

# HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre

## What, no travel plans?



- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ---- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog ... we laughed a lot.
- My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyada. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.
- Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under!

## President's Bit

Your Committee has held two Special Meetings during the COVID shutdown with another scheduled for 7 July, just prior to Hut re-opening. These meetings were called primarily to deal with rescheduling the annual Pioneers Luncheon, preparations to successfully re-open the Hut from 10 July in line with Qld Health & Safety regulations for our volleys and the public. In this regard, to ensure safety, a training and check list is being prepared for circulation to all volunteers.

I have personally visited the Hut twice a week to replenish maps which are flying out of the door! This shows that Queenslanders are travelling. Family members have reported Woodgate caravan park is packed as is Tin Can Bay. With school holidays upon us, Inskip Point set to open this weekend 27/6.

Special thanks to Gary and Davina for opening their home to us for the Committee Meetings so that social distancing can be observed and to Paul Johnson and Sabi for their help with the Newspaper recycling bin and keeping the verandah tidy.

Now looking forward to us all keeping healthy and - as Vera Lynn said ... "We'll meet again" ... and I hope soon!

... Evie Johns  
President



## Bill Barry & Helga Thiermann

### share some of their experiences ...

Well, what a year 2020 has been so far! And we're only just halfway through it! How much we have learned of new concepts like social distancing, coronavirus hugs and the horrifying prospect of there being no toilet paper available. We all had to adjust to the new normal of every day seeming the same, with our usual weekly waypoints like shifts at the Hut or Katie Rose Cottage gone for the duration. There were, of course, advantages like actually being able to get a carpark in Noosa, and little traffic on the roads. And very cheap petrol!



We have friends who had planned to go to the USA and Europe, and had to come back almost as soon as they had left, going into quarantine in their home.

We delivered seeds for their new veggie garden via a long extended pole.



My eldest son had organised a trip to Mumbai to get a new set of teeth, and managed to escape India as they rapidly shut down. As you can see, the trip, although a bit nerve-wracking, was worth it!



With great enthusiasm, Helga and I bought tins of paint and other supplies to do some renovations.

Well, we DID strip and re-varnish our front door, but the rest of the paint is still waiting to be used! You can't rush these things, you know. It has been a good time to go for walks, or to take day-trips in our lovely countryside. This only emphasises that we do indeed live in a beautiful part of the world.



With more time on our hands, we started visiting our 92 year old neighbour (pictured below giving a CV hug!) once a week, and now we are not allowed to stop, but that's great!



Helga also used the time to do a Certificate course as Meditation Teacher and Holistic Counsellor that hopefully will come in useful in the future.

... BILL and HELGA

# Mt Magnet Memory

... by Christine Lynch



Last year Brian and I went to WA and visited so many small and interesting towns. One in particular that stands out for me, was when Brian was locked in an Information Centre and Museum.

We were traveling north from Kalgoorlie then onto 123 highway heading to Geraldton.

We were going to have a quick look at Mt Magnet before driving on to see the Reef Flowers at Pindar.



The information centre was on the Main Street of Mt Magnet, so we called in. It was a very modern Information Centre. It also had a Museum attached with outbuildings spreading over an acre.

We found out that it was a special weekend with many events being held over the whole weekend. We decided to stay and we booked into star gazing that night and an open cut mine tour the next day. There were also guest speakers in the town hall over the weekend and markets on the Saturday.

Now we started to investigate the Information Centre and Museum. Brian reads everything and, after 2 hours, I had had enough, so I went out to our campervan which was parked near the front door.

After a long time, I thought that he should have had enough reading. So I went to the Information Centre to find the gates had been locked, I walked along the fence line and could see no one. I waited for a while and decided to drive down to the Caravan Park and book in.

I explained that Brian appeared to be locked in the Information Centre. To my astonishment the couple in reception at the Park burst out laughing. (I might add that I was nearly in tears by this time!)



When they stopped laughing they made a few phone calls to the Police and to one of the managers of the Centre.

While this was happening, Brian had been looking at the out-buildings, oblivious that the Centre had closed.

When he decided to leave he tried many doors to get back into the Centre and finally found one unlocked.

He walked in and gave the staff member, who was doing her bookwork, a shock.



She let him out and when he saw the van gone, he started to walk to the Caravan Park.

On the way, a man stopped and asked if his name was Brian and was he the one locked in the Information Centre? He drove Brian to the Caravan Park. Brian walked into reception, still not realising all the fuss he had caused.

We had a fabulous stay in Mt Magnet ... one I will never forget!

Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity.

The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the Windshields of their new high speed trains.

Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatter-proof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

You're going to love this ... Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo:

"Defrost the chicken."

## *Six of the best with*

### Gillian Whittington

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

Vancouver, Canada

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

Last season I took up cricket after a gap of 60 years since childhood play, played on the Tewantin-Noosa team under the expert coaching of Patsy Fayne, who is also a vollie.

A lot of fun and really nice people. I didn't enjoy having to bowl!!

So this year I have increased my amount of volunteer involvement, walking, swimming, reading, gardening, birdwatching and trips to the hinterland and beaches with my husband since his retirement in December.

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

I live near the river in Noosaville so there are a lot of fine restaurants for us to choose from when out with friends and neighbours.

We also enjoy cream teas, or for my husband, bacon and eggs, when out on trips of exploration. Our particular favourites for the latter styles of food! are:

- a) the Historic House, Yandina
- b) Cafe Doonan
- c) Mayfield patisserie, Montville

- d) Blue and White cafe, Amamoor
- e) Sorrento's in Coolum Beach
- f) Grenny's on Gympie Terrace
- g) the Gympie Gold Museum cafes

*I could mention many more*

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

Our best experience was the Anzac Day dawn ceremony in Memorial Square right outside the Hut. Very moving and unforgettable. Helping to feed the Fries in November. Gave me a chance to thank them!

The next best are the heritage steam train rides! We went from Yandina to Cooroy in November 2018, advertised in the Noosa News. Just super!

2019 and 2020 Australia Days saw us all Aussied Up in tee shirts and caps on the Mary Valley Rattler. We have a picnic that we take in Amamoor by the track while watching the train being turned around to go back to Gympie. This will be an annual Whittington event!

The drive to Montville and swimming at Gardner Falls, just beyond. The view from the Mayfield Patisserie cafe in Montville, overlooking the hinterland and to the coast is spectacular.

Walking all along Coolum beach, then along the boardwalk up to the viewpoint and seeing the eagles!

We did this every day when we lived in Coolum Beach for six months in 2017 to 2018, before buying our house in Noosaville.

Gympie Gold Museum, chock full of heritage buildings, history of the gold rush, and secret agents and Victoria Cross recipients in the two World wars ... so much to see, it requires multiple visits!

The beautiful Mary Valley drive, following the rest of the old rail line and hearing the bellbirds unique call near Brooloo. We never tire of it. I could list many more neat places to visit ...

the Majestic in Pomona, the fair at Kin Kin and the great restaurant, Black Ant, at the General Store there, all the neat places we played cricket, hearing the bellbirds call while playing, etc, etc.

Practising at Read Oval, hearing and seeing the Corellas.

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

- a) walk, picnic and swim by the river or beaches
- b) ride on the ferry
- c) volunteer with a variety of local community groups to meet nice people, do rewarding work.

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

Everything!



The 2.2km Bergann Lane Walk at Witta in Maleny is a rainforest walk surrounded by farmland on either side.

There are several family graves in a fenced off area adjacent to the track, but the farmland is no longer owned by the Bergann family.

It's a Sunshine Coast Regional managed walkway and is a comfortable walk for all fitness levels.

Be sure to wear walking shoes and carry water.

Community spirit is alive and well in Noosa at the moment. A number of council staff have been deployed to assist community organisations, here's Georgina (from the Noosa Aquatic Centre working at [The Food Hub in Noosaville](#).



Meanwhile, our Noosa Leisure Centre has been well supported by locals who've been dropping off non-perishable food items for distribution to those in need. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with emergency food relief, or if you'd like to know more about donating head to Councils [community support and wellbeing COVID-19 page](#).

## Keeping it in Perspective

🤔 Imagine you were born in 1900. On your 14th birthday, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. 50 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million. On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war. At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. At 55 the Vietnam War begins and doesn't end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, should have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening. When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? When you were a kid in 1985 and didn't think your 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. And how mean that kid in your class was. Yet they survived through everything listed above.

\*This is a trying time but let's try and keep things in perspective.

## The Health Report The CAC Scan

Have you ever been told your cholesterol is too high? That you may need statin drugs to lower it and avoid heart disease? I have.

I didn't want to take that medication, so I did some research and this is what I found:

A far more accurate assessment of heart health for - 'middle-aged men & women' - is a Coronary Artery Calcification Scan.

Like a mammogram or an endoscopy, a CAC Scan provides a visual image of healthy and diseased tissue (and is far less painful and invasive than those two tests!) The CAC Scan is a more powerful tool to assess heart health than any other measurement-of-risk blood tests, angiography, stress tests etc.

This scan also shows the damage done, if any, by "the broad root causes of modern chronic disease".

But you will need to ask your GP for this test to be performed, and it isn't covered by Medicare. It costs about \$150.00 and takes 5 minutes. Not much at all, in the interests of preventative health care.

Ref: The Fat Emperor and the Irish Heart Disease Awareness Charity @IHDA.ie

This virtual marketplace is your one stop shop for everything Eat & Drink in Noosa and what is open now!

Designed to support local businesses you will find everything from heat and eat meals, takeaway meals including delivery, butchers, bakers, grocers, fruit and vegetables shops, seafood, coffee, eggs and dairy.

[https://eatlocalnoosa.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR1R1f1tauDiFs\\_hINq0\\_QLjcOMOJ7gV6ux6hrBsRoEqfa3dAUuY36ihAXM](https://eatlocalnoosa.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR1R1f1tauDiFs_hINq0_QLjcOMOJ7gV6ux6hrBsRoEqfa3dAUuY36ihAXM)

Take a look at community memories compiled from heritage film footage donated by the public and from Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Library archives.

Watch the [50th Anniversary Community Films Montage](#)

After reading the 'Perspective' article, it makes one realise just how fortunate we have been. Most of us vannies, now retired, have lived through the best of times, haven't we??!

... Ed

# Carry on in COVID

... by Gillian Whittington

1). My neighbour phoned me the other day to ask me for help with a blue tongued lizard that she had unknowingly injured when she wheeled out her bin for rubbish day. She wondered if I could examine it and help her take it to a vet if needed, as she was nervous of touching it.

Sure enough it seemed to have injured a back leg - what a fascinating creature to have the opportunity to see up close, about 300mm long, rounded body and squat legs, and it really does have a proper tongue, though v-shaped and bright blue. I picked it up using a towel to minimise its stress and popped it gently into a large plastic bowl and off we went in her car to the vet.

The story ended happily. The vet examined it thoroughly, felt the leg was just bruised and the lizard just shocked, so we released it in the park right beside where we live, in safe light undergrowth, waited till it recovered and checked that, when it

at last walked away, its leg was operating normally. It felt good to have done our best for the little chap after its traumatic experience!

2) When the restrictions started, we and other neighbours were worried about elderly or high risk ones among us who would be alone and isolated, so, as well as checking that they had food, etc. We decided to "meet" outside our houses every Sunday night for an hour or so.

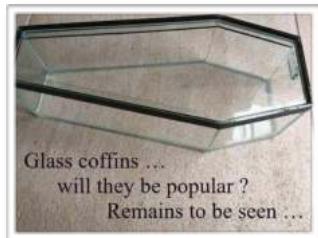
Everyone sat on their own chairs on their own drive, with their own glass of wine, water, coffee, and we chatted to one another back and forth across the street. So we were all observing the social distancing ... but what a difference it made, particularly to the older or at risk ones, to see and chat with neighbours again, see other people and feel still part of the world, not completely shut away, and yet be safe. It really boosted everyone's morale and we all look forward to our Sunday evening gatherings!

Gradually the nights drew in, the midges came, then the cooler weather, but we were still undeterred! 4:30pm till dark when we could no longer see one another!

By the time it was getting a bit too cool, the restrictions were eased and we were allowed to move to one another's patios, in turn, still keeping our distance and bringing our own drinks and sitting outside. It's become an institution and brought together people who hadn't really known one another well before the virus lockdown came. So great good - new friends from passing acquaintances - has come out of a seemingly bad situation! We hope we will continue to do this long into the future!

All the best everyone ... and looking forward to the Hut reopening in a month! A welcome sight for us vollies and for Tewantin and Noosa folk and visitors in general.

... Gillian



## A Poem by Pam Ayres ...

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates  
  
You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while,  
They'll think we've upped and died.  
  
They'll never know the things we  
did, before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.  
  
We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60's-----  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock n' roll, the pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull,

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me,  
I'd while away the hour

I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gusty thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whisky, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this awful virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!

## Events



### Noosa Classic 2020

When: Sun 16 August  
Registrations are now open.  
Website  
<http://noosaclassic.com.au>



### Noosa Beach Classic Car Show

When: Sun 4 October  
Where: Lions Park, Noosa Heads  
Spectators \$10  
Car entry - book online  
Website  
<https://www.noosacarclub.com.au>



### Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

When: 26 October-1 November  
2019 sold out in 6 hours  
Website  
<https://noosatri.com.au>



**Noosa Hill Climb - Summer**  
When: Sat 7 & Sun 8 November  
Adult spectators \$20  
Website  
<https://www.noosacarclub.com.au>

## Events Postponed

RUNAWAY NOOSA MARATHON  
POSTPONED - NEW VENUE & DATE TBA  
**MAY 23, 2020**

THE NOOSA HILL CLIMB - WINTER 2020  
POSTPONED - DATE TBC  
**JUN 6, 2020-JUN 7, 2020**

NOOSA OPEN STUDIOS 2020  
POSTPONED - DATE TBC  
**AUG 14, 2020-AUG 23, 2020**

WELLNESS TOURISM SUMMIT  
**POSTPONED TO 3/4 SEPT 2020**

### Show holiday

The Noosa Show Society has announced that the popular Noosa Show event has been postponed.

It will now be a one-day event, to be held on Saturday October 24. However, the gazetted public holiday for our region will still fall on Sep. 11.

## Did you know ?

**It will be 150 years next month since Tewantin was founded on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1870.**

**Tewantin was surveyed in 1871 and the town site declared.**

**Plots of land in Wards Estate Tewantin were up for sale at the Police Station in Gympie for 8 pounds each.**

**The census of 1871 revealed that there were 2 dwellings in Tewantin with 1 male settler living in each.**

**How things have changed!**

*... Gail McBurney  
Historian*

**The best thing about the good old days was that I wasn't good and I wasn't old**



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<b>Noosa Yacht &amp; Rowing Club</b> Gympie Terrace, Noosaville	<b>Pier 11 Restaurant</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin
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