

# HUT GOSSIP

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## Australian Body Art Festival 2019

6-7 April 2018

Where: Spex Park, Maple St, Cooroy

Price: Free entry for spectators

Email: [contact@australianbodyart.com.au](mailto:contact@australianbodyart.com.au)

Website: [www.australianbodyart.com.au](http://www.australianbodyart.com.au)



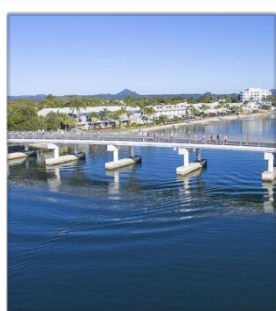
## Noosa Food & Wine Festival 2019

When: 16-20 May

Where: Around Noosa region

Website:

<http://www.noosafoodandwine.com.au>



## Runaway Noosa Marathon 2019

When: Saturday 25 May

Where: Noosa Heads

Website:

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

## President's Bit

The Gympie Red Rattler trip to Amamoor and return was enjoyable, bringing back memories of our younger years in the special carriages. The luncheon on Platform 1 was delicious, the Cafe area being a replica of original times.

The Christmas party was a great get together. An excellent meal was devoured, games were enjoyed. Thanks to Davina & Gary for the fun created.

The Hut was decked out with tinsel and bows during the Christmas period.

Australia Day it had bunting and a flag flying on the front of the Hut to celebrate. Thanks to Peter Chard.

**The week that was!! Showing the honesty and integrity of Vollies and community working together.**

*Tue, Jan 15* : A wallet was found in front of the Hut. Returned next day to 17 year old local lad via Student ID for Good Shepherd.

*Wed, Jan 16* : A phone call from a lady on the bus who witnessed another lady's loss of cards (including licence & bank cards) on pedestrian crossing in front of cenotaph. Police resolved the problem when notified. Thanks Ron.

*Fri Jan 18* : The Hut keys were mislaid. Found with help from Vollies & RSL staff.

*On behalf of Gail :*

A letter from Jane Harding states a special bench seat to honour George Pearce will be installed by Rotary together with a new map signage with the Heritage Walk included.

Jane said a room was available at the refurbished Library to accommodate George's history records to be sorted through by Gail and myself.

... Elvie Johns  
(President)

**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 !!**



## Noosa Hill Climb - Winter 2019

When: Fri 7 June, Hastings St - Street Pde

Sat & Sun 8-9 June Gyndier Drive,

Tewantin Nat'l Park - Hill Climb

Time: Fri - 3.30-4.30pm, Sat/Sun 8.30am

Price: Race Days \$15

Website:

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

# 2018 QICA Conference - Hughenden

Report by Gail McBurney

Once again I would like to thank the Committee for giving me the opportunity to attend the annual QICA Conference which was held in Hughenden this year. Hughenden is about 5 hours drive west of Townsville. We left here at 3am Monday morning and arrived in Hughenden about 2.30pm. We were welcomed by the Mayor of the Flinders Shire. We had a couple of speakers in the afternoon, one of which was very interesting - a man from a group called Mindworks, who made us all think outside the box. That evening we headed to the Flinders Discovery Centre - a very large VIC - for a BBQ dinner. On entering the VIC we were welcomed by a life size skeletal replica of a Muttaburrasaurus which was case from the original bones of a 110 million year old dinosaur found in the area. Also on display there are many different types of fossils. Hughenden is situated on the edge of a vast prehistoric inland sea, once home to many terrestrial dinosaurs as well as marine reptiles. This would have to be the biggest drawcard for the area to come to Australia's Dinosaur Trail which goes between Hughenden, Richmond, and Winton. Lots of people also come looking for fossils.

We were taken out to another local attraction the next morning. Porcupine Gorge, about 50kms out of Hughenden. After crossing over the dry river bed of the Flinders River, Queensland's longest, the landscape was very flat, dusty and dry. They haven't had any substantial rain since Christmas. We were given a points of interest sheet of things to look for on the trip out there which made the drive much more interesting.

The Gorge was quite spectacular. A group of us decided to walk down and were rewarded with the most water we'd seen since we got here. It was lovely to cool off. Unfortunately the walking back up again wasn't as much fun as the temperature was also rising rapidly. That day it reached 35 deg.

The afternoon session included many different speakers on logs of varied topics including once again making your Centre viable as quite a few Centres have been closed during the year, most notably the Cairns VIC.

So they are saying that by doing bookings and selling merchandise you are helping to fund the VIC which makes it more appealing to those that are handing over the funds to the Centre (not that that helped Cairns!).

Another topic was developing a VIC Handbook for Volunteers. I know we already have one, but have brought along an example of Bundaberg's one - a lot more complex.

After the afternoon session and before the Awards night, a few of us frocked up and headed up to Mt Walker lookout to watch the sunset. It is one of the only high points in the area, so you can totally see how it was all an inland sea from up there.

The Awards night was, unfortunately, like the rest of the Conference - not that well organised. It seems that the girls who put in the submission to hold the Conference

and told us all how great the Conference would be, were no longer there and the new VIC Manager had only been there for a couple of months and the QICA Committee didn't seem to be doing too much to help either.

The next morning we held our AGM and obviously most people were not happy and a whole new Committee was voted. It was also announced that next year's Conference venue will be Bowen and apparently part of the reason is that last year it was held in SE Queensland, this year Western Queensland and next year North Queensland. Not sure if Cathy will be putting in another submission to hold the Conference next year. I think she should, especially if it is our turn!!

It was also announced that we raised approx. \$500 in fines during the Conference during the Conference to be given to a local drought relief charity.

After the AGM we all jumped back on the bus for our long trek home. The best part of that was our stop-off in Charters Towers for 1 hour, most of us wondering why on earth a night in this historic town wasn't part of the Conference Itinerary after coming such a long way! Charters Towers has so much history during the Gold Boom 1872-75. It was also Queensland's largest city outside Brisbane and even had its own Stock Exchange. There are lots of lovely old buildings around town. Back on the bus and we finally got home 9pm weary.

Even though the Conference itself wasn't fantastic, it was incredibly interesting for me to see this part of the country for the first time. I was honestly expecting it to be like a little ghost town but the whole town was bursting at the seams. Some were even having to go to the next town to get rooms while the Conference was in town.

As well as the railway workers, there is a massive solar panel farm and wind turbine farm under construction which was very impressive and the Council is also constructing a big lagoon as they have access to water from the artesian basin.

So, if you were a single girl looking for a tradie, I would head to Hughenden!

The best part of the Conference for me was the opportunity to share ideas and listen to the stories from other VICs, some very different to our - others quite similar. I was particularly interested to talk to the lady from the Herberton VIC in the Atherton Tablelands where they have really embraced their town's history as well as their town's Heritage Walk. They also have an historical village set up, a railway museum and mining museum.

I had a very good chat to the lady from Babinda VIC whose centre is very much like ours. Their was the old Police Station. They are manned by volleys only and are looking at putting together a bit of a Heritage Walk around town, so showed her ours.



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Unfortunately, since the sugar mill closed, she said the town is doing it tough. Their biggest drawcard is their free camping. So I asked if the town itself benefitted from that and she seemed to think that a lot of people make an effort to spend some money in town. A bit of a "thanks" (but I bet a lot don't).

I also asked how the closing of the Cairns VIC had affected them. She wasn't very happy at all, losing the support network. They also used to combine training and famils, etc and they are obviously hoping their funding doesn't go. So they are quite pro-active getting sponsors etc for their brochure and more which is something that we could possibly look at doing. We need to get more funds?

As a result of the Conference I was asked to talk at the Tourism Noosa Buzz Night for vollies and talk about the different things that we do.

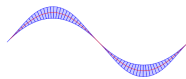
I was a bit nervous standing up in front of all those vollies and TN staff and representatives from Ingenia Parks, Discovery Tours and The Rattler, but it seemed to go over quite well. I've had a lot of positive feedback and it was a really good opportunity to tell them a bit about the history of the Heritage Society and some of the things we are involved in including our Heritage Walks and Pioneers Luncheons.

The lady from Discovery spoke highly of us and our newsletter and told everyone to go home and read it!

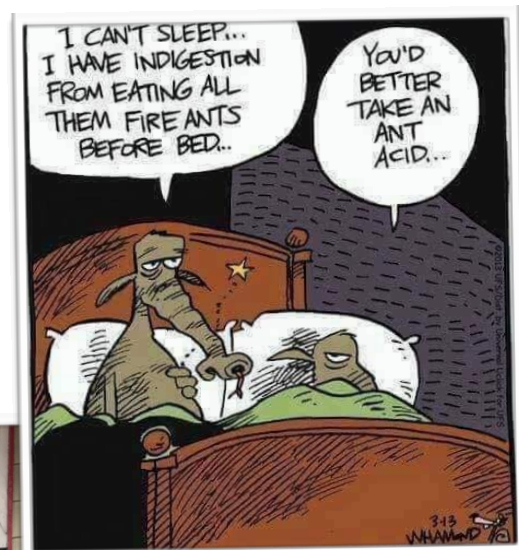
I also spoke to them about our involvement in the Remembrance Day celebrations in Tewantin which was held last Sunday. It was such a lovely day. Elvie and I decorated the hut and put out a bit of a display and boarded the ferry to celebrate this historic event. We had 11 vollies and family and friends aboard as well as Jane Harding from council, Don & Robyn McBryde, as well and Paul & Gail from the ferry.

I feel so lucky to have had such an amazing opportunity to be part of such an historic event as I'm sure everyone else on board did as well, another one of those reminders of just how lucky we all are to be living in peace and paradise.

Unfortunately they didn't get huge crowds in the park which was a real shame as the entertainment was awesome and so much organisation and money went into the day.



Chatting at the Hut : Olive, Michael, June, Carol.





# Jane Harding wins recognition for preserving our past



instrumental in ensuring that this young community's history is appreciated and captured for future generations."

Noosa Mayor Tony Wellington said the award was well-deserved.

"Jane is a great asset to both Noosa Council and the community. She is a passionate champion of local heritage, continually

working to document and preserve our local history. She has also developed excellent working relationships with many local community groups and individuals.

"Jane has a great knack for bringing the stories of Noosa's past to life. She developed the concept for Council's recent Remembering Peace Flotilla, a re-enactment of the Armistice Day event of 100 years ago. She also co-authored Council's award-winning book Noosa Remembers: a history of the World War I memorials of Noosa Shire.

"Understanding our local heritage is a useful factor in developing social capital and furthering community wellbeing. All of Jane's work helps raise awareness of our local history and it is deservedly recognised with this award," the Mayor said.

Ms Harding was nominated and shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Individuals: Paid Staff' category of the Awards.

The winners of the 2018 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA) were announced in December.

The Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

BRINGING Noosa's past back to life has helped Noosa Council Heritage Coordinator Jane Harding be recognised with an outstanding achievement award from Museum and Galleries Queensland.

Her efforts to celebrate and preserve Noosa's history have been recognised with an outstanding achievement award from Museum & Galleries Queensland.

Ms Harding was named as a finalist in the 'Individuals: Paid Staff' category of the 2018 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards.

Ms Harding has worked for Noosa Council for more than 14 years. As Heritage Coordinator, she is responsible for coordinating all heritage activities and projects for Noosa Council, including management of the Noosa Heritage Library and Picture Noosa collection and overseeing the Heritage Levy.

She also provides heritage advice and support to other Council departments and a wide range of community organisations.

In presenting the award, Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said, "Being recognised as a finalist in this category is great testimony to Jane's ongoing strive towards excellence, her personality and skills".

"She works tirelessly to increase and share the knowledge and understanding of local heritage throughout the Noosa Shire. She is

## Six of the best with

### Robyn O'Neill

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

*I was born in Innisfail, Far North Queensland*

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

*Walk  
Swim  
Read, and  
Cooks.*

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

*My place  
Rock Salt  
The Marina - cafes, restaurants,  
Amore Gelato*

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

*Walking in the Noosa National Park, followed by a swim at Main Beach.*

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

*Noosa National Park  
Mt Tinbeerwah  
Cooroy*

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

*The fresh air and relaxed lifestyle. It's like a 24/7 spa.*

# Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2019

## April

French Film Festival  
Australian Body Art Festival

## May

Noosa Food & Wine Festival  
Noosa Ultimate Sports Fest

## June

Noosa Harbour Boat Show  
Sunshine Coast Show

## July

Pomona King of the Mountain Festival  
Noosa Alive Festival

## August

Noosa Strade Bianche Cycling Event  
Noosa Half Marathon

## September

Noosa Jazz Festival  
Noosa Country Show

## October

Noosa Triathlon  
Sunshine Coast Rodeo

## December

Carols By Candlelight  
Woodford/Maleny Folk Festival