

# HUT GOSSIP

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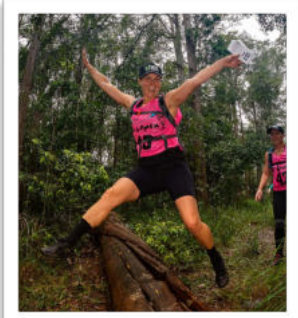


## Noosa Classic

When: Sun 10 Oct 2021

Where: Read Park, Goodwin St, Tewantin

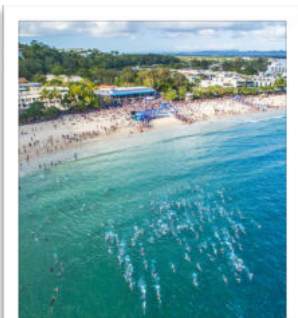
Website: [www.noosaclassic.com.au/](http://www.noosaclassic.com.au/)



## Wild Women Adventure Race

When: Sat Oct 9, 2021 8am-3pm

Email: [triadventure@optusnet.com.au](mailto:triadventure@optusnet.com.au)



## Noosa Triathlon 2021

When: Wed 27 Oct - Sun 31 Oct

Website: [noosatri.com.au/](http://noosatri.com.au/)

Email: [noosatri@ironman.com](mailto:noosatri@ironman.com)

## Welcome 2021-22 Committee

As you know, we held our AGM on 21 September and my term as your President came to an end.

We had another strange year due to COVID19. The Hut was temporarily closed from June 28-August 9 after which we resumed with social distancing, hand sanitiser, disinfecting and QR Code.

The 2020 Xmas party at Tewantin Bowls Club was enjoyable with a successful raffle run byVP Michael Fayne and wife Patsy. The Volunteers Breakfast at the Yacht Club was another enjoyable occasion. We celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Parkyn's Hut by cruising the Noosa River on the Noosa Queen, and the Pioneers' Luncheon, together with the proclamation of the town of Tewantin 150 years ago was celebrated at the R.S.L.

We had a Famil to Sunshine Butterflies, our local disability support charity and another to the Everglades with Habitat (report inside). Regrettably, we lost five long-term volunteers - Davina & Gary Rossiter, Olive Donaldson (Patron), Thelma Turnbull and Betty McElhinney - when they resigned. Fortunately, we have had some new, keen volunteers join us.

Thank you, Committee Members, for your guidance, co-operation and friendship and welcome to the incoming Committee Members. Gail McBurney will be your new President and, with Wendy Ivanusec stepping aside, Kerry Surtees is now our trusty Secretary. May you all continue to have another eventful and productive year. My thanks also to all our volunteers for their enthusiasm and willing cooperation - long may it continue. A warm welcome to all new members of our team, may each and every one of our vollies look forward to an eventful and rewarding year.

Please welcome your Committee for 2021-2022 ...

### Office Bearers

President:	Gail McBurney
VicePresident	Michael Fayne
Treasurer	Paul Morley
Hon. Secretary	Kerry Surtees

Committee	Tania Murray (Roster) Peter Burfoot (OH&S) Keetha McInnerney (Training), Carol Williams (Data,Brochures,Explore) Elvie Johns
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Appointment	Wendy Ivanusec (Newsletter)
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Heritage Group	Bruce Cuttle, Gillian Whittington and Gail McBurney
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... Elvie Johns



# 2021 PIONEERS' LUNCHEON

by Gail McBurney

Gail McBurney with Historian, George Pearce's son, Laurie and his wife Sue

I was so happy that this year's Pioneers' Luncheon was able to go ahead at the RSL. Everyone was so thrilled to be there!

It was lovely to see lots of familiar faces, everyone chatting away ... and great to be able to welcome some new members of our pioneering families.

This year, we were joined by some special guests including Sandy Bolton and Councillors Joe Jurisevic, Tom Wegener and Karen Finzel together with author Phil Jarrett.

We were also joined by Historian, Jonathan Richards, who gave a very interesting talk on the proclamation date of Tewanin, about which we had been a bit uncertain.

However, we now know that the first block of land in Tewanin town was put up for sale in September 1871.

So, it was great to be able to celebrate 150 years of these pioneering families weaving the fabric of this fabulous place we now call home. It's important to remember all those important families and the contributions each has made to this area.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped out on the day!



# FAMIL TO EVERGLADES

## WITH 'HABITAT NOOSA', 12 JULY, 2021

*report compiled by Tania Murray, Bill Barry and Helga Thiermann*

It turned out to be a great day for everyone involved. Eleven Vollies travelled in comfort by RSL coach (piloted by Peter), and six by private vehicle.

After a 20 minute drive to Elanda Point, we were welcomed by a family of kangaroos along the roadside into Habitat. We gathered in front of the reception area, and after checking in with the Check in Qld app, we were given a yellow wrist band, bought coffee from the CootharaBar Café and then walked about 150m down to the jetty with Nick, along with other paying visitors.

Skipper Trevor met us at the jetty. He is a local who grew up on Gympie Tce in the 1960s/70s. His mother currently resides in Howard Parkyn's house, and his father was a commercial fisherman. He has been doing Everglades tours since 1979, as well as Coloured Sands trips along the North Shore beach. He was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the area.

### **Kinaba Information Centre**

We travelled 4.5km across the windy lake to the unmanned Kinaba Information Centre (a 12.2 km walk from Elanda Point). It has not been staffed for the past 20-odd years, and is maintained by volunteers. It was constructed in 1978 from locally-sourced cypress and spotted gum, with flooring from flooded gum.

### **Fig Tree Point**

We then entered the calm, tannin-stained waters of the Everglades, passing Kin Kin Creek and Kinaba Island, and across Fig Tree Lake to Fig Tree Point about 2 km on, after a quick side-trip into Lake Como. We observed undisturbed birdlife, pelicans, cormorants & terns, and then disembarked at Fig Tree Point, a distinct forest clearing, and walked 400m around the Melaleuca circuit track. The Cooloola Wilderness Trail, Boronia Walk 3.6 km, also begins here.

Canoes for use by visitors wanting to paddle to Harry's Hut (5 km further up the river) are stored and launched from here. Several of our fellow travellers took advantage of this offer, although none paddled back! Trevor had to take the canoes in tow for the return trip.

Fig Tree Point is a significant Kabi Kabi Cultural Heritage site. There were many endemic cabbage-tree palms growing in the forest there, and these were used as a food source by the Kabi Kabi people. Eliza Fraser was brought here by the Kabi Kabi and was subsequently repatriated in 1836 from this area.

Beautiful swamp banksias grow along the water's edge, and melaleucas were in flower. We saw abundant river sedges and grasses. This part of the river system is fresh water, with tea-tree and scribbly gums taking over from the banksias. The waters are acidic and almost black with tannin allowing beautiful reflections for which the Everglades are renowned. The sounds of kingfishers and whipbirds were almost the only thing breaking the stillness and quiet.

### **Harry's Hut**

Our party arrived at Harry's Hut at about 11.30 am, and all of us went ashore for a lovely morning tea with cake and fruit supplied by Habitat Noosa. We had plenty of time to walk around the clearing and Harry's Hut area. There were good picnic tables and very clean facilities provided for visitors.

A 4WD access road runs alongside the Hut. A map board at the entrance to the area notes Camp Sites 1 & 2. Trevor mentioned that the Noosa River continues north another 26km, but no ocean access. There are a further 15 camp sites up river.

(For more historical information about Harry's Hut itself, go to: [Boreen-Point\\_Kin-Kin\\_Cootharaba](#), then Page 13.)

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Trevor mentioned that the repair of the Kin Kin bridge is planned in the next 6 months, so walks to Harry's Hut from Elanda Point will hopefully resume.

Trevor would be a great information source if we need it in future.

### **Heading back to Habitat Noosa at Elanda Point**

We departed Harry's Hut jetty about 12.20 pm.

We had a calm waterways return until we arrived at Lake Cootharaba with windy afternoon conditions.

We arrived back to Elanda Point at around 1.45 pm, and walked our way back up to CootharaBar.

We were presented with a generous roast chicken, baked potato and corn-cob and side-salad lunch, which was served from the CootharaBar kitchen. We ALL had leftovers !!

Gillian thanked the Habitat Noosa office on our departure.

QNPWS Cooloola and Inskip Discovery Guide would be an invaluable brochure to give people planning an Everglades Tour.



## Six of the best with

### Carol Williams

#### Q1. Where do you originate from?

Moved to Noosa 1984 from Sydney and the Shellharbour area NSW. Initially moved to Noosa Sound, then onto Cootharabra acreage and settled in Tewantin in 1992.

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

Well, I do enjoy a walk and coffee, or a country drive using all the quiet back roads buying farm gate produce.

#### Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

Love trying different foods and eateries. I'm a biggie for coffee and nibbles so I like Depot, Acres Noosa, Noosa Providore, Noosa Chocolate Factory, MilkBar Grocer and and and. Black Ant Gourmet Kin Kin, Jodie Williams chef/owner is 5th gen, Kin Kinite.

I remember Jodie as chef at Anitas Noosaville late 1980's. Always creative, great food, great ambassador for utilising local supplies and uses BA veg garden with the beef, poultry on menu coming from her own farm.

Terra Firma when at Kenilworth Homestead. Traditional Brazilian BBQ with music and a great camp over.

Can't wait to try Lucio's new style restaurant at Noosa Marina opening in November... from Paddington, Sydney but now next generation opening here, same chef.

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

Kayaking Noosa River and Everglades, Noosa Hinterland nooks and grannies, trails and lookouts. National Parks in the Noosa area, they all offer something different.



## PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Where: Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club  
When: Monday, 6 December 2021  
Cost: Drinks available from the bar.  
Partners are welcome @ \$16pp.  
Hard to beat!

Menu: Two course alternate drop  
Roast Pork served with fresh seasonal vegetables & gravy  
OR Roast Chicken served with fresh seasonal vegetables & gravy  
Sticky Date Pudding with butterscotch sauce & ice-cream  
OR Passionfruit Meringue Roulade with passionfruit & Chantilly cream  
Vegetarian & GF can be catered for on request.

### YOU'RE INVITED TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING EVENT!

**Floating Land: at the edge of ideas : 9 October 2021**  
**From 3pm on the Foreshore off Boreen Parade, Boreen Point**  
**Launch of Floating Land Biennale : 3 - 6pm @ Boreen Point**

*FLOATING LAND x SHELTER SC : 6 - 9pm @ Apollonian Hotel :  
Live music and entertainment for all ages*

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

*I just like being outdoors and being about, No big favs.*

*Anytime, every time enjoy Noosa National Park Headland section and can't get enough of the presence of the Noosa River - always inviting.*

*To try a different trail, walk or drive.*

#### Q6. What do you love about living here?

*A lifestyle that I can venture not far but always spot something different in our own backyard.*

*A great laid back alfresco lifestyle.*

*... AND the climate is not too cold. Don't like the cold!*

It was very interesting listening to Jonathan Richards the Historian who spoke to the guests at our Pioneers' Luncheon about when Tewantin was surveyed, as we discovered the first town block was sold in September 1871 - so Tewantin is officially 150 years old.



**Tewantin will be in party mode on Saturday the 11 December.**

The morning will be about celebrating 150 years since Tewantin was declared a Town with lots of fun activities planned.

The RSL has lots planned for the afternoon and evening including Christmas Carols in the park of course.

More will be revealed soon !!



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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

### WENDY IVANUSEC and ELVIE JOHNS - retired, sort of !!



#### What a lovely surprise ...

Elvie & Wendy were both surprised and delighted by the words of appreciation which accompanied gifts of appreciation presented at the recent AGM where Elvie stepped aside as President and Wendy handed over the reins of the Hon. Secretary role to Kerry Surtees. Both continue their involvement with TH & HS, Parkyn's Hut with (Patron) Elvie remaining on the Committee and Wendy continuing to produce the quarterly 'Hut Gossip' newsletter.

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