

# HUT GOSSIP



Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



## President's Bit

As the sun sets on 2024, and we look forward to all the exciting things 2025 will bring us.

I would like to thank everyone of our Parkyn's Hut volunteers past and present for your time and the wonderful advice you all give visitors and locals alike, your dedication and commitment to Parkyn's Hut is definitely appreciated.

Everyone brings their unique qualities to our Parkyn's Hut family which really helps to make it a fabulous place to volunteer. Even after 24 years I'm so thankful for so many things during that time including :

- The opportunity to visit some wonderful and interesting Queensland towns while attending the QICA conferences and, of course, the highlight was winning Queensland Visitor Information Centre of the year ... twice!
- All of the amazing opportunities and experiences I've been given in so many different ways - from boats to trains to Mazes and Zoos, from Breweries to Strawberry Farms and at each one I have learnt something new.
- Meeting and making close connections with many of our local pioneering families hearing and sharing their stories and keeping George's Pioneers' Luncheon going and growing.

- Getting to meet really interesting people from all over the world and helping them to experience our amazing piece of paradise.

- Feeling like a big part of our local community Having a great connection and support from our local Council and Councillors and local businesses. Also, of course, I feel very grateful for the beautiful friendship we have with Sandy.

- But undoubtedly the best thing about being a Parkyn's Hut volunteer for all those years is the amazing people I've come to know and call my friends. So, thank you all - past and present - for playing such an important role in my life ❤️



... Cheers Gail 🍷🍷



# Quick Quarterly Round-up

... courtesy Carol Williams

**27 September was World Tourism Day** – it is an acknowledgement of tourism’s ability to promote and bring together communities from all walks of life and acknowledge responsible and sustainable tourism in assisting the local economy.

These values resonate with our own vision at Parkyn’s Hut and we are committed to showcasing Tewantin and surrounds, not only as a stunning, unique destination but also for its heritage aspect and also to maintain a great rapport with and the support of our local community.

**October in Noosa is always a vibrant month**, with events and activities to suit every taste. There is always a big focus on health and wellness with the Noosa Triathlon - the biggest Olympic-distance triathlon in the world and volunteers are always needed to help at NoosaTri which is then followed by the Wild Women Adventure Race.

**In November Noosa received exposure in two National publications:**

PEPPERMINT MAGAZINE’s summer edition features a 4-page article on ‘Travel for Good’ in Noosa, highlighting eco-tourism operators across dining, accommodation and experiences.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC explores the Noosa Everglades, a ‘pocket’ of serenity, in a 3-page article that is featured in their current magazine and on their website. WEEKENDER, Channel 7 was in Noosa to film an episode showcasing the best of our beautiful destination. From dining to exploring Noosa on the new Noosa E-Tuk Tuk tour and jet skiing our stunning waterways with Noosa Watersports (U-Drive) this episode of Weekender captured the hospitality and natural beauty that makes our area unique. Viewers were also be treated to visits to Sanctum Medical, Noosa Hills Mini Golf, and local artist Mitchell English’s Noosa Gallery, showcasing the area’s arts and wellness offerings. The luxurious accommodation and spa at RACV Noosa Resort, a sunset cruise on the Noosa Queen, and Noosa Marina’s dining spots Lucio’s and Pelis.

**NOOSA VIC ROSTER:** Each year, Parkyn’s Hut is asked to assist on the roster at Noosa Heads Visitor Information Centre for a day as they hold their annual Christmas social. It’s a small task but an important support for our associates. This year, four volunteers helped with this task. Thank you to Nola, Gillian, Pam, and Barry for your assistance.

Clare Seibel, Noosa Heads VIC Manager, and her team expressed their gratitude for the help provided. “I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank the Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society for its assistance in operating the Hastings St Visitor Information Centre last week.

The support provided each year makes it possible for us to bring our valued volunteers together as one to celebrate the year and it’s deeply appreciated.

Parkyn’s Hut volunteers never fail to deliver professional, knowledgeable, and courteous service to the many guests who come through our VIC doors. When your team is covering for ours, we know they are in the best hands. Well done to all involved.”

**FAMILS** (full reports in the Famil folder)



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9 - I I am Welcome to Noosa Mini Golf : Noosa Heads VIC Famil invite:**

Volunteers from Noosa Heads VIC and six from Tewantin VIC Parkyn’s Hut enjoyed a famil at Noosa Hills Par 3 and Mini Golf Course in Doonan, where they were treated to a fun session of Mini Golf. FAMILS are a great opportunity for our volunteers to experience products and services first-hand. Adults \$20; children \$15; Family \$60....and go again for \$5. Thank you to the crew at Noosa Hills for their hospitality in welcoming us!

FAMILS are a core component of Queensland VIC accreditation, volunteers are encouraged to attend. Please keep an eye on the notice board for any upcoming familS.

**Putt, Sip, Repeat,** Noosa Mini Golf is a fully licensed venue with an expansive menu of alcoholic and soft drinks to enjoy on the course. Boasting great views of the course and surrounding bushland.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30-7pm** – Noosa Heads VIC Buzz night. 3 PH volunteers attended

**Tourism Noosa Buzz nights** are a great way for our volunteers to keep up-to-date with Noosa’s top experiences and to help ensure they can provide invaluable first hand information.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Parkyn Hut Christmas Social.**

YAHOO What a fabulous evening! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and committee being present on a day-to-day basis for the Tewantin Visitor Information Centre at Parkyn’s Hut. Our Christmas Social was just a wonderful evening on so many levels. Patsy & Michael our game hosts for the evening said they had the best raffle yet! Congratulations to all the winners.

As always, it’s good to connect with our dignitaries, Councillors Tom Wegener/Brian Stockwell and thank them for their support and guidance & Patron Sandy Bolton Noosa MP, who has a great selection of photos on her FB page of the evening.

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Listen to **NOOSA COMMUNITY RADIO on FM 101.3** to hear Parkyn’s Hut Festive Wish broadcast during the festive season. The Hut also has a new promo that is being aired by the radio station. Stay tuned to Noosa Community Radio FM 101.3.

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## International Volunteers Day 2024

Perfect weather for a celebration morning tea for Noosa Shire volunteers beside the gorgeous Noosa River. Volunteers are the life blood of any community and in Noosa we have an abundance of special folk who give their time and knowledge to help others. A very special "thank you" to Council and all the volunteers at Parkyn's Hut !

... Kerry



## Christmas at Parkyn's Hut

*Kerry, Robyn & Gail created a fabulous Festive Hut for our Xmas season. The Elves were very busy, adorning Parkyn's Hut with a mini Xmas tree, tinsel, baubles and shiny garlands. The naughty Elf was perched high on a Shelf.*

*Wearing festive hats, earrings, brooches and smiles, the VOLLIES gave our VIC visitors some Christmas cheer.*

*Ritchie's Bakery's shortbread stars and white Christmas with coffee, makes Christmas the most wonderful time of the year.*

... Tania Murray





## PARKYN'S HUT CHRISTMAS HO HO HO!! 🌲

The Tewantin Noosa Golf Club was filled with so much love and laughter from the fab vollies from the Tewantin Visitors Information Centre aka Parkyn's aka the Hut!

They love sharing with locals and tourists alike our beautiful home including its history is their forte, as well providing a great drop in spot to grab some goss! 😊

Fun, food, and festivities with a Super Raffle that regardless of my cheers for my co-Patron Elvie's ticket to be drawn, a 'win' still eluded us! 😂

Gratitude to Gail, Kerry and the whole team for a fabulous night, and for all that you do to make the Parkyn's family so special 🙏

*reprinted courtesy of Sandy Bolton, MP FB page*

Goodbye 2024 and what a great way to end the year with the PH Christmas Dinner ....WOW

We know you enjoyed our dinner at the Tewantin Noosa Golf Club, you have given us such positive feedback, the meal was delicious and the service super friendly and efficient.

Everyone loved mingling with drinks on the balcony beforehand and suggest we start earlier !

We would like to sincerely thank our volunteers and local businesses who donated gifts for our raffle...

David, Keetha, Marion, Robyn M, Tracey, Pam T, Kerrie C, Wendy and me....THANK YOU !

Tewantin Noosa RSL, Tewantin LiveLife Pharmacy, Tewantin Market Garden, Noosa Queen, Noosa Harbour Fish Market, Woolworths, Dan Murphy's and Sandy Bolton....THANK YOU !

To Michael and Patsy for being BEST raffle ticket sellers.

And thank you to Carol for organising the terrific evening.

A special mention and big thanks to Chris at HangLoosa Property for all his support throughout the year !

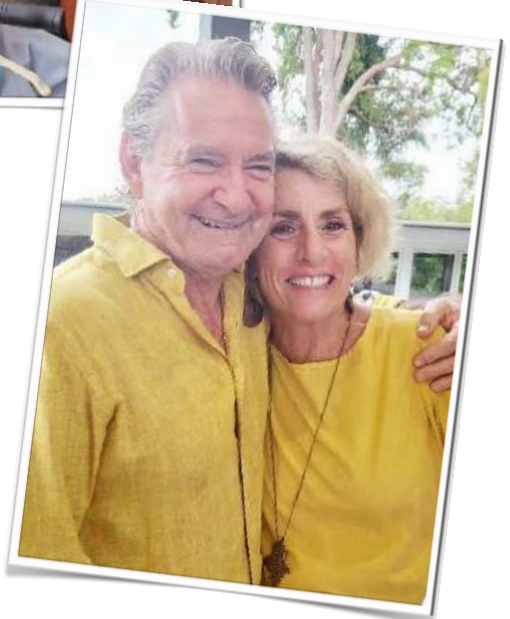
AND TO ALL OF YOU ... THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING AT THE HUT :)

... Kerry





# CHRISTMAS 2024





# Did you know?

... from Bruce Cuttle

**That 1875** was quite a significant year in the development of Tewantin, and as 1875 to 2025 is 150 years, in 2025 we can celebrate the **150th anniversary** of:

- ❖ The completion of the Gympie to Tewantin Electric Telegraph line;
- ❖ The completion and opening of the Tewantin Electric Telegraph station;
- ❖ The opening of Tewantin School;
- ❖ Mr. Grainger Ward selling his reassigned 99 acre property prior to his return to England. This enabled Tewantin to expand further northwards along the river to approximately where the North Shore ferry departs;
- ❖ Robert Alex Richardson's application for a licence to operate a hotel to be called the Tewantin Hotel;
- ❖ Alexander Ramsay Pillow's application for a licence to operate a hotel to be called the Tivoli Hotel;

- ❖ The construction of the Tewantin Police station, and jail.

The Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society Inc. sees the completion of the Gympie to Tewantin Electric Telegraph Line, and the opening of the first (temporary) Tewantin Telegraph Office, which we believe occurred on the 6th May 1875, as a major milestone in the development of the Tewantin/ Noosa River area, and an event well worth celebrating. (The first permanent Electric Telegraph Office opened some months later.)

The T.H.H.S. is planning to recognise and celebrate this anniversary in our local community with displays, various activities and competitions. The good news is that our event coincides with that of The Australian Heritage Festival, which we are a part of, and so April / May might just be a busy time for us.

We will be looking for volunteers to help out - but more on that later.

**See notices elsewhere in this Hut Gossip.**



The Australian Heritage Festival 2025.

18th April to 18th May

Theme: "Unearthed".

Watch out for our special events.



Celebrate the  
150 year anniversary of the  
completion and opening of the  
Gympie to Tewantin Electric  
Telegraph line,  
and the  
Tewantin Telegraph Office.  
**Sat 3rd May 2025**  
at the hut and other venues.

# Please support our Sponsors

*Thank you*

<p><b>Noosa Queen</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Crt, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Royal Mail Hotel</b> 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Tewantin Garden Market</b> 93 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p> <hr/>
<p><b>Tewantin Noosa RSL</b> 1 Memorial Ave, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Noosa Harbour Fish Market</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Crt, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>The White House</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Crt, Tewantin</p> <hr/>
<p><b>Hang Loosa Real Estate</b> Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Noosa Cruiser Restaurant &amp; Bar</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Crt, Tewantin</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Cafe Vin Cino</b> Noosa Marina, 11/2 Parkyn Crt, Tewantin</p> <hr/>
<p><b>Noosa Yacht &amp; Rowing Club</b> Gympie Tce, Noosaville</p>		

Please remember to show people where they can check out *This Week In Noosa and What's On* through our Tewantin brochure QR code and Tewantin VIC Parkyn's Hut FaceBook page.

## JANUARY 2025 - NOOSA HOLIDAY INFO

### Here are some things to do in Noosa, in January 2025:

- Go Noosa bus loop: Free bus loop from December 14, 2024 to January 27, 2025, including the 065 Go Noosa Loop Bus.
- Noosa Heads Lions Park: Temporary overflow parking on certain dates, including December 21–22, December 26–January 14, January 18–19, and January 25–27.
- AFL grounds: Free park-and-ride with directional signs and variable message boards.
- Noosa Aquatic Centre: Summer school holiday activities from January 20–24, 2025, including inflatable fun and a cafe.
- Story Seekers Club: Sign up for a challenge book and collect shoe charms for a chance to win prizes.
- Noosa Visitor Information Centre: Free virtual audiovisual experience about the Kabi Kabi people's connection to Noosa.
- Catalina Noosa: Luxury floating venue on the Noosa River with live DJs.
- Sunday Sunset Sessions: Live music, Italian aperitivo, and cocktails at Noosa Marina.
- Noosa Springs Golf Club: A place to play golf and talk technique with a drink.
- Cooroy Golf Club or Tewantin Noosa Golf Club: Places to improve your golf skills.
- Noosa Beach: A highlight of the area with golden sands and clear waters.
- Noosa Marina: A place for shopping, dining, and walks along the river.
- Noosa National Park: A place for hiking and exploring the natural beauty of the area.

January is the warmest month in Noosa, with an average daytime maximum temperature of 29°C in the shade and 8 hours of sunshine per day

## 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 FREE WEEKEND TRANSPORT

Route 626 -Tewantin to Sunrise Beach via Noosa Heads  
Route 627 -Tewantin to Sunshine Beach via Noosa Heads  
Route 628 - Noosa Parklands to Noosa Junction via Noosa Civic  
Route 629 -Tewantin to Noosa Junction via Noosa Civic  
Route 632 - Noosa to Cooran via Cooroy and Pomona

The free weekend bus services are extended to the Labour Day, Noosa Show Day and King's Birthday public holidays.  
Routes 620, 622, 630 or 631 travel outside of the Noosa Shire Council area so are not included in the free service.

For more information, visit <https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/go-noosa-weekends>.

The Noosa Ferry offers multi-trip discounted passes to locals & visitors.

## NOOSA REGIONAL GALLERY

<https://www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au/exhibitions-coming/>

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