

# HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre

## President's Bit

Wishing all our Parkyn's Hut family, a really happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. May 2023 bring us all many pockets of happiness.

Since our last newsletter, lots has been happening. The biggest event was winning the 2022 Queensland Information Centre Award for being the best Visitor Information Centre in Queensland that is run fully by volunteers.

There are approximately 12 Accredited Centres in Queensland, that are fully run by volunteers, so it was very exciting to hear our name announced at the Awards night and thus knowing that all our hard work has paid off.

It was lovely of the RSL to recognise our efforts by heavily subsidising, a luncheon for our volunteers to congratulate us on being named No. 1, and also offering

us use of the RSL bus for one of our Famils during the year.

It was also great that Mayor Clare and Councillors Karen and Amelia took the time to come in and congratulate us all. (see photos on p.12)

We certainly have had some great publicity as well after our win.

I think the Royal Mail did a fantastic job of hosting our Parkyn's Hut Christmas party. It was a great night, great company and the raffles were fabulous. I was thrilled with my prize a pottery platter made by Kerry Cooney and a beautifully boxed package of the most beautiful melting moments made by Pam 😊

... and wasn't it great that Sandy was able to join us!

Jumping head first into the New Year ... we have our audit for accreditation due by 20<sup>th</sup> January so will need to snap out of holiday mode quick smart to get it all sorted ... with a little help from my friends of course!



## Did you know?

from Bruce Cuttle

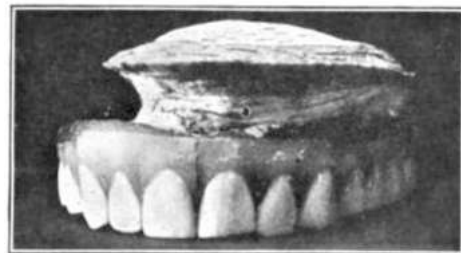
I recently came across this newspaper story from 1919 while researching information about Ede's Store. For those who don't know where that was, it was located in Pelican Street, but in line of sight down Gooloi Street (Poinciana Avenue), just to the left of where the front door of the Council building is now. The article was suitably titled. I hope you also see the lighter side of life in Tewantin in the early 1900s

### A "Plate" of Oysters!

While fishing at the mouth of the river Noosa seven years ago a resident of Tewantin lost a dental plate to which were attached six or seven artificial teeth (writes a correspondent). While laughing (probably at the everlasting fish joke), the teeth fell into deep water. Diving and dredging failed to recover the plate at the time, and the owner ruefully said a long and last farewell to the teeth. But during this new year holiday, while groping for fragments of rock with oysters on them, the long lost teeth came to light. When seen by the present writer this week the plate was on exhibition in Ede's store, Tewantin. The discovery aroused no little interest.

Four or five small oysters - some dead, others alive - were clinging to the vulcanite plate while six or seven gleaming teeth lured among the ragged oyster shells.

... Brisbane Courier, Friday 10 January 1919, page 6



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

One would have to wonder whether some money expended on the new oyster reefs in the river could have been saved by recycling unwanted dentures! There must be an abundant supply of them, and the resultant reef could become a Tourist attraction!

Can you come up with an appropriate tourist marketing slogan for such a reef? Add your suggestion to entries on the noticeboard in the hut for your chance to win a "surprise" prize. (No, it is not a set of recycled teeth!!)

# Hut Christmas Party 2022

by John Murray



*It was 5.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 in downtown Tewanin.*

Tewanin CBD was slowing to a gentle warm summer evening of early Christmas celebrations.

The Hut/RSL four-way had lost its roar of traffic noise but was being replaced by a frenzy of excited people gathering to celebrate another year of success and hard toil.

IT WAS the Parkyn's Hut Christmas party 😊

Inside the Royal Mail Hotel, the venue looked perfectly set for a FUN NIGHT.

The raffle table was overflowing with prizes generously donated by various businesses and people. Michael, Patsy and Kerry made sure everyone bought a ticket and the lucky winners on the night were certainly, well, lucky! And everybody looked a "Million Dollars", dressed for the occasion.

Christmas crackers were cracked, party hats donned, dad jokes were told, generous portions of tasty dinner things were served and the conversation flowed.

What made it even better was it was only a few short paces to the bar, which kept things flowing even more!

And while strolling from table to table as I snapped a few and a lot of happy faces, I couldn't help but think just what a nice bunch of people we are. You may argue the case, but I'm sorry to tell you I have the evidence... it's all there in the happy snaps!!!

But as always, all good things must come to an end. We all gradually left the party, hopefully having enjoyed something of the night. Was it the drink, the food, the raffle win, the bon-bon jokes, or just simply the company of others?

Thank you to all those behind the scene who organised the night's gathering quite seamlessly ... Gail, Carol W, Kerry, Michael (have I forgotten anyone?)

Also a BIG THANKS to Sandy Bolton, MP and honorary Hut Patron, who graced us with her attendance. We are lucky to have Sandy and Elvie as our Patrons.

*... I guess we'll see you all again next year?*

## Merry Christmas

to our wonderful volunteers  
from Kerry Surtees in  
Shirakawara-go Japan



Have you noticed the name plaque of Poinciana Avenue, near the pedestrian crossing has been refurbished?

Thank you to Michelle from Noosa Council.  
and thank you, Tania for bringing this to our attention ... Ed.

We have had 5 Explores since last Gossip, Explore folder in Hut has great info and details available for all to read of our Explores for the year. The folder is indexed and labelled into years and makes it an easy format for all to read. (folder above printer). Fabulous learning tool. Happy New Year everyone! ... Carol Williams (in haste)



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# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY CELEBRATION

Lions Park, Noosaville - 2 December 2022

## Extract from Noosa News ...

Noosa Council will celebrate its hard-working community volunteers on December 2 with a free picnic brunch and entertainment at Noosaville Lions Park on Gympie Terrace.

The International Volunteers Day festivities will run from 9am to 11am, with volunteers treated to live music, canoe trips on the river and an opportunity to catch up with other volunteers to celebrate the 2022 theme of 'Solidarity through volunteering'.

One such volunteer is Gail McBurney, President of Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society. Ms McBurney said she had been volunteering for 25 years with the society and her love of community has grown exponentially during this time.

"I love helping people which is what we are doing here at Parkyn's Hut," she said.

"I also love connecting with people, working with the community, and making so many friends over the past 25 years. I love engaging with the locals as well. And watching people reconnect and catch up," added Ms McBurney.

The Society is not short on enthusiastic volunteers and they are happy to showcase how to give back to the community.

"Having an event that celebrates volunteers is even a greater encouragement to all of us and hopefully future generations as well," Ms McBurney said.

Noosa Council's Community Development Coordinator, Cheryl Pattison, said Noosa was lucky to have such a wonderful group of selfless, giving people.



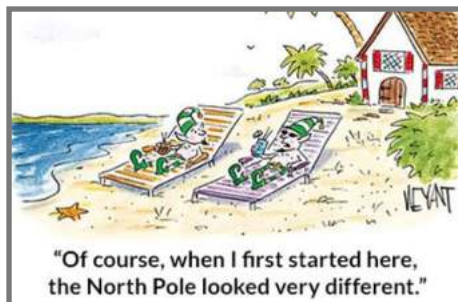
"Noosa is known as an incredibly giving community because of people who put others first, especially in times of need and the recent floods are testament to this," she said.

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

All Noosa community volunteers are welcome to attend the event. Attendees are advised to bring a picnic blanket or a chair.



Thanks to ... Noosa Council, Meals on Wheels, Park Bench Ukulele Players, Outriggers, Mobile Massage, the wandering entertainers and the coffee man !!





# Did you know?

## THREE IN ONE TREE

Three trees growing in very close proximity to each other, and some have declared sharing the same root system, were a landmark in Diyan Street, Tewantin for many decades. The three trees were located on the Eastern side of the Royal Mail Hotel and in what is now the garden behind Parkyn's Hut. The photograph on the right, taken Ca. 1971, shows the sheer size of the tree(s) when compared to the man standing on the roadway beneath it.



The Three-In-One Tree, when compared to the big Fig Tree opposite the Post Office, easily equalled its diameter, and significantly beat its height.

A large Forest Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*), also known as a Blue Gum or Red Iron Gum<sup>1</sup>, formed the central column and host for a Small-leaved Fig (*Ficus Obliqua*), but it has also been described as a Moreton Bay Fig and a Strangler Fig, while a Tuckeroo (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*) grew hard up against it.

Unfortunately, the tree(s) became stressed and suffered continual dieback, and after assessment by independent Arborists, it was declared "nearly dead" and "dangerous"<sup>2</sup>. In February 2016, the Noosa Shire Council declared that the Fig and the Tuckeroo were already dead, while the Red Gum had the highly contagious root-rotting disease *phelinus noxiu*, and was structurally unsafe. The whole assemblage needed to be removed.

Over the decades the three trees had become home to generations of birds, and the then current nesting occupants were sensitively relocated by council to nesting boxes placed in nearby parks as part of the tree removal process.<sup>3</sup>

By Saturday 27th February 2016, all that was left of the popular Tewantin landmark was a stump, the tree having been removed piece by piece and burned to reduce the danger of the disease spreading to other trees in the area.



Photo Sue Davis 2010 TreeMappa



Photo Gillian Everett 2016 Flickr





*End Of An Era : George Pearce and June Colley are resigned to the fate of the three-in-one tree*

Picture Peter Gardiner The Courier Mail February 23rd 2016

Sadly, another Tewantin landmark lost to the ravages of time and disease, but the memory lives on. A relatively young Eucalyptus tree now grows just alongside the stump of the original Three-In-One Tree.

A good example of how a fig tree can take over another tree can be seen adjacent to the walking path behind the Waterfront Restaurant on Gympie Terrace.

1. <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/forests-wood/properties-timbers/forest-red-gum>
2. Noosa Today Thursday 25th February 2016
3. The Courier Mail February 23rd 2016

*by Bruce Cuttle  
December 2022*



Photo Bruce Cuttle 2022

## Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2023

### FEBRUARY

18-19 February (5am-4pm)  
Noosa Summer Swim

### MARCH

3 - 12 March  
Noosa Festival of Surfing  
23 - 26 March  
Noosa Ultra-Trail

### MAY

27 May  
Runaway Noosa Marathon  
TBA (1-31 May)  
Noosa Busking Ch'ship

### JUNE

2-4 June  
Hells Gates 38

### JULY

1pm 2 July  
Cooroy Mountain Run  
21-22 Jul  
Noosa Coastrek  
23 July  
Pomona King of the Mtn  
TBA (29-30 Jul)  
Noosa Enduro  
TBA (20 Jul-1 Aug)  
Noosa Alive

### AUGUST

20 August  
Noosa Classic  
TBA (26-28 Aug)  
Italian Food & Vino Festival

### SEPTEMBER

10-11 September  
Cooloola Farmers Trail  
30 Sep-2 Oct  
Great Noosa Trail Walk

### OCTOBER

6-15 October  
Noosa Open Studios  
9-24 October  
Floating Land  
TBA (15 Oct)  
Wild Women Adventure  
Race

### NOVEMBER

1-5 November  
Noosa Triathlon Multi  
Sport Festival



## 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 | 6 & 7 January From 5pm. Arcadia Walk | 6 & 7 January 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 | 10 December - 22 January 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 & runs until 1am NYE.  
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 - 5 NOV TO 22 JAN 2023

A group exhibition of young and emerging Sunshine Coast artists including Alex Lange, Pippa Makgill, Alicia Sharples, BJ Murphy, Casey Hewitt and Thom Stuart...



# Chinese Zodiac

## 2023 - Year of the Water Rabbit



The Lunar New Year of the Water Rabbit 2023, which starts on January 22, with the first New Moon following the winter solstice, and ends on February 9 of 2024, when we will pass into the [Dragon Year](#), is more favourable or, at least, less spectacular than the Year of the Tiger, which is just coming to an end.

In Chinese Astrology, the Rabbit symbolises patience and luck, which would mean that the Year of the Rabbit 2023 will bring what we have lacked in 2022: peace and success!

The influence of the Rabbit will temper those too impulsive or those with their heads in the clouds. This is why, thinking twice before acting, you will manage to fulfil all your plans successfully.

The Year of the Rabbit 2023 will bring less anger and more relaxation! And more good news: this year, money will come much more effortlessly than before!

The people born under the Rabbit sign are calm, decisive, and rarely panic. This is why they easily get out of the most difficult situations.

The people born in the Rabbit sign are lucky in terms of money and get along with those born in the Dragon, Monkey, and Ox signs. They cannot stand the Rooster's arrogance or the Tiger's hysterical fits.

*What Does the Chinese Horoscope 2023 say for each Zodiac Sign?*

During the Year of the Water Rabbit of 2023, life will change for every zodiac sign. While some people will do away with the misfortunes they had in 2022, some will need to brace for trouble and unfortunate accidents. Click one of the zodiac signs below to see the 2023 Chinese horoscope for your animal sign (*for a bit of fun! ... Ed*).

### [Rat Horoscope 2023](#)

1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008

### [Ox Horoscope 2023](#)

1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009

### [Tiger Horoscope 2023](#)

1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010

### [Rabbit Horoscope 2023](#)

1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

### [Dragon Horoscope 2023](#)

1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012

### [Snake Horoscope 2023](#)

1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013

### [Horse Horoscope 2023](#)

1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014

### [Goat Horoscope 2023](#)

1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015

### [Monkey Horoscope 2023](#)

1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016

### [Rooster Horoscope 2023](#)

1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017

### [Dog Horoscope 2023](#)

1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018

### [Pig Horoscope 2023](#)

1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

### *What Are the Luckiest Zodiac Signs of 2023*

As per the Year of the Rabbit 2023 predictions, the [luckiest signs of the year](#) are Goat, Pig and Dog! These 3 lucky signs are in for one of the best years they will ever have. During the Year of the Rabbit, the Goat, Pig and Dog will experience blessings on the financial side and should look forward to a prosperous business and a rewarding career.

Everyone born in Rat years should be happy because this sign is among the luckiest zodiac signs from the Chinese horoscope 2023. This is the year when Rat natives can start their own businesses or get married.

### *Lucky Elements During the Year of the Rabbit 2023*

- [Lucky numbers](#) such as 5, 7, 9, and numbers that contain them (such as 35 and 47).
- [Lucky days](#): the 15th, 27th, and 30th of every month of the Chinese Lunar Year.
- [Lucky months](#): The month of March belongs to the Rabbit. The Yin Wood of the Rabbit needs the energy that the sun provides in order to grow. If Yin Wood is able to find a huge tree, a wall, or flat land, it will spread very quickly.
- [Lucky colours](#): blue, green, yellow, and black.
- [Lucky directions](#): southwest, west, and northwest.
- The ruling [Tai Sui during 2023](#) is Pi Shi. The direction of the Tai Sui is to the northeast. Tai Sui is in a rivalry with the Chinese sign of the Rooster; the other animals in indirect conflict are Rats and Tigers.

### *The Chinese Element of 2023 – Yin Water*

In 2023, the Rabbit is correlated with Yin Water, which in turn is connected with rain, cold water, lakes, or rivers. According to the Chinese system of the 5 elements, water is associated with black colour. This is why 2023 is also called the Year of the Black Rabbit.

People associated with this Water element, act with the characteristic fluidity of water, influencing the environment with their strength and discreet charm. Creative and engaging, diplomatic and intuitive, these individuals are masters of subtle manipulation. Without even seeming to try, they will win the trust and affection of those around them.

According to the Chinese zodiac, those born in one of the Years of the Rabbit will irritate the God of Age (Tai Sui), which brings bad luck. As such, it is said that Rabbits should be a bit more cautious about everything in their lives during 2023.

Luck will be on the side of the zodiac signs, and you will often notice that you can accomplish everything you've set out to do. Towards the end of 2023, our lives will go on apparently monotonously, and we will tend to delude ourselves. However, the Rabbit's dualism recommends caution because this year can bring hits below the belt, financial earthquakes, and social turmoil.

... what a note to end on!! Ed



## Please support our Sponsors ...

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<p><b>Bloom Hearing Specialists</b> The Atrium, Shop 1, 91 Poinciana Ave, 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>Royal Mail Hotel</b> 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>	<p><b>The White House</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Tewantin</p>
<p><b>Noosa Harbour Fish Market</b> Noosa Marina, 2 Parkyn Court, Noosaville</p>	<p><b>Zabe Espresso Bar</b> Poinciana Ave, Tewantin</p>

## Parkyn's Hut celebrates ...

Sincere thanks to the RSL for recognising Parkyn Hut's achievement in 2022 by being awarded "Best Visitor Information Centre in Queensland staffed entirely by Volunteers" for the SECOND time!! by heavily subsidising a celebratory luncheon for our volunteers.

But wait ... there's more !! The RSL also very generously offered Parkyn Hut the use of the RSL bus for one of our Famils during 2023.

Sincere thanks also to Mayor Clare Stewart and Councillors Karen and Amelia for making the time to come in to congratulate us all!

... Ed



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