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Yorkeys Knob Matters

April 2025

President's Report

Hi All

Another month has gone already and we are into April already. Weather wise it was a reasonably wet month but we have been lucky to have no flooding issues.

Last week we had Cairns Regional Council put on a presentation for a Community Disaster Plan . Unfortunately there were only 7 attendees including 3 from the YKRA committee and also Cr Rhonda. We did have a good discussion on issues from the 2023 floods and thoughts and ideas to counter problems we had in that event.

March monthly was a great turnout with all the seating filled and we welcomed new members also. Thank you to all that took the time and effort to attend. It was much appreciated by all. One of the main items on the agenda was for a motion to donate \$3200 to Daniela Vavrova Yorkeys Knob Living History Project which was unanimously supported.

This month we have Easter coming up and also Anzac Day where YKRA will work with the boat club for the Anzac Day Service.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting on 29th.

Regards,

Paul Johnson President



Next Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 29th April 2025 at Yorkeys Knob Community Hall

Stray golf ball hazard along new Yorkey's Knob boat ramp access road.

Walkers using the new Yorkey's Knob boat ramp road accessed from Buckley Street are advised that four of the eight golf ball catch nets that are located along the boundary between the golf course and the road have been removed by Council for repairs after recent storm damage.

Stray golf balls are not that uncommon, with several people reporting golf balls falling on the road and/or footpath along this roadway from poor golfing shots on the adjacent fairway.

Whilst the risk of a golf ball hitting a person is relatively low, they can potentially cause significant injury or even death, particularly if they strike a person's head. Multiple fatalities are reported each year globally.

Until the nets are reinstated, people are advised to take special care walking along the access road, particularly if there are golfers observed on the adjacent fairway. More information can be obtained by contacting Cairns Council or the Half Moon Bay Golf Club.

Michael Powell Vice President YKRA.



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CAIRNS AIRPORT NEWS:

Having attended a meeting for the Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group here are the highlights :

Fiji Air starts 3 flights per week from Cairns to Nadi on the 10th April. This will also have connecting flights to the USA from Nadi.

Jetstar from 1st April 3 flights per week to Christchurch NZ.

Air New Zealand to Auckland from 1st April starting with 2 flights a week increasing to 3 during the winter period.

Air North from the 14th April to Alice Springs with a connection to Perth via Embraer E170.

Cathay Pacific have now stop flights but will be returning later in the year.

Let It Begin with Me – How Being a Mate Can Improve Your Health

Loneliness is a growing issue, and it's hitting more people than we might realise. Life's busy, and it's easy to get caught up in our own to-do lists, but the truth is—staying connected is actually good for our health.

Research shows that feeling part of a community is linked to better mental and physical well-being. On the flip side, people who feel disconnected tend to have worse health outcomes, especially when it comes to mental health.

But here's the thing—we're not powerless. We can be the ones to reach out and create the kind of community we're looking for. It could be as simple as checking in on a mate, helping out a neighbour, or making the effort to show up for people in our lives.

I came across a quote recently that really hit home: *"The cost of community is inconvenience."* And it's spot on. Relationships take effort, but they're worth it.

For me, that's looked like having people over for dinner once a fortnight or sending a quick message to a mate each week just to check in. Little things like that really add up.

At the end of the day, someone's got to make the first move—so why not us?



From Bree James,

A wonderful incentive on the education front is that all C&K Kindergartens will be receiving funding to support our educators with additional training and teaching. This is especially great news for our C&Ks in the Barron River area including Yorkey's Knob Community Kindergarten and Preschool, C&K Holloways Beach Community Kindergarten and Trinity Beach Community Kindergarten.

I also wanted to give a shout out to Half Moon Bay Golf Club who has been dealing with flooding issues – please support this wonderful local golf club as we work towards a solution to support this valuable community sporting group. On the crime front, I am pleased to report that from 28 February to 6 March, the Flying Squad arrested 58 youth offenders in Cairns, including five serious repeat offenders, and laid 197 charges. A massive thank you to the Queensland Police Service Flying Squad for this effort.

April will be another big month as the kids enjoy their first break of the year and we celebrate the Easter Long Weekend and ANZAC Day. I look forward to seeing as many Yorkey's Knob residents as possible over the next few weeks.

Please reach out to my office if you have anything you would like to discuss. My team and I are always happy to help in any way we can.

Bree James

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