



HUT GOSSIP



News from our President

The Parkyn Hut Christmas Dinner at the Royal Mail was a Merry Gathering. As incoming President for 2015, i would like to say that i look forward to my new role, however with the other wonderful Committee Members and all the Volunteers doing such great work my role for the coming year will be to give assistance where needed with guidance by Gail, our past President. My previous year as Secretary enabled me to understand the Historical significance of Parkyn Hut, the local area and the valuable service that we offer.

Gail's role as Vice President and Social Secretary will see her remaining in a very active role and attending Tourism Meetings along with June as their knowledge together is invaluable.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
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Once again our Christmas Party at the Royal Mail was a great night all the vollies seemed to enjoy themselves. There were some fantastic hats on the night, good on you to everyone who made an effort to wear one and congratulations to all our winners. Best couple- Wendy & Ivan Ivanusec, Best Lady- Patsy Fayne, Best Man- Gary Rossiter, Funniest- John Young, Most Creative- Maz Kerr, Most original- Meredyth Howard & Blingiest- Julie Goldner. Thanks to Davina for organising the fun game and thanks to everyone that donated prizes please show your support for these businesses that have supported us. They are The Royal Mail Hotel, Tewanin P.O., Paper Boy Cafe, Pittsys & Emmas fruit shop, Master Meats Tewanin and John Bird Jewellers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. See you next year.

Cheers Gail

CHRISTMAS - DID YOU KNOW?

by Hazel Prosser

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees. A spider web found on Christmas morning is believed to bring good luck.

Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.

It is a British Christmas tradition that a wish made while mixing the Christmas pudding will come true only if the ingredients are stirred in a clockwise direction.



News from June

Hi everyone . We have experienced another successful year with an average of approximately 15.000 visitors calling into our Parkyn Hut. A big welcome to all the volunteers who have recently joined us. We do have a great team at Parkyn Hut. Many visitors do spend time perusing all the photos of our past history which often leads to being asked many questions. about the "early days". What a great way to promote our history or just to chat about any and everything. Recently a Famil to Elanda point and Boreen Point was organised. Only 12 volunteers attended. Yes it was a very hot day (hot everywhere).

The people at Elanda Point provided a delicious morning tea,. Situated on the banks of the "big lake" it is just a perfect spot to holiday. There is room for 300 campsites , including a few cabins, caravan site tents and camper vans. Yes there is a store . Kayaks available for hire including guided excursions up to the everglades and Harrys Hut. Please remember that these famils are part of the training that is compulsory. So I hope that we will have many more volunteers join us in on the next famil.

We will be having combined famils with the Noosa Heads Volunteers at some time soon (not before Christmas) which will be a great way of keeping in touch with those volunteers. Please read the notice board re the combined Christmas dinner which is not happening this year. I expect that we can look forward to a busy holiday session. As to next year we can look forward to few combined training sessions with Tourism Noosa and the volunteers . . More on that at a later date!

Please be aware that The Holts Rd Caravan Park at Cooroy is open for business. All the details are on the notice board and on the front office table. A very sincere thank you to all of our volunteers. Your time and effort is appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas season and a healthy and happy 2015.
Cheers.



PIONEER JOHN HALL - THE DUN FAMILY

by George Pearce

Mr & Mrs John Hall came from England on a ship called "The Flying Cloud". Their first child being born on the voyage, The family lived in Brisbane for a time and two more children arrived (by now)

Sometime in the very early 1870's, the Hall family came to Tewantin and took up a selection of land on the corner of Moorindil St and Poinciana Ave (where the Shell Servo is today).

John, like most others, worked at any and everything that was offering. This included horse back mail delivery to and from Gympie before Cobb & Co took over (when the roads & bridges made it possible). John also (with Clarrie Ross Senior) dug a well just on the east side of Moorindil St (where the Childcare centre is now). This well supplied most of the town water for horses, cattle and household use until 1965 (town water connection) until the council filled it in. Wouldn't it be good to have it these days. John Hall was also one of the workers that helped to shingle the roof of the Royal Mail Hotel. Hall's Knob on the North Shore was named after the Hall family.

June 1876 - the Halls fifth child was borne but sadly Mrs Hall did not survive the birth, and became the first person buried in the Tewantin Cemetery. John Hall apparently felt he was unable to manage the four other children and a new baby as well. Mrs Appleby Senior of Cloothin Ck took on the new baby "Harriet Marion".



At age 22 Marion married Charles Clarendon Dun and they lived at Cloothin Creek and Elan-da Point as Charles worked in the timber industry and rafting logs down the river. Dun's beach at Lake Cootharaba was named after the Dun family.

Santa was very cross. It was Christmas Eve and nothing was going right. The elves were complaining about not getting paid overtime. The reindeer had been drinking all afternoon and the sleigh was broken. Santa was furious. 'I can't believe it!' he yells. 'I've got to deliver millions of presents all over the world in just a few hours - all of my reindeer are drunk, the elves are on strike and I don't even have a Christmas tree! I sent that stupid little angel to find one hours ago! What am I going to do?' Just then, the little angel opens the front door and steps in from the snowy night, dragging a Christmas tree. 'Oi fatty!' she says. 'Where d'you want me to stick this?' And thus the tradition of angels atop the Christmas trees came to pass.

6 OF THE BEST - RENEE ALAND**Question 1.****Where do you originate from?**

I was born in Brisbane, my father was an Artist and would take me, my Mum and my two brothers on annual holidays to lovely places where he could paint and fish.

My first Noosa Holiday was in the early 1960's.

I moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1988 after returning from a working holiday in Canada and not wanting to settle back into City life.

Question 2.**What do you like to do to relax or chill out?**

Walk my 2 mini fox terriers at the Dog Beach or Weyba Creek.

Get my Standup Paddleboard wet in calm waters and reading a good book.

Question 3.**Where are your favourite local places to eat?**

Home with family or along the banks of the Noosa River, a seafood meal or for something a little fancy, a French Restaurant.

Question 4.**Share a great experience that you have had locally.**

Being part of the pre-opening team for the Hyatt Regency Coolum in 1988 two months before opening and working in varied roles within the Resort. It was an exciting time and a beautiful eco friendly concept resort back then.

Question 5.**Name 3 of your favourite places to visit and things to do locally.**

Swimming at Little Cove or Tea Tree Bay,
A drive up the North Shore,
Being on the Noosa River and waterways.

Question 6.**What do you love about living here?**

Being away from the hustle and bustle of City life.

A great place for children to grow up.

Clean air, lovely coastline and hinterland.

