

HUT GOSSIP

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**Noosa Festival of Surfing
5-12 March 2016**



**Cooroy Fusion Festival
Free : Cooroy Mill Precinct
7 May 2016**



**Noosa Food & Wine Festival
20-22 May 2016**

President's Bit

I want to wish all our wonderful volunteers and their families a welcome to our first newsletter for 2016.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank Wendy for the great job she is doing with the Newsletters.

Hope everyone had a great time over the festive season and thanks to all of you who filled in for VOLLIES who were either sick or away over the "Silly Season". We are currently organising a few Famils and Training Days which we must do to meet our Accreditation requirements, so we urge you all to attend these important days.

By law we all must do a Fire Safety Course involving the use of our fire extinguisher. Details of this day will be put up in the Hut soon. We will also be contacting everyone via email so, if we don't already have your email details, please give them to a committee member to be added to our mailing list.

For anybody who HASN'T done the ECO cruise on the Ferry there will be an opportunity to do so when they have spare seats available — so you probably won't get much notice. The cruises depart on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noosa Marina at 10.15am and take approximately two and a quarter hours, so if you think that this would suit you. put your name on the list which will be up in the Hut on Tuesday, March 2, If you are only available to go on one of these days and not the other, please write that on the list as well.

*Cheers 'til next time
... Gail*



**FIRE SAFETY TRAINING DAY – Sun 13th March
from 9am - 12 noon at SES Tewantin
Details on Parkyn Hut noticeboard**

HERITAGE FESTIVAL at Pomona – Sat 16th April



Recycling started long ago in Noosa Shire ...

Did you know ?

The Cyclone season of 1947-48 saw Noosa's Main Beach taken away ... trees and all ...undermining the buildings on the front dunes. (see Photo # 1)

Take notice of the third building on the front left side of photo (note it is a shade darker in colour).

Now, look at Photo # 2, the building about to topple over is the same as the third in Photo #1. This was the Men's Dressing Shed. Recycling started with the Council rescuing most of the shed and storing it in the Pomona Council yard.

After Stan Adams was elected Chairman (now Mayor) of Council, he noticed that a large number of the outdoor workers lived here on the coast and were travelling to

Pomona to sign on for the working day, then travelling back down here to work , then back to Pomona to sign off ... madness!

Stan had all the shed material transported to Munna Point campground,-which today is the corner of Russell Street and Noosa Parade.

I was then asked to see what bits were missing.

When these bits arrived, my job was then — with a truck and driver — to act as mobile scaffolding, erect the shed the same as before, but with the addition of some shutters for windows.

This became a sign on/off point and a storage shed for light tools and equipment here on the Coast.

Next step ... when the power sub station was moved from the now good Shepherd School site, the Council then used that area for

their yards and sub office buildings, so the old shed was moved up to there!

Next step ...when S.E.Q.E.B. moved out of their place — opposite where Bunnings is now - Council moved in there.

The old shed was not wanted there, but all was not lost!

The Shed now takes pride of place at the entrance to the Council Tip and is used as a shop for recycled and repaired old and pre loved bits and pieces.

If that is not Recycling what is?

Over 80 years, ... still going and has had four different locations!

... George Pearce
Historian

Ed. note: They don't build 'em
Like that any more !!



Above - Photo #1 : The bar & bay early 1948



Noosa lost more than sand in 1947/48

Right Photo # 2 : Cyclone damage 1948

A Note from the Roster Clerk ...



If you or your buddy have a preference with whom you work, then please arrange your own replacements, if unavailable to fill your shift

As Roster Clerk, it is my responsibility to fill the spaces so that we always have the required VOLLIES on duty. It is not my responsibility to fill your vacancy with your second best friend!

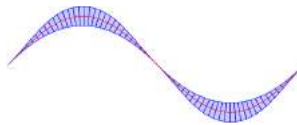
All changes on the Roster are to be communicated to me on our home phone 5474 0096 where Messagebank will take your call if we are not available.

Managing 120 time slots per month is challenging - s, please do what you can to assist.

Just a reminder to VOLLIES that closing time is 5pm except on Sundays when it is 1.30pm.

If we close at 4.15pm, how can we assist the people who walk by at 4.45pm?

... Davina



Six of the best with

Meredith Howard

Q1. Where do you originate from?

My birth was two weeks after a devastating earthquake in the seaside town of Napier, New Zealand, I therefore tell folk that I am an "after shock"

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

I very much enjoy to swim to relax. I also enjoy reading particularly autobiographies, and jigsaw are always a relaxing challenge.

Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

Now as for eating out, Bistro C is where I like to take visitors, but for a meal I enjoy on my own I chose Raw Energy, River Deck or Izzy for modern Asian cuisine.

Q4. Share a great local experience that You have enjoyed?

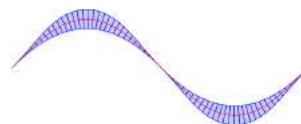
An event that I particularly enjoyed in Noosa was when the "Jazz Festival" held a Sunday afternoon free concert at The Woods at which patrons took rugs and picnic baskets and relaxed to the variety of groups that entertained.

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

Noosa has such a great range of attractions and interesting places to visit, also things to do like a walk in the National Park, or a walk along Gympie Terrace followed by a meal at the Yacht Club. Taking in a Concert that the Music Society schedule three times a year, or the Noosa Arts have a range of performances to suit all tastes, pantomime, one act plays, dramas, comedies and musicals.

Q6. What do you love about living here?

My main delight in living in Noosa is the WEATHER. I just so love being here, near the sea and river, friendly people and everything.



Year of the Fire Monkey ...



Chinese ushered in their Lunar New Year or Chinese Spring Festival on Feb. 8, 2016.

According to Chinese astrology, 2016 is the Year of the Fire Monkey, while 2015 celebrated the [Year of the Sheep](#) until Feb. 7, 2016.

The official website of [Sun Signs](#) states that 2016 is specifically the Year of the Red Fire Monkey. Below are some of the things to take note of in 2016.

10 Things to know about the Year of the Red Fire Monkey

1. Starts: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016

Chinese New Year starts on the night of the second new moon of the winter solstice. The Spring Festival celebration ends 15 days later.

2. Ends: Friday, Jan. 27, 2017

3. This is the year to shake things up in your life.

According to Susan Levitt, an astrologer, Feng Shui consultant and tarot card reader based in the San Francisco Bay Area, 2016 is the perfect time to create change.

With the Monkey's enthusiastic energy, anything can happen, plans can succeed and risks are minimal because they are rewarded.

However, Levitt warns about trusting the wrong people in 2016 because some of them may resort to tricks to take advantage of the gullible ones. She also advises people to avoid a useless tail-chasing cycle, which Monkey minds are prone to.

"As soon as you realise that a path is not fruitful, try a new one instead of staying stuck and trying to analyse the past," [Levitt](#) states on her website.

4. Element: Fire

There are five Taoist elements which are Fire, Water, Earth, Wood and Metal.

The New Year 2016 will be especially bright and blazing because it is the Year of the Red Fire Monkey. A little fire won't hurt once in a while. It gives off both heat and light, "fire represents life." It also represents passion and is said to bring joy and creativity. Just be careful not to play with fire, or you will get burned literally and figuratively.

5. Lucky Colours

Wearing red in 2016 is thought to be lucky. However, there are also other lucky colours recommended per Chinese Zodiac sign. For those born under the Monkey sign, [yourchineseastrology.com](#) suggests using or wearing vermillion (brilliant red/scarlet), light blue and white, gold is also a lucky colour in 2016.

6. Lucky Direction: West

Try to head west in 2016 for some luck in your life.

7. Lucky Charm: Pixiu

Also called Pi Yao or Bixie, it is a mythical Chinese creature that looks like a lion with wings. It is considered as a powerful hybrid animal that drives away evil spirits and protects people, especially those who practice Feng Shui.

Feng Shui is a Chinese philosophical system that is literally translated as "wind-water." It aims to make the environment and those living in it become in harmony with each other.

Other lucky charms are bracelets, rings or necklaces with a Monkey sign and any of these gemstones: jade, rock crystal, tiger's eye, rose quartz, amber, aquamarine, citrine or garnet.

8. Lucky Hours

In the Year of the Fire Monkey, the following hours will be favourable for activities to become successful.

Aside from the Monkey hours, the Snake, Dragon, Rat hours are also good to work in 2016.

These animals are considered to be the friends of the Monkey in the Chinese Zodiac.

Monkey hours: 3 – 5 pm

Dragon hours: 7 – 9 am

Snake hours: 9 – 11 am

Rat hours: 11 pm – 1 am

9. Lucky Numbers:

Four (4), Six (6) and Nine (9)

These are said to be the numbers that are the luckiest in 2016 for those born under the Year of the Monkey.

The number nine (9) is a significant number. According to the Chinese zodiac,

The Monkey is the ninth sign.

Nine is said to be associated with adventure, smartness, ambition, activity and a bit of mischief.

10. Lucky Flowers

The luckiest blooms in 2016 are the crepe myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) and the chrysanthemum.

The Chinese believe that when the year of your birth sign comes around, you will suffer bad luck for 52 weeks. It is believed to be caused by offending the Tai Sui of the year.

That's why there are a lot of 2016 lucky colours, numbers, charms, flowers and even hours recommended to counteract bad luck.

The Tai Sui are heavenly generals that help the Jade Emperor in taking charge of the Mortal World's well-being.

The term Tai Sui also refers to the stars that are directly opposite to Jupiter.

It's still best to welcome the New Year 2016, whether in January or February, with an open mind and a positive attitude.

Also, don't forget your New Year's resolutions.

Hopefully, it will finally be resolved in 2016 for a [Happy New Year](#).