

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



**Noosa Open Day - World Series
at Main Beach, Noosa Heads
26 Jun 2016 - 8am-noon**



**Noosa Long Weekend
15 - 24 Jul 2016
Free + various ticketed
events around Noosa**



**Noosa Open Studios
Fri 19 Aug- Sun 21 Aug 2016
Wallace House + artists studios**

President's Bit

As most of you know, I have recently returned from a month's holiday up to North Queensland. It was full of amazing experiences and adventures, including sleeping on the beach under the stars with a fire going, cooking mud crabs that we caught in the creek behind us, swimming in spectacular waterfalls and gorges, stopping at some awesome scenic lookouts, as well as seeing such diversity of landscapes.

We watched kangaroos and wallabies feeding on the beach at sunrise, spotted crocodiles, cassowary, Ulysses butterflies, wedge-tail eagles, wild pigs and lots more unusual wild life. We stayed on an island fished and saw the reef, sipped Mango Daiquiris at a little bar on an idyllic deserted beach, had a cider or two in some amazing historic old pubs, experienced some fantastic Aussie Customer Service (and some not so good), met some great characters along the way popped into a few Information Centres for some local advice - the lady at Burdekin was very interested to hear that our hut wasn't much bigger than their centre which was the old Council Foreman's office. They are also run fully by volunteers.

We camped on a very remote property outside Cooktown and were flooded in for a couple of days. It was just incredible how quickly the creeks came up. Enjoyed looking at the historical sites on Cooktown - both Aboriginal and European ... they have a fantastic museum where I learnt just how important a place it was in our history.

But the highlight for me was jungle surfing over the top of the Daintree Rainforest on my birthday! It was somewhere I had always wanted to visit, but to see it from above and be amongst it was breathtaking!

However, after all that, it's so nice to be home in our own little part of paradise where we can swim in the oceans and river without too much chance of being killed. And I can't help thinking how lucky we all are that we have all of this in our own backyard!

*Cheers 'til next time
... Gail*



PARKYN HUT BIRTHDAY PARTY

A date to put into your diary,
Tuesday 19th July for our Annual
Birthday Bash on the Noosa Ferry

Did you know ?

This story has come to mind because an enquiry about the old Post Office and its position by a granddaughter of a former Post Master Mr D R Baker, who left Tewantin in 1948,

I thought that our Volunteers may be interested.

After a temporary Hut as a Mail handling office at Mr R A Richardson's Tewantin Hotel in Sidoni St came the first P.O. in 1872 (photo 1) where the P.O. is today.

After progressive changes it ended up as what we see in (photo 2).

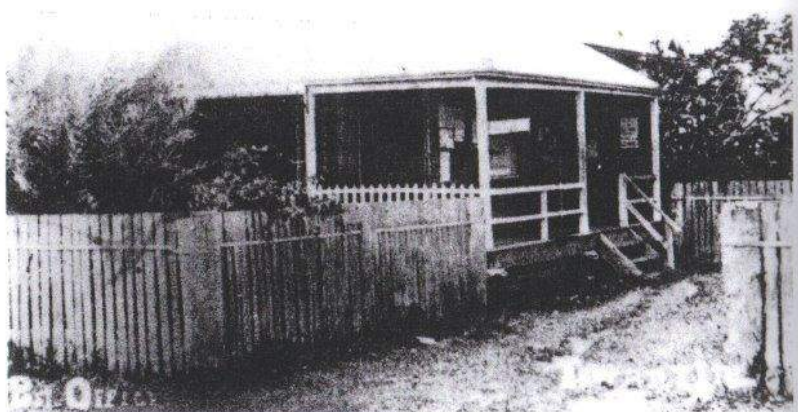
The one we see now, with a few small changes, is the one that was opened on Monday 5th December 1960.

Photo 3 shows the old P.O. pushed back and packed up to allow business as usual till the new one was complete

Please read the full story provided by Malcolm. M. Rae. Historical Officer, G.P.O. Brisbane. In one of the Red folders under shelf to Right of door to back room.

... George Pearce
Historian

Below - Photo #1



First Tewantin Post Office, made of pit-sawn timber.

Below Photo # 3



Below Photo # 2



POST OFFICE

CUNA

TEWANTIN R.S.L.

Six of the best with

Olive Donaldson

Q1. Where do you originate from?

Gooloi St.(now called Poinciana Ave) Tewantin. Still living in the house where I was born. One of the true blue TEWANTIN-ITES. Born & bred here!

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

Can't be without my books. Going out to lunch with old friends.

Q3. Where are your favourite local places to eat?

Maisies, Tewantin Golf Club, Royal Mail Hotel & R.S.L. Club

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

Being awarded Life Membership and Patron of R.S.L. Womens'Auxiliary, co-Patron with George Pearce of Tewantin/ Noosa Heritage & Historical Socy., elected to Noosa Council 3 terms & Quota Woman of the Year. (Take your pick)

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

Teewah , Cooran Tablelands, Blackall Ranges.

Q6. What do you love about living here?

This is HOME (and always will be), where my family and friends live also.

Why Wear a Poppy?



People had to walk from Cooroy (slight exaggeration) to attend the Tewantin Dawn Service so I'm told. But here's a little something to put aside for next year.

Anzac Day

When you buy your poppy next year, remember this poem, which is presumed to be anonymous but, in its correct form, was written by John F. Willcocks and was found among his paperwork in 2004. He scarcely knew his father, as he was only 9 months old when his father died as a result of being gassed on The Somme.

POPPIES

Why are they selling poppies, mother? Selling poppies in town today?

The poppy, my child, is the flower of love for the men, who marched away.

Why did they choose a poppy, mother? Why not a beautiful rose?

Because, my child, men fought and died in the fields, where the poppy grows.

But why is the poppy so red?

Red is the colour of blood, my child, the blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black mother. Why does it have to be black?

Black is the symbol of grief, my child, for the men, who never came back.

But why, mother dear, are you crying so? Your tears are like winter rain.

My tears are my fears for you, my child, for the world is forgetting again!

... and speaking of not forgetting

Every year, at the Australian Tennis Open, behind Roger Federer's coach (earlier Edberg and now Ljubičić), sits an elderly couple. There is a story to this couple, and it shows what a human being Federer is. The couple, as Federer's die-hard fans would know, are Bob and Diana Carter, the parents of the tennis great's first international coach, the Australian Peter Carter. Federer was just nine when Carter took him under his wing.

In 2002, in a terrible tragedy, Carter died in a car accident in South Africa during a vacation with his wife. The story goes that Federer (then 21) was so affected by the his coach's death, he ran through the streets of Toronto (where he was playing that day), bawling his heart out. Carter had recognised Federer's genius at a young age, and was determined to make him an all-time great. For over a decade, Carter was at it before he died at the age of 37. He was not Federer's first coach, but the one who took him from relative obscurity in Basel in Switzerland to the threshold of international greatness. So, coming back to Bob and Diana Carter.

Federer feels so close and so indebted to them that, every year, since 2005, his team sends an all-expense paid itinerary to the Adelaide-based couple - first-class air tickets, bookings in the same hotel as Federer, food, winner's parties and even commiseration parties in Melbourne. And they sit in Federer's box at the Rod Laver Arena, supporting him as if he were their son. They see their Peter in him. And Federer never forgets the Carter family's role in his life and career.

Federer, 34, may or may not win his 18th Grand Slam. But is he one of the greatest humans to have set foot on a tennis court? He sure is!

The end of an era ...



SES Fire Training - 18 March 2016

... by Carol Williams

The SES fire training session was appreciatively received by all the Parkyn Hut Vollies, and the information learnt was important for every day. A morning well spent.

Russell Mayne, our lecturer for the morning was very experienced and explained to us in a professional manner that kept us all interested and enthused.

We viewed a video of a fire starting in a living room that was timed, it showed us the importance of 'Time' in regards to fires, and how we should try to react, and what to do. Russell paused,

informed, explained during the video and then we were able to ask questions.

After the Q&A time about the video we ventured outdoors to give our new found information a test on the fire extinguishers, and fire blankets.

The vollies stepped up to the plate, tried the different fire extinguishers, which I felt was rewarding, as you learn by experiencing.

Three fire extinguishers, 1 x filled with water, 1 x gas, 1 x powder.

The powder extinguisher I found the easiest to handle, and it covers the needs of most domestic style fires.

The fire blanket was a little daunting, however again Russell explained the procedure simply and effectively so that gave me confidence. The rule then is 'do not check' under the fire blanket, 20 minutes wait is the recommended time so the fire will be totally extinguished.

Overall the SES Fire Training session was an experience we all enjoyed and learnt from immensely. I think we all walked away enlightened by the morning, and more informed.



Fraser Island Famil ... *by Patsy & Michael Fayne*

What a great day !

Adventure Tours treated us to an amazing tour of Fraser Island.

A long drive up Teewah Beach to Inskip Point, across on the car ferry to Fraser and a bouncy ride through the sandy, forest tracks took us to the unique site the Island has to offer.

These included a swim in the beautiful freshwater Lake McKenzie, a touch of history at the old logging camp at Central and a short stroll through a tropical rainforest with a crystal clear

running stream - so clean we could not see the water only the sandy river bed.

Steve was an excellent guide, friendly, knowledgeable, and a very competent driver. He was mindful of our safety and kept our energy levels up with both morning and afternoon tea and a excellent BBQ lunch with wine included!

The bus was comfortable and air conditioned but the ride would not be good for those carrying an injury or in the later stages of pregnancy.



It is a long day on a bus.

Happy to recommend this tour especially to the middle aged group but youngsters wanting more activity should probably look to the Discovery trip.

It was great to see both these companies helping each other out during the day.

photos courtesy of Meredith Howard & Jill Morley





National Volunteers Week Celebrations

The 8am start may have kept a few of us away but a good time was had by those who made it, with a lovely breakfast supplied by the Yacht Club, Magnificent weather and views across the river, what more could one ask for?

A talk about the upcoming Food and Wine Festival was very informative and Damien

Massingham congratulated the Volliers for giving up their time and we were excited to learn that Volliers actually sleep better at night, because of a sense of satisfaction that we have contributed to the community in which we live ...

so to those who don't get a good night's sleep, contribute, contribute, contribute!!!

... Davina Rossiter

This year, we were invited to join with the Volliers from Tourism Noosa for a breakfast at the Noosa Yacht and Rowing club on Wednesday morning 11th May.

