

## **Noosa Chamber of Commerce steps up to next level**

The Noosa Chamber of Commerce will make enhanced services to its members a major focus in 2023.

“We’ll be holding a series of member events and learning workshops to assist with running businesses and networking. And our new website is almost ready to go live, which will be easier for members to use and for new members to join,” said Chamber President Ralph Rogers at the Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry December AGM.

Ralph Rogers outlined the 2022 achievements including a new Chamber strategy and road map, an ‘Adopt a Worker’ program devised to facilitate housing for key workers for which funding is being sought, regular coffee mornings and sunset events for members, and establishing strong engagement with Noosa Council.

“We meet regularly with Noosa’s Mayor, CEO and Council economic development staff on our members’ behalf to discuss and advocate for our resident businesses and the broader community,” said Rogers.

“For this purpose we provided Council with Chamber-funded expert reports comparing Noosa Council’s performance with like councils and an assessment of Council’s annual budget, both of which we will continue providing in 2023-24 in conjunction with the Hastings Street Association and Noosaville Business Association.”

“In 2023-2024 we will build on that foundation of activities and engagement, by enhancing member services and being a strong voice for our members.”

At the AGM, Ralph Rogers was re-elected President, Emma Hull and Tim Rook as Vice Presidents, and Karen Cook-Langdon as Treasurer. Pat Rogers, Andrew Davidson, Joel Laventure and Pamela Sweetapple continue as Management Committee members.

Ralph Rogers said, “We also welcome Ingrid Jackson as our new Secretary and Gareth Doran and MaryAnne Edwards as new Committee members. The Noosa Chamber committee continues to consist of highly experienced and motivated people who are committed to making a difference for Noosa.”

“We welcome new members who want their voice heard as we strive to deliver a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable future for our Shire.”