

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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See you at the next meeting to be held Tuesday 24th April, 2018

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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President's Report



At our first meeting for 2018 we invited a guest speaker/s to give a short presentation at the start of the meeting.

Our intention is to learn more about persons and activities happening within our community. We invited the Yorkeys Knob School Principal, Nathaniel Train, the School Captain Zion Jonsson and Belinda Finnigan, president of the school Parents and Citizens Assoc. *Pictured supplied by editor.*



Mr Train outlined the vision for the school and young Zion assured us that the school was providing good education skills combined with fun activities. A request for us to push for a skateboard park was noted. Belinda informed us of the achievements made by the hard working P & C and thanked the community for their assistance when fundraising. The P & C committee have been successful with grant applications which go towards improvements at the school. We presented a small monetary gift to the P&C and thanked them all for their attendance.



You would have noticed that the long awaited for zebra crossing outside the Village shops is currently under construction. YKRA (especially June Corrie) have been asking for this improvement for a long while and we thank council for their actions. Landscape improvement is also in progress and we look forward to seeing the final "statement" at the entrance to our suburb.

NOTE: The speed limit along Varley Street is now 50 kph. – SLOW DOWN PLEASE!

The George "Yorkey" Lawson memorial space is moving forward with the final script details regarding the interpretative board etc. currently being acted upon.

After all the heavy rain, and I believe more to come, you would have noticed a lot of debris on the beach. If you're down that way, take a bag and pick up any litter you find. The debris eventually goes away but we don't need litter to end up out there. A reminder that "dog free" area on the beach is the southern end ONLY.

Our next bi-monthly meeting will be 24th April 2018. Please try to come along and bring any issues with you for discussion. Cr Jessie Richardson, MP Craig Crawford and Snr Const Mat Rohde will be in attendance (unless an apology).

Maurice Milliner

President

THE 14th ANNUAL "FESTIVAL OF THE KNOB" WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 16th JUNE 2018

From Craig's Desk



I am frequently asked by sporting clubs and community groups how they can apply for grant funding. While there are many government grants available, one of the best, and certainly the easiest to apply for is the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Not-for-profit groups operating in Queensland can apply for grants from \$500 to \$35,000 through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). This fund is Queensland's largest one-off grants program, distributing approximately \$53 million per year to Queensland communities.

In the latest round of GCBF funding seven Barron River groups shared in over \$150,000 funding, including:

- Cairns Baseball League, \$20,000 to upgrade field lighting and purchase equipment;
- Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club, \$7,558 to purchase an outboard motor and fuel cell;
- FNQ Regional Swimming Assoc, \$30,098 to install starting blocks and purchase equipment;
- Kuranda Horse and Pony Club, \$35,000 to upgrade facilities;
- Kuranda Information and Support Centre, \$2,725 to purchase a printer;
- Peace Lutheran College P&F, \$20,000 to purchase musical instruments; and
- Marlin Coast Swimming Club, \$35,000 to upgrade facilities and equipment.

Congratulations to the successful groups.

Round 97 of the GCBF will open mid-April 2018 and will close at 11.59pm on 31 May 2018.

For more information go to

<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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Again we will be looking for volunteers for the Festival of the Knob if you are interested please contact Maurice for more information.

Police Beat



Unfortunately it has been a bit busy around here of late so a few things to report on.

• Burglary 27/2/18 – 28/2/18 – Fairweather St

Entry was gained to a unit via an unlocked door. A laptop and small black handbag were stolen from inside.

• Burglary 2/3/18 2/3/18 - Deauville Close

Entry was gained to a unit via an unlocked door. A mobile phone and cigarettes were stolen before offenders were disturbed by the occupant.

• Attempted Burglary 1/3/18 – 2/3/18 - Cunningham St

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

• Burglary / Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle 10/3/18 – 11/3/18 - Boden St

A Kia Coupe was stolen after offenders gained entry to a unit by cutting through a screen and unlocking a door where a key had been left in the lock. The vehicle was later recovered in Cairns.

• Burglary / Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle 10/3/18 – 11/3/18 - Adair St

A Toyota hatchback was stolen after offenders gained entry to a unit through an unlocked door. Offender/s have also taken money from within the unit.

• Bicycle Stolen 11/3/18 – 12/3/18 - Fairweather St

A pink and white Huffy brand mountain bike was stolen from an open carport.

• Unlawful Entry of Motor Vehicle 27/2/18 – 28/2/18 - Fairweather St

An unknown offender/s have entered two unlocked motor vehicles and searched through the vehicles.

• Wilful Damage 10/3/18 - Derby St

Offenders have thrown eggs at a property and vehicle as they drove past a residential address.

• Wilful Damage 4/3/18 - Sims Esplanade

Police are investigating after two youths are reported to have thrown objects at a vehicle driving past.

If anyone has any information in relation to the above, please contact Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

The common theme with the above property offences is that the majority are the result of buildings and vehicles being left unsecured. Complacency does not wash in this day and age, if you leave things unlocked, open or unattended there is a very good chance that you will become a victim of crime. Take simple steps each night before you go to bed lock your doors put your car keys away somewhere where they can't easily be found and don't leave valuables eg. wallets, cash or bags in plain sight. The typical offender is not a smart career criminal using elaborate techniques to steal; they are opportunistic. If you make it difficult they will move on as they don't want to be caught.

Until next time please **Lock it or Lose it!**

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

Barking Dogs

It is quite normal for dogs to bark at noises like thunder or in response to knocks at the front door, but when the barking lasts for hours on end and is triggered by familiar sounds, this isn't normal and can cause huge problems for owners and neighbours.

If your dog is barking excessively, you must first eliminate possible causes before trying to rectify the problem.

1. Ensure your dog is comfortable, (heat, cold, food, water, adequate shelter, flea control, skin issues, arthritis etc).
2. Make sure your dog's mental needs are catered for as boredom may lead to persistent barking. Provide your dog with things to keep the brain busy like treat balls, food filled Kongs or sandpits with hidden prizes they have to find. The more they have to work for something, the more they are putting their minds and senses to use.
3. Keep your dog active and take them on regular walks. How long and how far you walk will depend on breed, age and physical ability of the dog. Or get involved with obedience or agility; this will keep both mind and body active.

Excessive barking is frustrating, but yelling, scolding or consoling your dog generally does not work. Sometimes the attention they get when they bark will encourage the undesirable behaviour, either negative or positive attention.

If you find your dog does not respond to any of these methods, then your dog may need further assessment by a professional trainer, or, if you suspect your dog has an underlying veterinary issue such as anxiety, please phone us at the clinic on 4057-8677.



*From Beachside Veterinary Services Team
Dr Cate, Dr Krissy, Nurse Nikki, Nurse Caz, Nurse Bec*

ANZAC DAY 2018

Don't forget to join us at the Yorkeys Knob Boat Club for the annual ANZAC Day ceremony. Commencing at 8am followed by breakfast on the deck.



Queen's Baton Relay - Here they are!



When the Queen's Commonwealth Games Relay Baton passed thru Cairns last week, two Yorkeys Knob locals had the honour of being part of the occasion.

Peter Mapstone and Tracey Hannah were selected because of their achievements in sport and community activities. Congratulations to you both; your community is very proud of you.

Photos: Supplied by Maurice



From our councillors desk

Commonwealth Games are nearly upon us. I hope you all enjoyed the Queens Baton Relay as it came through Cairns and the Northern Beaches. There was some disruption to traffic throughout the CBD but otherwise the event was successful. As part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, commencing on April 4th, Cairns will host Festival 2018, a bold arts and cultural 12-day program to celebrate the city.

A key element of the program will be a live site on the Cairns Esplanade, where residents and visitors can watch the games live on big screens and enjoy free live performances.

A calendar of events is available on the official [Commonwealth Games Festival 2018 website](#).

Work continues on the Wattle Street Sports Reserve, and hopefully it will be available in time for the start of the footy season. It is looking really good but I am sure there will be much more to do in the future to improve the facilities.

The movie night for Yorkeys this year, all going well with the weather, is scheduled for October 13th. Keep an eye out for further information closer to the time.

Again I do hope you all get to experience some of the elements of the festival and visit the live screen on the Esplanade.

I will be at the Smithfield Library on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1000 until noon if you would like to visit for a talk.

Until next time I remain yours in service Jessie
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Jessie Richardson, Elected Member

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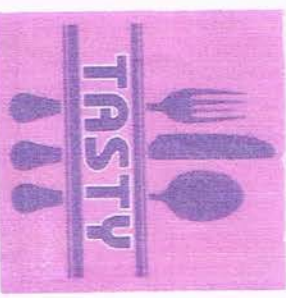
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