

Yorkeys Knob Matters

Monthly Newsletter of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Inc.

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**See you at the next meeting to be held Tuesday 30th April 2019
at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm**

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President's Report

Our first meeting for 2019 was held last Thursday 14th March (delayed from February) and it was great to see so many locals and interested persons attend.

Our guest speaker was Lisa Dempsey, owner of FNQ Health Co. located at Yorkeys Knob Village Shops. Her short presentation allowed us to learn more about physio, massage and nutrition. It is important that we support local businesses and we thanked Lisa for coming to Yorkeys Knob. We welcomed her and her team as part of the community. Local businesses often employ locals, something to remember when shopping about.

The meeting also discussed the boat ramp issue and Adrian (Chairperson YKBRAG) gave an update on a stake-holders meeting recently held on site. The Department of Transport also provided an email on the issue which was read at the meeting.

Our local State Government **MP Craig Crawford** (Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) attended the meeting and provided more information re the Smithfield by-pass and the boat ramp developments. He answered many questions and it was agreed that his presence was most appreciated. Unfortunately, as our bi-monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month, they clash with his requirement to sit in cabinet in Brisbane.

Our Police Beat Officer, Snr Constable Mathew Rohde, updated us, as usual, on crime related incidents in Yorkeys Knob. **The big message? – hide your car keys!**

We welcomed a couple of new members and the raffle prize was won by Marg. Jarrett.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday 30th of April.

A reminder, the minutes of our meetings are on the local notice boards.

Maurice Milliner

A note from our Vet



Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV), is a true emergency and a life-threatening condition of dogs. The condition is commonly associated with large meals, causing the stomach to dilate,

preventing food and gas from being expelled and increases pressure within the abdomen. The combination of increased pressure and expanding size of the stomach may prevent adequate blood return to the heart from the abdomen with reduction or loss of blood flow to the stomach lining. There may also be possible rupture of the stomach wall and increased pressure on the diaphragm preventing the lungs from adequately expanding.

If rotation of the stomach occurs, known as volvulus, this will eventually lead to blockage in the blood supply to the spleen and the stomach. The effects of this condition can occur in a very short time, so it is vital that dogs receive veterinary attention and treatment ASAP.

Pets are often treated for shock due to the effects on their body. Dogs suffering from this condition will require stabilisation, decompression of the stomach and surgery to return the stomach to the normal position. Other abdominal organs may also be affected and will need to be assessed and treated appropriately at time of surgery.

Dogs that are deep chested, fed a single large meal once daily or are older most commonly are seen with this condition, but GDV can occur with any breed. To help minimise

the risk of GDV, provide multiple small meals throughout the day rather than just one big meal and limit water intake and exercise for approximately 30 minutes after a meal.

If you notice your dog has a swollen abdomen, lethargy, retching and drooling, please phone us on 40578677. We are also available after hours for emergencies.



From the Beachside team:

Dr Cate, nurse Leanne, nurse Coby and nurse Bec

From our Councillor's Desk

Hello again to everyone. Easter is fast approaching and I noted the Easter Eggs are now on display in the shops. Seems like yesterday it was Christmas and I am not sure I want life to pass me by so quickly. However chocolate easter eggs seem to lessen the blow of growing older. Hoorah for that.

Would there be anyone interested in forming a group interested in a community garden at Yorkeys Knob? If you have an interest in gardening and have no space in which to garden and would like to be involved then please give me a call and I will ensure you are put in touch with the convenor.

Yorkeys Knob is looking great at the moment with the grass so green and all the plants thriving on the wonderful rain we have experienced. Cairns Youth Week will be celebrated from the 3rd to the 14th April delivering a backdrop to celebrate the achievements of our young residents aged from 12 to 25.

I will be at the Smithfield Library from 1000 until Noon on the 2nd Monday of each month if anyone wants to drop in for a coffee. They do have a coffee machine in house and there are lots of wonderful books to borrow.

Until next time I remain yours in service Jessie 0477990231.

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Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp Action Group (YKBRAG)

YKBRAG recently met with officers of the Dept of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) on site at the Half Moon Bay Golf Club, together with representatives of the Golf Club, the Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, CAREFISH (the local fishing group) and Councillor Olds of Cairns Regional Council. The meeting was established to resolve uncertainty of boundary locations between the golf club, the strip of state land and the marina.

It was very clear that the proposed road and boat ramp development will have very severe impacts on the traffic issues in Yorkeys Knob, particularly on Varley and Buckley Sts. The boundary will also seriously affect the operation of the golf club with this being expressed strongly by the golf club president and general manager.



Environmentally, it will see the complete destruction of a large portion of mangrove ecosystem and foreshore flora and fauna such as that is this picture.

YKBRAG will continue to work toward protecting the local amenity, preventing this needless destruction and work toward a better long term solution. Contact us on ykbrag@gmail.com

Regards,

Adrian Gover – Chairperson YKBRAG

From our State Member

Ignite Idea's Program

Often people and small businesses will approach me seeking ways they can fund an idea they have. If you are a small business or start-up with an innovative idea that is ready to be commercialised you could apply for up to \$200,000 in funding under the Palaszczuk Government's Ignite Idea's Program. Some innovative local businesses in the Barron River area have already been recipients of grant funding under previous rounds, including local Trinity Beach business Cyclevision who received \$100,000 to refine and commercialise a bicycle helmet with integrated forward and rear facing cameras. (For more information you can visit <https://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-industry-small-business/ignite-ideas-fund>).

Cassowaries on the Kuranda Range

You may have noticed a family of cassowaries if you have recently travelled on the Kuranda Range.

The father and his chicks have been venturing on the road looking for fruit. This has caused a safety issue as some motorists have been stopping on blind corners to take pictures of the birds creating a hazard for other road users. There have also been reports that some drivers have been feeding the birds which means that the young chicks are now identifying cars as a source of food. Transport and Main Roads and the Wet Tropics Authority are working together to develop strategies to protect the cassowaries. They also need community support to ensure both the safety of the birds and motorists. If you see cassowaries along the road contact QLD Traffic on 13 19 40, or use the QLD Traffic app, when safe to do so, to report the sighting. For your own safety, and the safety of others, please do not stop along the range or feed the cassowaries.

Regards,

Craig Crawford

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Police Beat

There has been a spate of Break and Enters over the last few weeks. If anyone has any information please contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 777**. Please remember to put your keys away at night time don't leave them out in the open where they can be easily located and used to steal your car.

Burglary Varley St

Fishing Gear and a generator were stolen from a garage after entry was forced through a rear door.

Burglary Varley St

A handbag was stolen from within a dwelling after entry was gained through closed but unlocked front door.

Burglary/ Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle Narelle Close

Offender/s have gained entry by forcibly opening a rear door. Once inside offender/s have stolen a handbag and car Keys. Keys have then been used to steal a Silver coloured Subaru Impreza Hatch back.

Burglary Cunningham St

Offender/s have gained entry by removing a fly screen and climbing through a window. Once inside offender/s have stolen a quantity of alcohol.

Burglary/ Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle Deauville Close

Offender/s have gained entry through a rear door. Offender/s have stolen a wallet, alcohol and car keys. Car Keys have then been used to steal a Blue Toyota Corolla Hatchback. Vehicle has since been recovered.

Burglary Deauville Close

Offender/s have cut through a mesh door to allow for door to be unlocked. Offender/s have then taken keys from within the residence before occupants woke and startled them. Offender/s have then run off.

Vehicle Steal Boden St

Unknown Offender have taken an unregistered Golf Buggy Trailer that was parked on the roadway.

Lastly for the month due to a phone system upgrade the contact for the Police Beat has changed and is now **(07) 4050 7632** there is a diversion on the old number for the next 6 months or so, but please remember if you need Police to attend for a non-urgent matter call **131 444** this will ensure that a job is logged through communications and dispatched to an available crew. In emergencies always phone **000**.

Until next time remember "Lock it or Lose it!"

Senior Constable Mathew ROHDE
Yorkeys Knob Police Beat Ph 4050 7632



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