

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

It has been another busy month in Yorkeys Knob. Following the post Jasper community meeting at the end of January, as reported in last month's newsletter, our friends in the adjoining suburbs of Holloways Beach and Machans Beach held similar meetings. It is very apparent that each suburb faced the same, or similar issues relating to the disaster response.

The Queensland Government scheduled a community cabinet meeting for Wednesday 28th February in Cairns. Each of the three community associations counter-signed submissions to the cabinet members. YKRA committee member, Dorothy, attended the meeting with the Minister for Disaster Recovery, the Hon Nikki Boyd, and the representatives of the other beaches associations. It is hoped that the government will consider the submissions coming from our communities.

Through the pre and post Christmas periods, the association has continued to advocate improvements in our suburb. We sought a power/ electricity box for the Sims Esplanade parklands to enable our festival food and beverage vendors to "plug in" instead of the drone of petrol generators. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in this application, with council advising a contribution of \$15-25,000 would be required from the association. Obviously, we don't have those funds.

A proposal was submitted to both council and state regarding seating for the new boat ramp area, following requests from community members. YKRA offered to purchase a park seat, to the value of approximately \$2,500. Upon completion of the development, the car park area was handed to council from the state, with the state retaining the rock walls and in-water infrastructure. At this point, agreement has not been reached between both levels of government, however we will continue to work toward having this developed.

With the return of the cruise ships to Yorkeys Knob, we have a return of the large number of buses travelling on Varley and Buckley Streets. Complaints have been received concerning buses parking on Buckley St with engines idling, causing noise and exhaust issues for residents nearby. A submission has been made to council and state requesting that a protocol be developed, so that waiting, or overflow parking be moved away from the residents affected. A suggestion was made that the new boat ramp carpark may be a suitable solution. The matter is currently with the local and state authorities to develop a simple protocol.

Next meeting 7.30pm TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024
Yorkeys Knob Community Centre

Adrian Gover
President



Renewed street library has been installed on Sims Esplanade

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A Note From Our Doctor

The new year of schooling has begun and as such medical conditions can occur and be easily spread throughout the class.

Below are a few medical conditions which are common.

Impetigo / School Sores

Impetigo is a highly contagious type of skin infection, commonly caused by Staphylococcus bacteria. The infection causes blisters that often weep and form crusty lesions on the skin. A lesion is contagious if touched and are very easily spread.

Gastroenteritis

Gastroenteritis is caused by a virus and this condition can spread rapidly. The symptoms are pretty obvious with nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Most cases of gastroenteritis can pass in a few days. Rest and fluids are important to replace the lost fluids from the symptoms.

Hand Foot and Mouth

Hand foot and mouth disease can affect adults and children of all ages but is most common in younger children. Symptoms include fevers, sore throats, mouth blisters and blisters/rash on the hands and feet. The symptoms can also include loss of appetite and lethargy.

Conjunctivitis

Symptoms of conjunctivitis include eye redness, discharge, itchiness, and swelling. The cause of conjunctivitis can be either bacterial or viral. This condition can be very contagious with spread after touching the affected eye.

Head Lice

Head Lice are tiny parasites that feed on hair and blood from the scalp. They lay eggs (nits) in the hair usually near the scalp. They are very contagious but not dangerous. Symptoms are usually intense itching of the head and bumps form irritations on the scalp.

Prevention of spread by hand washing and personal care is important to reduce the risk of transmission. For further advice, consult the friendly team at Yorkeys Medical.

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Hearing Checks

Australian Hearing are offering free hearing checks for pension card holders from 9am to 12pm on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at Yorkeys Medical. To book an appointment, please contact Yorkeys Medical on 4220 9884.



42 for flood relief

On Wednesday 21st February, radio MMM held a fund raising event to assist with the post cyclone Jasper flood relief. DJ Elliott set off from Gordonvale early that morning and walked all the way to Yorkeys Knob, finishing at the boat club, a distance of 42km.

A live broadcast with Elliott's colleagues of AB, Luke and Molly was transmitted across Queensland from 4pm to 6pm from the deck of the boat club, encouraging people to donate to the relief fund. The Yorkeys Knob Residents Association supported this fundraiser, offering a complimentary polo shirt to people at the club who were prepared to make a donation. This helped with a few hundred extra dollars being contributed.

A tired Elliott arrived a little after 4pm with very sore feet, but a proud smile on his face. A large ice bucket was provided to cool off from the heat of the day.

Congratulations to Elliott and the MMM team for helping with the flood relief.

DONATE -> <https://brnw.ch/21wGKIY>



Far Left: DJ Elliott cooling in an ice bucket
Left: DJ AB interviews YKRA President Adrian Gover



MMM's Luke (standing) welcomes DJ Elliott (horizontal) after his 42km walk

Yorkeys Knob Community Centre—Local Govt early voting

The Queensland Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 16th March. A northern beaches pre-polling location has been planned for the Yorkeys Knob Community Centre in the following hours:

Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 9am to 5pm

Monday 11th March to Thursday 14th March 9am to 5pm

Friday 15th March 9am to 6pm

The centre will then be open on election day of Saturday 16th March 8am to 6pm.



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Fund raising calendar—Memories Café

A big shout out of appreciation to Memories Café for their recent sales of Yorkeys Knob calendars. Long term Yorkeys Knob residents, and owners of Memories Café, Amanda and Mike Stuart developed and printed a 2024 calendar, featuring photos from around our area. An offer of profits from the sale of this calendar was made to the residents association, to continue supporting this community.

At the February monthly residents association meeting, Mike advised the meeting that a profit of \$2,540 has been raised and will be donated. Discussions have begun to determine the most appropriate use of these funds, particularly considering recent events and possible uses for improved local disaster resilience.



Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy now open

Yorkeys Knob now has our pharmacy back up and running again. New pharmacist and owner, Simon Alphons, addressed the YKRA meeting in February advising that he plans to have the facility open Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, then Saturday 9am to 1pm. He looks forward to welcoming our community and providing this valuable service.



Street Library renewed

After many years on our tropical beachfront, the original Beach Book Treasure, initially installed by the Yorkeys Knob Activities Group, was showing significant decay. Community members advised the need for a replacement. YKRA approached the Marlin Coast Men's Shed with the measurements and funded a replacement. The Absolute Art Group, who painted the original box, took up the challenge and decorated the new library. After being sealed with 4 coats of marine varnish, the new street library has been installed. The plaque from the original box is set to be installed on the new one, with a new replacement street library label on the way.



The recent power outages following the flood event highlighted the value and use of the street library and YKRA looks forward to our community continuing to enjoy this free facility.



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