

# HUT GOSSIP

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## ***The Ginger Flower & Food Festival***

**When:** Fri 18 to Sun 20 Jan 2019

**Where:** Ginger Factory, Yandina

**Price:** Free



## ***Noosa Summer Swim***

**When:** 2 to 3 Feb 2019

**Where:** Main Beach, Noosa Heads

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



## ***Noosa Festival of Surfing***

**When:** 2-10 March 2019

**Where:** First Pt + Main Bch, Noosa Hds

**Website:** [www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com](http://www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com)

## **President's Bit**

I am honoured to be your new President and hope to continue the good example set by our immediate past President Gail McBurney, who has assumed the role of Historian.

Our Patron and Life Member Olive Donaldson celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday, 3 October 2018. A special birthday card, made by Davina Rossiter, was signed by many of our volunteers and presented to her. A few of us were lucky to attend the celebratory luncheon at the RSL.

I would like to congratulate Carol Williams and Barb Shellshear on the brochure display, classification and keeping shelves well stocked. A professional touch and listings as to where brochures can be found.

Sunday 11 November - Remembrance Day - Centenary celebrations. Peter Chard and myself had a display on the Hut verandah for WWI Centenary and looking forward to peace. Flags fluttered at the Hut front entrance and also on the flotilla on the river. Some of our vollies were on the decorated Noosa Ferry obviously having fun!

Gail attended a QICA Conference in Hughenden and reported back to your Committee at its meeting in early November.

Everyone who attended would agree that the Thank You event put on by Noosa Council to mark International Volunteers Day was a fantastic morning. It was also a great opportunity to meet up with vollies from many different organisations and have a chat. Most of us ran into at least a few people we knew. It is good to see our Council recognising the very important role that volunteers play in our community. Let's hope they do it again next year!



Wishing you and your families a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year and I look forward to catching up with you at different events during the coming year.

... Elvie Johns  
(President)

## ***Noosa Australia Day Festival***

**When:** Sat 26 Jan 2019

**Where:** Lions Park, Gympie Tce, Noosaville

**Price:** Free

**Hosted by:** Noosa Australia Day Festival & United Synergies

## PARKYN HUT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Parkyn Hut thanked its team of dedicated volunteers by hosting a Christmas dinner with wine (thanks Mr Treasurer - Paul Morley), a quiz and a game. Naturally, a great time was had by all! We were fortunate that we had the dining room to ourselves, but we missed one of our most dedicated and favourite people who was suddenly taken ill — Gail McBurney - immediate past President and now Historian since the passing of the font of all historical knowledge - George Pearce and the subsequent departure of Janet King, Historian to rejoin family in the UK. Our Roster Clerk extraordinaire, Davina Rossiter, went to great lengths to arrange the quiz and game - the photos tell the story!



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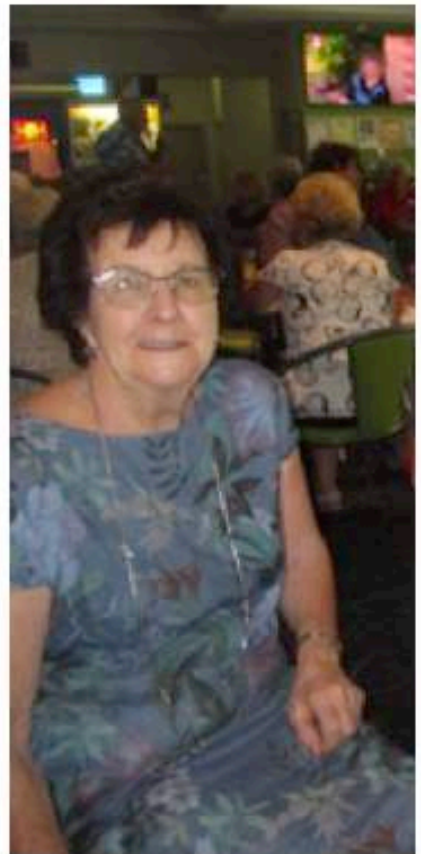
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## Did you know?

Tewantin was affectionately called 'a small but loyal little place' in 1914 through its generous fund-raising for the war effort.

In August 1914, Noosa Shire Council started a Patriotic Distress Alleviation Fund. Many other organisations in Queensland did the same. All members of Noosa Council formed the committee to oversee and manage the funds raised. The Chairman of the council, Cr E. vonBlanckensee was the Treasurer of the committee and the Clerk, Edgar A. Edwards was its Secretary.

Noosa Council's subscription list for the purpose of raising funds to help the war effort included the following:

### ~Tobacco Fund

Southern Cross Tobacco Fund  
War Horse Fund  
Brisbane Wool Spinning Guild  
Queensland Patriotic Fund  
Courier Returned Soldiers Fund  
Red Cross Fund  
Kitchens for Home Hospitals

### ~Belgian Fund

Milk for Babies of Britain  
Socks for the Troops  
Volunteer Patriotic Fund  
Motor Ambulance  
For the Poles  
For the Serbians  
Aeroplane Fund  
Foodstuffs Fund  
Nurses Equipment  
Italian Red Cross Fund  
The Flag of Freedom  
Frank Thoms' Boxing Fund  
Travelling Kitchens

### ~ Bands

RSSIL - Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League  
YMCA-Young Men's Christian Association

Many fund-raising events were held in Tewantin and surrounding towns in Noosa Shire, some of them were Cooran, Pomona and Cooroy. Events were often imaginative and fun to attract people to come along and support the war effort.

Apart from social dances, there were film shows, local theatre group acts and fancy dress balls. Everyone was keen to participate for a good cause.

People gave willingly of their time and offered any amount of money they could spare.

One touching letter, written in June 1915 illustrates the feelings of empathy for those less fortunate, who were struggling during wartime shortages.

The letter was written by Olive Duke on behalf of herself, her sister Edith and her brother Neil, residents of Tewantin. The siblings unselfishly offered a donation towards the Babies Milk Fund.

*Dear Mr. Editor - We would be very sorry to think that babies of Britain should want milk. My brother, and my sister and myself are sending a small donation of £2 towards the fund. Hoping the war will soon be over.*

Another donation of £33 2s 0d was collected from Tewantin attendees at a social gathering held in the School of Arts. Some of the donors were named and included Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Tait, Mr. C.W. Tait, Miss Tait, Mrs. Barker, Mr. C. Ross, Mr. W. Duke and the staff of the Royal Mail and others.

Many other varied events were held over the period of the war and Noosa Shire residents gave generously, which would have led to the Courier Patriotic Fund calling Tewantin 'a small but loyal little place'.

... Written by Dr. J. King

Sources: Trove NS 1914 - Patriotic Help 223 items created by Noosa Heritage, 2015 (464 words)

## Work, Save and Lend For Victory

6d. buys 3 rounds of small arms ammunition.  
3/- maintains a soldier in camp for one day.  
£1 buys three steel helmets or two hand grenades.  
£2 buys one gasmask.  
£4 buys an 18-pounder shell.  
£5 buys a trench mortar bomb.  
£5/10/- buys a 2-pounder high velocity shell.  
£6 buys a 4.5 howitzer shell.  
£7/10/- buys a 3.7 anti-aircraft shell.  
£14 buys a rifle and bayonet.  
£23 buys an assault boat.  
£40 buys a 250-lb. aircraft bomb or a depth charge.  
£115 buys a trench mortar.  
£140 buys a Bren gun.  
£170 buys a Vickers machine gun.  
£200 buys a naval mine.  
£500 buys an ambulance.  
£1,000 buys an artillery tractor.  
£1,200 buys a girder bridge.  
£1,500 buys an armoured car.  
£1,500 buys a naval torpedo.  
£1,700 buys a training plane.  
£2,000 buys a Bren gun carrier.  
£3,000 buys a 2-pounder anti-tank gun.  
£4,000 buys a fully-equipped field gun.  
£8,000 buys a 3.7 anti-aircraft gun.  
£12,000 buys a single engine general-purpose plane.  
£40,000 buys a twin-engine torpedo bomber.

**JOIN A WAR SAVINGS GROUP**

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## Your Savings Are Important

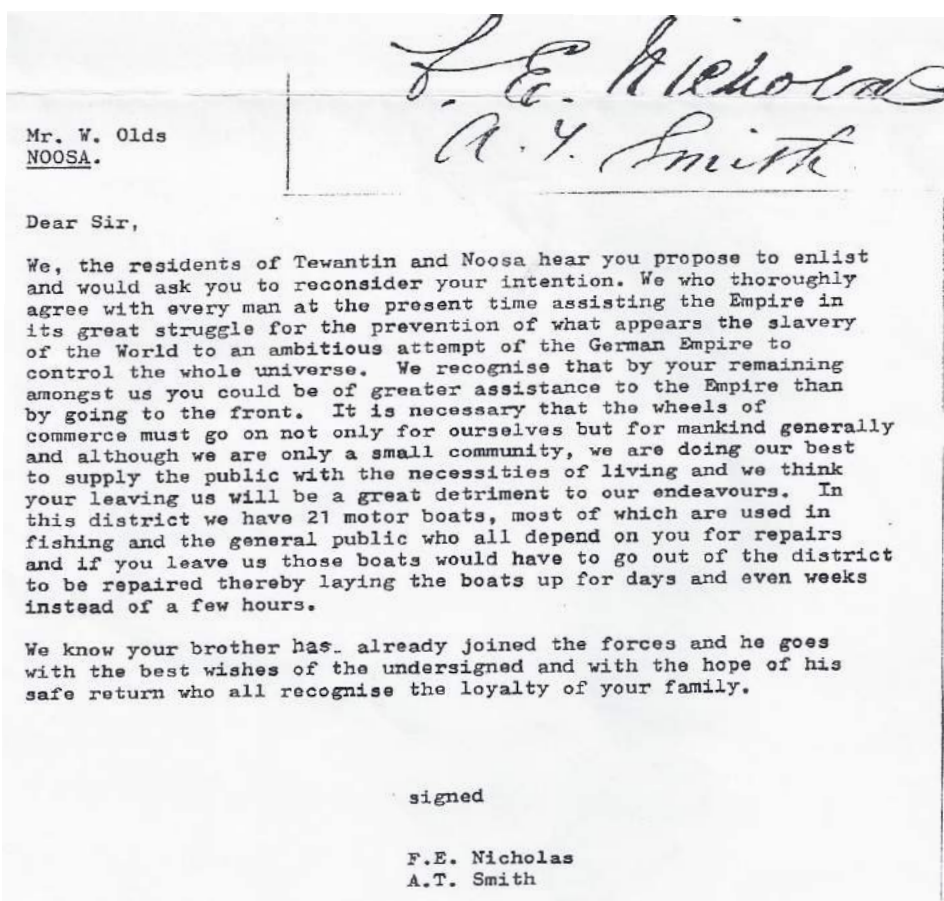
THERE is no easy definition of luxuries. But wartime demands stern searching of personal spending. You are on safe ground if you—

REFRAIN from spending on anything not essential to your part in the war effort.

LEND the Government through War Savings Certificates, everything you can save, even to the point of sacrifice.

HOLD every Certificate you buy for the full term of seven years. Only in the most extreme emergency should you part with them sooner.

**DON'T LET AUSTRALIA DOWN**



## Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2019

### JANUARY

18 - 20 January  
Ginger Flower and Food Festival

26 January  
Noosa Australia Day Festival

### FEBRUARY

2 - 3 February  
Noosa Summer Swim

16 - 17 February  
Love Ya Dub VW Car Show

### MARCH

2 - 10 March  
Noosa Festival of Surfing

### APRIL

6 - 7 April  
Australian Body Art Festival

28 April to 3 May  
Bristols to Noosa National Rally

### MAY

12 May  
Cooroy Fusion Festival

11 - 14 May  
Ultraman Australia

16 - 20 May  
Noosa Food & Wine Festival

25 May  
Runaway Noosa Marathon

### JUNE

8 - 9 June  
Australian National Busking  
Championships

### JULY

19 - 28 July  
Noosa Alive!

28 July  
King of the Mountain Festival

### AUGUST

10 - 11 August  
Noosa Strade Bianche

16 - 25 August  
Noosa Open Studios

18 August  
Noosa Classic

23 August - 1 September  
Noosa Jazz Party

### OCTOBER

6 October  
Noosa Beach Classic Car Show

24 - 27 October  
Noosa International Film Festival

### NOVEMBER

30 October - 3 November  
Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

### DECEMBER

31 December  
New Year's Eve Fireworks in Noosa

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



Tewantin Heritage & Historical Society was invited to join in the celebrations to mark the 100th Anniversary of Remembrance Day. The Hut was decorated with flags, a few dressed up in period costume for the occasion, including the band in the RSL Park.

A good number of Vollies and Jane Harding from Noosa Council boarded the Noosa Ferry to join flotilla of boats and outriggers which made their way from Goat Island to Munna Point to mark the occasion.

The River Police did a great job too. We watched them pull up a couple of teenagers, speeding, skiing with the driver of the boat without a safety vest!



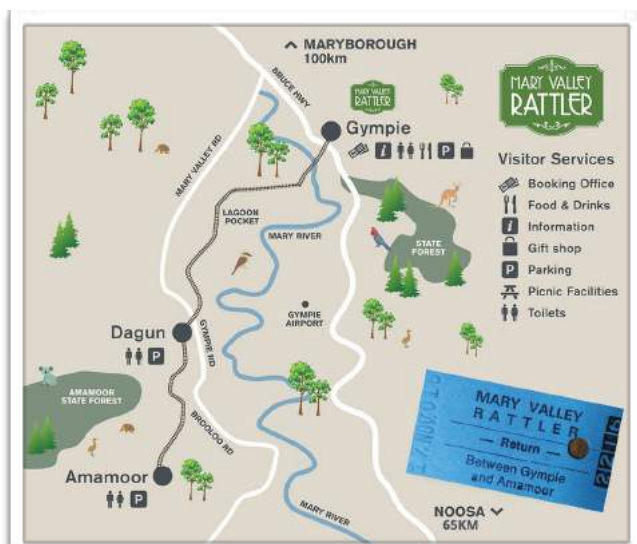
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## Free Buses

TransLink has confirmed that buses will be free until 2am on New Years. More details will be on the TransLink website shortly but in the meantime I can confirm the following:

620	Mooloolaba and Noosa Heads	7.30pm to 2.00am	60 minutes
626 and 627	Tewantin and Noosa Heads	6.30pm to 2.00am	30 minutes



# MARY VALLEY RATTLER

**Familiarisation Tour: Nov 17, 2018**

The history of the Mary Valley Railway is fascinating, and Parkyn's Hut Volliers were privileged to be invited for a familiarisation tour on one of this railway's restored steam trains travelling from Gympie to Amamoor and back, a round trip of about 3 hours with stopovers as we will describe. You can read about the railway's history at <https://www.maryvalleyrattler.com.au/our-story/>

About twenty of us met at Tewantin to travel to Gympie in the RSL bus, driven by the very capable Peter. We were lucky enough to have fine weather, and we arrived at the old Gympie Station at around 9 am. This station is no longer used by QR: a new train line and station for regular trains was built in the period 1989 to 1995.

## OLD GYMPIE STATION

The currently active stations (Gympie, Dagon and Amamoor) are all maintained and staffed by the enthusiastic Mary Valley Rattler volunteers. There is a newly refurbished Platform 1 Café at Gympie which we believe is run on a commercial basis, and a variety of food and beverages can be purchased there.

The carriages have several configurations: the one we were allocated (BLH 521) is entered from either end, with large padded seats. Other carriages had separate compartments, entered from a side corridor; and others again had separate compartments entered via outside doors on each compartment.

Our Class C17 locomotive was built in Maryborough in 1951 and was completely overhauled between 2001 and 2008. It weighs over 80 tonnes! For more information about the fleet, see <https://www.maryvalleyrattler.com.au/our-fleet/>.



This class of locomotive was known as the "Brown Bomber".

...contributed by  
Bill Barry

## And finally ...

### Six of the best with

### Paul Morley

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

*Hobart, Tasmania*

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

*Walk along Noosa R. early a.m.  
Dining out.  
Entertaining at home with friends.*

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

*Gusto  
Yacht Club  
Ricky's  
Thomas Corner*

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

*One Christmas day, we shared a party pontoon boat, with friends, and slowly made our way around the Noosa River and inlets, stopping at various places, for nibbles, entrée, main and dessert. It was a beautiful way to spend a different Christmas Day.*

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

*Noosa River, Main Beach, any of the beaches from Sunshine to Mooloolaba.  
Picnic by the River.  
Morning tea at Gibsons.  
Afternoon tea at Pomona.*

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

*Relaxed lifestyle.  
Warmth.  
Friendly locals.*

### The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals.

According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

The Pig is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支—dì zhī) hài (亥), and the hours 9–11 in the night. In terms of yin and yang (阴阳—yīn yáng), the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth.

Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.

***Pigs have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in life.***

Recent years of the Pig are: 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Paired with the Celestial Stems (天干—Tiān gān), there is a 60-year calendrical cycle. Although hài is associated with earth, the years also cycle through the five elements of nature (五行—wǔ xíng).

#### Personality and characteristics

Pigs might not stand out in a crowd. But they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action. Pigs are the opposite.

Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are a bit materialistic, but this is motivation for them to work hard. Being able to hold solid objects in their hands gives them security.

They are energetic and are always enthusiastic, even for boring jobs. If given the chance, they will take positions of power and status.



They believe that only those people have the right to speak, and that's what they want.

**Men** born in the Pig year are optimistic and gentle. They are very focused. Once they decide on a goal, they'll put everything into it.

They are not the best with money. Though cool-headed, they are also gullible. They trust others easily and are often scammed. This can cause them to lose a fortune.

These men are also quiet. They love learning but don't really know how to put their knowledge into words. They're not conversationalists, but treat everyone warmly. This results in a large social circle. Whenever they run into difficulties, there are always people who stand up to help. Though people will lie to them, more will love them.

**Women** born in the Pig year are full of excitement. They attend social events whenever possible and treat everyone genuinely. Combined with their easygoing personality, they gain everyone's trust.

However, they are sometimes over-friendly. In their excitement, they can forget to give others personal space.

They also have good fortune with wealth. As long as they keep at it, the efforts will not go to waste. Though they don't start with an advantage, their hard work will keep money flowing in.

At home, they are highly organised. If the room is messy, they'd stay up the entire night to clean it up. These women love children too. Playing with children is one of the things that bring them the greatest joy.