

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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See you at the next meeting to be held Thursday 30th April 2019

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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President's Report

Our volunteer guest speaker for our April bi-monthly meeting is Werner Schmidlin. Many of you will know Werner as he was our "King of the Knob" 2014. Maybe you follow his blog or have read his many "letters to the Editor" in the Cairns Post. Werner is a long-time resident of Yorkeys Knob and has also written a book telling his life story. A very good read! His short speech will be interesting as he tells me it refers to his "time" spent in Lotus Glen Jail! We look forward to hearing all about this story Werner, and thank you for being our guest.

YKRA have, for some months, been concerned about the traffic safety aspect of the popular children's playground at the southern end of Sims Esplanade. We have asked Councillor Jessie Richardson to investigate the approval of "CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND", "SLOW" signs etc. to be positioned at both approaches to the playground area.

We are pleased to learn that Council will be installing appropriate safety signs, and we thank Jessie and our Police Beat Officer Snr Const. Mat Rhode for their efforts. We have also asked for more formal parking provision and a safety fence surrounding the playground. If you are concerned, please let us know and also notify the council.

Following a discussion at our last meeting and the motion being moved and seconded, we have written to council requesting that a "50" sign be painted each side on Varley Street roadway. We have also asked that the current "Ped X" signs painted on the roadway have faded and need to be upgraded.

Well, it is getting close to THAT time of the year when Yorkeys Knob residents celebrate George "Yorkey" Lawson, and all about the great lifestyle we have here at our beachside suburb. The 15th ANNUAL "Festival of the Knob" will be held on SATURDAY 15th JUNE 2019. This popular fun filled family event has 100 market stalls, food, live all day entertainment, crowning of the "King and Queen of the Knob" and presentation of the "Yorkey" award to a local business. Mark your calendar and if you wish to volunteer at the festival, please contact us at: resident@yorkeysknob.com Festival "Raffle Tickets" are now at the local shops. We have upgraded the prizes this year. \$250 Petrol/Coles Voucher/ \$150 Voucher/\$100 Voucher. Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Good to see some sun the last few days. The rain has been fantastic though. Get out there and enjoy the beach etc. It's school holiday time, say Hi to visitors and make them welcome.

HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Maurice Milliner
President

A note from our Vet



EASTER TIME AND PETS

During this time of year, we generally have lots of delicious treats in the house, but some of these food items are potentially deadly for our pets.

Hot cross buns: As with grapes, the sultanas in these buns are highly toxic to dogs and can cause acute kidney failure. Dogs and cats should not eat grapes, sultanas or raisins as even a small amount may prove to be fatally toxic.

Some common signs include: vomiting and/or diarrhoea, loss of appetite, bad breath, lethargy, abdominal discomfort or pain, reduced or no urine output, tremors, seizures and coma

Chocolate: Theobromine is the predominant toxin in chocolate and is very similar to caffeine. Dogs cannot metabolize theobromine and caffeine as well as people and this makes them more susceptible to the chemicals' effects. The darker the chocolate, the more Theobromine it will contain and therefore more toxic for pets.

Some common clinical signs after ingestion of chocolate include increased thirst, panting or restlessness, vomiting and diarrhoea, excessive urination, and a racing heart rate. In some severe cases seizures, muscle tremors and heart failure may occur. Older pets may experience cardiac arrest and death if large amounts are ingested.

Easter sweets: Many sweets often contain the sweetener xylitol and this sweetener may cause dogs to experience a very rapid drop in sugar level, liver failure and seizures.

Cooked bones: Any bones that are cooked are dangerous for pets. Bones that are cooked become brittle and splinter easily. If your pet ingests cooked bones, pieces may pierce or obstruct the throat, stomach, intestines or rectum. Pork and ham bones, cooked or raw, should never be fed to pets. This will cause severe gastrointestinal upset.

Some common signs include: vomiting, lethargy, reduced appetite, gastrointestinal pain or discomfort, no faecal output.



IF you suspect your pet has eaten any items listed above, please seek immediate veterinary attention. This is an emergency and will require treatment asap for the best outcome.

From the Beachside team, Dr Cate, nurse Coby, nurse Leanne, nurse Ang and nurse Bec

From our Councillor's Desk

Happy Easter and with Easter fast approaching it is time to think about Easter holidays and safety on the road. If you are traveling these holidays, please take care as we would love to have you back here at our beautiful beach enjoying life.

Council has a new App called 'My Cairns'. It is easy to install and has lots of information for the community from reporting a problem to community events, library information, lost pets, weather and information of which are your bin days plus more. Take a look and I am sure you will be impressed.

Lots of fantastic events coming to Cairns Performing Arts Centre and Munro Martin Park.

Keep an eye on the web for events and dates etc. Cairns Council is working with the Queensland Government to plan for, and respond to, current and future coastal changes from erosion, storm tide inundation and sea level rise.

'Adapting for the future' project will help to understand what long-term coastal changes means for our community, our businesses and our infrastructure, and to plan for resilience. You are invited to 'Have your say' to provide feedback to council by checking the council web page. Consultation period runs from 07/03/19 to 30/06/19 so please ensure you take the opportunity to provide this very important feedback. Also - for further information there will be a stall at the Holloways Beach markets on the 14th April.

I will be at the Smithfield Library on the 2nd Monday of the month if anyone wants to drop in for a coffee. Until next time I remain in your service. Jessie 0477990231

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Chat with a Local

Yorkeys Knob Matters has decided to have a chat with some of our locals, to bring you a little more about some of the people that are part of our community. This month we chat with Vincent (Vinni) Bianchi of Multy Cut Meats in our shopping centre.

Vinni was born and bred in the Tablelands above Cairns. Obsessed with becoming a butcher, he started his career at the age of 15 on the kill floor in Tolga. This led to a career spanning 15 years, managing larger butcher shops in Queensland but finding home back in Cairns. Vinni was awarded a Gold Medal for excellence in customer service in 2013 and he prides himself on **CONSISTENT QUALITY, GOOD SERVICE AND FAIR PRICING**. Yorkeys Knob was selected following his local research, looking to provide the old style service within the local community, rather than larger shopping centre environments.

Multy Cut Meats is open 7 days, so I asked Vinni what does he do when he's not working. He loves spending time walking on the beach with his family and best mate, dog "Butcha". Somehow, Vinnie finds time to follow his sporting interests of boxing and soccer. But he went on to say, "to be honest, I love being in my shop, doing what I love. Selling good cuts and chin wagging with my customers."



Whether you're looking for gourmet sausages, specialty meats such as crocodile and buffalo, free range nitrate free bacon, or any order from small to bulk, Vinni aims to provide his customers with products to satisfy any palate....and he's quite happy to give a few cooking tips to go with them!

Check out Multy Cut Meats weekly specials and pop in to say G'Day.



Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp Action Group (YKBRAG)

YKBRAG has continued to monitor the Dept of Transport and Main Roads boat ramp proposal through the existing shoreline vegetation along Half Moon Bay, between the golf club and the marina. Despite recent media speculation, TMR have not yet released their preliminary plan. This plan is expected this month and YKBRAG will be involved in discussions over that plan.

It is apparent that many local residents believe the proposal has "gone away" but it is very much still moving within TMR. YKBRAG has prepared a flyer that is being distributed in Yorkeys Knob to remind people that the proposal is still very much active and encourage residents to get involved and contact their local member to express their view. Feel free to contact Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp Action Group on ykbrag@gmail.com



Regards,
Adrian Gover – Chairperson YKBRAG

Police Beat



Something a little different this month. based on a couple of questions that I have received recently,

Q. What is the difference between a Police Beat and Police Station.

A. The concept of Beat Policing in Queensland followed a recommendation of the Fitzgerald Inquiry in 1989, which recommended that initiatives be implemented which sought to encourage a greater level of community engagement. As a result, the police service established Residential and Shop Front Beats across the state. The aim of these Beats was to promote a community-based policing style characterised by localised problem-orientated service delivery.

The big difference between a Police Beat and a Station is staffing, in general a Residential Beat/Shopfront Beat have a small number of officers and as such do not generally operate 24 hours a day 7 days per week.

Police Beats report back to a larger police establishment that provides coverage when the Beat office is not staffed. In the case of Yorkeys Knob the nearest 24hr police patrols are based out of Smithfield Station. Smithfield Station does not

offer a 24-hour counter service; however there are cars on the road 24 hours a day 365 days per year There is also a Blue phone on the front of the office which can be used for afterhours inquiries via Policelink. If necessary a job will be entered via Policelink for officers to return to the station to offer assistance. Alternatively, Cairns Police Station counter is staffed 24x7 365 days per year. A big part of a Police Beat is monitoring calls for service, if repeat calls to an area identified. I start to look at other ways that the issue can be addressed, including engaging external support agencies and other government departments to address underlying issues. Officers from larger stations will try to do this as well; however they generally do not have the same amount of time to dedicate to these calls.

Q. Why can't I call the Police Beat direct for police to attend to a job?

A. Firstly as above the Police Beat is not manned 24x7. For several years the Queensland Police Service has operated Policelink for members of the public to contact with issues that are non-urgent and require police attendance. Policelink take all the information from the caller and place it into the computer dispatch system, so that it can then be detailed to an available crew by a local police communications centre. Once the job is entered in the system, all the relevant information/person are linked in so that the responding officers can view the information on iPads, or they are provided the information over the radio. This ensures that officers are walking into a situation with enough information to understand if there are any other underlying issues, and are aware of any safety issues. Policelink will also generally enter police reports for offences where required and supply a reference number. In years gone by police would attend to a job e.g. a break and enter and take all of the information down, then call a contact Centre (Policelink) and give the information to the operator, who would then enter the report and

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supply the reference number. The current system is far more efficient, as it removes the middle man from the process.

Sometimes we do receive calls at a local level e.g. Police Beat or Station when in the office; however we still need to have the details entered into the dispatch system prior to police attendance. Perhaps the biggest advantage of the system is it ensures that the first available crew attends to outstanding jobs. If all jobs in an area fell back to the officer/s covering that area there would be lengthy delays in response time. This system also means that in the case of urgent jobs available cars in another area can be dispatched to respond e.g. Cairns Crews being sent to Smithfield if Smithfield is not available.

Lastly the Crime Report for this month.

Bicycle Steal

30/3/19 – Sims Esplanade
Unknown offenders have taken a white/lime Green 2019 Liv mountain bike from beach front.

Burglary

4/3 – 16/3/19 - Adair St
Unknown offenders have gained entry to a unit whilst owner was away. Offenders have removed a significant amount of property from within including jewellery, cash, alcohol, mobile phone, iPads, video camera and a drone.

Burglary

29/3/19 – Fairweather St
Unknown offenders have gained entry to a unit via an insecure door. Offenders have then stolen a quantity of cash from within the unit.

Motor Vehicle Steal

10/3/19 – 4/4/19 – Rutherford St
Unknown offenders have stolen white Subaru Impreza from the car park of a unit complex. If anybody has any information on these matters, please call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Until next time remember "Lock it or Lose it"
Senior Constable Mathew ROHDE
Yorkeys Knob Police Beat

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