the community consultation which underpinned the adopted Strategies. This then enables meaningful oversight of delivery of the Operational Plan at both quarterly and annual reviews by Councillors on behalf of their community. It also enables budgetary consistency as required by the Local Government Regulation. Sadly, previous Operational Plans of Noosa Council have frequently been lacking in detail, being content to outline broad goals, rather than specific action deliverables, particularly as regards adopted Strategies. As a result, the community is unable to assess whether and how Council is delivering against the fine words and aspirations in those various adopted strategies. The 21-22 Operational Plan must remedy this shortcoming, and contain specific actions linked to adopted Strategies. Only then can the council be seen to be genuinely practising transparency and accountability. Those strategies include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The 2015 Social Strategy; The 2015 Local Economic Plan; The 2018 Sport and Active Recreation Plan; Noosa Council Transport Strategy 2017-2027 (although this is sadly lacking in specifics) Noosa Environment Strategy 2019 Noosa Climate Action Plan 2021 (in consultation) Active Cycling and Walking Strategy (in consultation) <p>I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.</p>
Lifeguard Service Provision	<p>Email 1 - I wish to see the following budget considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the provision of a 7 day a week, 365 day a year Professional lifeguard service at the western end of noosa main beach. <p>after several near misses early this season when the volunteer clubbies had control of the western beach tower, it is now time to bring the protection of swimmers in the 21st century.</p> <p>Provision of a 7 day a week Professional lifeguard service in the west tower will support the volunteer service over the weekends of the summer months and ensure high of service at all times to the visitors on noosa main beach.</p> <p>Time has moved on and just like the Noosa fire station, which was once a volunteer service, as the risk and demand increased this was replaced with professional firefighters, the same needs to be considered for our lifesaving services. The number of near misses just supports it time to move on and provide a professional lifesaving to users of noosa's main beach, supported in peak times by volunteers. The very same system is in action at Australia's busiest beach, Bondi.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the upgrading of single person lifeguard stations to crewed by 2 lifeguards <p>it is a simple workplace safety issues to not have 2 lifeguards on station. A single person station can not handle multiple rescues at once, already in the past this exact situation has put beach goers at risk.</p>

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	Second it has been justified to have single person stations because these can be supported by operational support wave runners in the area, numerous times this season alone there has been no such service due to a lack of volunteers, creating a dangerous situation for those guards stationed at single person locations.

Attachment 4 – Your Say Noosa 10 Year Capital Plan Feedback

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Recreational / Exercise Equipment	<p>Comment 1 - Congratulations on the Plan. I suggest that it should include fitness equipment/gym in the Noosa Heads Lions Park. This could be located near the playground equipment so whole families can exercise and have fun together at an iconic location. Consideration should also be given to equipment designed for the older person to use. As our community ages, it will be more and more important to provide such facilities.</p> <p>Comment 2 - I firmly believe more of budget should be directed towards providing recreational and exercise equipment for age group 9years -16years of age. Lack of equipment for this age group is most noticeable in Noosa Heads Noosa Junction area. A good example is the update of playground equipment in Alex Dan Park on the corner of Tarina and Cooyar st Noosa Junction. Although this upgrade was needed,one only has to drive down Leslie Drive in the morning to see bus stops full of secondary age students. This area is now far too expensive for first time home buyers with small children. Rents are also too high for these families. This small park could easily accommodate a half basketball court where once a brick wall was used to hit tennis balls against. Turning this park into a dog off leash area meant children wishing to use small balls ,even soccer balls, became impossible for obvious reasons! In future, I hope recreational and off leash dog parks are kept separate. At 68years of age ,I hope to see the budget shared around all age groups and not just allocated to those groups that scream the loudest with selfish motives. A healthy next generation both physically and mentally,is vital for our social and economic growth.</p>