

# HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



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

**When:** Fri 17 to Sun 19 Jan 2020  
**Where:** Ginger Factory, Yandina  
**Price:** Free



## **Noosa Summer Swim**

**When:** 1 & 2 Feb 2020  
**Where:** Main Beach, Noosa Heads  
**Website:** [www.worldserieswims.com.au/](http://www.worldserieswims.com.au/)



## **Noosa Festival of Surfing**

**When:** 22 Feb -1 March 2020  
**Where:** First Pt + Main Bch , Noosa Hds  
**Website:** [www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com](http://www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com)

## **President's Bit**

The dedication of George Pearce's seat was very well attended and his family were very pleased (see page 2).

Our Christmas Party was again fun and the food delicious. Davina Rossiter excelled in coming up with games again and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The International Volunteers Day at Noosa Woods put on by Noosa Council was terrific. A choir and the Ukelele band provided good entertainment. Noosa Meals on Wheels did a great job with the food again. Some enjoyed trying the outriggering and croquet. Sandy Bolton, Tony Wellington and Joe Jurisevic were in attendance, and a group photo was taken with some of the Parkyn Hut vollies who were around at the time.

Historian, Gail McBurney, attended the 2019 QICA Conference in Bowen and reported back to your Committee at its meeting in early November. Thanks to her efforts Parkyn Hut was awarded VIC of the Year - volunteers only AND took out the award for Community Engagement thanks to our Heritage Walk during the Noosa Alive Festival. (see page 4)

The Hut is decked out with tinsel and bows and a swinging Santa.

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 coming year.

... Elvie Johns  
(President)



## **Noosa Australia Day Festival**

**When:** Sun 26 Jan 2020  
**Where:** Lions Park, Gympie Tce, Noosaville  
**Price:** Free  
**More info:** <http://www.noosaaustraliadayfestival.com>



# GEORGE PEARCE MEMORIAL SEAT DEDICATION

... by Gail McBurney

The dedication of George's seat was held on Friday, 22 November 2019. It was nice to see such a diverse group of people from the community there to celebrate the great contribution that George Pearce has made to this community.

Many members of George and Joan's family travelled here for the occasion they were also members of rotary, woodworkers, scouts, council representatives including our mayor, as well as a big contingent of our volunteers.

I just wanted to share with you part of the speech I wrote which will hopefully explain a bit to those of you who weren't lucky enough to meet George just a few of the things he did for this area and the kind of man he was.

Over the years George was involved in many different organisations in the area including woodworkers, rotary, scouts, cricket and rugby league where he was coaching and refereeing. George put his heart soul and passion into everything he was involved in not for any recognition but for the good of the organisation and its members and he certainly benefited the Parkyn Hut team when the Hut first opened over 18 years ago.

George was the one to organise fitting it out with shelves tables stools etc.

Before workplace health and safety came into play he would regularly bring his ladder down to the Hut get up on the roof to clean off all the fallen leaves give the Hut a wash down and do any odd jobs around the place that needed doing.

George relished his role as Historian and often went to local schools to talk to the children about the history of the area. He was also involved in organising our annual Pioneers Luncheon and Tewanin Heritage Walk.. I was lucky enough to work in the Hut every Tuesday afternoon for many years with George and his wonderful wife Joan, before she passed away. We all had a great time working together, but I also learnt so much about this wonderful community we live in from this amazing couple.

George always used to say to me you shouldn't go to bed at night unless you've learnt something new that day. And let me tell you, I never had any trouble going to bed on the Tuesday night after spending the afternoon with George and Joan. People would often pop in to the Hut on the Tuesday afternoon just to ask George questions about the town's history or to share their stories with him. He was always so giving of his time.

A question that George was frequently asked was, "How long do you have to live here to become a local?" and George's answer was simply ... "when you start being involved and giving back to the community you become a local." Very wise words indeed.!





## International Volunteers Day Picnic Brunch - 5 December 2019

5 December 2019 : Noosa Council has celebrated the contribution and efforts of our hard-working volunteers and their impact upon our community.

As part of International Volunteer Day, hundreds of volunteers were treated to a free brunch to celebrate the 2019 theme of 'Volunteer for an Inclusive Future'.

Most people volunteer because they find it satisfying to help others. "It makes for a happier disposition of life – it keeps it real you could say,"

Deputy Mayor Frank Wilkie said Noosa was lucky to have such a wonderful group of unselfish, giving people.

"Noosa is known as an incredibly giving community because of people who put others first, especially in times of need and the recent fires are testament to this," he said.

"The response to the fires showcased our strong, inclusive community and highlighted the importance of the volunteers of our dedicated service providers."

Meals on Wheels, Park Bench Ukelele Players, Outriggers, Croquet, Mobile Massage.





## HO, HO, HO ... or should that be OH, OH, OH?



Welcome to the Parkyn's Hut Vollies Christmas Celebration, held again this year at the Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club. Bistro Manager Darren and his team provided us with an excellent meal and our Treasurer ensured no one went home thirsty. Michael and Patsy Fayne, members of the TNBC arranged to have some ham raffles prior to dinner and added to this a couple of Lions Club Christmas Cakes. Congratulations to the winners, of which I was not one.....urggh.

President Elvie Johns welcomed us all, about 45 in total and thanked us for our efforts this year.

Historian Gail McBurney congratulated us on our significant success at the QICA Annual Awards held in Bowen and distributed hand crafted greeting cards to all Vollies

What is a party without some party games. Emoji Christmas Carols got things started and people thinking and then it was time to wrap some gifts. Surely that can't be too difficult, unless one arm is linked behind your partner and communication is the key. So how about we unwrap the gift, wearing oven mits, easy peasy. Next up was the Bauble Roll where lots of bending of the body and of the rules was in order. Finally the Christmas Cannons had baubles shooting every which way but into the buckets. Ah ... Christmas ...it's all a bit of fun!

Thank you for your engagement in our roster throughout the year to keep The Hut open for 362 days. We look forward to doing it all again in 2020.

... Davina and Gary



## QICA AWARDS





# PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS





## Did you know?

### Free late-night Go Noosa Loop Bus arrives for Christmas

A FREE Park-and-Ride Loop Bus will hit the road this festive season as part of Council's Christmas Go Noosa transport campaign.

It's in addition to the popular free holiday buses, which again return in the lead up to Christmas – December 14 – and will continue to offer free transport through until January 27.

"The new Loop Bus is a brand new initiative designed to take the stress out of getting around key precincts and help ease congestion and demand for parking in the busiest centres," Cr Brian Stockwell said.

The bus will depart the Noosa Heads bus terminal every 15 minutes in a clockwise loop along Noosa Drive, Weyba Road, and Noosa Parade. It will also operate at night, half-hourly from 7pm to 10pm.

"The night time service means people can jump straight on to a bus near where they're staying, head off to a restaurant to enjoy a night out, then find their way home again quickly and easily on the bus for free," Cr Stockwell said.

"Passengers can get on and off the bus at Noosa Heads Bus Station, temporary stops opposite The J, the TransLink stops at Williams Street and Quamby Place, plus the Weyba Road football club, which is our major park-and-ride location, with parking for up to 400 vehicles."

Traffic controllers will help pedestrians cross busy roads around Hastings Street and assist buses to get in and out of the traffic quickly.

"We'll be taking this a step further this year with the trial of a bus queue-jump on Noosa Parade on the approach to Hastings Street to ensure the buses keep moving.

"We'll need to remove a small number of parking spaces to make way for the temporary bus queue-jump lane, but they'll be more than made up for at the Weyba Road park-and-ride facility.

"The State Government has confirmed we can continue to use Noosa Heads Lions Park for our popular paid carpark for this Christmas and next Easter. That will be operated by the Tewantin-Noosa Lions Club," Cr Stockwell said.

"We've upped the Lions Club's percentage of the proceeds to 50% and the remainder will again fund the Go Noosa transport initiatives."

Cr Stockwell said residents and visitors should download the Go Noosa app for real time bus information and car parking availability.

"By checking the app you can quickly decide the best place to park to catch either a free holiday bus, or the new free shuttle, to get into Hastings Street.

"Congestion will always be an issue in peak periods – that is a fact of life at popular holiday destinations all over the world. But with Go Noosa, we're aiming to provide multiple options so that visitors and locals can make their way into our busiest centres easily and stress free."

For more information, visit [www.noosa.qld.gov.au/go-noosa](http://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/go-noosa)

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### \$2.8M contract awarded for 'blackspot' intersection upgrade

A notorious Noosa traffic 'blackspot' will be upgraded in the coming months after the awarding a \$2.8M construction contract for the job.

PentaCon Pty Ltd will start work on the Ernest Street/Hilton Terrace intersection upgrade at the end of January.

The project includes a new roundabout, plus on-road cycle lanes, pedestrian safety improvements, and a new pavement for Hilton Terrace.

The project will also deliver renewed landscaping, signage and stormwater infrastructure.

"The focus is on improving safety at this intersection, which has been the scene of numerous crashes in recent times," Mayor Tony Wellington said.

"A recent transport study identified this intersection as being the most in need of an upgrade across all our Council controlled intersections, with more than 17,000 vehicle movements at this junction daily.

"It's a real blackspot where traffic regularly queues at peak times as vehicles wait to turn right from Ernest Street on to Hilton Terrace,"

"We've been busy working with service providers to relocate underground services so that we are now able to press on with this much needed upgrade." Cr Wellington said.

PentaCon Pty Ltd was among six companies to tender for the job.

"Work will commence soon after Australia Day and we'll be striving to ensure it's completed before Easter,"

"Obviously, there will be some traffic delays during construction but Council and the contractor will ensure the community is well informed as work progresses."

22 November 2019

## Sunday Morning at The Hut

*Put the chairs outside and people flock in for a chat. A wonderful vibe!*



# Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2020

## JANUARY

12 January : Peregian Originals

17 - 19 January  
Ginger Flower and Food Festival

24 January  
Sound Feast January

26 January  
Noosa Australia Day Festival

## FEBRUARY

1 & 2 February  
Noosa Summer Swim Festival

9 Feb : Peregian Originals

21 Feb  
Noosa Junction Twilight Markets

22 Feb - 1 Mar  
Noosa Festival of Surfing

27 Feb - 1 Mar  
Rainbow River Festival

28 Feb  
Flickerfest

## MARCH

2 - 10 March  
Noosa Festival of Surfing

8 March : Peregian Originals

19 March  
Ocean Film Festival World Tour

20 March  
Noosa Junction Twilight Markets

23 March  
Runaway Noosa Marathon

## APRIL

4 & 5 April  
Australian Body Art Festival

8 April  
Flickerkids

12 April : Peregian Originals

## MAY

10 May : Peregian Originals

12 May  
Cooroy Fusion Festival

9-11 May  
Ultraman Australia

14-17 May  
Noosa Eat & Drink Festival

23 - 25 May  
Runaway Noosa Marathon

24 May  
Swim Noosa 2020

30 May  
Big Pineapple Music Festival

## JUNE

3 June  
Melb Internat'l Comedy Festival

14 June : Peregian Originals

## JULY

12 July : Peregian Originals

17 July  
Noosa Junction Twilight Markets

19-28 July  
Noosa Alive!

24 July  
Walking for Mental Health

24 July  
Brisbane Coastrek, Noosa Woods

28 July  
King of the Mountain Festival

## AUGUST

9 August : Peregian Originals

10 - 11 August  
Noosa Strade Bianche

16 - 25 August  
Noosa Open Studios

16 August  
Noosa Classic

21 August  
Noosa Junction Twilight Markets

31 August – 6 September  
Noosa Jazz Party

## SEPTEMBER

13 September : Peregian Originals

## OCTOBER

6 October  
Noosa Beach Classic Car Show

24 - 27 October  
Noosa International Film Festival

27 Oct - 2 Nov : Noosa Triathlon

27 Oct Noosa Triathlon Experience

28 Oct Run Swim Run

30 Oct Breakfast Fun Run

31 Oct Tingirana Noosa Special Tri

31 Oct Asics 5K Bolt

1 Nov Noosa Triathlon

## NOVEMBER

8 Nov : Peregian Originals

30 October - 3 November  
Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

## DECEMBER

13 December : Peregian Originals

31 December  
New Year's Eve Fireworks in Noosa

## Free Buses

TransLink has confirmed that buses will be free until 2am on New Years. More details will be on the TransLink website shortly but in the meantime I can confirm the following:

620	Mooloolaba and Noosa Heads	7.30pm to 2.00am	60 minutes
626 and 627	Tewantin and Noosa Heads	6.30pm to 2.00am	30 minutes



## Parkyn Hut 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday / Service Awards



As we have done since the inception of Parkyn Hut Information Centre, vologies celebrated our Birthday aboard the Noosa Ferry and - as always - a great time was had by all during the happy 2 hour cruise. Somehow, between all the eating and drinking, we managed to fit in all the Service and other special Award presentations - congratulations to one and all. Only a few photos published here, but there was a display put up in the Hut for all to see.



Deb Woiwod and Carol Williams had just been part of the Cooroy Fun Walk, Breast Cancer Fundraiser, after which they stopped off at the Hut to say Hello to their fellow vologies. Deb was glamorous in her all pink ensemble winning an award for her get-up. It was a good fun day, helping raise monies for breast cancer.







## 2020 : Year of the Rat

See the following table for the full details of each year.

The Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first.

The Rat is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支—dì zhī) Zi (子) and the midnight hours.

In the terms of yin and yang (阴阳—yīn yáng), the Rat is yang and represents the beginning of a new day.

In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth and surplus. Because of their reproduction rate, married couples also prayed to them for children.

*Rats are clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life.*

Recent years of the Rat are:

1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020.

Paired with the Celestial Stems (天干—Tiān gān), there is a 60-year calendrical cycle. Although zi is associated with water, the years also cycle through the five elements of nature (五行—wǔ xíng).

YEAR	ZODIAC	EARTHLY BRANCH	CELESTIAL STEM	ELEMENT	YINYANG
1924	Rat	zi	jiǎ	Wood	Yang
1936	Rat	zi	bǐng	Fire	Yang
1948	Rat	zi	wù	Earth	Yang
1960	Rat	zi	gēng	Metal	Yang
1972	Rat	zi	rèn	Water	Yang
1984	Rat	zi	jiǎ	Wood	Yang
1996	Rat	zi	bǐng	Fire	Yang
2008	Rat	zi	wù	Earth	Yang
2020	Rat	zi	gēng	Metal	Yang

Metal	1960, 2020	These Rats tend to be reliable and live a stable life. They may hold some power and are able to turn unlucky events into fortune.
Water	1972, 2032	These Rats encounter hardships in the early days. They become successful during their middle ages and create a happy family. However, relatives and close friends may weigh them down.
Wood	1924, 1984	These Rats are multi-talented. They are strong-willed and always finish what they begin.
Fire	1936, 1996	These Rats have high IQs and EQs. They are average during youth, develop well in the middle ages and have great fortune later in life.
Metal	1948, 2008	These Rats are good speakers. They're the mood makers of a group, but can be slightly possessive. They face difficulties in their youth, but are generally able to withstand them.

### Personality and characteristics

Optimistic and energetic, people born in the Rat year are likeable by all. They are sensitive to other's emotions but are stubborn with your opinion. Their personality is kind, but due to weak communication skills, their words may seem impolite and rude.

On the financial side, they like saving and can be stingy. However, their love for hoarding will sometimes cause them to waste money on unnecessary things.

**Men** born in the Rat year are clever and adapt quickly to new environments. They are creative great at taking advantage of opportunities. However, they sometimes lack the courage to do so. Although they have great ideas, they might not be suitable for leadership positions.

**Women** born in the Rat year are the traditional women. They love keeping things organised and place

great value on the family. Everything is taken care of by them and there is no need for their husband to worry. Outside of home, they're also someone with a sense of responsibility and ability.

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<p><b>Noosa Ferry</b> Noosa Marina, 7/2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Noosa RSL</b> 1 Memorial Ave, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Noosa Queen</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Hang Loosa Noosa Property</b> Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Noosa Yacht &amp; Rowing Club</b> Gympie Terrace, Noosaville</p>	<p><b>Pier 11 Restaurant</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Bunnings</b> Cnr Eumundi Road &amp; Gateway Drive, Noosaville</p>	<p><b>Noosaville Fish Market</b> 11 Hilton Terrace, Noosaville</p>
<p><b>Tewantin Post Office</b> 125 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>John Bird</b> 6 The Atrium, 91 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Royal Mail Hotel</b> 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Davos Tackle World</b> Shop 6, Noosa Homemaker Centre, Mary St, Noosaville</p>
<p><b>Bloom Hearing Specialists</b> The Atrium, Shop 1, 91 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Montezumas</b> 81 Noosa Dr, Noosa Junction Plaza, Noosa Heads</p>
<p><b>Noosa Oceanrider</b> Noosa Marina, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Fugu</b> 1/109 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Dan Murphy's</b> 15-21 Mary Street, Noosaville</p>	<p><b>White House</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Chocolat</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>Birkies</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>