

A local slant

YOUR paper on January 1 seems to be about the "touristas" in Noosa Shire and not the resident ratepayers, except those with financial interests in the Hastings St end who are worried about retail shopping competition.

Shopping money is going south, along with retail employment, while the Noosa Council spends rate money "tarting up" Hastings St and worrying about cheap variety shops at Noosa Junction staying in business.

Perhaps full-time residents' interests should be catered to for a change. There's desperate need for expansion of Noosa Civic Shopping Centre and for the business streets of Cooroy and Pomona to have their footpaths weeded and a street sweeper used more often. With a council election coming up, a new broom may be needed in the chambers as well.

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Civic explained

THANK you to the Noosa News, and Peter Gardiner, for putting together

you know they're there but we
don't give them too much further
day to day thought.

expertise.

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Cooroy

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the "Yes and no Civic arguments" (NN, Jan 1).

The Noosa Residents and Ratepayers Association, Noosa Parks Association, and Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry all argue against the expansion of Noosa Civic, using the Noosa Plan to say "no", yet along with Noosa Council they have had more than 10 years to try to entice non-retailing, technology-based R&D and the education industry to set up in the Shire Business Centre, and not one thing in this regard has happened.

For the benefit of all Noosa residents who think the expansion of Noosa Civic is essential for Noosa to grow and prosper in the future, I would like to see the above organisations, and

Noosa Council, explain how they are going to bring 800 additional jobs to Noosa over the next three years as outlined by the Queensland Investment Corporation, and how they are going to keep in Noosa the estimated \$400 million of the annual retail spend that leaks out of Noosa primarily to Maroochydore each year.

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