

HUT GOSSIP

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Noosa Triathlon Multi Sports Festival

When: 26-30 October 2016

Where: Noosa region

Website: www.noosatri.com.au



The Making of Midnight Oil Exhib'n

When: 3 Sep – 20 Nov 2016

Where: Noosa Regional Gallery,
Riverside, Pelican St, Tewantin

Price: Free

Website: www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au



Inaugural Noosa Internat'l Film Fest

When: 3-6 November 2016

Website: www.niiff.com.au

President's Bit

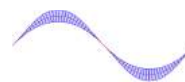
As I enjoyed my previous year as President so much and because nobody else put their hand up, I decided to nominate for the President's position again for 20-6-17. But seriously, I love being able to share my passion for the history of the area and the incredible arrays of things for visitors and locals alike to enjoy - this still excites me after all these years!.

Of course, having such a great team of like-minded people helping to keep the hut running smoothly is so important. So, a HUGE "thank you" to everyone on last year's Committee for all of your hard work and friendship. I look forward to welcoming a few more Committee members to this year's team. And a massive "thanks" to all our loyal, passionate, helpful, friendly volunteers - what a great asset to Tewantin and Parkyn's Hut!

On that note, we are always looking for more vollies to fill gaps and vacancies on our ever changing rosters. So, if you know of anyone suitable, please send them our way.

Looking forward to another great year of famils, friendships, parties and telling people where to go! (in the nicest possible way).

Cheers 'til next time



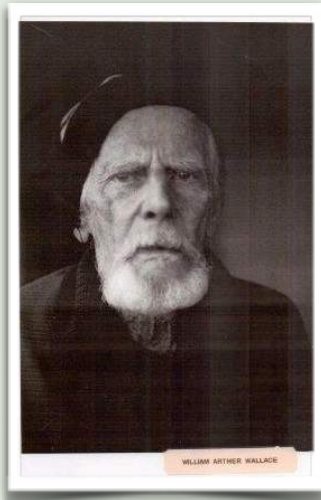
PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

A date to put into your diary

Tuesday 29th November
for our Christmas Party
at the Royal Mail Hotel.

Did you know ?

Mr William Arthur Wallace ??
(of Wallace House)



Born Mackay 1876

His parents drowned when he was 10 .Arthur and his siblings were sent to live with relatives (Arthur and Fred stayed in Australia, Linda, Laurence and John Thornhill were sent to England)

Education: from tutors at his Uncle's cattle station - Brisbane Grammar School and he was a Cadet to Bernard Dupuy a local Mackay Surveyor.

Married Alice Dimmock, daughter of former Mackay Mayor George Dimmock on 8th December 1901.

Got top marks in first Qld Surveyors exam.

Went to Malay states as a Surveyor for the British Government Colonial Service.

Always Interested in scientific things, terrestrial magnetism in Malaya. Fishing, crabs, in Tewantin which he documented. Now held by the Noosa Library., Wrote other books.

Retired to Tewantin and built the house on 80 acres of land which had been Walter Hay's land in about 1930.

Mr Wallace died in Cooroy Hospital 1974 (aged 97).

Please note: full story and photo's in Red folder under bench in the Hut.

Information gathered by George Pearce (from Marion Dunstan notes, G.G.Daughter of Mr Wallace)

... George Pearce

Annual General Meeting



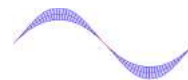
New Committee elected

Following the AGM held on 27 September, 2016 your newly elected Committee for 2016-17 consists of the following members :

President	Gail McBurney
Vice President	Jill Morley
Secretary	Wendy Ivanusec
Treasurer	Paul Morley
Committee	
Assistant Secretary	Keetha McInerney
Historian	George Pearce
Roster Clerk	Davina Rossiter
General Committee	Ron Strudwick
	Richard Carter
	Michael Payne

Our sincere thanks to the outgoing Committee.

To round the evening off, Committee, members and partners adjourned to the Royal Mail to relax over a couple of drinks and a good meal - wouldn't be dead for quids !!



IFLS **This Week In Science** 23rd June 2013

<p>Scientists found evidence of bacterial DNA in the human genome.</p>	<p>Researchers 3-D printed a powerful battery no larger than a grain of sand.</p>	<p>Scientists developed a 2 giga-electronvolt particle accelerator that fits on a tabletop.</p>
<p>Scientists discovered the molecule that makes naked mole rats immune to cancer.</p>	<p>A particle containing 4 quarks was confirmed for the first time.</p>	<p>Research found that using silver can make antibiotics up to 1,000x more effective.</p>

Whale Watching on Wild One - 26 August 2016

On a beautiful Friday morning a couple of weeks ago, a group of ten vollies were picked up from Parkyn Hut by a courtesy bus from Whale One Cruises, Mooloolaba. We were to be treated by this company to a day of whale-watching off the Sunshine Coast, and we were given a good introduction as to what to expect by the knowledgeable bus-driver.

The company operates two whale-watching boats: a traditional twin-hulled boat (WhaleOne) with two enclosed and open deck areas carrying some 100 passengers, and a much newer and somewhat smaller, but very fast, single-deck glorified speedboat (WildOne) taking up to about 50 passengers, powered by an incredible four 450HP outboards.

This was the boat we boarded; WhaleOne with a fairly full complement of passengers left about 30 minutes prior to us.

Once clear of the Mooloolah River, and after entering an almost flat ocean, we proceeded at high speed to a spot a few kilometres out from Mudjimba Island, easily catching up to the other boat at that point. The boat's skipper was very knowledgeable about both whales and boating, so we felt very safe. We were then entertained for the next ninety minutes or so by at least one pod of three or four adult whales accompanied by some dolphins; the whales seemed to enjoy our company, and performed well, deliberately approaching us, with much showing-off of tail flukes and

pectoral fins, as well as producing noisy and misty blows. We followed these whales south, accompanied by WhaleOne.

We were then treated to a guided tour from about Mt Coolum back to Point Cartwright, circumnavigating Mudjimba Island on the way. We were also given an incredible demonstration of WildOne's manoeuvrability: it is indeed an amazing boat.

Overall, the day was a great adventure, and we were bussed back to Tewantin to finish up the tour. We learned that the company's advice to bring a warm jacket was timely: the ocean breeze and the wind generated by the fast boat can be very chilly indeed!

... Bill & Helga

photos and report courtesy of Bill & Helga Thierman





Dr Pages Road Upgrade

Dr Pages Road upgrade is a win for hinterland tourism

Former Noosa Mayor Noel Playford today cut the ribbon on Council's \$5.6 million Dr Pages Road upgrade.

Mr Playford said Dr Pages Road was already carrying an extra 100 vehicles a day since being sealed, in a win for hinterland tourism.

"As a result of this project, residents and tourists can now enjoy a round trip from Tewantin out through the hinterland towns of Boreen Point, Kin Kin, Cooran, Pomona and Cooroy

without travelling on a single gravel road," he said.

"Following de-amalgamation, I promised the community we would prioritise the sealing of Dr Pages Road and part of Kinmond Creek Road to provide a fully sealed hinterland loop – a project that has been on the table for more than 20 years. So I am pleased to join Mayor Wellington, councillors and staff today to celebrate its completion."

Mr Playford, who retired in March following more than 20 years in local government, announced the multi-million dollar project in his last Noosa Council budget.

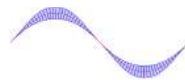
The Federal Government's 'Roads to Recovery' funding program contributed \$1,826,696 toward the project.

Planning and Infrastructure Director Martin Drydale said: *"By designing the road upgrade in-house, Council had been able to keep costs down, avoid the need for property acquisitions and minimise environmental impacts."*

Mayor Tony Wellington said: *"More trees have been protected than is usual for a road construction project, and where the road crosses waterways, we've minimised environmental impacts through clever design. The road also now has Q10 flood immunity."*

"This project is successfully making our wonderful hinterland more accessible," Cr Wellington said.

... 13 July 2016



A Short Memoir

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the "last ones." We are the last, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the war itself with fathers and uncles going off. We are the last to remember ration books for everything from sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available and milk was delivered in a horse drawn cart.

We are the last who spent childhood without television; instead imagining what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood "playing outside until the street lights came on." We did play outside and we did play on our own.

The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like. Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Newspapers and magazines were written for

adults. We are the last who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. New roads would bring jobs and mobility. The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. In the late 40s and early 50's the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class. Our parents understandably became absorbed with their own new lives. They were free from the confines of the depression and the war. They threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves 'until the street lights came on.' They were busy discovering the post war world.

Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and went to find out. We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world

where we were welcomed. Based on our naive belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all share in this experience. Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still acrippler. The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks. China became Red China. Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last to experience an interlude when there were no existential threats to our homeland. We came of age in the late 40s and early 50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, climate change, technological upheaval and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only we can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We experienced both.

We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better not worse.

We are the 'last ones.'

Parkyn Hut 15th Birthday Celebrations

In July, the 15th anniversary of the opening of Parkyn's Hut was celebrated in fine style on the Noosa Ferry, gently meandering between the Tewantin Marina, the Noosa River mouth and the Noosa Woods area

Mother Nature smiled upon us and after good wishes from Tourism Noosa CEO, Damien Massingham we set off.

At each birthday celebration we take the opportunity to recognise VOLLIES who have contributed over significant periods of time.

On this occasion we recognised the following VOLLIES -

15 Years

George Pearce
June Colley
Gail McBurney

10 Years

Julie Goeldner
Ron Strudwick

5 Years

Maz Kerr
Irene Land

Honorary Life Membership

Executive Members of the Committee of Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society agreed to confer Honorary Life Membership of our Association to June Colley in recognition of more than 15 years involvement.

June, along with George and Gail were present at the founding meeting of TH & HS some years before Parkyn's Hut became its home.

June was instrumental in assisting with Council negotiations to secure the Hut to its present site and further assisting with financial arrangements

June has held many positions over the years, notably several 3 year terms as Association President and more recently as

Hut Manager.

Being awarded Life Membership took June by surprise and she thanked all VOLLIES past and present for their help in making Parkyn's Hut such an asset to the Tewantin community and the visitors who come from near and far to enjoy our piece of paradise.

A delicious afternoon tea and tasty beverages were served.

To conclude the afternoon our Honorary Patrons, George Pearce and Olive Donaldson took a deep breath and extinguished the candles on an amazing chocolate profiterole and strawberry masterpiece.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the afternoon ... those who donated prizes, those who obtained prizes, many who baked goodies, helpers on the day serving food and drinks.

A wonderful team event.

... Davina Rossiter



Maleny Gardens Famil ... by Bill & Helga

Just in time for the spring flowers, twenty of our vollies went on a familiarisation tour to the privately owned Maleny Botanic Gardens on a Noosa Hinterland Tours bus. Greeted by two tame cockatoos and a very vocal rooster, we proceeded to one of the several lovely gazebos to be treated to a morning tea with scones, jam and clotted cream, whilst enjoying stunning views of the Glasshouse Mountains, the cores of extinct volcanoes formed some 27 million years ago, and named by Captain James Cook in 1770 (the shape of

the mountains reminded Cook of the huge glass furnaces back in his native Yorkshire).

The gardens are located on about 50 hectares of former dairy cattle farmland overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains. So far 6 hectares have been tastefully developed with about 6 km of paths giving access to the many theme gardens, numerous lakes, waterfalls and rainforest areas. The garden themes include the Oriental Inspired Garden and the Fairytale Garden. There is also a large walk-through aviary with many tame parrots and other birds, as

well as an animal pet farm. Our photos hardly do justice to the feeling of magic evoked by the Gardens. Further areas of the Gardens are being developed, and one is left with a feeling of awe at the enormous amount of work that has been done in the past nine or so years since the Gardens were established.

It was with some reluctance that we re-boarded the bus; our time spent exploring just part of the gardens, and experiencing the amazing views, was an incredible experience for all of us.

... Helga and Bill

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