

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

The February monthly meeting was chaired by our Vice President, Nicola Strange, as I was unable to attend myself. I'd like to thank Nicola for taking the reins for her first time and I've heard very positive feedback about the night.

The meeting had a full agenda and as such went a little longer than most meetings. Guest speakers from Cairns Regional Council gave a presentation on "Our Cairns Coast—Have your say on how we adapt to coastal change now and in the future" This presentation was well received with an interesting exchange of ideas and questions.

The Community Garden has progressed further with discussions held with Yorkeys Knob State School about developing a strategy to form a garden in partnership with school. This will require protocols to be established regarding volunteer blue cards etc but it is looking like a positive activity that will benefit both the students and our keen gardeners in the community.

Buckley St Wellness Centre proposal completed its public comment phase on the 16th February. A small sub-committee of YKRA has formed to monitor any developments then report back to the association to prepare any related response or action.

The Kempton St waterway running between Albion St and Deauville Cl was discussed concerning the invasive weeds present. A local resident has been attempting to keep on top of this however is looking for assistance to keep this natural fish habitat healthy. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the association if you'd like to get involved to help in keeping this waterway clear.

Discussions have commenced regarding the planning for a mid year community event. The **Festival of the Knob** was unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID restrictions but we are now looking to a Covid Safe event for 2021.

ANZAC DAY 2021 has been approved to go ahead, following the cancellation of the 2020 ceremonies throughout the country. The Yorkeys Knob Residents Association looks forward to supporting the local ceremony to be held at the Yorkeys Knob Boat Club on ANZAC Day this year.

Remember, the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association is the association for all residents of Yorkeys Knob and I encourage people to get involved. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING 7.30PM TUESDAY 30th MARCH, 2021

At the Yorkeys Knob Community Centre.

Adrian Gover
President



White lipped green tree frogs are a familiar sight in our neighbourhood

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Have your say—Boat Ramp developments

Important contacts:



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131940
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As you are aware Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning to construct a new recreational boat launching facility at Yorkeys Knob.

As part of the approvals process, TMR has applied to the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) for permission to undertake works to construct and operate a new boating facility at Yorkeys Knob including a six-lane boat ramp, three floating walkways, a queuing beach, breakwaters, dredged basin, reclaimed car-park, access road and fencing.

Interested persons are invited to view the information package accessible from Monday 8 March 2021, and lodge written comments on the proposal directly with Maritime Safety Queensland, TMR by Wednesday, 7 April 2021.

The information package including further details of the proposal are available to be downloaded at: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/yorkeys-knob-boat-ramp
To obtain a hard copy of the documents, please email the project team at boatinginfrastructure@msq.qld.gov.au or contact - Mr Chris Voisey, Maritime Safety Queensland, Department of Transport and Main Roads, PO Box 1549, Brisbane City QLD 4001 or phone: 07 3066 3770.

Following the comment period, TMR will collate and provide all feedback to DAWE.

The project team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and continued support for this important project.



Please contact the project team if you have further enquiries by email.

**Chris Voisey
Project Manager (Marine Special Projects)
Maritime Safety Queensland
Department of Transport and Main Roads**

Police Beat

Residents would be aware of the many years of service given to us by Senior Constable Rohde but the time has come for him to move on. While still working in the Cairns District, he has vacated the police beat premises in Yorkeys Knob.

A state-wide review is currently underway looking at the future of police beats and at this point, a new officer has not been appointed to Yorkeys Knob. We wish Senior Constable Rohde well in his career ahead and I'm sure that he would appreciate a friendly "G'day" if you bump into him on the street.

The Queensland Police Service has commenced using high visibility mobile police beat vehicles located in communities, enabling people to make contact. Locations and times are available on the police Facebook page and non-urgent contact can be made via Police Link 131444 or email Smithfield.police@police.qld.gov.au

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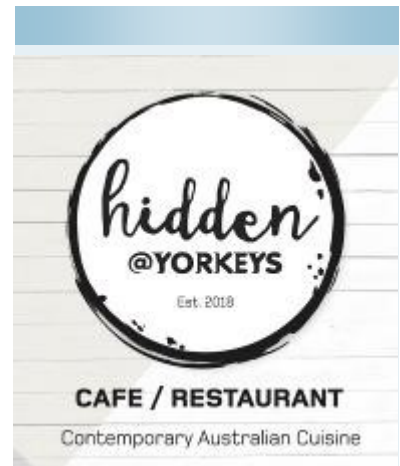
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Hidden—New Liquor License

Hidden Café/ Restaurant has recently been licensed to serve alcoholic drinks in addition to their meals. Matt and Kim have worked hard to meet the liquor requirements to provide patrons with this service. To further enhance the restaurant's appeal, Sunday afternoon music has been arranged with live entertainment between 3pm and 5pm. Kim recommends booking to avoid disappointment as the venue continues its popularity. Bookings can be made on 0477 853 034.

Hidden's new liquor license means Yorkeys Knob now has another choice of where to enjoy a meal and a drink, joining Ten06, The Yorkeys Knob Boating Club and the Half Moon Bay Golf Club.



The proposed material change of use for land at the corner of Buckley Street and Dowsett Close was open for public comment from the 22nd January and closed on the 16th February. Following a short and sharp community awareness campaign, there were in excess of 150 submissions made to council expressing concern and rejecting the application to change the current greenspace block to a wellness centre resort. At the February meeting of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association, a sub-committee was formed to monitor council's response to this development application and the local objections to the clearing of the block for this resort. Indication from council is that this process could take a while, however the sub-committee will monitor the progress and share any updates.

Mudcrabs Football News

This Saturday the 13th March, the Northern Beaches Mudcrabs are hosting the first round of the FNQ lightening 15's rugby union competition at "The Crab Pot" on Wattle Street Yorkeys Knob

Gates open at 12 games start at 1:30 pm

Full canteen and bar with hot foods, soft drinks and alcohol

\$5.00 entry - kids are free.

Saturday 13th March

Hosted by MUDCRABS RUGBY UNION

This Pre-Season competition is played as 30minute games with 15 a side teams. It has unlimited substitutions and will be a great day of running rugby.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of sport and support the local team.



Sandy Roberts

Vice President—Mudcrabs Rugby Union

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Note from our Vet

WHY SHOULD I VACCINATE MY PET?

Initially, antibodies are transferred from mother to baby through the colostrum or first milk and also through the placenta. Maternal antibodies may only last a couple of months in the puppy or kitten, but this duration is proportional to the level of immunity the mother has. After this time, pups and kittens are susceptible to disease and will require the protection of vaccinations, a series of three vaccinations given four weeks apart from each other. Pets will then require annual vaccinations.

1. **Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.** Disease prevention is key! Some diseases are incurable or extremely difficult to treat and could prove fatal for unvaccinated pets if they contract one of them.

2. **Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments.** You may save yourself some \$\$\$ by vaccinating pets. The costs associated with treatment and/or hospitalisation for diseases will far outweigh the costs of vaccinating your pet.

You are protecting pets and people too. Vaccinations help prevent diseases that can be passed between animals and also from animals to people. Leptospirosis is one of these serious zoonotic diseases that may cause liver and kidney failure and usually results in death.

You are protecting other pets. Vaccinations not only protect your pet, but also protect other peoples pets from transmissible diseases. Unvaccinated pets may pass on diseases or be at risk themselves if they are allowed to roam, if visiting parks, beaches or friends properties. Unvaccinated pets can pass on disease to other non-vaccinated pets, pets with compromised immune systems and to very young pets that may not have yet acquired protection from initial vaccinations.

Titre testing

If your pet has been vaccinated previously and reached an optimal level of immunity, then a blood test can be performed to determine if they have maintained immunity - known as a 'titre test'. These blood tests need to be repeated throughout your pets life as, unfortunately, the blood test cannot determine how long this immunity will last.

Many pet illnesses are completely PREVENTABLE - vaccinations are essential for preventing unnecessary and serious diseases. As pet owners and community members, it is our responsibility to maintain our pets health and help to prevent the spread of disease.

If you need any further information about pet vaccinations or need to book an appointment, please visit our webpage www.beachsidevets.com.au or phone us on 40578677.

From the Beachside team

Yorkeys Knob Boating Club

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