

# HUT GOSSIP

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## **The Ginger Flower & Food Festival**

**When:** Fri 19 to Sun 21 Jan 2018

**Where:** Ginger Factory, Yandina

**Price:** Free

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



## **Noosa Summer Swim**

**When:** 3 to 4 Feb 2018

**Where:** Main Beach, Noosa Heads

**Website:** [www.worldserieswims.com.au/  
noosa-summer-swim](http://www.worldserieswims.com.au/noosa-summer-swim)



## **Noosa Festival of Surfing**

**When:** 10-17 March 2018

**Where:** First Pt + Main Bch, Noosa Hds

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

## President's Bit

Just want to wish all of our wonderful hard working volleys a very happy and safe Festive Season!

And thank you all once again for all of your dedication to Parkyn's Hut during the year.

Looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors to our wonderful area over the upcoming "Silly Season" and telling them all where to go :)

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  
(President)



Shortly it will become compulsory for senior citizens to carry not only their ID, but also their insurance documents, their prescription list, a compact version of their medical file, the statement declaring if they want to be resuscitated after a heart attack, stroke, etc., etc. Consequently, a lot of paperwork will have to be carried when a senior citizen goes out the front door OR when they travel!

Specifically for this purpose, a special "Senior USB Stick" has been developed.

Take a look....



## **Wow!**

Two Bites of information.  
Blue Tooth technology to fit your lifestyle.

Expanded Memory can be arranged.

Something to chew on!

... Don't forget to smile!

## Did you know?

Tewantin was affectionately called 'a small but loyal little place' in 1914 through its generous fund-raising for the war effort.

In August 1914, Noosa Shire Council started a Patriotic Distress Alleviation Fund. Many other organisations in Queensland did the same. All members of Noosa Council formed the committee to oversee and manage the funds raised. The Chairman of the council, Cr E. von Blanckensee was the Treasurer of the committee and the Clerk, Edgar A. Edwards was its Secretary.

Noosa Council's subscription list for the purpose of raising funds to help the war effort included the following;

- Tobacco Fund
- Southern Cross Tobacco Fund
- War Horse Fund
- Brisbane Wool Spinning Guild
- Queensland Patriotic Fund
- Courier Returned Soldiers Fund
- Red Cross Fund
- Kitchens for Home Hospitals
- Belgium Fund
- Milk for Babies of Britain
- Socks for the Troops
- Volunteer Patriotic Fund

- Motor Ambulance
- For the Poles
- For the Serbians
- Aeroplane Fund
- Foodstuffs Fund
- Nurses Equipment
- Italian Red Cross Fund
- The Flag of Freedom
- Frank Thorns' Boxing Fund
- Travelling Kitchens
- Bands
- RSSIL – Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League
- YMCA-Young Men's Christian Association

Many fund-raising events were held in Tewantin and surrounding towns in Noosa Shire, some of them were Cooran, Pomona and Cooroy. Events were often imaginative and fun to attract people to come along and support the war effort. Apart from social dances, there were film shows, local theatre group acts and fancy dress balls.

Everyone was keen to participate for a good cause. People gave willingly of their time and offered any amount of money they could spare.

One touching letter, written in June 1915 illustrates the feelings of empathy for those less fortunate, who were struggling during wartime shortages. The letter was written by Olive Duke on behalf of herself, her sister Edith and her brother Neil, residents of Tewantin. The siblings unselfishly offered a donation towards the Babies Milk Fund.

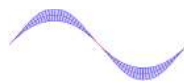
*Dear Mr. Editor – We would be very sorry to think that babies of Britain should want milk. My brother, and my sister and myself are sending a small donation of £2 towards the fund. Hoping the war will soon be over.*

Another donation of £33 2s 0d was collected from Tewantin attendees at a social gathering held in the School of Arts. Some of the donors were named and included Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Tait, Mr. C.W. Tait, Miss Tait, Mrs. Barker, Mr. C. Ross, Mr. W. Duke and the staff of the Royal Mail and others.

Many other varied events were held over the period of the war and Noosa Shire residents gave generously, which would have led to the Courier Patriotic Fund calling Tewantin 'a small but loyal little place'.

... written by Dr. J. King

Sources: Trove NS 1914 – Patriotic Help  
223 items created by Noosa Heritage, 2015



## All aboard Council's Free Holiday Buses

Council's Free Holiday Buses will hit the streets from Boxing Day to help locals and visitors get around easily this festive season.

Travel will be free on local TransLink services 626, 627, 628, 629 and 632 until January 5, with a free temporary shuttle, 064, to operate between Noosa Heads and Peregian Beach via Noosaville.

This year the free shuttle 064 service will also loop through Noosa Heads and Noosaville. The Boreen Point Flexilink service and Noosa Council Cabs service will also be free from Boxing Day to January 5. Normal booking procedures will apply.



# Parkyn Hut Christmas Celebrations



Another fantastic evening of fun and frivolity for vologies and their partners, this time at the Tewantin Bowls Club, which everyone agreed was a good choice. Thanks go to those involved in sourcing 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 - as always ... you really excelled!!—On behalf of all who attended... our sincere thanks.

... Ed





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Tewantin Heritage & Historical Society Inc - you may know us as Parkyn's Hut - pays an insurance premium to cover our volunteers in the event of an accident whilst volunteering or whilst travelling to or from attending your shift. There are certain limitations imposed by our insurer, one of which is the age of our volunteers. **Volunteers over 85 years of age are not covered.** This is not to say if you have reached this wonderful milestone that you must immediately cease volunteering at The Hut. Your Committee is in the process of preparing a Waiver of Liability. We will be asking you to consent to this waiver so that you may continue in your volunteering role past the insured birthday of 85.

In the past, we have not collected birth date information on our Application Form, this has now been amended. To bring our records up to date, I will need to obtain from everyone, your year or birth. Please don't be offended, it's just the way of the world.

Davina

### *Every year scores of baby birds are taken to vets and RSPCA Qld's Wildlife Hospital when in fact they should have been left where they were.*

"Sadly this happens all the time," said RSPCA Qld's spokesperson Michael Beatty. "People think they're doing the right thing by "rescuing" chicks that are healthy and being looked after by their parents. They mean well but it often ends up very badly for the chicks."

So do you know what to do if you find a baby bird? Here's our check-list of what to do:

#### **Is the bird a nestling or a fledgling?**

Does the bird have feathers? If not, or if it has only fluffy down, then it is a nestling, and needs help straight away, as it cannot keep itself warm. If you find a nestling, please take it to a vet or bring it in to the RSPCA as soon as possible. If the bird has its flight feathers, then it is a fledgling. Before rescuing a fledgling, ask yourself:

- Is the bird calling or making a noise?
- Is the bird bright and responsive?
- Can the bird perch on your finger?
- Can the bird spread its wings evenly and flutter to the ground when encouraged to fly?

If the answer to all of these questions is a definite "yes" then the baby bird should be able to be reunited with its parents. It is best for a baby bird to be reunited with its parents, as no human carer can teach a young bird all that it needs to learn to survive.

To try to reunite the baby bird with its parents, place the bird on a low branch in a bush and watch to see if the parents come to feed it. You can also place the baby bird in a bucket with a few drainage holes. The 'home-away-from-home' will protect fledglings and baby birds from predators.

Cats and dogs can kill and severely wound native birds and wildlife, particularly the young and flightless. Responsible pet ownership includes confining your cat/s and dog/s (particularly at night). Residents can further assist native birds by planting bushy indigenous shrubs and ground cover to provide protection and camouflage. This will help increase the survival rate of young birds, and will significantly reduce the injury and mortality rates of all wildlife species.

#### **Link to Noosa News farewell to George Pearce.**

[https://www.noosanews.com.au/news/noosas-heart-felt-farewell-to-george/3293911/?utm\\_campaign=topic&utm\\_source=Noosa+News&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.noosanews.com.au/news/noosas-heart-felt-farewell-to-george/3293911/?utm_campaign=topic&utm_source=Noosa+News&utm_medium=email)



# 2017 Volunteers “Thank You” Brunch

Noosa Council hosted a thank-you brunch today for Noosa’s many volunteers.

The annual International Volunteer Day Brunch is to say thank-you to the locals who donate countless volunteer hours to Noosa’s 300-plus community groups each year.

The volunteers’ get-together at Noosa Leisure Centre included entertainment by Park Bench Ukulele Band and food prepared by Tewantin-Noosa Meals on Wheels.

Mayor Tony Wellington said Council was pleased to celebrate the many volunteers who contributed so much to a wide range of social, cultural and environmental pursuits.

“Council appreciates our volunteers’ efforts, and today’s brunch is about letting them all know the work they do is appreciated,” he said.

“Volunteering helps build social capital, and improves everyone’s lives, including the volunteers themselves.

Masses of international research has shown that volunteering is a great way to enhance personal wellbeing. So it’s the ultimate win-win activity.”

The United Nations General Assembly established International Volunteer Day in 1985. It is celebrated around the world each year on December 5.

... Ed  
with thanks to “My Sunshine Coast”



The September issue of “Hut Gossip” reported on our Northern Loop famil which included Elanda Point. We should point out that it stated the camping fees had previously been \$12 and were now \$20. *It must be noted that the fee increase from \$12 to \$20 was introduced in 2016 by Brian May.* The new owners have not increased any prices and with a starting price of \$20 they reckon this is still some of the best value camping in the Noosa Shire!

**please**

**Don’t put membership money in with biscuit money!**



**Evacuation Plan Notice on wall in office near Fire Extinguisher .... many thanks Gary Rossiter !!**



The **Chinese New Year 2018** will start on **February 16, 2018** – the second New Moon after the Solstice. **2018 is the year of the of the Brown Earth Dog** and those born under this sign tend to show great determination and could attain the highest level of achievement if they decide to. The Dog has excellent manners, easily makes and keeps friends, works very hard, and appreciates luxury and the goodies in life. They are very romantic, loving, sexy and make loyal partners.

The **Chinese zodiac 2018** shows that after the vast challenges of the past two years the following year of the Brown Earth Dog 2018 can be expected to be much less dramatic for all animal symbols.

If you're enjoying 2018, then you're going to love the **2018 Chinese zodiac predictions**. That's right: Its time to ring in the Chinese New Year ... February 16 kicks off the Year of the Dog!

The sign of the dog is known, not surprisingly, for loyalty and generosity. Need to spill a secret? Seek out one of these honest souls and bend that expert listening ear. While Dogs themselves may be reluctant to place their trust in just anyone, once they do, members of this sign can make the best business partners and leaders. And while Dogs might enjoy life more by relaxing their exacting standards from time to time, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better or more faithful friend.

So what can we expect from the upcoming year? The Dog is an ethical and idealistic sign, and the year that bears its name will also bring increased social awareness and interest in society's less powerful members. Any tendencies to take,

take, take will be replaced by a widespread sentiment of generosity and selflessness. In general, we will all be imbued with the Dog's keen sense of right and wrong. You can also get a feel for the year to come by checking the compatibility between your Chinese sign and the sign of the dog — the better your compatibility, the better your year.

Happy New Year and Gong Xi Fa Cai (may you have wealth and prosper)!

Never underestimate the power of the Dog. He may look like he's sleeping or uninterested, but nothing could be further from the truth. The Dog is a loyal and trusted friend, a peacemaker with depth and great solutions that can turn chaotic space back to order and heading down the long road to recovery.

The Dog realises how dependent society is on its environment. As the Dog Year 2018 unfolds, a greater feeling of nostalgia, melancholy and discontent will manifest itself unless we contribute as a society to saving our planet. The **Year of the Dog 2018** will put greater emphasis on understanding and promoting awareness, while encouraging us to face anyone trying to destroy our planet's purity.

Politically it will be a wait, watch and stand-on-guard kind of year. Any country bold enough to step out of line without just cause will be persecuted. This is a year of justice and fair play.

Countries around the world must bring home their troops to protect and serve their own turf. This year is the time to revitalise and prepare for the ultimate showdown should it threaten the planet

environmentally, economically, medically or through terrorism. The Dog's motto will be "prepare to protect what is most precious."

Worldwide we should realise that we have much to be thankful for, and therefore a great deal to guard and protect. By sticking to basics and not getting sidetracked by controversial issues, we can subscribe to a better future. The countries willing to tighten purse strings to lower the world deficit will be the ones who progress during the year of the Dog.

Hard work and serious commitment will be required combined with intellectual and physical challenges so that it once again won't be a year for real happiness and easy go lucky.

The big challenges of 2018 will be caused by an overall limited flexibility that will reduce chances for some greater success.

Planet Earth is undergoing many changes that will continue to shape the future. With transiting Pluto moving through the constellation of Capricorn, we will continue to experience natural changes that affect us worldwide. March, April, July, August, November and December will be subject to events that will alter the future.

Looking back at the last year of the Dog also reveals that in America 3 Pig legends had fallen deep with the mighty O.J. Simpson case, with Alzheimer for Ronald Reagan and 5 bullets for top Rap artist 2Pac Shakur., Goat Kurt Cobain committed suicide and the two Rats Telly Savalas and Ayrton Senna died. Men of the Year had been Horse Nelson Mandela as the first Black President and Horse John Travolta with his Pulp Fiction comeback

*Best Wishes, The Astrology Club Team.*