

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre

Tewantin 150 Jubilee Commemorative issue

President's Bit

Not long now before 2022 is upon us, so I'm wishing all our wonderful volunteers a very happy New Year.

And let's hope it also brings us a bit more normality.

The volunteers 'thank you' morning put on by Noosa Council was very well attended by our volunteers where we enjoyed a lovely morning tea, massage, Zumba lesson, toe tapping music, electric bike rides, paddling with the outriggers and a very relaxing 3D experience.

Thanks to everyone that helped out or attended Tewantin's 150th celebrations. It was a fantastic day and we've had some great feedback.

Thanks for all the time and effort you put in, Carol, to make this day a great event.

The committee has been working hard to keep up with all of our COVID-19 requirements so please take note of all correspondence as things are regularly changing. Of course our volunteers' good health and happiness is the top priority!

I also want to say a really big 'thank you' to all those volunteers who have offered to help us out by doing extra shifts to cover the vacancies on the roster during the silly season.

... Cheers, Gail



Did you know?

by Bruce Cuttle

German Sea mines

Have you wondered about the two old grey sea mines which are located in Tewantin Memorial Reserve?

It was not uncommon for German sea mines to be washed up on Australian shores during and after both the first and second world wars, and Tewantin's memorials are among them.

The first of these two mines washed up was found at Teewah Bay by Robert McGoorty in February 1921, and local fishermen estimated that the oysters growing on the case were approximately 4 years old. The mine was protected by Police until the Navy arrived to disarm it. It was then relocated to Tewantin where it was set in concrete.

The second (larger) mine was found washed up on Noosa Beach by Mr G. Massoud in March 1944. It also was, thankfully, disarmed and mounted in concrete in the Reserve.*

Who knew??



* Heritage Noosa (23rd Jul 2021). Noosa Remembers: a history of the World War I memorials of Noosa Shire. In Website Heritage Noosa. <https://heritage.noosa.qld.gov.au/nodes/view/4373>



SONJA HEINI – FOUNDED MEMBER

Official opening for Parkyn's Hut in Tewantin

THE refurbished Tewantin Heritage and Information Centre, next to the Royal Mail Hotel, will be officially opened as Parkyn's Hut by member for Fairfax Alex Somlyay on June 13.

"Alex Somlyay gave a great deal of assistance in getting \$20,000 to renovate the hut from Centenary of Federation funds," said Division Two councillor June Colley.

"It will be a pleasure to have him officially open the hut, to let him know his efforts are appreciated in Noosa.

"After the opening, Mayor Bob Abbot will present the key to Terry Nolan, president of the Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society Inc.

"Following that, Mr Nolan will present what is believed to be an original cash register built of timber from the Royal Mail to the manager of the Royal Mail, Mitch Cirwen.

"The cash register will be positioned in a display cabinet in the Royal Mail, which itself is an historic hotel.

"The Royal Mail is fast becoming an icon of heritage significance because of its long history in Tewantin. It is a survivor from the amazing number of hotel fires that occurred in Tewantin in the early days, and is about the third or fourth Royal Mail to be built on the same site, as far as we can make out - there's a bit of conjecture about that.

"Since the Tewantin Heritage and Tourist Information Centre opened its doors on good Friday, well over 1100 tourists have asked for information, and the majority of these requests have been for day trips from Tewantin out into the hinterland, to camping areas, general requests for bed and breakfast and, 'Where can we go for a nice drive through the bush?' People appear to be interested in scenery, lookouts, and something different from the beach.

"There are now about 27 volunteers who operate the centre, seven days a week from about 9am to 5pm. Residents of Tewantin also pop in for a chat and have a look at the centre, which is proving a very popular meeting place.



Volunteers Beverley Menkens (right) and Sonia Heini with Cr June Colley (centre)

"Tourists who called in came from all round Australia and overseas as well as Queensland. Tewantin has been known as the link between the coast and the hinterland. Since the advent of the hut, that link has certainly become stronger.

"I think we have tapped into a different market - the visitors who come there are not all interested in the beach. They want to see the Coloured Sands, do trips up river, and use walking tracks.

"The next stage of the Heritage and Discovery Tour will be more detailed walking tracks listed in a brochure, in response to requests for walks. Planning for a brochure is in the pipeline now.

"We are discovering from analysis of the inquiries that Boreen Point is a very popular spot, and the requests are also growing for Pomona, Johns Landing and Mill Point. The Botanical Gardens are also becoming more popular.

"All these requests really justify the need to diversify in the tourism industry. Tourism Noosa in the future should be looking at taking over the expansion of the Heritage and Discovery Trails as soon as the new Tourism Collaborative Board is up and operating."

PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Parkyn's Hut Vollies Christmas Celebration, once again was held at the Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club (see photos on following pages). As you can see, it was a good turn out !

The two course meal at the same price for just \$1 more than previous years was a real bonus and our Treasurer ensured no one went home thirsty.

Michael and Patsy Fayne, arranged to have some hams raffled. As usual, this proved to be very popular. Congratulations to the winners, a couple of whom were lucky to win several prizes ... no, it's definitely NOT rigged!!

President Gail McBurney welcomed us all and thanked us for our efforts this year. Sincere thanks to her for the beautiful hand crafted greeting cards distributed to all Vollies - what a tremendous personal effort ... much appreciated by us all Gail !!

The time passed all too quickly, but most found an opportunity to drift from table to table for chats.

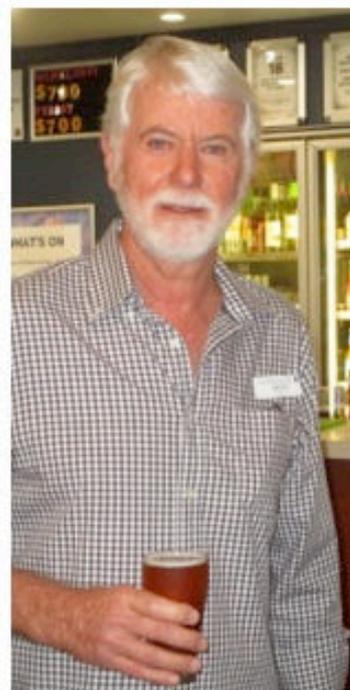
Thank you for your willingness to hop in when needed to keep the Hut open as much as possible during some trying times. We look forward to a much more normal year in 2022.

... Ed

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Did you know?

by Bruce Cuttle

James McKenna



Originally a carpenter and cabinetmaker in Gympie, James McKenna relocated to Noosaville in the early 1930's. He bought a property at No 110 Hilton Terrace where he built a high set timber home. McKenna's home is no longer there, having been replaced by two new homes called Edgewater.

James McKenna became a sought after boat builder, as well as cabinet maker and general engineer (a trade which he taught himself), and built a number of smaller river craft. He is reported to have built Miss Tewantin 2. As a boat builder he had a small problem, his boatbuilding shed was not on the riverbank. Being a practical man, he constructed, with the approval of the Council and the relevant Govt. Department, a tidal canal from the river to his boatbuilding yard. Adding a slipway with a wooden carriage, and a power operated winch, James McKenna was then able to launch and retrieve vessels from his business.*

A number of smaller boats (some up to 38 feet in length) which operated on the Noosa River were constructed by this (then) local boat builder, including quite a few of the Parkyn's hire boats. The remnants of the McKenna canal, now silted up and lined with mangroves and Casuarinas, can still be seen in the recreation reserve just a few metres upstream of the dry docks off Mill Street. Parts of the log guides are still visible close to the riverbank.

Who knew??

* *Heritage Noosa (11th May 2021). James McKenna. In Website Heritage Noosa. <https://heritage.noosa.qld.gov.au/nodes/view/338>*

Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2022

JANUARY

26 January

Noosa Australia Day Festival *it's back!*

*When- Wed 26 January 2022

*Where- Lions Park, Gympie Terrace

*Time- breakfast from 7am, live music
family fun from 10am

PARTAY AUSSIE STYLE!!!

More info:

www.noosaaustraliadayfestival.com

FEBRUARY

20 February (5am-4pm)

Noosa Summer Swim

MARCH

5 - 13 March

Noosa Festival of Surfing

23 - 27 March

Noosa Ultra-Trail

JULY

30-31 Jul

Noosa Enduro

AUGUST

16 - 25 August

Noosa Open Studios

OCTOBER

1-10 October

Noosa Open Studios

26 October - 30 October

Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

DECEMBER

31 December

New Year's Eve Fireworks in Noosa

Tewantin 150 Jubilee Commemorative lift-out

Tewantin was abuzz on the 11th December 2021. It was celebration time in Tewantin Town in recognition of its Proclamation 150 years ago ... the first town to be proclaimed in the Noosa area!

The Cobb & Co coach rolled into town, the Town Crier (aka Cr Frank Wilkie) was bellowing the news, and the beautifully period dressed ladies were parading along the sidewalk.

Parkyn's Hut Tewantin Explore Centre was the jewel in the crown of this celebration, with its sparkling new paint work, and volunteers eager to share the town's history.

Adjacent to Parkyn's Hut, the Royal Mail Hotel was sitting proud with the Noosa Museum and private collectors' displays of history and heritage of the area in the hotel foyer ... how grand it all was!

Lining the main street were fun and games for children and vintage cars to be admired, with one dating back to 1911.

Noosa Community FM radio 101.3 perched on Parkyn's Hut verandah, broadcasting its chats with locals and dignitaries passing by.

Everyone waved each time the beautiful, horse-drawn Cobb & Co coach with its passengers rolled past.

The town vibe was happy as people wandered past the stalls of artists, woodworkers and crafters, with musicians including the Park Bench Ukulele Players, keeping us all entertained as well as bush poets with their fascinating stories of days gone by.

With a decidedly carnival atmosphere prevailing inside and out on a hot afternoon in Tewantin's village centre last Saturday, former Noosa Mayor Bob Abbot delivered a warmly-received keynote address at the Royal Mail Heritage Luncheon celebrating the town's 150th birthday.

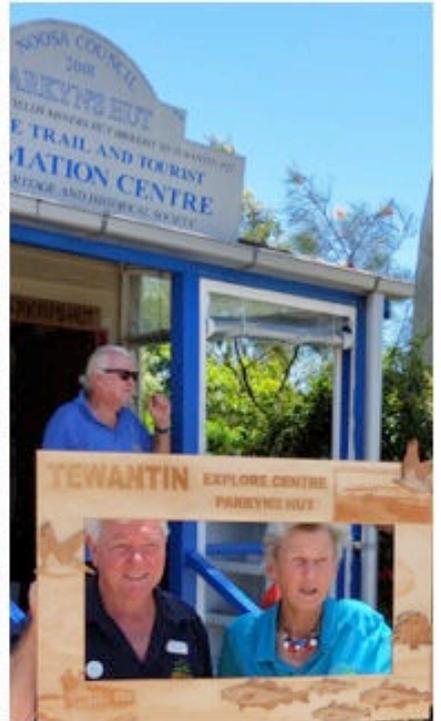
Mr Abbot was supported at the lunch by bush poet and yarn spinner Ian Mackay, while local author Phil Jarratt read from his book, *Place of Shadows*, about Tewantin's robust early years and Cr Tom Wegener did a flawless job as master of ceremonies.

Parkyn Hut, Tewantin Explore Centre was thrilled to be part of this milestone ... 150 years of Tewantin with the best yet to come!

... Carol Williams



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100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.

Today, everyone has a car and only the rich have horses

Oh how the stables have turned

Tewantin 150 Jubilee Commemorative lift-out



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY CELEBRATION

Lions Park, Noosaville - 3 December 2021

Noosa Council has celebrated the contribution and efforts of our hard-working volunteers and their impact upon our community.

As part of International Volunteer Day, volunteers were treated to a free brunch to celebrate.

Volunteers from the Noosa Shire gathered in Noosaville Lions Park on Friday 3 December to celebrate their work and promote their achievements of 2021.

Sunday 5 December is International Volunteer Day, mandated by the UN General Assembly.

This year's theme is 'Volunteer now for a common future', which aims to inspire people, whether they are decision makers or citizens of this world, to take action now for people and the planet.



Thanks to ... Noosa Council, Meals on Wheels, Park Bench Ukulele Players, Outriggers, Mobile Massage and the coffee man !!



NOTICE : CELEBRATION OF PROCLAMATION OF TEWANTIN AS A TOWN 150 YEARS AGO

The Christmas and Tewanin 150 Year Celebration will take place on Saturday 11 December 2021 from 9am to noon along Poinciana Ave in Tewanin.

Don't miss this historical day for the community by joining in on the entertaining events throughout the morning.

PROGRAM

9am to noon

- Historical displays in the Royal Mail Hotel foyer and Parkyn Hut.
- Stalls lining the streets including Noosa Regional Gallery kids' workshop.
- Drop into Ray White Noosa River and enter the competition to win a ladies' classic vintage pushbike.
- Noosa Community Radio live broadcast.

9.30am to noon:

- Cobb and Coach stage coach rides departing from the front of Bendigo Bank.

10am to noon:

- Face painting for children in front of H and R Block.
- Miss Donna balloons in front of Tewanin Plaza.
- Classic cars in front of CWA.

10am to 11am:

- Doo Wop Dolls band performing in front of ANZ Bank.

10.50am:

- Official cutting of the Tewanin 150 Years cake in front of Richies Bakery by Noosa MP Sandy Bolton.

11am to noon:

- Amanda Jansen playing in front of Richies Bakery.
- Santa arriving in front of Ray White Real Estate.

Noon:

- Aussie Heritage Lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel with guest speakers Bob Abbott, Phil Jarratt, and Tom Wegener.

Tewantin Explore Centre Parkyns Hut

CHATTY CHATTY BANG BANG

**Tuesday 9th
November, 2021 :
Royal Mail Hotel,
Tewantin**

The concept is for volunteers to come together and have a social chat chat, connect and interact, and the bang bang is to keep volunteers informed of any updates, interesting snippets, changes or upcoming events. Also for volunteers to talk or ask questions about things that they wish to inquire about. It helps to keep us all informed and up to date.

We were very fortunate to have guest speaker Marcie Dorricott president of the QCWA (Qld Country Women's Assoc) Tewantin come and have a chat and enlighten us on the workings and history of the QCWA and of the local Tewantin branch. QCWA turns 100 in September 2022.

The fun history quiz/facts kept us all on our toes, and maybe we found some new information we didn't know beforehand?

We were all very clever using whatever to find the answers. WELL DONE. PH Quizzes are not about right or wrong it's about how can we find the answers. We were all very clever little Vegemite'segemite's.

Royal Mail Hotel provided light refreshments, great service and was helpful and welcoming. It was nice to revisit our neighbour the Royal Mail Hotel they are under new management and are introducing new activities and events for the local community and ready to welcome the return of visitors. Check out their website or Facebook for what's on.

It was a Great catch up ...can't wait for our next Chatty Bang Bang.

... Carol Williams



NOOSA FARMERS MARKET

Noosa Australian Football Club, Weyba Rd, Noosaville : Every Sunday 6am-noon
Nestled among the gum trees, the Noosa Farmers Market has locally produced and seasonal fruit and vegetables..

NOOSA JUNCTION TWILIGHT NIGHTS & MARKETS

Noosa Junction, Noosa Junction, Arcadia Walk | 7 & 8 January From 5pm. Arcadia Walk | 7 & 8 January From 5pm.
Live music, market stalls and entertainment dotted through the Noosa Junction and Arcadia Walk at this community festival.

Noosa Marina Markets

Every Sunday, 8am to 2pm, on the riverfront at Parkyn Court, Tewantin

ORIGINAL EUMUNDI MARKETS

Memorial Drive, Eumundi : Every Wednesday 8am-2pm and Saturday 7am-2pm

PEREGIAN MARKETS

Kingfisher Park, Kingfisher Parade, Peregian Beach : First and third Sunday of the month 7am-12.30pm
In the beautiful surroundings of Peregian Park on Kingfisher Drive at Peregian Beach.

POMONA COUNTRY MARKETS

Stan Topper Park, Pomona : Every Saturday, 7-11.30am

KIN KIN CREATION MARKETS

Main Street, Kin Kin : First Sunday of the month 8am-noon

VIVA LA VINTAGE MARKET

1 Etheridge St, Eumundi : First Sunday of the month 9am-1pm

GO NOOSA HOLIDAY TRANSPORT

Free local buses & special Ferry service | 11 December - 23 January Give your car a holiday this summer, with GO Noosa free local buses! Every 15 mins from 7am – 7pm & every 30 mins from 7pm – 10pm daily on selected routes. The GO Noosa 065 loop services Hastings St, Noosa Dr, Weyba Rd & Noosa Parade & runs until 1am NYE.
Free, long-stay park & ride from AFL Grounds, Weyba Rd, The J Noosa & Noosa Transit Centre.
The Noosa Ferry offers multi-trip discounted passes to locals & visitors.

NOOSA REGIONAL GALLERY

Asia Pacific Contemporary | Until 27 Feb 2022



Years of the Tiger include 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938 ...

2022 is a year of the Tiger, starting from February 1st, 2022, and ending on January 21st, 2023. It is a Water Tiger year.

The Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China. The zodiac sign Tiger is a symbol of strength, exorcising evils, and braveness. Many Chinese kids wear hats or shoes with a tiger image on for good luck.

The Tiger ranks third among the animals of the Chinese zodiac. The 12 zodiac animals are, in order: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. Each year is related to an animal sign according to a 12-year-cycle.!!

Wood, Fire, Earth, Gold, and Water Tigers

In Chinese element theory, each zodiac sign is associated with one of the five elements: Gold (Metal), Wood, Water, Fire, or Earth. For example, a Wood Tiger comes once in a 60-year cycle.

It is theorised that a person's characteristics are decided by their birth year's zodiac animal sign and element. This means there are five types of Tiger, each with different characteristics:

Chinese tradition follows lunar calendar. According to Gregorian calendar, people born from February 5, 1962 to January 24, 1963 are the Water Tiger, those who born from January 1 to February 4 in 1962 are the Metal Ox.

Type of Tiger Characteristics

Wood Tiger

Compassionate, expansive, and open

Fire Tiger

Optimistic and independent, with poor self-control

Earth Tiger

Adventurous and realistic, with strong faith

Personality Traits of the 1962 Chinese Zodiac Water Tiger

People with Chinese zodiac Tiger born in 1962 are calm, careful and full of ambition. They have strong learning ability and like new things. They are always full of passion for achieving their goals.

Catering - have you considered ???

Extract from Sandy Bolton's Newsletter ...

Tewantin Noosa Meals on Wheels have had another enormous year, with 43,857 meals provided, an increase of 21,006. These are incredible numbers and a direct result of the impacts of COVID, however as part of some clients transitioning to permanent care, if you wish to partake in their incredible changing menu, just call 5449 7659 or email tmow@bigpond.com. And remember, they also cater for events!

Six of the best with

Tania Murray

Q1. Where do you originate from?

I grew up in Port Moresby in the 1960s. We spent all our holidays swimming and rafting river rapids

Q2. What do you like to do to relax or chill out?

Shinrin yoku is a Japanese term for forest bathing. Emu Mountain and Mt Tinbeerwah are two of my favourite places to walk and be with Nature

Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

Sushi Yah Man in Noosa Junction because I love Sake. Doonan Valley Café because it is Alfresco, outdoors and I love trees

Q4. Share any great local experiences that you have enjoyed?

Watching surfers on their boards catch waves from National Park to First Point Laguna Bay. Noosa Festival of Surfing is Nirvana for visitors and just another day in paradise for locals

Q5. Name 3 of your favourite places to visit, or things to do locally?

* Pomona Railway Gallery is a vibrant community gallery with colourful gardens and exhibitions

* Alfredson's Joinery Cooran aka Noosa Hinterland Brewing, for a Sunday lunch

* Watching Sunsets from the beach in Noosa Woods, where the river meets the sea

Q6. What do you love about living here?

Being surrounded by pristine mountains, forests and a beautiful ocean.

... and meeting Tewantin's inspiring nonagenarians !

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<p>Bloom Hearing Specialists The Atrium, Shop 1, 91 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p>Hang Loosa Noosa Property Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>
<p>Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club Gympie Terrace, Noosaville</p>	<p>Pier 11 Restaurant Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>
<p>Royal Mail Hotel 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p>The White House Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>
<p>Noosa Harbour Fish Market Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Noosaville</p>	<p>Zabe Espresso Bar Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>

'Our' Eddie is in Hospital ...

Eddie was admitted to SCUH in late November following a stroke.

He quickly enamoured the nurses with his sparkle & spirit. And enjoyed the tasty meals on offer.

Currently Eddie is in Nambour Hospital Ward 2F West recovering and rehabilitating.

Edwin Vaughn if anyone wants to call and leave him a message or drop by for a visit.

We have visited on two occasions and his "Get Well Soon" balloon is still flying high.

... Tania Murray



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