

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 28th August, 2018

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp Action Group Parliamentary E-Petition

YKBRAG has registered a paper petition & e-petition with the clerk of the parliament. This petition will be presented to the first sitting of parliament after closing date of 15/10/2018. The minister for transport must respond to the parliament & petitioners.

All individuals may sign both the paper & e-petition.

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=2974>

This e-petition closes on 15/10/2018

The petition reads:

TO: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

Queensland citizens draws to the attention of the House, strong opposition to QTMR building a new, additional, six lane boat ramp at Yorkeys Knob. The location is too small to meet present & future demand. There is not enough parking. Boaties' needs won't be met. 'Ramp Rage' will result. The ramp will impact the Yorkeys Knob community by increased traffic congestion, reduced road safety, more noise especially early morning, and reduced quality of life for residents. The location also has a two-lane boat ramp, Yorkeys Knob Boating Club facilities, and Cruise Ship Tender Terminal (2850 passenger capacity), and negatively impact residents as access is via the main thoroughfare through Yorkeys Knob. A mangrove & paperbark wetland biodiversity (Reserve for Preservation of Biodiversity) will be impacted. Casuarina remnant coastal forest will be lost. "Reef 2050 ... Sustainability Plan" states coastal habitats must be preserved. Dredging will be on-going & costly. Loss of Emergency Dredge Spoil Ground in adverse weather conditions will impact access to up-river facilities & flooding. 42,000 people live north of Yorkeys Knob & will travel 10 kilometres further to access this ramp. There is another suitable location at Trinity Park, cheaper & with fewer impacts.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the House to direct the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to:

- Not build the boat ramp at Yorkeys Knob
- Build the boat ramp at Trinity Park, closer to the suburbs of greatest population growth/demand
- Publish detailed comparisons of costings and engineering investigations of the two sites.

This comment is from Craig Crawford's office in response;

A study in 2016 identified an urgent need for an additional boat ramp north of Cairns. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) identified Yorkeys Knob as the most suitable location due to its central location, access to the open sea and proximity to the Great Barrier Reef. TMR has released a concept plan for community consultation. As the Member for Barron River I accept there are concerns from constituents surrounding this development and I would encourage constituents to have input to ensure we deliver a functional facility that meets the needs of boat owners and is acceptable to local residents.

Also includes some information from the TMR website: Here is the link;

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/Y/Yorkeys-Knob-boat-ramps>

As our president is currently away in London there is no president's report this month. The above information is for those residents who are interested only.

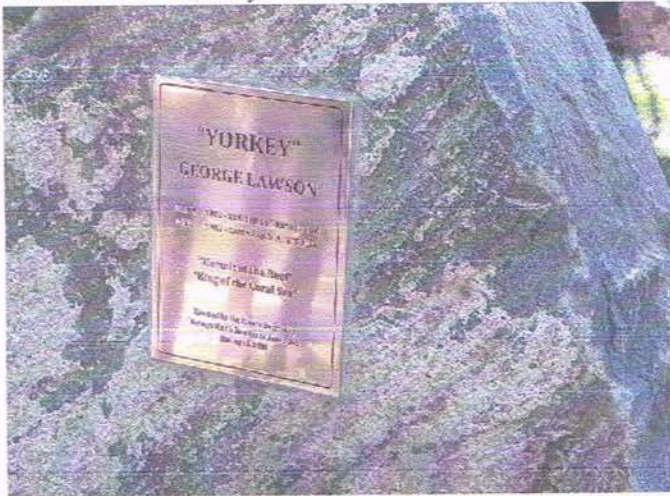
AFTER 13 YEARS IT'S HERE. THE GEORGE 'YORKEY' LAWSON MEMORIAL

The idea of a memorial started way back in 2005 when an information board and life size statue honouring our George was suggested at the first Festival of the Knob in 2005.

A competition was held for ideas and fundraising started in earnest including the monster raffle at the festivals, film evenings and individual donations.

The final artists were displayed at the festival and the post office for the community to vote. In 2006 the votes were counted and the winning statue by Lone White and Daina Kowtow was announced.

Unfortunately a change of committee at the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association saw the whole idea cancelled and it lay dormant for many years until Sunday 3rd June 2018 when the plaque and notice board were finally unveiled. Located at the northern end of the beach, it is a charming place to reflect and learn about "Yorkey" himself.



**Glenda Rowan
President**

Yorkeys Knob Activities Group Inc.

(managing the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall on behalf to the Cairns Regional Council)

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Footnote on behalf the festival committees; Due to the original cost being in excess of \$100,000 there was never going to be enough money raised to build the original project. So with the funds that the raffles had raised over the 13 years the monument and seating are now in place. Yes, it is such a nice spot to sit and reflect and learn about our "Yorkey" and within the very small budget that was raised over the years.

Yorkeys Primary Care Centre

YK welcomes our new doctor Mr Brian Baker at the local shopping centre.

Call **4220-9884** for appointments or call in to see us

Letter to the Editor

New Boat Ramps at YK

TMR Information/Display Desk *What they didn't tell you about:*

1. Number of Parking spaces
2. Better for Boaties
3. Better for future
4. Cost

1. NUMBER OF PARKS

TMR will not say exactly how many parks will be provided, or where they will be located. They agree their concept plan does not show 100 parks. They also said that contrary to advice last year that they would provide 22.5 parks per boat ramp lane, they are now saying they may only provide 13 parks per lane. Given that their own study states that 30 % of the ramps in Cairns area don't work to full capacity due to the lack of parking, Residents and the fishing groups should be worried about a continuing drastic lack of parking if TMR builds their ramps at Yorkeys. There is adequate room for parking at the alternative site!

2. BETTER for BOATIES

The Yorkeys site will see boaties have to walk further to get to their cars, because TMR have said they may not provide the same level of parking as it normally does.

Boaties may have to queue outside the rock walls waiting for a ramp, especially at low tide.

At the alternative site waiting boats would have the calm creek to queue in where they could see when a ramp is free and they could see oncoming vessels using the main channel.

3. BETTER FOR THE FUTURE

The alternative site not only has enough room for the correct number of parks required, but also plenty of room for future expansion. The alternative site would also have room for other sports such as paddle boarders, ocean outriggers, and rowing.

If this was happening in the Great SE of Qld, all sports would be catered for, but because it is NQ we get a less than adequate boat ramp where nothing else can happen.

The alternative site should be chosen now because it may not be available in the future.

You will note that in all of the discussions and commentary on the boat ramp project, the social effects on the Yorkeys community get little to no mention.

Where are our representatives!

Ms Richardson and Mr Crawford appear to have gone to ground!

4. COST

TMR say their Yorkeys location for the boat ramp complex is cheaper than the alternative put forward by residents in YKBRAG.

BUT they won't tell you the comparative costs.

Here are some costs estimated by YKBRAG after talking to environmental, engineering and dredging consultants. The costs are ball-park only.

You decide:

YORKEYS KNOB Site	NORTHERN Bank Site
Rockwalls \$5-7M	No rockwalls required \$0
Bridge over Mangrove Creek \$750k	No bridge required \$0
Fence to stop golf balls hitting cars & people \$150k	No fence required \$0
Barrier to stop cars parking on Golf Course \$100k	No barrier required \$0
Access road \$1M	Similar length \$1M
Parking for 100 cars/trailers \$750k	Parking for 130 \$500k
Buckley St Upgrade \$350k	Cars/Trailers on in mangroves sand ridge Developer req'd \$0 to upgrade Reed Rd
Initial dredging \$150k	Slightly less area \$140k
Maintenance dredging of heavy mud required \$100k	Slower rate of return \$25k fast rate of return for moving sand Land
Permits and Fees for sea bed and	Cost of strip from \$250k Developer - 110mX20m which he cannot build on change of use of other areas not owned by TMR

FNQ Physio & Massage

FNQ Physio & Massage would like to extend a huge big thank you to our residents for your undue support, since our opening in February. We are super excited to announce that we are expanding. FNQ Health Co. has been created as a health collective for a range of health professionals that are easily accessible to you. We would like to introduce the lovely Anette Becker to the team as our massage therapist. Lisa Dempsey will still be operating out of the current clinic as the physiotherapist you all know and love, and Sherie Adams as our wonderful client experience officer. At FNQ Health Co., we aim to provide you with the best experience, to help you get the most out of your life! Find out how by getting in touch with us today on 4079 5509, we would love to hear from you!

Sherie Adams

Administration



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AUGUST IS DENTAL AWARENESS MONTH!



At BEACHSIDE Veterinary Services we take pet dental health very seriously and know that maintaining healthy adult teeth and gums is the key factor in the prevention of dental disease. Throughout the month of August, we will be offering free in-clinic dental checks AND \$50 OFF all dental procedures. We will also be offering a FREE bag of Hills® T/D food with all dental procedures.

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- Bad breath (halitosis)
- Red gums (gingivitis)
- Bleeding from around the teeth
- Loose, broken or discoloured teeth

- Change in chewing or eating habits
- Pawing at the mouth is a sign of pain and perhaps wobbly teeth
- Salivating excessively due to pain or discomfort
- Reluctance to eat, although this occurs rarely, and many dogs and cats will continue to eat even with horrible dental disease.

Dental disease is easy to ignore because it is a problem that comes on gradually and can therefore be difficult to notice. Our pets learn to tolerate dental disease, but that doesn't mean it does not cause discomfort, and in some cases much pain and serious infection. In severe cases, bacteria can spread into the bloodstream, resulting in a systemic infection which can affect the function of major organs such as the heart, liver and kidneys and cause serious implications for the health and wellbeing of your pet.

With a good dental hygiene routine, correct diet and regular checks of your pet's mouth at home, we can work together to keep your pet healthy and happy.

Dental checks are in-clinic and by appointment only, so give us a call on 4057-8677 to book your free check up!

From the Beachside team, Dr Cate, Dr Krissy, Nurse Nikki, Nurse Dani and Nurse Bec



\$20,000 Grants scheme for Barron River!

This financial year I am dedicating \$20,000 out of my budget to go towards local Non for Profit (NFP) Organisations and local Sporting Clubs for up to \$500 each.

The first \$10,000 will be dispersed this September 2018 and the second round of grants will be announced in January 2019 (*If you are unsuccessful this time you can re-apply in the next round*).

Eligibility:

- You must be either a NFP organisation or Local Sporting Club.
- Be based in or service the Barron River Electorate.
- Be willing to provide a receipt of your purchase and/or be happy for me or one of my staff members to attend your organisation for an official hand over at some stage during the year.

How to apply:

- Please fill in the form attached (or something similar) – You can get creative and make a video if you like!
- Feel free to contact my local office if you require any assistance via;
Email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au
Address: Unit 7, 2-4 Stanton Rd, Stanton Place Smithfield QLD 4878 or Phone 4229 0100.

Time line:

- The CUT OFF DATE for applications will be Sunday 26th of August 2018.
- Money will be handed out in September 2018. My office will be in touch to help arrange each grant – receipts must be provided to my office.

GOOD LUCK !!

Hon. Craig Crawford MP. *Member for Barron River*



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