

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre

President's Bit

Wishing all of our fabulous volunteers, a peaceful and happy Easter and I hope the Easter bunny hops your way.

Looking forward to welcoming many visitors to the Hut over the holidays and helping them explore our spectacular region.

We will be celebrating National Volunteers' Week a bit earlier this year - on Wednesday, 3 May. Once again, we will be having breakfast at the Yacht Club, which is always a great morning and a fantastic opportunity to catch up with our fellow volunteers and give ourselves a pat on the back for all our hard work. The list is already up in the Hut with the details, so pop your names down when you are in next.

We recently farewelled another Tewantin treasure Miss Esmé Tait who lived her entire 100 year life in Tewantin. Originally she lived in the family home on the corner of Sidoni Street and Poinciana Avenue, then in 2007 she relocated just up the road to Carramar. Esmé donated her house to the Tewantin community and was very happy to see Tait-Duke Cottage open to the community in 2017.

Esmé was very involved with the Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society and Parkyn's Hut. In the early days of our organisation, she attended our meetings and many events and really enjoyed being part of our early Heritage Festivals, dressing up in her finery

and she was always the first one up on the dance-floor at any of our parties .

Esmé was our very first Patron along with Howard Parkyn.

And I have wonderful memories of many Tuesday afternoons at the Hut whilst working with George and Joan Pearce, Esmé Tait and Iris Parkyn would pop in for a chat and a cuppa. Esmé would always bring along something sweet for us to munch on, so many wonderful stories were told, lots of laughs were had and even some singing around Christmas time.

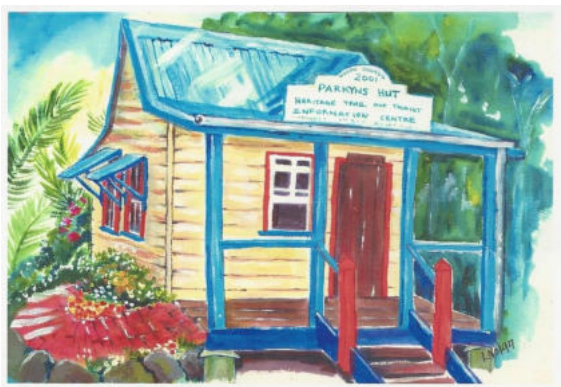
I remember Esmé telling me a story of when she went to a dance in Martin's hall, which was down near where the Marina is today Her mother was quite concerned and warned her to be very careful of COWS on the road on the way home.

How things have changed! 😞

... Cheers, Gail



*Happy Easter to all our Vollies and their families.
May you find the Easter Bunny's secret stash &
enjoy an Easter that is filled with fun,
love & lots of chocolate !!*



NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY 8am

NOOSA YACHT & ROWING CLUB

Come along and meet up with your fellow volunteers

Hot plated breakfast with orange juice (with bubbles for those cheeky few) and tea or coffee

Barista coffee is available for purchase

RSVP : Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard by Wednesday 26th April

Double Trouble



In the short time I've worked at the hut, I've had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know you all. But it's a slow process because unless we're a regular shift buddy, we tend to rely on the occasional social gathering for a chat and "get to know you" session. Or a quick catch up on the Hut verandah maybe?

Another way of course is to share a few words about fellow work colleagues for the Hut Gossip!!

So that brings us to Pam and Barry O'Sullivan, who commenced volunteering at Parkyn's Hut at the end of August 2022.

Pam and Barry settled in the area in 1984 after working in teaching positions in Doomadgee (2 years) and Cloncurry (4 years) respectively.

Retired school teachers with over 80 years combined service, they are both still very active within the community and we're certainly fortunate to have them join Parkyn's Hut.



Married for 38 years, they have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren and both Pam and Barry have been members of Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving, the Cooroy Dolphins Swimming Club and Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Swimming Association.

Barry has also completed 14 individual Noosa Triathlons and has obtained Legends status, which is for those who have completed 10 or more individual Noosa Triathlons.

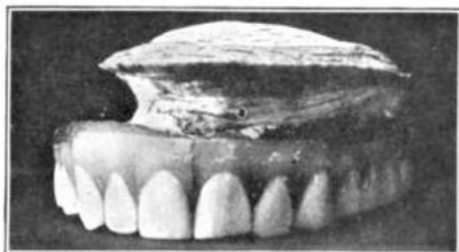
Pam is just super passionate about anything water and swimming!! And though she's now retired from teaching duties at Cooroy High, the school has asked her to oversee the making of all the costumes for the school's 2023 production of "Annie".

"To serve them all my days" indeed?

So Pam and Barry, we look forward to many years of volunteering from you both at Parkyn's Hut.

... John Murray

Tewantin's new denture oyster reef competition



Oyster growing on a different set of false teeth.
image source: The Strand magazine - 1903

The results are in !!

Chris Allen - from *Hang Loosa Property Noosa*
one of Parkyn's Hut sponsors
has independently perused the entries and made his choice:

Winner is Donal Cuttle

with entry
"Oysterine - for a fresher, cleaner reef"

Highly commended entries:

Ruth Baker:- "Shellbrate with me"
Lisa Murane:- "Have a shucking good time"

Thanks to everyone who put in an entry!

Did you know?

... from Bruce Cuttle

Tewantin Masonic Temple and Hall

The foundation stone for the Tewantin Masonic Temple on the corner of Moorindil Street and Toolar Street, was laid by

Mr. Justice B.H. Matthews on Saturday 5th September 1953. It was a momentous occasion, as not only was it the first building for Lodge 355, but the first foundation stone laid by a U.G.L.Q. lodge since 1928. On the occasion, the Most Worshipful Grand Master: *"pronounced the stone to have been tested by the proper implements of Masonry, and craftsmen had skilfully and faithfully performed their duty. He declared the stone properly laid according to the tenets of the ancient craft."*¹

A grand opening and dedication ceremony for the new Masonic Temple was officiated by The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mr. Justice B. Matthews, and attended by an estimated assemblage of 240 freemasons, on June 12th 1954. The building was described as *"the most modern of it's kind in the state"*. and was said to have cost £2,500²

The four surviving foundation members of the Lodge, which was founded in 1927 (27 years prior), Messrs. J. Parkyn, A.J. Cobby, W.J. Ross and V.B. Cardell were conferred the office of P.J.G. Warden.³

The first building was much smaller than the complex now seen on site, but suited the purpose. In 1995, the lodge building was enlarged by the addition of a relocated hall which had belonged to the St Mary's Anglican Church, sited on the corner of Doonella St and Memorial Avenue, after that site was acquired by the R.S.L. in 1995. The church building, which had been transported to Hervey Bay, became the Chapel for Fraser Coast Anglican College. The extended complex was opened on 25th August 1996 by none other than Olive Donaldson, daughter of one of the foundation members, W.J. Ross, and a past long time member and Patron of the T.H.H.S.

The Tewantin Masonic Lodge building has links to not only a centuries old organisation of high standing, but it is also home to non-discriminatory, inclusive, cultural and social activities, and forms an integral part of the Tewantin social life. It is well used by a number of community groups and adds to the social inclusion of Tewantin's residents.

1. Nambour Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser Fri 11th September 1953 P11 Masonic Temple Stone Laying
2. Nambour Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser Fri 18th June 1954 P6 Masonic Temple Dedicated
3. *ibid.*



A fund raiser for Ovarian Cancer was held at the Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club on 28th February attended by some of our Hut family.

An interesting guest speaker, a sumptuous morning tea and a very well supported community raffle resulted in a sizeable donation to help fund ovarian cancer research

.... Patsy Fayne



NOOSA FARMERS MARKET

Noosa Australian Football Club, Weyba Rd, Noosaville : Every Sunday 6am-noon
Nestled among the gum trees, the Noosa Farmers Market has locally produced and seasonal fruit and vegetables.

NOOSA JUNCTION TWILIGHT NIGHTS & MARKETS

Noosa Junction, Noosa Junction, Arcadia Walk | Third Friday of every month. From 5pm.
Live music, market stalls and entertainment dotted through the Noosa Junction and Arcadia Walk at this community festival.

Noosa Marina Markets

Every Sunday, 8am to 2pm, on the riverfront at Parkyn Court, Tewantin

ORIGINAL EUMUNDI MARKETS

Memorial Drive, Eumundi : Every Wednesday 8am-2pm and Saturday 7am-2pm

PEREGIAN MARKETS

Kingfisher Park, Kingfisher Parade, Peregian Beach : First and third Sunday of the month 7am-12.30pm
In the beautiful surroundings of Peregian Park on Kingfisher Drive at Peregian Beach.

POMONA COUNTRY MARKETS

Stan Topper Park, Pomona : Every Saturday, 7-11.30am

KIN KIN CREATION MARKETS

Main Street, Kin Kin : First Sunday of the month 8am-noon

VIVA LA VINTAGE MARKET

1 Etheridge St, Eumundi : First Sunday of the month 9am-1pm

GO NOOSA HOLIDAY TRANSPORT

Free local buses & special Ferry service | 1-16 April - This Easter give your car a holiday this summer, with GO Noosa free local buses! Every 15 mins from 7am – 7pm & every 30 mins from 7pm – 10pm daily on selected routes. The GO Noosa 065 loop services Hastings St, Noosa Dr, Weyba Rd & Noosa Parade.

Free, long-stay park & ride from AFL Grounds, Weyba Rd, The J Noosa & Noosa Transit Centre.
The Noosa Ferry offers multi-trip discounted passes to locals & visitors.

NOOSA REGIONAL GALLERY

A BIT MORE PAINT - 4 FEB - 5 APR 2023

Trevor Purvis : Australian Sienna - a suite of recent works by Sunshine Coast-based artist Trevor Purvis
+ More than the Sum of its Parts - a group exhibition of works featuring artists from within Noosa's creative community

Please support our Sponsors

Thank you

Noosa Queen Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin	Royal Mail Hotel 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin
Tewantin Noosa RSL 1 Memorial Ave, Tewantin	Noosa Harbour Fish Market Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin
Hang Loosa Real Estate Poinciana Avenue, Tewantin	Noosa Harbour Wine Bar Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin
Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club Gympie Terrace, Noosaville	The White House Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin

Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2023

APRIL

23 Apr
A Dog's Life Pet Expo

MAY

13-15
Ultra Man Australia
27-28 May
Runaway Noosa Marathon

JUNE

3-4 Jun
Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club Gaff Rig
Regatta
18 Jun
Noosa Electric Vehicle Expo and
Street Fest
24 Jun-30 Jul
Floating Land : Us & Them

JULY

1pm 2 Jul
Cooroy Mountain Park Fun Run
8 Jul
Noosa Buskers Championships
14-16 Jul
Noosa Concours D'Elegance
21-30 Jul
Noosa Alive
21 Jul
Coastrek Sunshine Coast
22 Jul
Noosa Polo & Provedore
23 Jul
Pomona King of the Mtn
30 Jul
Noosa Enduro

AUGUST

20 Aug
Noosa Classic

SEPTEMBER

2-3 Sep
Italian Food & Vino Festival
30 Sep-2 Oct
Great Noosa Trail Walk

OCTOBER

6-15 Oct
Noosa Open Studios
14 Oct
Wild Women Adventure Race

NOVEMBER

1-5 Nov
Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

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