

# HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



## Brisbane Coast Trek 2019

**When:** Friday 26 July 2019

**Where:** Currumundi Beach (60km) or  
Mudjimba Beach (30km) to Noosa Woods

[www.coastrek.com.au/events-brisbane](http://www.coastrek.com.au/events-brisbane)



## King of the Mountain 2019

**When:** Sunday 28 July 2019 (7am-6pm)

**Where:** Pomona, Noosa Hinterland

[www.facebook.com/  
pomonakingofthemountain](https://www.facebook.com/pomonakingofthemountain)



## Noosa Alive 2019

**When:** Fri 19 - Sun 28 July 2019

**Where:** Around Noosa region

[www.noosaalive.com.au](http://www.noosaalive.com.au)

## President's Bit

- ❖ Our volunteers celebration breakfast at the Noosa Yacht Club was well attended with everyone enjoying a delicious meal. Frank Pardon, Noosa Councillor, was in attendance and Steve McPharlin, Tourism Noosa, gave a short talk.
- ❖ A tourism training morning at Twin Waters was very interesting for those volleys who attended
- ❖ A networking meeting of local community organisations held at the Majestic Theatre, Pomona on 26 June was attended by Gail McBurney, Wendy Ivanusec and myself.
- ❖ The CWA cottage has been confirmed for morning tea after the Heritage Walk during Noosa Alive and also for the Pioneers' Luncheon later in the year which will be catered for by the RSL Ladies Auxiliary.
- ❖ The front steps at Parkyn's Hut have been reinforced by Council. The handrails are secure and safe.
- ❖ Gail McBurney has organised a Famil for the Wallace Precinct and Library as well as a Tait Cottage history.

... Elvie Johns  
(President)

## Something different ...

**Latin night:** Join dancers from Let's Dance Latin as they bring Latin Sabor to Rococo's, Hastings St, every Thurs, 6pm. Free 1hr class to teach the basics of salsa and bachata, then dance the night away

**Improvised comedy:** Love laughing? Love having fun? The new Noosa Improvised Comedy night is every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm at Lexis English, 6 Lanyana Way, Noosa Junction – learn how to improvise in a friendly, no-pressure environment, create games, scenes and skits guaranteed to have you laughing in no time. No experience required. \$5 suggested donation per workshop



## Noosa Strade Bianche 2019

**When:** Fri 9 August - Sun 11 August 2019

**Where:** Noosa Marina and Noosa hinterland

: [www.noosa-stradebianche.com.au](http://www.noosa-stradebianche.com.au)

# What to do in Noosa

**Stand up paddle:** Explore Noosa's beautiful waterways on a stand-up paddle board – lessons and hire boards are available for the Noosa River or Laguna Bay. It's easy to learn how! Ask at our Visitor Information Centre or phone 1 3000 NOOSA

**See Noosa from the air:** Take in the full beauty of this stunning region and get on-board a scenic flight with the Recreational Flying Co, Paradise Seaplanes, Ghost Air, Helitec or Air Fraser Island. There are incredible views of the nearby Coloured Sands, Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades, or tours to whisk you to a nearby vineyard or mountain-top for a once-in-a-lifetime romantic picnic. See the Noosa Visitor Information Centre in Hastings St or Noosa Marina, or phone 1 3000 NOOSA (66672)

**Learn to surf:** Learn to surf in Noosa's calm waters! The water temp is still beautiful! See [visitnoosa.com.au/](http://visitnoosa.com.au/) play for local surf schools where experienced coaches can help you out, from beginner to advanced. You'll be standing up in no time!

**Barefoot bowls:** Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club celebrated its 70th anniversary in June! Barefoot Bowls will be held every Sun from 3pm, Hilton Tce, Tewantin, bar and bistro open

**Ocean blast:** The new Noosa Wave boat has daily ocean and river tours – a fantastic way to see Noosa's beautiful coastline, National Park headland and marine life. Fast, smooth ride, private charters available. Whale watching tours start in June. See [noosawave.com.au](http://noosawave.com.au) or ph 0458 997 188

**Need a baby sitter?** To attend any of the events in Noosa, child-free, book a fully qualified nanny from Nannies of Noosa. Book online at [nanniesofnoosa.com](http://nanniesofnoosa.com) or ph 5447 1224

**Messing about on boats:** Explore the beautiful Noosa River and its bird and marine life – hire a pontoon or quiet electric boat, take a fishing or crabbing tour, a Noosa Ferry between Noosa Marina and Hastings St, a sunset cruise, gondola or 1940s power boat, jet boat tour, jet ski and more. [visitnoosa.com.au/play](http://visitnoosa.com.au/play)

**Kayak or ride Mary Valley:** The Mary River winds through rainforest and eucalypt forest with mountain views. Look out for platypus, rock wallabies, lungfish, Mary River turtles, kingfishers and more. Hire bikes and explore forest and waterfalls with custom maps. Ride on Mary 0400 297 678

**Solar-powered canoe adventures:** Explore the nearby Maroochy River and Wetlands Sanctuary in a unique solar/electric-powered canoe for 4 people on a 3hr guided or self-guided adventure with Eco River Rides that will bring you close to nature. Walk the Sanctuary boardwalks or spend your time in the upper reaches of Coolum Creek. Call 0439 425 670 or see [ecoriverrides.com.au](http://ecoriverrides.com.au) for all details. No paddling required

**Logging-in on holidays:** If you need to take time out from your time out and log-in while on holidays, the Peregrine Digital Hub co-working space is ideal for people in tech, with gigabit internet and great facilities. It's just 400m from Peregrine Beach with great coffee shops and restaurants nearby, and free buses run between Hastings St and the Hub's front door during school holidays. The Hub offers a special day pass for tech nomads visiting Noosa for \$30 plus GST. See [peregrinehub.com.au/coworking/](http://peregrinehub.com.au/coworking/)

**A taste of K'gari:** Get a Taste of K'gari, World Heritage-listed Fraser Island on a half-day cruise with Whalesong Cruises, leaving from Great Sandy Straits Marina, Urangan, Hervey Bay at 9am and returning at 2pm – easily enjoyed on a day trip from Noosa. Explore white silica sands, kayak in crystal clear waters, try your luck at shore fishing or simply enjoy the scenery. Book on 4125 6222 or see [whalesong.com.au](http://whalesong.com.au)

**Eco Cruise:** See amazing birds, river life and flora on a 2hr Noosa Eco Cruise, Tues and Thurs. Includes river cruise, nature walk, morning tea and all-day Noosa Ferry pass (same day). Must book on 5449 8442

**Eumundi Markets:** Take the new Eumundi Markets Round-Trip Shuttle with Coast to Hinterland Tours this Sat or Wed with pick-up and drop-off from Coolum and Noosa accommodation and 3 hours to wander the markets, \$35 adult, \$27 child. Ph 1 300 004 903 or book at [toursunshinecoast.com.au](http://toursunshinecoast.com.au)

**Relax and unwind:** Book a pampering treatment at one of Noosa's heavenly day spas or massage rooms – or have them come to you! Warm up with a holiday Yoga or Pilates session in a beautiful Noosa studio, on the beach or even on a stand-up paddle board. Float in a flotation tank or be pampered from top to toe with beautiful skin products and treatments.

**Picnic on the river:** Pack a hamper of local delicacies and lunch aboard Noosa River and Canal Cruises as you explore the stunning Noosa River, Weyba Creek and the beautiful hidden waterways of the Noosa Sound canals. Learn about the river's history and ecology in an entertaining and light-hearted commentary during a relaxing afternoon on the water. Daytime Cruises depart at noon from The Jetty, Noosaville and 12.30pm from The Sofitel on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. BYO food and drinks. Glasses, tea and coffee provided. Catering available by arrangement – ask about fresh sandwiches and fruit salad or delicious fish and chips! Ph 0414 727 765

**Rattler fun:** Take a Noosa Country Drive through the Noosa hinterland and Mary Valley to the historic Mary Valley Rattler steam train station in Gympie. Travel on a beautifully restored heritage train through the Mary Valley and its towns. The C17 steam train takes you between the historic Gympie Station with its cafe and museum, to Amamoor in the Mary Valley - return journey every Wed, Sat and Sun. The Silver Bullet runs every Friday at 10am and 11am for a 30-min ride. Or enjoy the 3-hour rattler Picnic Train on a vintage rail motor – ph 5348 9606

# 2019 Sunshine Coast Vollies Expo Report

A group of us recently attended the annual Sunshine Coast Vollies Expo held in the brand-new convention centre at Novatel Twin Waters. It was a very informative day with some interesting speakers, but the best part was getting to walk around and talk to lots of different tour operators, as well as some that we are all familiar with, such as - Australia Zoo, The Ginger Factory, Underwater World, The Valley Rattler and Maleny Gardens, who mentioned that they have now expanded their Aviaries and are open every day.



Yet another new tour is situated at the Big Pineapple and it is the Treetop Challenge, which is Australia's highest and most thrilling Adventure Park. It includes 100 challenges and 12 zip lines. I will be doing this tour on Sunday with my daughter and her friends, so will report back and let you know how I go.

I have put together a folder of a lot of these tours which I will leave at the Hut for you to peruse.

Our next famil will be on 19 July and that will be at the Wallace Park precinct, where we will visit Noosa Parks, Wallace House, the Leisure Centre and finish at the Library, where they will give us morning tea. We encourage as many volunteers as possible to come along to see what is available to us all as well as our visitors.



I also spoke to people from Bli Bli Castle who told me that they always put on events over the school holidays and have regular Mediaeval Festivals which are very popular.

I was very interested in the new Indigenous Tours that are starting up in the area. When I spoke to the lady from Mystic Mountain Tours, she told me that, when they get their Australian Story Tour up and running, they will be making room for six vollies on each trip. So, she's going to contact me when this starts.

Also, the Salt Boat experience sounds great, but they have had a hold-up getting their boat rebuilt, so they also will let me know when they start running.

There were some interesting additions to businesses along the Noosa Country Drive, including Amaretta Park Meadery and Eumundi Dairy Cottages. Also, there are a lot of Brewery Tours available in our area now.

A couple of other new tours in the area include a tour of the Camel Dairy, where they sell lots of products and you get up close and personal with the camels. They are situated at the Glasshouse Mountains..



## **Date Claimer – Sunday, 21 July, 2019 -**

the Heritage Walk around Tewantin as part of the Noosa Alive Festival. Meet at the skateboard ramp near the Marina at 1pm and finish at the CWA Hall in Tewantin with an afternoon tea.

... Cheers, Gail McBurney



## Six of the best with

### Michael Fayne

#### Q1. Where do you originate from?

I was originally from a town named Bolton in northern England. It was a cotton spinning area and is close to Manchester. Hence the naming of bedding being Manchester. My family came to Australia in 1964 and were housed in Cabramatta a suburb of Sydney

#### Q2. What do you like to do to relax or chill out?

My relaxation is to chill out on the Noosa River or on its bank eating fish and chips from the Boat House or eating at many of the fine restaurants along Gympie Terrace.

I also enjoy gardening and immersing myself in a good book. But my main love is working in my workshop, creating or repairing things.

#### Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

I have many favourite restaurants and here they are: Izzy Chai, Maisie's, Flux, The Boat House, Pier 11, Tuck Tuck, Saw and Mill, Deepac, Dhoms in Cooroy. I could go on but I think you get the picture.

#### Q4. Share any great local experiences that you have enjoyed?

Local experiences I enjoy are the ones everyone else has already mentioned. Like our beaches, National Parks, Botanic Garden, Tinbeerwah Mountain lookout etc. But one of my main loves is when a group of three of the members of N I C A (Noosa Integrated Catchment Association) take our boat out on the Noosa river to test the quality of the water. This consists of taking water samples from 8 different parts of the river and recording 8 various qualities from clarity through to conductivity and oxygenation. We visit Lake Weyba in the south and then all the way up the river as far as Tronson's Canal.

## 2019 Queensland Greats announced

The 2019 Queensland Greats were announced on Queensland Day, Thursday 6 June.

These awards recognise the efforts and achievements of remarkable individuals and institutions for their invaluable contribution to the history and development of our great state.

The 2019 Queensland Greats are:

#### Individual

1. Robert (Bob) Atkinson AO APM, *Former Queensland Police Commissioner*
2. Distinguished Professor Judith Clements AC, *Biomedical cancer researcher*
3. Dr Mark Loane AM, *Ophthalmologist and sporting legend*
4. Kay McGrath OAM, *Journalist and community advocate*
5. Patricia O'Connor, *Indigenous advocate*

#### Institution

- Queensland Country Women's Association, *Empowering and inspiring women*

#### Posthumous

- Dr John Sinclair AO, *Conservationist*

#### Honorary

- Charles (Chuck) Feeney, *Philanthropist and Entrepreneur*

#### Q4. cont'd

For those who don't know Tronson's Canal is just up river from Johns Landing. We do this every month and I have been doing it now for 6 years.

#### Q5. Name 3 of your favourite places to visit, or things to do locally?

The 3 main places I like to visit, apart from those mentioned above, would be:

1. Mooloolabah Fish Markets along Parkyn Parade, Mooloolabah. They have the freshest seafood and the oysters from Coffin Bay, S.A. are to die for.
2. I love to drive up the mountain range to Montville. The views are spectacular and the various galleries are top quality.

#### Q5. cont'd

3. Patsy and I enjoy visiting Brisbane occasionally to see a show and we love travelling on the City Cat and enjoying the Brisbane River. It is a beautiful river with spectacular views.

#### Q6. What do you love about living here?

We moved here from the South Coast, N.S.W. mainly for its mild climate. But we also love the friendly people and being away from the city traffic problems. Do we love it here? You bet Ya!!

# National Volunteers Week Celebration

## 20 – 25 May 2019

Previously we have joined with the Volunteers from Tourism Noosa for this recognition and thank you event for Volliers.

In the past, we have enjoyed Fish n Chip nights at the Marina and more recently breakfasts at the Yachtie.

This year, we would hold our own function due to TN making plans to celebrate with a luncheon at The Peregrine Hotel.

Ashley from the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club agreed to host our buffet breakfast on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

We had endured weeks of rain, but the day broke clear and sunny and it was delightful sitting on the deck overlooking the Noosa River.

On arrival, champagne and OJ was available and made to order coffees were warmly received

The Yachtie didn't disappoint with huge assortment of breakfast items, including bacon, eggs, hash browns, etc

TN CEO Steve McPharlin popped in to offer his thanks to all for the time given to assist visitors to our region. Steve briefly touched on the future direction of TN with regard to Eco friendly and sustainable tourism.

More than 40 Volliers from Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society were in attendance and it was a good opportunity to introduce a few new Volliers, namely Allira, Judy and Nola.

Also in attendance was Noosa Shire Councillor and founding member of TH & HS, Frank Pardon. On conclusion of breakfast, Frank was invited to speak and offered some recollections of how the TH & HS had developed over the last 20 years.

A little disappointing that due to various reasons, six people who had indicated their attendance did not attend. As we had to provide numbers to the Yachtie two days prior, we were left to cover the cost of \$90 for non attendees.

*Please ... if you are in doubt about attending any function, best to leave your name off the list.*

... Davina Rossiter



**THANK YOU EVERYONE  
SENSATIONAL!!**



# EVERGLADES ECO SAFARI

## Familiarisation Tour: March 21, 2019

Nearly four years ago, a group of our volunteers were treated to a Familiarisation Tour with the Discovery Group from the Marina to the Noosa Everglades. Since then, Discovery has taken over the Elanda Point site on Lake Cootharaba, and have extensively developed the area for camping, together with Everglade Eco-tours departing from Elanda Point in a new, shallow-draught purpose-built boat carrying some 30 passengers. This boat has very large open windows allowing for much better views than the earlier boat.



Parkyn's Hut Volliers were invited to try the new service in small groups over several weeks in February and March this year, and Davina and I were the last of us to participate in this Famil.



We were picked up near the Big Pelican in Noosaville by the Discovery bus driven by Kristie. The shuttle bus picks up from various spots from Sunshine Beach, Noosa Heads etc. The trip to Elanda Point takes about 30 minutes. Most of the passengers on our trip were backpackers, with a total of about 30 people.

On arrival at Habitat Noosa at Elanda Point, we noticed quite a few changes since we last visited the site

on a Famil in September 2017, at which time it had just been purchased by Discovery.

There are new fully self-contained Glamping ("Paperbark") tents from \$250/night, Wilderness tents from \$132, cabins, powered sites from \$44 per 2 people/night, and unpowered sites.



The biggest addition was the CootharaBAR Bistro/Bar with an on-site brewery utilising local sand-filtered artesian water. There is a large dining area both under cover and alfresco: we will return to that later.



We boarded the boat at around 9:30. Access to the boat was via a 200-metre walk along a stony path, then from a floating jetty. The seating was quite comfortable, and, as mentioned above, the windows allowed very good views. There was also a small outside area at the front of the boat allowing good access for photos.

The boat captain Heinie was very knowledgeable, and he explained a lot about the quite different water ecosystems in the saltwater/brackish lakes and in the Everglades proper which is fresh water stained with tannin from the melaleucas which form most of the local tree vegetation. The river is fed by underground aquifers filled with rainwater percolating through the large sand-dune systems east and north of the river.

Over 44% of Australian bird species can be found in this region. Pelicans are of course quite numerous, as are cormorants and larger birds of prey such as osprey.





Sadly, as we passed from Lake Cootharaba into the Everglades, we noticed many dead fish floating in the water. It was thought that these were saltwater fish suddenly inundated with fresh water after heavy rain and were not a sign of anything amiss in the river system itself.



The Kinaba Information Centre at the northern end of Lake Cootharaba can be reached by boat, canoe or walking from Elanda Point. This centre was built in 1978 following a heated campaign in the 1960s to prevent sand mining in the area, leading to the declaration of the whole area as a National Park.



We made our way into the Everglades to make a stop at Fig Tree Point where the canoes were stored, and those that had elected to travel by canoe were divided into two groups.



One group was to travel upstream to Harry's Hut, and the other group was to make the return journey after morning tea. While the canoeists were getting prepared, the rest of our party had a chance to walk around a 1 km track through native forest. We stopped there for about 50 minutes before re-boarding and wishing the canoeists good luck



We then headed to the CootharaBAR Bistro/Bar where, at a long table, we were served a delicious self-serve roast pork meal with roast vegetables, peas, plenty of crackling and all the usual accompanying trimmings. All the food is locally sourced.

Heinie also joined us at our end of the table to chat. Kristie also served the meals, and collected our empty dishes. She certainly earns her money! I was so enjoying the meal, I totally forgot to take any photos!

Having finished our lunch, we all re-boarded the bus at about 3 pm, and were driven back to Noosa after what had been a magnificent day.

... Bill Barry.



Further Information: <https://www.habitatnoosa.com.au>

We then travelled through beautiful reflective waters to dock at the Harry's Hut site for over an hour, where we were provided morning tea/coffee and other refreshments, including delicious Brownies! No motor-powered boats are allowed further upstream from this point.





# PARKYN HUT VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST CELEBRATION 21 May 2019 at Noosa Yacht Club



Steve McPharlin,  
CEO, Tourism Noosa



Frank Pardon, founding member  
of TH&HS, Noosa Councillor



Gail McBurney & Paul Morley, balancing the books



## SPIRIT HOUSE COOKING SCHOOL

Upon opening a red envelope they picked up at the Sunshine Coast Trade Fair, Michael and Patsy Fayne were delighted to discover they had been given vouchers for a cooking lesson at the Spirit House, Yandina.

*What an amazing experience !*

Definitely worth recommending to our cashed up southern visitors when they migrate up here for winter.

We used to think the \$150 price tag for the Spirit House cooking school was expensive but this experience is definitely value for money.

Classes are held on most days in two sessions- 9.30 am to 2pm and 4.30 pm to 9pm with a variety of Asian cuisines on offer.

The program is on the Internet.  
[www.spirithouse.com.au](http://www.spirithouse.com.au)

Participation is hands on - chopping, slicing, mixing the marinades and cooking ... all with quality ingredients under the guidance of an experienced chef.

The end result is a delicious two course meal, entree and mains, served with exquisite Asian salads all prepared by us, accompanied by a generous supply of quality wines and beers.

That in itself would cost \$150 in a Noosa restaurant.....and the best part - no washing up is required by the participants!!

Well worth recommending to our visitors.

*Cheers,  
Patsy and Michael FAYNE*



## What weighs more, a pound of gold or a pound of feathers?

You might think that this is a trick science trivia question. But, if you guessed that they weigh the same, you're wrong. A pound of feathers weighs *more*. Why? Gold is weighed in the **troy measurement system**. Therefore, when you convert them both to a uniform system, a pound of gold weighs approximately 373.24 grams and a pound of feathers approximately 453.59 grams.

## Calendar of Major Events – Noosa 2019

### JULY

19 - 28 Jul  
Noosa Alive!

28 Jul  
King of the Mountain Festival

### AUGUST

10 - 11 Aug  
Noosa Strade Bianche

16 - 25 Aug  
Noosa Open Studios

18 Aug

Noosa Classic

23 Aug – 1 Sep

Noosa Jazz Party

### OCTOBER

6 Oct

Noosa Beach Classic Car Show

24 - 27 Oct

Noosa International Film Festival

### NOVEMBER

30 Oct - 3 Nov

Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

### DECEMBER

31 December

New Year's Eve Fireworks in Noosa

## Did You Know ?

### *Recycling started long ago in the Noosa Shire...*

During the cyclone season 1947 to 1948, as well as Noosa main Beach and trees being washed away, all the buildings on the front dunes were undermined, one of which was the men's dressing shed.

The council rescued most of the shed and stored it in the Pomona Council yard.

The chairman at the time, Stan Adams, noticed a large number of Council workers lived on the coast, but had to drive up to Pomona each morning to sign on and collect their gear, then travel

back down to the coast to work, then back to Pomona each afternoon to sign off. So he decided to transport all the sheds materials to Munna Point campground and re erect the shed for a sign on sign off point and storage shed for light tools and equipment, thus making it much more convenient for the coast council workers.

Next, when the power substation was moved from the now Good Shepherd School site, the Council then used that area for their yards and sub-office buildings so the old shed was moved up to this site.

Then when SEQEB moved out of their place opposite where Bunnings is now, Council moved in there - but the old shed was not wanted any more.

However all was not lost! The shed now takes pride of place at the entrance to the Council Tip and is now used as a shop for the recycled and repaired old pre-loved bits and pieces.

If that is not recycling what is over 80 years and still going strong and it is has had four different locations.

Cheers,  
Gail McBurney



## Try to Remember ...



## How many senses do humans have?

*You actually don't just have five senses – many neurologists identify nine or more senses.*

Yes, there are the basic five: touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing, but there are also multiple senses within each of the five, as well as some others. For example, touch is actually made up of several “somatic” senses, including the perception of heat, pain and pressure. Another is the organic sense, which is the sense of your internal condition such as hunger or thirst.