

# HUT GOSSIP

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## ***The Ginger Festival***

**When:** Fri 20 - Sun 22 Jan 2017

**Where:** Ginger Factory, Yandina

**Times:** 9am - 5pm

**Price:** Free

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



## ***Noosa Festival of Surfing***

**When:** 4-11 March 2017

**Where:** First Point, Noosa Heads

**Website:** [www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com](http://www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com)

## President's Bit

Well, now the chaos of Christmas is over, I hope you all had a lovely time and are managing to relax and enjoy some of the things that visitors travel for miles to visit and enjoy, although I would probably avoid Hastings Street for a while, as my friend who works at Seahaven told me, it took her half an hour to get from the car park at the Woods to the roundabout near the Info centre a few hundred metres up the road!!!!

I am sure that everyone who attended will agree that the Thank You Brunch put on by Noosa Council to mark International Volunteers Day was a fantastic morning. Not only was the food incredible and so much of it, but it was the perfect location with lots of shade and perfect for the outrigger boats to pull in and take the energetic ones on a paddle around Noosa Sound. It was also a great opportunity to meet up with vollies from many different organisations and have a chat. Most of us ran into at least a few people we knew. All this with some beautiful Christmas carols playing in the background ,

A great time was had by all. It is good to see our Council recognising the very important role that volunteers play in our community, so let's hope they do it again next year.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year and I look forward to catching up with you at different events during the year.

... Gail McBurney

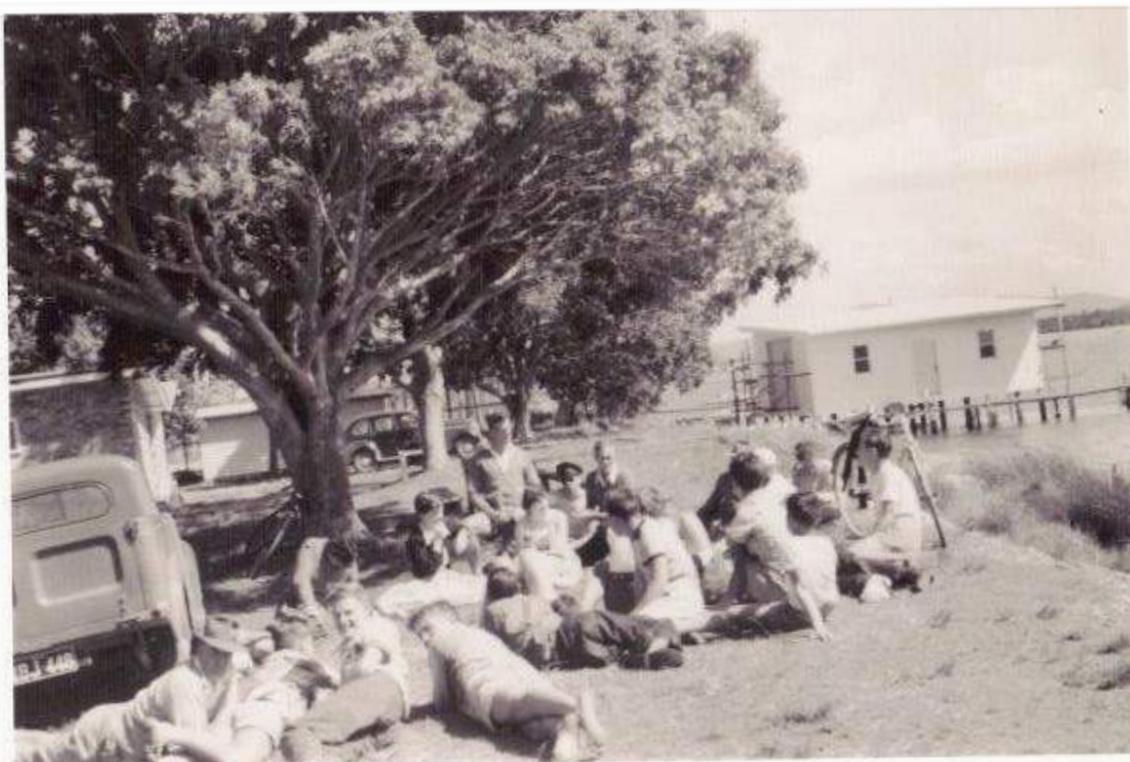


## Did you know ?

Did you Know-- all things had to start somewhere , however in todays world we only seem to care about the here and now, I E, The Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club, even it had a beginning , (note Photo) this is how it all started, a meeting on the river bank in 1958, this meeting was followed by lots of hard work to secure a site , gather donations and build a club house.

The year 1961 saw the official naming (Noosa River Sailing Club) and opening of the Club House performed by the Noosa Shire Council Chairman Stan Adams in the company of the club Commodore Walley Hayter. this Club, with many changes operated in excess of Twenty years, in changing over to the new Club the new club celebrated the occasion by burning a model of the old one.

... George Pearce (Historian)



*Early meeting (1958) of the Noosa River Sailing Club with John Mc Kenna presiding, assisted by sister Estelle & Lorraine Ruan. Len Ely's "O-Boat" shed being constructed in the background.*

## Noosa River Ferry Eco Cruise

From the time you step on the ferry you are entertained with information about the Noosa River & surrounds, and that's even before you get on the Eco Cruise. You can pick up the ferry at any stopover to transport you to Sofitel Jetty to join the Eco Cruise, and that is all included, plus an all-day pass on the ferry. Great value! What a way to see our beautiful river and foreshore.

Commentary is in-depth about the Noosa Biosphere, indigenous history, fauna, flora, marine life & Noosa River system, all very informative and interesting. Mooring at the jetty below The Viridian Noosa resort you can have a short, flat pathway walk where some of the edible flora of the area is explained. Whilst moored an enjoyable morning tea is presented including muffins, fruit, biscuits and drinks.

It is all quite formal, however presented in a light informative level, which I found enlightening and interesting. It was enjoyable and who wouldn't love to spend time on the Noosa River.

... Carol Williams

# Noosa River and Canal Cruises

You may say 'not another river cruise', I can quite understand. But you must experience the Noosa River & Canal Cruise. What an enjoyable time we had on the Noosa River!

From the time I rang Kim to make the booking, to stepping off the boat after the cruise it was all a fabulous experience. You got the feeling and attitude from owners Kim & Gary, they wanted you to enjoy their cruise and time with them.

Garry, our captain for the journey, was the right amount of commentary and wit, in making the cruise that much more enjoyable.

He was not only informative on the fauna, flora, & marine, but added a hint of info about the lifestyle of the canal estate dwellers.

We boarded at The Jetty on Noosa River and cruised down to Sofitel Jetty. All passengers aboard, we then cruised the Noosa River entrance, Munna Pt, on towards Weyba, then around the canals to the Lions Park at Noosa Heads.

The boat is designed that it can manoeuvre into the shallows enabling passengers' good viewing to observe different marine species. I believe that is a big asset with this river cruise.

We were able to drift over the sand flats towards the river entrance and also around towards the entrance to Lake Weyba, a real connection with the river.

The boat has upstairs and interior viewing levels thus offering different vantage points, it also has wheelchair access. Afternoon tea is available to help yourself, and toilet onboard.

So after a couple of enjoyable hours with The Noosa River & Canal Cruise we felt relaxed and happy, and had the 'insiders' info to the lifestyle of the canal dwellers.

... Carol Williams.



# Parkyn Hut Christmas Celebrations

Another fantastic evening of fun and frivolity for vullies and their partners thanks to the efforts of those involved in arranging the event sourcing all the wonderful prizes and dreaming up the games which got everybody up and mingling. The pictures tell the story of a fun filled evening! Special thanks to Davina and Gail - you really excelled yourselves !!— On behalf of all who attended... our sincere thanks.

... Wendy Ivanusec

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## REFLECTIONS ...

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing of years.  
It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate.  
And yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.  
I know that I lived them all. and I have glimpses of how it was back then, and of all my hopes and dreams.  
But, here it is the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise ...

How did I get here so fast?  
Where did the years go and where did my babies go?  
And, where did my youth go?

I remember well ...  
Seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter  
was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is!  
Husband retired and he's really getting grey....  
He moves slower and I see an older man now.  
He's in better shape than me.....but, I see the great change.  
Not the one I married who was young and vibrant...  
But, like me, his age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks  
that we used to see and never thought we'd be.  
Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day!  
And taking a nap is not a treat anymore.....it's mandatory!  
Cause if I don't on my own free will.....  
I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains  
and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things.  
I know that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last,  
and when it's over.....it's over!

Yes, I have regrets.  
There are things I wish I hadn't done ...things I should have done.  
But, indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done.  
It's all in a lifetime.....

So, if you're not in your winter yet.....  
Let me remind you.....  
It will be here faster than you think!

So ...  
Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life.....  
Please do it quickly!  
Life goes by quickly.

So ...  
Do what you can today, because you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!  
You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...

So ...  
Live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...

**"Life is a gift to you  
The way you live your life is your gift to those who came after  
Make it a fantastic one!"**

**LIVE IT WELL!!**  
~author unknown~

# Lions Park Volunteers “Thank You” Brunch

The first “Thank You” to Volunteers arranged by Noosa Council and catered for by the Tewantin Meals on Wheels brigade was a great success. Music was provided by the Community Band and free water and bottles by Unity Water.

Tony Wellington and other Councillors mingled with the crowd and the Outriggers offered free rides in their canoes. Great fun!

The weather was perfect and it was a great opportunity to see and chat with people from the

many and varied volunteer organisations at work within our Shire. Quite an eye-opener.

If you missed it this year, I'd certainly recommend you come along next year as Council aim to make it an annual event.

... Wendy Ivanusec





International Volunteer Day was celebrated on 5th December and Noosa Council hosted a fun brunch at the Noosa Lions Park.

Parkyn's Hut was well represented with about 15 of our VOLLIES in attendance.

Excellent catering was provided by the Noosa Meals on Wheels, Music by the Noosa Band and Outrigger paddling was offered.

We spent a couple of hours relaxing in the shade of the trees, taking time out and chatting to VOLLIES from other organisations. Word from Council is that this will be an annual celebration, so when notice comes around next year, be sure to register. Celebrating Noosa Shire style.

The Roster has been busy, as is the case always. You have filled the vacancies whenever needed and we sincerely thank you for your generosity of time.

We currently have permanent vacancies on Saturday afternoons, maybe it's time for a change. Please let me know if you are interested.

Big thank you to Betty Ward, Wednesday arvo VOLLIE who after about 10 years on roster has handed in her notice. Well Done Betty, time to put your feet up.

Davina and Gary  
Roster People

