

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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See you at the next meeting to be held Tuesday 27th February, 2018

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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President's Report



Well here we are at the end of February and our school holidays/Christmas/New Year and Australia Day celebrations have come and gone once again. I trust you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to catch up on some well-earned family time for young and old alike.

YKRA have also had a 2 month break and finished last year with our AGM in November 2017. A committee for 2018 was elected and although we were without a secretary at the time, I have much pleasure in welcoming Marg Jarrett as secretary for 2018. Marg has recently arrived at Yorkeys Knob, is passionate about the area and looking forward to contributing towards the wellbeing of our community. **General committee members are now needed** and will be welcome to nominate at any time. Financial members, please consider!

The new committee is as follows:

Maurice Milliner	President
Sean Cosgrove	Vice President
Marg Jarrett	Secretary
Ursula Brandt	Treasurer

It seems that our neighbours at Clifton Beach are experiencing exactly what we, at Yorkeys Knob, felt regarding applications by developers for multi-story developments. The seven-story development planned for Atherton Street is currently in limbo following many submissions from residents against this over development in our suburb. Clifton Beach residents have our support as we realize that once a precedent is made at the Northern Beaches, there will be no stopping future applications for developments to be multi-story. We must move with change; however, change should enhance the current surroundings and not destroy them. If you feel strongly against this application, please let your local councillor know the reasons.

Our committee look forward to seeing you at our February 27th meeting starting at 7.30pm. If you have any issues concerning you, please bring them up at the meeting.

Regards

Maurice Milliner, President YKRA

From the Vet's Corner

TOXIC PLANTS AND PETS

There are many hidden dangers around the home for pets including display flowers and indoor or outdoor plants. Ingestion or contact may be potentially fatal.

In particular, young dogs, kittens and horses are attracted to certain plants. We advise to scan the garden for harmful plants and if any are located, remove them or fence off the areas. Pet owners should avoid keeping any toxic plants within the home.



The list of toxic plants is extensive and symptoms of poisoning may vary, but if affected many will show neurological signs and/or gastrointestinal issues.

Some common toxic plants include, are as follows: Aloe Vera, bulbs (e.g. daffodils, garlic and onion), buttercup (Ranunculus), cycads, Madagascar jasmine, all lily species - especially to cats. The link below provides a more comprehensive list of toxic plants.

<https://www.rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/care-for-animals/pet-hazards/toxic-plants-for-pets/>

If you suspect your pet has come into contact with a toxic plant, please seek veterinary advice immediately. This is classed as an emergency and best outcomes will result with prompt action.

For further information, please phone the clinic on 4057-8677.

Dr Cate, Dr Krissy, Nykea, Caroline and Bec

Local Commonwealth Games

Queen's Baton Bearers

Two Yorkeys Knob residents have been chosen as the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's baton bearers as the relay moves across the world.

Tracey Hannah and **Peter Mapstone** will proudly represent Yorkeys Knob when the relay proceeds along the Capt Cook Highway to Cairns CBD. The relay on Day 2 in Cairns on 16th March will start from Palm Cove at 7.45am.

Tracey will carry the baton from 9.42am and Peter from 10.29am. Congratulations to Tracey and Peter and cheering them on their way would be a fun way for the local community to be involved. Mark your diaries!

(P.S. Any other locals involved in the relay, please let us know.)

From our Councillor's Desk

Hello again to one and all. What wonderful weather we are having but it would be nice to see some rain as well. Council is currently carrying out an audit on dog off lead parks or areas across the board in Cairns. We understand that the beach is not always the best option for dog off lead areas so council is trying to find if there are other parks that might be available to turn into dog off lead areas. If anyone has any suggestions in your area please feel free to contact me and let me know.

Work continues on the Varley Street entrance and the installation of a pedestrian crossing near the shops.

Buckley Street is looking impressive and should make visitors to our lovely city feel welcome.

New BBQ's will be installed into the foreshore in the coming weeks to increase the number of BBQ sites.

This has become such a popular location for locals and others alike that the current BBQ amenities are not enough. The work on the access points to the beach should all be completed in the coming months. Council is also looking to continue the pathway from the end of Varley Street to continue to Dunn Road. This is not in the immediate future but is certainly in the pipeline.

A reminder that I will be at the Smithfield Library on the 2nd Monday of the month from 10:00 until noon if anyone wishes to catch up. Otherwise please feel free to give me a call and I will come visit.

Until next time, I remain yours in service.

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Caretaker's Cottage

Noel Gazzard, the caretaker for many years at the YK Community Centre and Old School Park has retired and we now welcome to Yorkeys Knob Chris Cluver and his family as residents of the caretaker's cottage in Cunningham Street.

Cairns Regional Council arranged a morning tea farewell for Noel and YKRA made a small presentation, thanking his for his support during our festival and carols events. Happy retirement Noel!

Yes Minister!

Our local Barron River MP **Craig Crawford** (Labor – Qld State Govt) has been appointed **Minister for Fire and Emergency Services** and we congratulate Craig on this promotion following his second term election success recently.

Craig regularly attends our bi-monthly meetings and we look forward to his updates each month in Yorkeys Knob Matters. With a previous career as a paramedic, he is certainly qualified to understand issues within this ministry. Well-done Craig!



Police Beat

Happy New Year to all. I have a few things to report on this month as it has been a while since I have proved an update.

Steal from vehicle 08/12 - 09/12 - Boat Ramp

A 20 inch light bar was stolen from the bulbar of a vehicle parked at the boat ramp.

Burglary 08/12 - 09/12 - Deauville CIs

2 x 15-yr-old males have been charged after they allegedly gained entry to a unit and stole a wallet, cash, keys and tobacco.

Steal from vehicle 07/12 - 12/12 - Adair St

A rear registration plate was stolen from a car parked on the street.

Enter with intent (business) 25/12 - Wattle St

Entry was forced to a machinery shed, a door was damaged and assorted tools were stolen. Police investigations are continuing.

Attempted Burglary 01/01 - 02/01 - Best St

Damage was caused to a window in an attempt to gain entry to the unit.

Wilful damage 02/01 - 04/01 - Buckley St (Marina)

Damage was caused to oil filters in a boat engine. The deliberate damage caused an engine leak.

Attempted Burglary 18/01 - 19/01 - Sims Esp

A door was damaged in an attempt to gain entry to the unit. Key locked doors prevented further entry.

Burglary 23/01 - 02/02 - Beach area

A credit card was stolen from a tent on the beach. The card was used to conduct fraudulent transactions.

If anyone can provide any information in relation to any of these offences, please contact Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Remember you can subscribe to www.mypolice.qld.gov.au to receive daily updates on incidents around Cairns

I would like to get the Neighbourhood E-watch up and running again in the next couple of months and will be looking for someone to administer the group; it won't be too strenuous a commitment. If you are interested, give me a call so I can get some details and I will contact you when it is up and running.

Parking at Yorkeys Knob State School for drop offs and pick up times is back on the radar again. The signage is very clear as are the road markings. If there is a yellow line you can't park at that location, you cannot park within 18 metres of an intersection, you cannot park at the beginning of the loading zone angled in and the loading zone is exactly that you should not be stopping there unless your child is waiting at the fence to be picked up.

Parking is an issue around the school and no one will deny that, however people continuing to park wherever they want creates a safety risk for all persons using the area.

If you are doing the wrong thing you will be issued an infringement notice.

Until next time remember "Lock it or Lose it"

**Mathew ROHDE Senior Constable Yorkeys Knob
Police Beat Ph 4055 7599**

"Carols at Yorkeys Knob" 2017

Our annual "Carols at Yorkeys Knob" attracted many families once again.

The old fella "SANTA" appeared on time with goodies for the little ones and to the applause of the large crowd.

The live entertainment was non-stop, the ice cream and food stalls were busy and the community carol singing by candlelight allowed the audience to celebrate this special time of the year in a safe, relaxing atmosphere. Many thanks to the volunteers and in particular the entertainers and our local S.E.S. team.

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