

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Tewantin Visitor Information Centre Parkyn's Hut



Noosa Polo & Provedores

When: Sat 14 Oct 2023

Where: Read Park, Goodwin St, Tewantin
email: info@poloandprovedores.com.au



Noosa Open Studios Art Trail

When: Sat Oct 6-Sun 15 Oct, 2023
8am-3pm

noosaopenstudios.com.au



Noosa Triathlon 2023

When: Wed 1 Nov - Sun 5 Nov

Website: noosatri.com.au/

Email: noosatri@ironman.com



President's Bit ...

We recently held our 2023 AGM and I'm happy to say that our hard-working, enthusiastic, friendly committee remains the same, and I look forward to another year of working with this fantastic group of people!!

In August, we held another really successful Pioneers Luncheon. It really is such a great event ... watching the descendants of our local pioneering families reconnecting and sharing their stories makes it such a fabulous day.

We were joined on the day by Councillors Frank Wilkie and Joe Jurisevic and our favourite politician and wonderful Patron - Sandy Bolton, as well as our other fabulous Patron Elvie Johns who has been a regular attendee at this event for many years.

Also, a big thanks to Bruce and Donal and Kerry S for all their help on the day to ensure things ran smoothly.

In October we will be celebrating with our wonderful Elvie who has a very special birthday coming up - 90 years young! So, hopefully, you are all able to join us to help Elvie celebrate this milestone event.

I will be heading off to the QICA conference next week. It will be held at Agnes Water/1770 this year. I'm looking forward to exploring the area and connecting and re-connecting with people from Visitor Information Centres all over Queensland.

We didn't put an entry in for the "Visitor Information Centre of the Year" Awards this year as we thought we should let somebody else have a go 😊

Our Christmas party will be our next big event and once again it will be held at the Royal Mail Hotel, so save the date and, if you are able to acquire any prizes for the great raffles, please let Michael know.

... Keep smiling, Gail McBurney, President 😊

Please welcome your Committee for 2023-24 ...

Office Bearers

President:	Gail McBurney (& QICA Representative)
Vice President	Bruce Cuttle (Historian)
Treasurer	Paul Morley
Hon. Secretary	Kerry Surtees

Committee

John Murray (Roster)
Peter Burfoot (WH&S)
Carol Williams (Data, Brochures, Explore)
Michael Fayne

Position Vacant:

FAMIL Coordinator assistant.

Really need someone to step up and help, as we cannot foresee FAMILs eventuating until someone does!

Appointments

Patrons	Elvie Johns & Sandy Bolton
Newsletter	Wendy Ivanusec

Introducing ...

Two of our newer volunteers, Helen Anderson and David Buckley, have eased into their Parkyn's Hut roles as if they'd been doing it for years!!



Helen Anderson was born in Gympie and went to One Mile State Primary School then Gympie State High School to complete her Education.

After leaving school she worked in the office at Cullinanes Department Store for 3 years.

She had 4 children and did part time work while they were young. Her 3 boys live on the Sunshine Coast and a daughter lives in Gympie.

The last 22 years of her working career was spent as a Receptionist then Practice Manager at a Dental Centre.

When Helen was a child her family spent many happy holidays at The Woods camp ground at the end of Hastings Street.

She moved to Tewantin 15 years ago and drove to Gympie for work for 6 years before retiring.

She enjoys camping, walking along the river and travelling - both in Australia and overseas - and spending time with her family.



Meanwhile, David Buckley has been keeping busy as a Father of four and Grandfather to seven. Originally from the South Coast region of NSW, David moved to Noosa and has been living here for thirty five years. His interests include lawn bowls, music, playing guitar and painting.

Please welcome Helen and David to our Parkyn's Hut Family.

Thanks ... John Murray

OLIVE DONALDSON TRIBUTE ... by Patsy Fayne



L to R. Margit Cruice, Patsy FAYNE, Amanda Tie, Nicola Brown CA, Alec Munn, President TNCC

Thanks to Michael & Patsy Fayne, Christine Lynch and Kerry Surtees who represented Parkyn's Hut at this historical event.

A fitting tribute to a wonderful community lady who supported our first Tewantin Noosa women's cricket team.

Amanda Tie (Mim Knee's niece) initiated the first TWCC women's team, ACA supported me to mentor them, Olive Donaldson, whom we met through volunteering at Parkyn's Hut tourist information centre, donated our main trophy to encourage the girls,

Amanda works for Noosa Council suggesting the name for this new facility, so ...

let's surmise that Parkyn's Hut and women's cricket lead the way in the naming of this one !



You are invited to the official opening of the

Olive Donaldson Pavilion

Join Noosa Mayor, Cr Clare Stewart to officially open Noosa's newest sporting facility.

- 📅 Wednesday 30 August 2023
- 🕒 3.30pm
- 📍 Noosa District Sports Complex, Tewantin. Enter via McKinnon Drive

Registration essential go to: OliveDonaldson.eventbrite.com.au or scan the QR code

Jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government in association with Noosa Council and Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund.



We're very proud of our brand new signage ...

Huge "thank you" to our sponsors,
Bendigo Community Bank for funding
the new sign on our little Hut.

We have a close and (as you can see) joyous relationship
with the Board and their fabulous staff.



Above and beyond the call of duty ...

Last Thursday pm, Helen A and I were doing our shift at the hut when a group of Kiwi's (8) staying on Gympie Terrace were checking over Tewantin CBD and they dropped into the hut. They were specifically looking for suggestions to see kangaroos and koalas. They had a 2 yr old who really wanted to see a "hop hop". The golf club was suggested for both.

However ... we have a mob of kangaroos that like to hang out in our backyard and neighbourhood, so I did say, "give me a call if you have no luck". Sure enough I received a call.

Luckily, the kangaroos were in the neighbourhood and the grateful visitors were able to tick off seeing a kangaroo from their list.

... Cheers, Pam O'Sullivan

Annual Pioneers' Luncheon

Our history is important, as that is how we keep track on our present and envision our future!

As we trawled through some fascinating memories at the annual Tewantin Heritage Pioneers Lunch, we were again reminded that our past is to be treasured, referred to and held in safe spaces including the incredible photos tucked away in boxes that remind us of the joys, hardships and people we may have lost.

I adore these pioneering families, their history, stories, and memories of our home that we love and are extremely protective of.

Thank you to everyone for coming, some from far away, to Gail and the Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society team, and to my co-patron Elvie who turns 90 this year, happy birthday beautiful!

... Sandy Bolton



... from Bruce Cuttle



So ... what's in a name?

Why are we called *Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society Inc.*?
What's the difference? Why are they important?

Tewantin's valued buildings, such as old houses and commercial buildings, structures, like the old baths, monuments, such as the soldiers memorial, sites like the old ice works, and landscape like our riverbank and Lake Doonella, are doorways to our history. They are the physical remnants. Although heritage more often refers to those physical things, language, culture, ideals and customs are also part of our heritage, and they help us understand where we have come from, what our forebears have passed onto us, and they're a reminder to us that those from every period in time differs according to the demands and passions of the day.

The history encapsulated within those places, sites, customs and objects reveals and justifies their significance as examples of heritage. Information on these often comes from stories retold by descendants, or can be researched through various websites and library collections. Recordings and old articles such as these are the 'treasure', the raw material of a community's history.

So..... what is the point of collecting this information and preserving the heritage and history of an area?



(L) Tewantin Masonic Hall Moorindil St
photo: Bruce Cuttle 2022



(R) Remnants of Tewantin Public Baths
photo: Bruce Cuttle 2023



Well, not only does it help us understand where we have come from, what our forebears have passed onto us as a reminder that every period in time differs according to the demands and passions of the day, but it can guide future development of our community.

Research and documentation assembled may merit consideration when supporting a case for protection or

conservation of assets through local council heritage listings ...

A submission listing various sites was forwarded to Noosa Shire Council from T.H.H.S. recently.

It is important that we do this, as it demonstrates to a, hopefully, more culturally aware local government body the importance of local history and heritage to our community's wellbeing.

Today, tourism, heritage preservation and culture are likely to overlap.

In the past, tourism operators and promoters saw their role as delivering a ready-made package, whereas, as we experience at Parkyn's Hut, today's tourists are looking for a more bespoke package of experiences, one which better fits their interests .

An increasing number of tourists today want to have a greater depth of understanding of a new place or area - and this includes its cultural background.

Providing our visitors with relevant information and suggestions gives them the opportunity to gain that greater understanding of our region and our history.

By encouraging cultural heritage tourism, it does not just bring benefits to our region, but to the further preservation of other sites within our town and environs.



(L) Tewantin Soldiers Memorial
photo: Bruce Cuttle 2022



(L) Pelican Place, Pelican Street.
photo: Bruce Cuttle 2022

Tewantin's heritage and history will be increasingly important components in our visitors adventure, and combined with the Eco experiences already offered, have the potential to be a real winner for our town. Our Visitor Information Centre can be a leader in this.

Bruce Cuttle Sept 2023...

A must Read For Everyone Sixty and Older...

Whenever I teach clinical medicine to students in the fourth year of medicine, I ask the following question:

What are the causes of mental confusion in the elderly?

Some offer: "Tumours in the head". I answer: *No!*

Others suggest: "Early symptoms of Alzheimer's". I answer *No!*

With each rejection of their answers, their responses dry up.

And they are even more open-mouthed when I list the three most common causes:

- uncontrolled diabetes
- urinary infection
- dehydration

It may sound like a joke, but it isn't. People over 60 generally stop feeling thirsty and consequently, stop drinking fluids.

When no one is around to remind them to drink fluids, they quickly dehydrate.

Dehydration is severe and affects the entire body It may cause abrupt mental confusion, a drop in blood pressure, increased heart palpitations, angina (chest pain), coma and even death.

*This habit of forgetting to drink fluids begins at age 60, when we have just over 50%of the water we should have in our bodies.

People over 60 have a lower water reserve. This is part of the natural aging process.*

But there are more complications. Although they are dehydrated, they don't feel like drinking water, because their internal balance mechanisms don't work very well.

Conclusion:

People over 60 years old dehydrate easily, not only because they have a smaller water supply, but also, because they do not feel the lack of water in the body.

Although people over 60 may look healthy, the performance of reactions and chemical functions can damage their entire body.

So here are two alerts:

1) *Get into the habit of drinking liquids*. Liquids include water, juices, teas, coconut water, milk, soups, and water-rich fruits, such as watermelon, melon, peaches and pineapple, orange and tangerine also work.

The important thing is that, every two hours, you must drink some liquid. Remember this!

2) Alert for family members: constantly offer fluids to people over age 60 At the same time, observe them.

If you realise that they are rejecting liquids and, from one day to the next, they are irritable, breathless or display a lack of attention, these are almost certainly recurrent symptoms of dehydration.

... by Arnaldo Liechtenstein, Physician



THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER ELVIE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA
TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Did you know?

... from Bruce Cuttle

Just for something a little different this issue, I thought I would show you some photographs of vehicles on the Noosa River.

From the time that the first motor vehicles arrived in Tewantin, people wanted to get them to the other side of the river. It's just a human trait really, isn't it? If someone says it can't be done, then there must be a way. Right? After all, a pushbike or motorbike taken across by boat can't carry four people and everything they need for a day or fishing trip up North Shore!

These photos show some practicable(?), albeit precarious, and definitely fraught ways of getting one's vehicle to the North side, and hopefully back again at the end of the trip. Some chose to leave a vehicle on the other side, which could well have been a wise choice. How many rusted vehicles are buried in the riverbed?

Heritage Noosa Image No M839293

Day-trippers - To get to Double Island Point by vehicle, you either had to come down from Rainbow Beach, or cross the Noosa River and drive up the beach.



This car was transported across the river on planks laid across two roped together dinghies. It was then driven up the North Shore beach to the Double Island Point lighthouse. ca 1930's

Once the vehicle had been successfully loaded onto the dinghies, you needed to either row the assemblage across the river, or be towed.

Photo: George Pearce collection



"Line 'er up mate. That's good, stop there!" ca 1910

Photo George Pearce collection



An unknown vehicle, but possibly the same as that in the photo above

Heritage Noosa Image NoT4004138



Safely across ... Noosa River, ca 1920s Possibly Alex Gibson taking his beach buggy across the Noosa River ca 1920. Notice that the vehicle is parked across the two dinghies.

Heritage Noosa Image #T4004140



An unknown vehicle, but possibly the same as that in the photo above



This vehicle is parked lengthways on top of two dinghies to cross the Noosa River to get to Noosa North Shore. The dinghies were tied together and

Heritage Noosa Image No M839323

covered with planks to carry vehicle. Once across the River, these two wheel drive vehicles were driven along the foreshore, often as far as Double Island Point or the coloured sands at Teewah Beach. ca 1930's

Of course it wasn't only our locals who came up with startlingly good ideas, there are plenty of examples of innovative ideas for crossing water from around the world.

Following is but a sample ...

Did you know?

... cont'd

(R) 1931 Amphibious Riley

For a private Africa expedition (London to Cape Town) Riley needed a trick to cross the rivers on his journey. The inflatable pontoons did the job but the holding rack was so close to the wheels that steering was impossible when the pontoons were in place. The brand name of the car is Riley also, if you are wondering where Riley got the money for his expedition.

Text from the Amphiclopedia website [Online] Cited 12/03/2013 no longer available online.

It looks as though there are paddles fitted to the rear wheel spokes; could this be considered a "Paddle Wheeler"?



(R) Georges Monneret Amphibious Vespa 1952

A Vespa travelling across the English Channel to London? Yes – 1952

"The Vespa also has a racing career behind it. In Europe back in the Fifties, it took part, often successfully, in regular motor cycle races (speed and off-road), as well as unusual sporting ventures. In 1952 the Frenchman Georges Monneret built an "amphibious Vespa" for the Paris-London race and successfully crossed the Channel on it."

Text from the Vespa Official website [Online] Cited 12/03/2013 no longer available online.



(L) Ian Cameron Ay-Ell 1964

16th January, 1964: "On the day after the official opening of the Tay Salmon Rod Fishing Season, Duncan McGregor catches an 8lb salmon from Ian Cameron's amphibious car 'Ay-Ell'."



(L) Another English design. Is it a boatcar, or a carboat?

(R) Not strictly an amphibious vehicle, but could this motorised French contraption have been useful in crossing the Noosa River?



Haven't times changed?

Four wheel drive vehicles generally did not appear on the scene until after the second world war, but who needed them? Now we don't seem to be able to go off the bitumen without getting into 4WD.

Ahhh ... such is life!

... Bruce Cuttle

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 | Third Friday of every month. 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

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

GO NOOSA FREE WEEKEND TRANSPORT

Route 626 - Tewantin to Sunrise Beach via Noosa Heads
Route 627 - Tewantin to Sunshine Beach via Noosa Heads
Route 628 - Noosa Parklands to Noosa Junction via Noosa Civic
Route 629 - Tewantin to Noosa Junction via Noosa Civic
Route 632 - Noosa to Cooran via Cooroy and Pomona

The free weekend bus services are extended to the Labour Day, Noosa Show Day and King's Birthday public holidays.
Routes 620, 622, 630 or 631 travel outside of the Noosa Shire Council area so are not included in the free service.

For more information, visit <https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/go-noosa-weekends> .

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