

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

The Covid-19 situation continues to create challenges. Many businesses are doing it tough with various CovidSafe plans and obligations. Recently, representative of YKRA attended an events planning workshop that was hosted by Cairns Regional Council. The workshop provided information, particularly relating to event planning with respect to the Covid-19 requirements. It is clear that many of the plans are constantly being reviewed and subject to changes, as we've seen in recent weeks. These requirements have been considered, with regard to costs in both volunteer numbers and financial costs to host the proposed **Twilight Christmas Markets**. A summary was prepared and delivered to the recent meeting of the resident's association and it was decided by vote to cancel the event due to these circumstances. It is a sad decision. We started the year on a positive note with the Australia Day celebrations on the beachfront but unfortunately will not be holding the event at the end of the year.

Boat Ramp Legal Challenge

The State Government has progressed its controversial Yorkeys Knob boat ramp proposal to the approvals stage. This is due for approval by the 10th September 2020. A substantial case is being prepared for legal assessment to challenge the state's destruction of our foreshore between the golf and boat clubs. A funding page has been established and we encourage readers to contribute to the fund so that the legal challenge can be made.

Donate at: <https://www.mycase.com.au/page/234182/stop-the-boat-ramp-being-built-at-yorkeys-knob>

For more information, see the site or contact the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting:

Adrian Gover
President

*Image depicting the proposed boat ramp with harbour and access road
(Source TMR)*

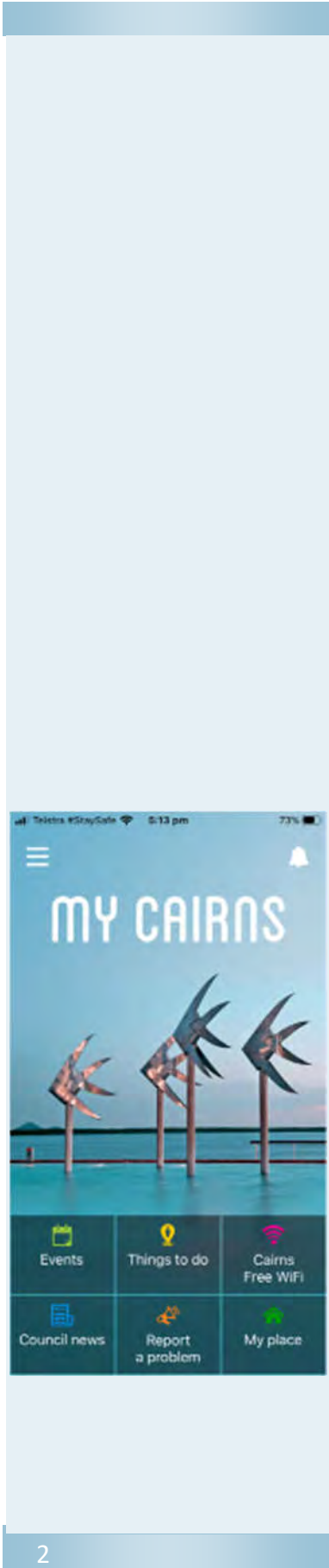


Lifeguard Hut at Yorkeys Knob beach

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**Next YKRA meeting,
7.30pm Tuesday
29th September,
2020
at the Yorkeys Knob
Community Centre**



Coral Coast Triathlon

Yorkeys Knob will again play host to the Coral Coast Triathlon on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of September. This event has been running since 1982, and is the oldest continually running triathlon in Australia (possible the world).

In days gone by, the event was attended and raced by World Champions, Australian Champions, and some of the fastest Triathletes in Australia.

It is a standard distance triathlon (Also known as Olympic Distance), involving a 1500m swim, 40 Km Bike Ride, and 10 Km run, but we also offer a Sprint Distance, 750m Swim, 20 Km Bike, 5km Run

The event is offered to Solo Competitors and Teams.”

Registration from 6.00am, at the Southern end of Sims Esplanade, with racing from approx. 7.15am.

We will also have a small kids Aquathlon on Saturday Morning, from approx. 6.30 am till 8.30am – which will be a swim and a run.

We have COVID safe plans in place to keep everyone safe.

Sean Hampson
Race Director



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State Matters

Smithfield Bypass Update:

Everyone can see the progress that is being made with the Smithfield Bypass, I know there are some traffic delays during the construction, but it's not too long until the roadworks will be finished. We are on track for a 2021 completion and then we all have faster travel times and a safer journey from the Northern Beaches to the City.

Less plastics coming soon:

After the successful introduction of the banning of single use plastic bags, there has been a welcome reduction in plastic waste, but Queenslanders want more, 94% of people consulted with want to see more single use plastics banned. The outcome is that new laws will start on 1 July 2021 which will see a ban on single use plastics including: straws, cutlery, plates and stirrers.

Small businesses grants available—COVID-19

There is support for small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19. There are certain eligibility requirements including: the business was badly impacted by the COVID restrictions, has experienced a minimum 30% decline since 23 March 2020, employ staff and has fewer than 20 employees. Applications under the grant are still open in regional Queensland. For more information go to <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/adaption>

New funding for Catholic High School

On Friday 28 August Craig announced \$15 million in funding for Stage one of the Newman Catholic College, which will be located at the JCU site at Smithfield. The college will be ready to have year 7 students in 2022.

Please feel free to get in touch with my office if you have any questions or queries via email barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 4229 0100.

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Note from our Vet

Heartworm

In the tropics particularly, mosquitoes are an ever-present nuisance and are responsible for the spread of heartworm in our pets. Unfortunately, we are seeing an alarming number of heartworm positive dogs at Beachside!

Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitos feeding on the blood of an infected animal. The same mosquito then becomes a host for the developing microfilariae and is capable of now infecting healthy animals with its bite. Once the host mosquito bites, microfilariae larvae can pass through the tissue of the new animal, which eventually end up in the heart and lungs and developing into mature to adult parasitic worms. Heartworm disease can have potentially devastating effects, leading to heart failure and death. Treatment is available but is quite often costly, complicated and not always 100% effective, particularly in later stages of the disease. Prevention is best for your pet and we recommend yearly injections for dogs and, although not a common occurrence in cats, there is a monthly oral tablets for available for them.

It is imperative that dogs are tested prior to commencement of treatment if dosages have been missed or are late. Treating an animal with a heartworm infestation may be potentially harmful, even fatal. Heartworm testing is therefore best practice.

If you require any further information or need to book you dog in for heartworm testing or injection, please phone us on 4057 8677.

Your team at the Beachside Vet

Watch out for wildlife

Yorkeys Knob resident, Tim Godfrey, recently wrote to the association after riding his bike along Evans St. He located not one, but three dead bandicoots on the roadway. He shares the hopes of this association that people will drive safely on our streets. These animals are native to Australia and are a protected species.

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