

HUT GOSSIP

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Pomona King of the Mountain 2023

Jul 23

Where: Pomona

Price: Free entry for spectators



Noosa Alive 2023

When: Jul 21 - Jul 31

Where: Noosa & surrounds

Website: www.noosaalive.com.au/



Sydney Comedy Festival 2023

Sep 21 7.30-10.00pm

Noosa Cinema

<https://www.thej.com.au/sydney-comedy-festival-2023/>

President's Bit

Wow, I can't believe it's already halfway through the year. It will be Christmas before we know it!

They do say time flies when you're having fun 😊

And since our last newsletter there seems to have been lots of fun being had ...

Parkyn Hut celebrated National Volunteers Week with our annual breakfast at the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club.

We also had a great trip aboard the Mary Valley Rattler.

And our volunteers and their partners celebrated Parkyn Hut's birthday with a fabulous cruise on the Noosa Queen ... and on top of all that, I had two weeks away in W.A. Way too much fun !!

Preparations are now underway for our annual Pioneers Luncheon. I just love organising this event, then watching all these amazing people reconnect with each other and share their stories. It is a priceless experience.

Cheers and have fun

... Gail McBurney
(President)



Julie Goeldner had a 'feel good' moment on 27 April -

she wrote ... when a lovely Taiwanese girl came in to ask for help ... Robyn said she looked quite distressed when she arrived, having taken the Connexions bus not realising it wasn't a 'normal' bus ... she had booked a B & B in Moorindal St and needed to get to Sunnybank the next day, so we perused the buses to Brisbane, then the trains on Journey Planner, and finally found a solution to her transport woes ... Elaine had limited English and was hard to understand, but we found her a bus to Nambour station then the train to Roma St as that was the safest in case she missed a train connection, then on to Altandi station (I love Journey Planner!!) So ... armed with screenshots and my phone number in case she ran into trouble, she happily went on her way...

This is the part of volunteering that lifts your spirits just as much as it lifts theirs!



Noosa Jazz Party 2023

Aug 26 - Sep 3

performances at theatres, restaurants, cafes, clubs, on river cruises & in outdoor settings

Website:

www.noosajazzclub.com/noosa-jazz-party/

National Volunteers Week Breakfast

by Gail McBurney



It was great to welcome so many of our amazing volunteers to our breakfast at the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club to say "thank you" and to celebrate National Volunteers week.

This is always a fabulous morning and our thanks also go to everyone at the Yacht Club for enabling us to celebrate such an important event at this wonderful venue each year. It was also very gratifying to have Anna and Wendy from Tourism Noosa join us.

This is one of those great opportunities for us to mix and catch up with fellow volunteers - and to recognise some of those volunteers for their years of service.

This year, Michael Fayne received recognition for being a great volunteer at Parkyn's Hut for ten years and Peter Burfoot received recognition for his five years service.

And, as we all know, John Rubenicht was also due to receive his ten year award this year. We all recognised and appreciated John's friendship and involvement with Parkyn's Hut over the years then looked out to the river to give him a "cheers" and a fond farewell.

We also recognised Stephen McKernan, and thanked him for his thirteen years of service to Parkyn's Hut and wished him well in the future.

Time to pause and appreciate all the wonderful volunteers we have in our Noosa community. So many volunteers involved in so many different aspects of community life.

A lovely morning was had by all.



Parkyn Hut Volunteers ready to celebrate over breakfast at NYRC



Gail with Steven McKernan's 13 year Award



Paul Morley with his Amazing Volunteer Award



Maz Kerr & Keetha McInnerney ... remembering John Rubenicht



National Volunteers Week Breakfast ... cont'd



Parkyn Hut's 22nd Birthday Celebrations

by Gail McBurney & Tania Murray

Another great Parkyn's Hut birthday party was held aboard the Noosa Queen celebrating 22 years of us volunteers telling people where to go.

Thanks to Captain Dan (who recently purchased the Noosa Queen from Chris) for continuing to support our volunteers and letting us hold our party on this iconic boat (The longest continuously running charter boat on the Noosa River).

How lucky were we ... a fabulous place to celebrate, the weather was spectacular, the refreshments delicious, sausage rolls outstanding, and the company was wonderful.

We all did a "cheers to Eddy" as we went past his little shack.

We had some fun awards to hand out to our volunteers and, of course, our Amazing Volunteer Awards to announce which usually goes to somebody in the organisation who goes above and beyond and has made a positive difference to Parkyn's Hut in some way or another.

This year's recipients were our long-standing Treasurer Paul Morley and our fabulous Roster Clerks + much more John and Tania Murray.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for making the day so fabulous.

... Cheers, Gail



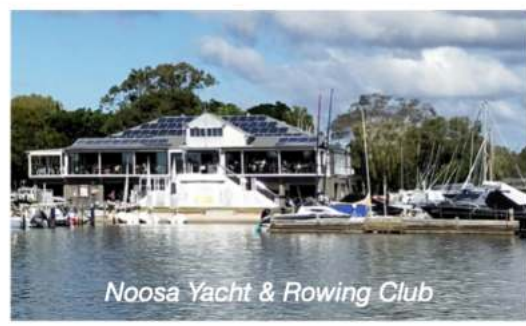
Capt Dan at the helm looking happy wearing his Captains cap



Elvie presented Capt Dan with his "Pledge of Loyalty" Certificate & Captain's hat



Elvie and Gail had the job of cutting the 'big blue birthday cake'.



Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club

Parkyn Hut's 22nd Birthday Celebrations... cont'd

It was a perfect sunny afternoon aboard the MV Noosa Queen for Parkyn's Hut 22nd Birthday.

Dan gave an interesting commentary as we cruised from the marina to Noosa Sound and sand bars of the river mouth. Heading back up river we sailed past Eddie's house with a salute.

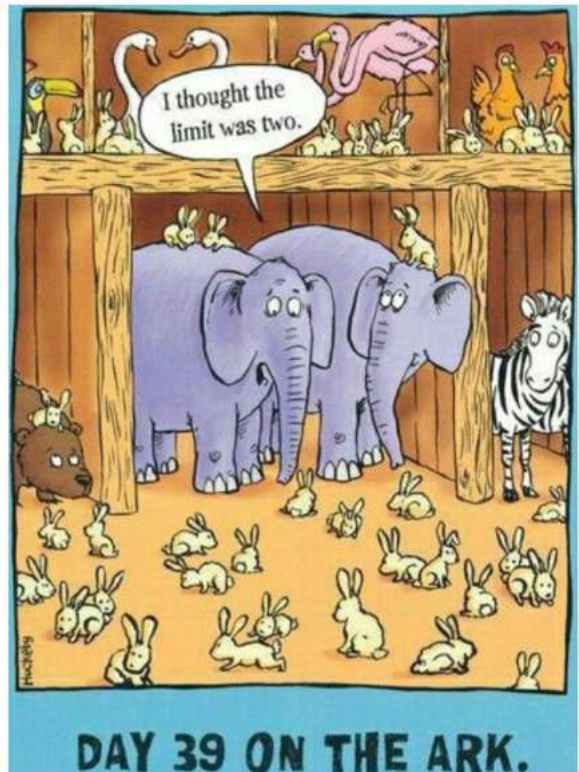
We were lucky to be served limitless sausage rolls and champagne by Captain Dan's Crew in the Galley kitchen, Gail, Lisa, Carol, Kerry and Christine.

After much dining and wine-ing, Patron Elvie presented Captain Dan with a 'pledge of loyalty' certificate and a token Captain's cap. Both of which he received with humour and in fun. Gail is now in training for steering the ship!

Cutting the big blue birthday cake required two people, Gail & Elvie, and a large stainless steel knife. Plenty to eat and take home too.

Cheers to another great year!

... Tania



Did you know?

Lot 1, Section 8, Town of Tewantin 1871 to 1883 - Tivoli and Club Hotels

Bruce Cuttle, June 2023

On 20th September 1871, lot 1 of section 8, County of March, Parish of Noosa, Town of Tewantin (on the corner of Sidoni and Gooloi Streets), was purchased by Frederick George Goodchap, for the sum of £4 10s.

This was part of the first land sales event following the town's survey in 1871, and which was conducted at the Police Station in Gympie. It is not known for sure whether Mr. Goodchap actually built a residence and lived on the lot, although a later note indicated that he was a resident of Tewantin.¹

In 1875, the allotment was acquired by Hampton and Ann Pillow, as trustees, most likely on behalf of their son Alexander Ramsay Pillow, who had married Christina Selina (also known as Winnifred) Muhldorff in 1874.² Also recorded elsewhere as 3rd February 1872.³

A. R. Pillow must have had big plans for the allotment as, in 1875, he stated his intention to apply for, "a Country Publican's License for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging and situate in Tewantin....". In his advertisement, Alexander stated that the house was his own property and consisted of two sitting rooms and four bedrooms, exclusive of those required for his own use. The Country Public House was to be operated under the style and title of the **Tivoli Hotel**. Alexander also stated that he was married, had seven children, and had not held a license previously.⁴ Note: Christina Selina, (Selina Winnifred) had married George Fisher Daniel Muhldorff in October 1859. Together they had seven children, one of whom died in 1863⁵. A. R. Pillow married the widow Christina Selina Muhldorff in 1872 and together had 1 daughter,⁶ making seven children as per the advertisement. This advertisement however brings rise to the question; did F. G. Goodchap build and occupy a house on the site?

With his license duly granted, the Tivoli Hotel was advertised in early November of the same year, as opened, and notifying that "Special care and attention is given to the Table and Bedrooms".⁷

Perhaps all was not as it should be though, as during the Annual Licensing Meeting in 1878, the Tewantin Constable considered opposing the renewal of the license on the grounds that "he knew that Pillow was in the habit of supplying the blacks with grog, although he had not been able to detect him, as there were generally half-a-dozen blacks stationed around the place on the 'look-out' while one of the party was getting served with the grog." The Constable was concerned that if the license had been refused, the practice would continue, and that he would have no control over the premises.⁸



Part of Tewantin Town Plan 1875. Queensland State Archives

An article published in October 1880 referring to a theft at the hotel in August, confirms that the Tivoli Hotel was still operating under that name at that time.⁹ However, on the 11th October 1880, a transfer of license of Alexander Pillow from the Tivoli Hotel to the Club Hotel was allowed¹⁰. In December the same year readers were advised in the Brisbane press that Mr Alex. R. Pillow's new pub, named **The Club Hotel**, was opened on October 27th.¹¹ With fourteen well furnished bedrooms, some supposedly elegantly, the same for the sitting and dining rooms, and a "handsome and commodious bar", "it is quite equal to any in your city" (Brisbane).¹²

A fuller description was published in *The Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette* the same month, as follows:

"Occasional visitors cannot but be struck with the imposing appearance of the new hotel, recently erected by Mr. A. R. Pillow;The hotel has a frontage of 102 feet to the main, or Colloy-street (sic), with a depth of 51 feet; the height of the walls are 12 feet, and to the top of the ridge poles 31 feet, and the whole is surrounded by a 9 feet verandah. The frame is of hardwood, lined and sealed with 8 inch T and G boards..... There is a room 22 feet by 18 now in use as a dining hall, but which can be turned into a music hall or concert room of 22 feet by 45 feet by the removal of a few nicely panelled doors which divide the present dining hall from a store-room. This half also comprises the bar, two bar parlours, and two single bedrooms. The bar is a light airy looking room 12 feet by 16 feet, with neat cedar fittings, whilst the adjoining parlours and bedrooms are nicely found with appropriate furniture. The western wing comprises in all 11 rooms, two handsomely furnished sitting rooms, in one of which is a first class piano; a similarly well-carpeted and furnished commercial or dining room 16 x 16. There are eight bedrooms in this end, all of which are well-furnished, and especial care has been taken for the comfort of families. The hotel is a credit to the place, and there are everywhere to be found those who express a hope that Mr. Pillow's plucky venture will prove a success."¹³



Did you know?

It looks as though the new Club Hotel may have been built in stages, as A. R. Pillow placed another advertisement the following year intimating that he has completed his new hotel, and is offering "a most Commodious and Superior Class of Accommodation", and advising that "The wants of invalids especially attended to", as well as "A good Table d'hoté (sic)."¹⁴ Tewantin in the 1870's and 1880's was already becoming well known for its accommodation and Public Houses, with the Tewantin Hotel in Sidoni Street, The Tivoli and then the Club Hotel on the corner of Sidoni Street, the Commercial Hotel (originally to be called The Royal Hotel) on the corner of Diyan Street, and the Royal Mail Hotel opposite, all being licensed premises by April 1883, with other "informal", and thus unregulated establishments also well patronised. More were to follow.

Reported in March 1882, it was rumoured that "another individual was going to build a brick one...."¹⁵ Unfortunately, no further information on this particular proposal can be found. Dan Martin's Tewantin Hotel was constructed sometime between 1880 and 1901; date has not yet been confirmed.

"SERIOUS FIRE AT TEWANTIN" was the heading for the report on the fire at the Club Hotel in *The Telegraph* (Brisbane) on the 11th September 1883. It was reported that the fire was first noticed at 3.20 in the morning and the premises was subsequently totally destroyed. Interestingly, the article states that the hotel contained 22 rooms,¹⁶ more than that reported in November 1880.¹⁷

Putting aside suspicions that had been raised in October, when it was revealed that anonymous letters had been written to one of the insurance companies,¹⁸ the inquiry into the cause of the fire did not show that it was anything other than the result of an accident. Sergeant Walsh, Mrs. Pillow (who was in Brisbane at the time of the fire), Mrs. Madden (her daughter) Robert Muhldorff (son), and Mr. A. Hort (son-in-law), who was left in charge, were all examined at the inquiry.¹⁹

October 1887 saw C. W. Pillow take over the Royal Exchange Hotel in Gympie from Mary Ann McCowan, premises she retained until transferring the lease to Mr Growcock, in March 1889. Christina Selina applied for dissolution of her marriage to Alexander in the middle of 1894, on the grounds of desertion, submitting that Alexander had deserted her in 1883²⁰. She then married Sidney Shepherd in 1895²¹ (Sidney had been the licensee of the Tewantin Hotel). Selina died in May 1929, in Brisbane.²²

Alexander Ramsay Pillow died in 1923 and is buried in Rookwood General Cemetery in New South Wales.²³

It seems that following the disastrous fire in 1883, the site remained unoccupied, but still under the ownership of Christina (Selina) Pillow, until its sale to Charles Tait in 1920.

Charles Tait and Emma Duke were married 6th November 1920 and their new home, called "Auchenraher" was constructed around that time.²⁴



"Auchenraher"
on the corner of Gooloi and Sidoni Streets ca 1920.
Photo Heritage Noosa T2001844



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Peregian Famil : June 15, 2023

from Kerry Surtees

Kerry from Parkyn's Hut Tewantin Information Centre joined with Noosa (VIC) volunteers and enjoyed a famil to The Village Peregian Beach to hear all the latest news on what's new in the village. Our hosts Kylie and Lauren were from the Peregian Beach Business Association. The Treasure Hunt was a fun way to learn unique facts and points of interest, and volunteers enjoyed a hosted walking tour of the village, starting with morning tea of freshly baked muffins and finishing with pizza at the Peregian Beach Hotel.



Rattler Famil April 26, 2023 from Gail McBurney

A perfect day for our trip on the Mary Valley Rattler.

Sixteen PH volunteers arrived early at the Historic Gympie station to enjoy freshly made muffins and a warming cuppa at the Rustys Rails Cafe.

Our new volunteers Helen and Tracey were made most welcome, what a great famil to start their PH journey !

The Rattler is one of Queensland's most iconic heritage steam train experiences.

The 40km trip to Amamoor and return was highlighted by the fabulous volunteer train conductors giving us an insight into the history of the Rattler and the workings of the volunteers in the restoration of the engine, carriages and the station.

We arrived back at the station for a chat about our trip and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

A terrific day had by all :)



2023 SCOUT : Sunshine Coast Big Day Out for Tourism

by Tania Murray

A great day to showcase the region. 2023 Year of Accessibility.
Volunteers and ambassadors, exhibitors from tours, experiences, transport, attractions, food, beverage, accommodation and attractions across the Sunshine Coast.



Andrew SC



Tania : a good Scout !!



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The White House

Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin



VALE- John Reubenicht

John was one of nature's gentlemen.

He had a smiling gentle manner, which partly concealed an underlying sense of fun and humour.

In all the time I worked with him in the Hut, he never said a bad word about anybody- in fact he was always looking for the good in people.

Although he lived on his own, he was always surrounded by people who loved him.

He loved cooking, in fact he was proud of his cooking- he often liked to explain to me in detail a new recipe he was testing out. He not only cooked for himself, but also for friends, as well as cooking meals to take out to Katie Rose Hospice.

I was very fortunate to have shared many a glass of red wine on our Hut river cruises- when we 'solved the problems of the world.'

John will be sorely missed by everybody who had the good fortune to know him.

VALE John.

... Paul Morley

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