

HUT GOSSIP

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Pomona King of the Mountain 2022

Jul 24

Where: Pomona

Price: Free entry for spectators



Noosa Alive 2022

When: Jul 21 - Jul 31

Where: Noosa & surrounds

Website: www.noosaalive.com.au/



Noosa Enduro 2022

Jul 30 - Jul 31

Noosa District Sports Complex

Website: www.noosaenduro.com.au/

President's Bit

Well, it has certainly been a busy few months. It's been nice welcoming a lot more of our southern visitors and also a few more from overseas into the Hut, our visitor numbers are certainly growing again.

We have been lucky to have enjoyed a couple of families to Amaze World the Glasshouse Mountains area and the Ginger Factory.

We also organised an itinerary and welcomed a group of Sunshine Coast Tourism volunteers to Tewantin.

It is good to be able to make connections with volunteers from other centres on the Sunshine Coast. As a result of them coming to visit us, we now have our Tewantin Brochure being handed out at the Sunshine Coast Airport!

It was nice to catch up with a few of the volunteers we had met at previous family's when we attended this year's SCOUT event which was a great opportunity for us all to keep updated about different events, products, etc that are available to our visitors over the whole Sunshine Coast area.

In May we celebrated National Volunteers Week with a delicious breakfast at the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club. It was a wonderful morning and great to share this event with so many of Parkyn's Hut's fabulous VOLLIES and a good opportunity to recognise our volunteers for their years of service.

Thanks so much to Keetha, Richard, Mike, Barb, Gail, Paul, Yolande and Terry for all your years of telling people what to do and where to go at Parkyn's Hut.

It was also a lovely opportunity to welcome the latest addition to the Parkyn's Hut family our Patron, Sandy Bolton. We are all so happy to have her aboard.

Our most recent gathering was to celebrate Parkyn Hut's 21st birthday! What a brilliant achievement and congratulations and thanks to everyone who, over the years, has contributed in any way to the ongoing success of Parkyn's Hut.

... Cheers, Gail
Gail McBurney
(President)



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National Volunteers Week

by Patsy Fayne

Time to pause and thank all the wonderful volunteers we have in our Noosa community. So many volunteers in so many different aspects of community life.

The wonderful Parkyn's Hut family of volunteers were excited to have Sandy Bolton, our local State member, join them for breakfast at the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club ... and what a feast they were served.

A big thank you to the Yacht Club for this annual gesture to thank our Hut volunteers. Much appreciated.

Parkyn's Hut is the local Tewantin tourist information centre ... that old, painted hut that sits on the corner opposite the Tewantin RSL.

It also serves as a Heritage and Historical centre and what a great job they did during the 150 year celebrations in Tewantin !

If you are tempted to join our happy family of volunteers, learn more about what our area has to offer to locals and tourist alike, just call Tania on 0431 340 162. No experience is necessary, help is always on hand and besides, our beautiful Noosa area sells itself !

A big thank you to all volunteers.

... published in Noosa Today



THANK YOU!





Parkyn's Hut

Parkyns Hut 21st celebrations ... 21 years of telling people where to go.

What a lovely day it was - cruising our beautiful River - perfect weather, great company, yummy food !Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way to make the day the great success it was.

Especially Chris, from the Noosa Queen, who donates his time and boat for this event.

Also thanks to the Royal Mail Hotel and the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club for their donation of vouchers which we presented to this year's "Amazing Volunteer Award" recipients.

Congratulations to this year's winners ... Carol Williams, Bill Barry and Peter Burfoot. Thanks to each one of them for the fabulous contributions they make towards helping everything at Parkyns Hut run smoothly.

... Gail McBurney



New timber display counter for Parkyn's Hut

by Carol Williams

The timber display counter has arrived!

Local blackbutt timber, milled and handcrafted by Cooroora Wordworkers Club at Cooroy, and Rob Bloomfield's hand made and inscribed timber plaque highlighting the donation from the Club.

This unique piece of craftsmanship can sit pride of place at Parkyn's Hut.

Already visitors have remarked on the beautiful timber and the convenient height and size to unfold and observe maps on the counter top, a very serviceable work area.

Pop in - admire the timber and the beautiful piece of craftsmanship that now is part of Parkyn's Hut!



An entertaining little snippet ...

from Helga Thiermann

The last time I was on with Elvie, a middle-aged lady came into the Parkyn's Hut and wanted to show her two friends from New Zealand - wait for it - where she was conceived!

Her parents obviously had a good time when the Hut was still used as accommodation for guests of the Parkyn family. Isn't that nice to know?!

And ... Elvie knows her late parents, she looked after them when they were old and Elvie was a young Blue Nurse!

AMAZE WORLD

GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS LOOKOUTS

GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS INFORMATION CENTRE

Explore/Familiarisation Day: 27 April 2022

(Report compiled by Helga and Bill)

On one of the first cool mornings this year, 22 of us, including three ladies (Wendy, Linda and Kay) from the Hastings Street Information Centre, took off to a day of good fun and information gathering, with Peter as our driver of the RSL bus.

AMAZE WORLD

Our first stop was at **Amaze World** in Tanawha where manager Myra welcomed us at 9 am (normal opening hours are from 10 am to 4 pm). We entered through the Magic Waterfall, which was not working, but Myra said when it works there is a lot of laughter to be heard. We enjoyed a walk through the rainforest, past a wishing well, over a bridge (where are the crocodiles?!) to the centre of the park. There is a coffee/snack shop where puzzles and souvenirs are sold (at very reasonable prices), and a viewing platform overlooking the Maze. Amazing!

Myra gave us some background information including the fact that Bellingham Hedge Maze was first opened in 1993, and that the new management had decided to keep the name "Bellingham" for the hedge maze, as well as the original windmill as part of the original setting. The hedge of the maze had to be replanted three times over the years until they got it right. The hedge now consists of Lillypilly bushes which we were told take about 2 days to trim. The challenge was to get to the little tower in the middle and out again! You are meant to get lost! It was so much fun, and we all succeeded.

Next came the Timber Maze, the Rope Maze, the Tyre Maze, Mini Golf, Jenga and an Enchanted Portal. Plenty to enjoy for the whole family!





Myra also showed us a phone app that would superimpose various animals on any photo you took, depending on where you were in the maze or elsewhere on the property. This used "augmented reality", and you can see this on the photo taken with the app showing Peter and a superimposed Amaze World animal below. The app is free, and available for iOS and Android phones.



We were served a delicious morning tea with fresh fruit, little cakes, and crackers and cheese. There are also gluten-free options available.

Myra also mentioned that there are plans to extend Amaze World and create more parking.

Bookings can be made on-line, and there are various family/group options, as well as yearly passes. Check these out at <https://amazeworld.com.au/>



GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS LOOKOUTS

From Amaze World, Peter drove us to two lookouts with magnificent views of the Glasshouse Mountains.

First stop was at the Lookout Café, where there were great views of some of the Glasshouse Mountains. The menu showed a variety of snacks and drinks available for very reasonable prices, but we were already booked to have lunch at the Glasshouse Mountains VIC.



We travelled up to the main Glasshouse Mountains Lookout, which had a 360° view of the mountains, with illustrated plaques showing the mountains and other details. Well worth a visit!



GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS INFORMATION CENTRE

Nearly lunchtime, and we had an invitation from the Glasshouse Mountains VIC where Beth had prepared fresh sandwiches and grapes, and we could make ourselves tea or coffee.

It's a spacious modern Information Centre with plenty of parking, and with lots of information on the walls. Some of us especially liked the interactive display where dinosaurs can be placed on a board showing an ancient landscape.

The Centre opened eleven years ago and local materials like old tobacco drying racks were included in the architecture. This Centre is one of 3 run by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council; the others are in Montville and at the Airport. They have about 150 volunteers, with about 40 running this VIC.

Volunteer Michael gave us information about the history of the area, the crops – tobacco, pineapple, macadamia and about which mountains to climb and which not.

Mt Ngungun is the best climb, it's easy.

Mt Beerwah ("Mum" of the Glasshouse Mountains family): don't climb, it's too slippery.

Mt Tibrogargan ("Dad"): go around anti-clockwise to get a view of all the other Glasshouse Mountains ahead of you as you circumnavigate.

Wild Horse Mountain: easy climb and there is a road a fair way up.

Don't climb Mt Beerburrum, it is too steep.

Further attractions in the area are the Australia Zoo which is well visited lately, the Mary Cairncross Park with its Education Centre, and the three Ms, Mapleton, Montville and Maleny.





At about 2 pm, we once again boarded the bus to head back to Tewantin, detouring to Nambour to drop off Richard. We were very lucky to have had a rare sunny day without rain for this great trip.

ROSTER UPDATE



Thank you everyone for your Dedication to the Roster.

Let me know if you want details or days, added or amended to your allocated shifts. The Roster is always flexible.

We are fortunate to welcome two new VOLLIES !

** Kay Goatham comes to Parkyn's Hut with much enthusiasm & experience from Tourism Noosa.*

** Robyn Monkhouse joins us after many happy years of volunteering with Tourism Sunshine Coast.*

Annual Membership Fees for TH & HS is due from July for 2022-23 financial year.

*Thank you to those who have already organised payments.
\$10 Member and \$15 Family.*



Thinking of Terry McIntyre and Gary Rossiter who have recently been in hospital.

And Freda Bull who is recovering from recent illness.

We wish them all a sound and strong recovery.

VOLLIES and VISITORS make Parkyn's Hut a great place to work.

We do it for the Fun not the Pay. Every day is a good day!

... Tania Murray

After the turn of the 20th century, Tewantin was transitioning from a frontier town built on timber and mining, into one with a developing fishing industry, as well as becoming a tourist destination, and a generally nice place to live.

The residents of Noosa Shire wanted more facilities.

In early February 1914, Mr G.G. Dennis, then councillor for division 3 on the Noosa Shire Council (NSC), wrote to the Tewantin Progress Association (TPA) stating that he intended to ask the NSC to borrow £500 for the purpose of erecting public baths, a pavilion and a public tennis court, etc in Tewantin.

The TPA responded: "that the people of Tewantin are at present occupied with a proposal for the construction of a tramway between Eumundi and Tewantin". They then suggested that they could raise funds when that project was completed.¹

The proposal of the public baths was again raised with NSC by the TPA and informed the NSC that there was already £49 15s. subscribed by the public for the project, and held in trust.²

After being held over due to the absence of Cr Duke, the issue was discussed in the NSC April 1915 meeting. Cr. Duke asked that council give £1 for £1 up to £30. He estimated that the total cost would be £200, but he could not recommend their construction.³

After much discussion, considering advice received from the Local Authorities Association and considering objections from the Kin Kin PA, the NSC agreed that each division would contribute £10,⁴ and added with the now £60 that the community had collected,⁵ build the baths for the overseers previous estimate of £86.⁶ Ganger Fritz was to supervise the construction.⁷

By December, the construction was underway, but more funds were needed, and so Mr. D. Martin hosted a New Year's Eve party for the benefit, which raised £3 from the door, and a further £4 from the auction of a statue of Lord Kitchener.

Perhaps it was the "exhibition of fancy dancing" put on by Miss Lydement that put the guests in a generous mood.⁸

The baths, having been completed and in use by March 1916, still attracted some awkwardness for the council, not so much the question of future costs for maintaining them, although that concern had been raised previously, but the fact that there had been "a lot of complaints of people bathing unclothed, but the police had not been able to catch them". It was suggested that a caretaker be appointed.⁹ Imagine that, nude bathing in Tewantin, who would have thought?

It would certainly not have sat well with Bishop Duhig of Rockhampton, who, it was reported, said in 1910 that mixed bathing, along with women riding astride, and other abuses, are threatening to re-paganise society".¹⁰

The caretaking issue was finally resolved when the TPA accepted the offer to take control of the facility for three years in July 1917.¹¹ It is not clear whether this arrangement continued, however there were numerous complaints about the state of the baths, not to mention the behaviour of some of the bathers, including men using the ladies compartment!

Over the following years, many events were held to raise funds for the upkeep of, and also improvements to, the facility. Substantial funds were collected, and in 1923 the Tewantin Memorial Baths were opened, replacing the basic facilities first constructed.

A tennis court was also constructed around this time, adjacent to the baths.

1. Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette Sat 21 February 1914 P6
2. Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser Fri 12 March 1915 P6
3. Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette Sat 17 April 1915 P1
4. Noosa Shire Council Meeting Minutes 1915_09_08 Ordinary Meeting
5. Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette Sat 16 Oct 1915 P2 Noosa Shire Council
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10. Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette Tues 5 July 1910 P3
11. Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette Sat 14 July 1917 P2

... submitted by Bruce Cuttle

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How Good is your Aussie English ?

Jim Egoroff, a Russian, arrived in Australia in 1950 aged nine and always spoke Russian at home. Some years ago, while overseas, Jim was asked to give an English lesson to a group of Russians who thought they knew English in the 1990s. He told them the following story and laughed uproariously because they couldn't understand a word of it.

His glad rags in a total shambles, his horse scratched, poorly shod Ted caught some dreaded lurgy in the clink and nearly snuffed it. He was real crook, so he asked to see a man of the cloth. Before he went downhill and gave up the ghost, he was a real spunk and could have parked his shoes under any girl's bed any day. A half-decent wench could always afford to pay his parking fees. He could charm birds off trees, and he could tickle any lady's fancy - even if, occasionally, he might tickle the till in the cafe.

He said that before he was ready to kick the bucket, before he was dead to the world, he was going to try to extract some guts from the local pigs who framed him. "They stitched me up good and proper," Ted said. If he had his way, Ted would have them hung, drawn and quartered.,

He said when the police caught him red-handed, "My heart was in my mouth". He swore black and blue that he didn't do it and told them they were talking a lot of bull, saying "Pull the other leg, it plays 'Jingle Bells'".

Whilst Ted was out of circulation at Her Majesty's pleasure, his old lady dropped her bundle and hit the roof. She couldn't believe that after working around the clock, her niece - her own flesh and blood - could dob Ted in to the local constabulary and spill the beans about the hot gear stashed in Ted's pad.

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