

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



Pomona King of the Mountain

When: Sun 23 July 2017

Where: Pomona



Noosa Hill Climb Winter Challenge

When: Sat 22- Sun 23 July 2017

Where: Gyndier Drive, Tewantin

Website: www.noosacarclub.com.au



Noosa Alive Festival

When: 21-30 July 2017

Website: www.noosaalive.com.au

From the President's Pen

As most of you would know I have just returned from a month o/s holiday where I had a fantastic time. I saw and experienced so many different places and things including staying across the road from Buckingham Palace where we were treated just like royalty. I felt very posh indeed, I did an early morning hot air balloon ride over Bath which was exhilarating with spectacular views, ate sea snails and found myself in the middle of celebrations for gay,-lesbian-straight and anybody with a fetish day in Brussels ... very interesting, Walked arm-i-arm around the Paris landmarks with a handsome young French man, then front row seats at Moulin Rouge ... what a night ... ooh-la-la. Had the Amsterdam experience!!! And did so much more!. It was also great to catch up with my family in the UK and go back to a couple of the places I lived before I came out to Australia as a 7 year old, It was a very rewarding journey for me.

The customer service was mainly good everywhere we went, although at times it did vary from being treated like the Queen's cousin to being a total inconvenience.. Its funny, sometimes it's the way you were treated and the service that you receive is what you remember more than the place itself.

To help pull myself out of the haze of jet lag and many mixed emotions I needed to remind myself how lucky I was to be home so headed to the National Park to watch the sunrise over Granite Bay, had fish and chips down by the river with the grandchildren, cruised to Coorobah to watch the sunset, then headed up to Mt Tinbeerwah to get a birds eye look at my hometown and realised how lucky all of us are to live in this paradise! .And its easy to understand why people come from far and wide to visit our backyard .

Hopefully you have all put your name on the list to come on our Birthday cruise on the 11th of July.. If you haven't been in the Hut for a while, come in to read the note on the wall.

It is a great opportunity for us to say 'thank you' to all of our hard-working vollies and have a fun day out and a great chance to catch up and meet your fellow volunteers.

Hope to see you all there Cheers Gail

... Gail McBurney
(President)



George's Heritage walk 23 July, starts 1pm, leaves from the Marina near skateboard ramp. Any vollies who haven't done this walk so far are encouraged to do so to learn more about the history of Tewantin. George volunteers his time every year to do this walk and it is very informative.

Memories ... memories !

Top: Switzerland -snow & mountains (of course)
Left: UK phone box (remember?). Right: Brussels
Bottom: Hot air balloon ride over Bath, UK



DID YOU KNOW ?

Question

Have you noticed the cast brass name plate just under the Parkyn paddle which says “Miss Tewantin” I.

The year 1920 saw the arrival of Mr V.B. Cardell in Tewantin, at which time he purchased the 18 passenger boat called “Doonella” from Dan Martin & W. Houston for river and fishing trips. Soon trade increased and, in 1923, Mr Cardell engaged Normon Wright of Brisbane to build a 30 passenger boat to be called “Miss Tewantin”.

Varce Cardell then sold “Miss Tewantin” to Mr Jack Parkyn who, at that time, was operating a boat hire and house letting business at Munna Point and was about to start a similar business at Tewantin. Down the track, and after World War II, business had started a positive up turn and so another boat was needed. It was then built on the banks of the Noosa River, behind the builder’s house (Mr Jim McKenna).. This new boat then was named “Miss Tewantin 2”. The first “Miss Tewantin” became No 1 (Plate on Hut Wall). In 1967 the Ibbs family bought the business. Down the track some years ?? perhaps old age or bridge and road change, coupled with talk of the coming Marina, Ibbs’ Business closed, , “Miss Tewantin, 1” sold and was going elsewhere. The Ibbs elders kept the name plate as a keepsake,

Following Mr Ibbs death some time ago and, just lately, Mrs Ibbs passed also, their son Bill brought the nameplate into the Hut to see if we would like to put it to bed in Parkyn Hut? /... YES, PLEASE and a big “Thank You”.

*... George Pearce
(Historian)*



ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS' "THANK YOU" EVENT

National Volunteers Week - May 2017

A celebration and 'Thank You' Breakfast was again held at The Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club. The event was arranged by our good friends at Tourism Noosa and about 30 VOLLIES from Parkyn's Hut joined approx 50 VOLLIES from Tourism Noosa to enjoy a delightful morning by the river. This year, on recommendation from ourselves, a welcome glass of bubbles on arrival, provided a nice touch. The hot buffet breakfast prepared by the Yachtie was delicious and more than generous. Tourism Noosa CEO Damien Massingham spoke of the tremendous work done by all Volunteers, particularly in the Tourism area and thanked all for their contribution

... Davina Rossiter



Six of the best with

Julie Goeldner

Q1. Where do you originate from?

I was born in Nambour, as was my mother ... so a ridgy-didge Sunshine Coaster.

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

Sit by the river with a coffee

Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

I don't eat out much but Maisies and Pier 11 OK and Thai Square, Bombay

Bliss

and Zacharys for takeaway and the Paperboy for lunch. The monthly lunch at Waterfront for a special treat.

Q4. Share a great local experience that you have enjoyed?

Going camping up the north shore when it is quiet and waking up early, so peaceful.

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

Watching the red sunsets on the Noosa River with a glass of wine. The Everglades, the National Park or a Country Drive, take your pick. Attending a musical event or show, love my music.

Q6. What do you love about living here?

Everything, except the fuel gouging!

Famil Hinterland Tour 23/05/2017 Courtesy of Budget Hinterland Tours

On a perfect autumn day (Queensland – beautiful one day, perfect the next) eleven Parkyn's Hut volunteers and our very friendly minibus driver/owner Brad from Budget Hinterland Tours took us out for a day full of enjoyment.

We started at Tewantin, drove down the Bruce Highway to the Landsborough exit, then up the range to Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. Volunteer Yvonne informed us about the brand new 2-storey Nature Information Centre with exhibitions, interactive displays, microscopes and a simulation room where you can experience the rainforest at night. Unfortunately, the main track through the actual rainforest was closed due to a huge tree having fallen down after cyclone Debbie. The new centre also features a viewing platform on the first floor with fantastic views over the Glasshouse Mountains. Butterfly-attracting vines have been planted to grow up the sides and over the roof along cables. The new cafeteria will open in July.

We proceeded to Maleny Dairies where we had a delicious morning tea – some of us ending up with tea and scones and lots of delicious cream! Then we had a very interesting tour conducted by Tiffany, teaching us about cows and calves and the milking process, and how the local milk is turned into the products we buy in the shops. They also have a pet farm with a calf, a (big) lamb, one chook, goats and pigs. We were involved in feeding them with bottles – what an experience! Not to forget the shed with antique farm equipment... some of us still know from our own early lifetime – gee, are we getting old??? They also have tractor tours of the whole farm. Highly recommended for families with young children! Before you leave you get to taste a selection of their milk, cream, yoghurts and custard – just heavenly and so fresh!

Then we had a short stop at Flame Tree Winery near Montville, a venue that can be booked for weddings. The views are stunning!

Off we went to Mapleton Tavern for lunch. The food was very nice and again, million dollar views.

Before we returned to Tewantin, we had a short look at Mapleton Falls, with breathtaking views from the lookout platform. There is also a picnic ground near the creek feeding the falls.

We felt that, given that it was a sightseeing tour, the passengers' view was somewhat restricted by the advertising grid over the side windows of Brad's minibus. However, the views we found on disembarking more than made up for that!

We would recommend this tour for everyone who is holidaying in Noosa without their own transport.

... Helga Thiermann and Bill Barry
(see photos on following two pages)





ECO CRUISE FAMIL REPORT

May 2, 2017

Volunteers attending:
Helga Thiermann and Bill Barry

Product/Service Name:
Noosa Eco-Cruise

Our positive experiences of this product/service were that:

- the skipper, Narelle, of the Noosa Ferry Cruise was very friendly, funny and knowledgeable,
- we received excellent historical and current information about the local ecosystem,
- we undertook an informative bush walk with much information about our indigenous people's plant diet and other usage of local plant material,
- the included refreshments (tea, coffee, fruit juices and fruit platter), biscuits and delicious cup-cakes were very welcome, and
- the experience was excellent value for money.

Disadvantages of this product/service were that:

- It would not be appropriate in bad weather, and
- is probably not suitable for families with young children.

The market would best suited to the experiences of this product/service would be:

- any person(s) interested in the ecology and history of Noosa's local flora and fauna.

The top selling tip you would use to recommend this product/service is that:

- you receive an excellent 2-hour and 15 minutes encapsulation of local ecology and environmental history.

Thank you, Narelle, and Noosa Ferries for a very enjoyable and informative experience!

NATIONAL NEWS

"Giving Australia 2016", launched on 1 December, 2016 by Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs the Hon Zed Seselja, is the largest review of giving and volunteering in Australia. This three year research project will provide benchmark data to inform future policy decisions and encourage more charitable giving.

The research found that: [?] 14.9 million Australians gave \$12.5 billion to charities and non-profit organisations over 12 months in 2015-16 [?] Planned donors give six times more than spontaneous givers [?] Our Australian volunteers are generous with their time and money. Over 12 months in 2015-16, Australians volunteered 932 millions hours and donated an average of \$1,017, which is nearly double the contribution of non-volunteers [?] Corporate philanthropy is thriving – with large business giving \$9 billion and small and medium enterprises giving \$8.5 billion, totalling \$17.5 billion over the previous financial year.

Lead researcher and director of Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Non-profit Studies at QUT Associate professor Wendy Scaife says there is an increasing propensity for donors to bypass charities altogether.

"It is both a joy and a trial... having technology that has enabled all of these wonderful ways that people can now give.

"Because this means that we don't necessarily need the charity as the middleman and there is a real danger for the charities there.

"Of course, smart charities are setting up their own programs and using crowdfunding as another vehicle to raise funds. They are going on as an organisation not an individual. All of that is possible through technology." This further highlights the changing landscape of the not-for-profit and charity sector. An online presence is becoming increasingly important for engaging potential donors and volunteers, particularly when it comes to millennials

The NBN is coming to Noosaville in August.

This is a very good explanation of what's going to happen and how you can keep all your phones working.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_4-JLwBK-l&feature=youtu.be

The summer has moved to Autumn and we are heading toward our exciting time of year again....."Whale Watching" but just before we do we'd like to invite you all on our BRAND NEW – Sunset Seafood Buffet Cruise.

We have all the same great staff and that fabulous on – board bar for all your beverages "hot or cold" and now we are offering a delicious dining experience!

Have an evening out – one to be remembered as you dine and cruise relaxing on the Sunshine Coast's premier cruise boat "Whale One". Bring friends, family or colleague's for a memorable seafood feast.

Just \$59 adults & \$24 Kids (4-14yrs) Under 4 Free but must be booked in. Use our special promo VIPSSB for your special discount. Or call the office to book in. Limited seats available.

Kind regards

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