

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

Well it's October already and we're well and truly nearing the end of a very interesting year. October is also the month of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Annual General Meeting. This will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 27th October with the normal monthly meeting following directly after.

All current committee positions will be vacated at the AGM and elections will be held to appoint the committee going forward to the next year. Nomination forms were sent out to financial members last week and are available on request to **residents@yorkeysknob.com** but please be advised, that nominations must be received at least 14 days in advance of the AGM, hence Monday the 13th October. With our large scale events cancelled this year, we look forward to a brighter 2021.

Boat Ramp Proposal

Recently the state government announced for the second time, the approval of the controversial Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp. Once again, this announcement appears premature as the matter is subject to Federal Approval which has not been granted at this time. The crowd funding site for legal advice is still ongoing with lawyers engaged.

Wellness Centre application

Developers of land at the corner of Dowsett Close and Buckley St have made application for a material change of use from a residential block to a large 60+ room Wellness Centre, with exclusive restaurants, spa and so on. Council has requested that the developer provide further information and your committee is monitoring these issues closely. Updates of information is shared at our monthly meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7PM TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2020.

MONTHLY MEETING 7.30PM TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2020

At the Yorkeys Knob Community Centre.

Adrian Gover
President



Kookaburra at Half Moon Bay Golf Club

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Police Beat



This month I thought I would cover the issue of electric/petrol golf carts and conditional registration as I often receive inquiries in relation to their use on a road. The Conditional Registration Scheme operated in Queensland allows non-standard vehicles that do not comply with the standard regulations for registration and have a genuine need for limited access to the road network to utilise roads for specific purposes. This conditional registration is issued by Queensland Transport with specific conditions to be complied with. This registration provides compulsory third-party insurance cover for personal injury should you happen to be involved in an incident whilst operating under the conditional registration. If you operate outside the conditions of the permit you may not be covered. It is important to note that this insurance cover does not cover you for any property damage.

In terms of golf carts, they are issued with a limited access registration with the condition LO7 attached. This condition restricts use to travelling on a road for a maximum of 100m for loading and unloading tasks only. What this means is that a golf cart cannot be used to drive from your home address to the golf course. While there are other classes of conditional registration that allow for a conditionally registered vehicle to travel on a road these will require further approvals to be gained from the Queensland Police Service/Council/Private road owners who will issue a permit/authority for the use. While cases are considered on a case by case basis by the Queensland Police Service as a general rule a permit will not be issued to simply allow you to drive from your home to the golf course. Persons found operating a conditionally registered vehicle contrary to the conditions specified are liable for a fine of \$320.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/register/conditional/about-conditional>



Until next time remember "Lock it or Lose it".

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Note from our Vet

Curlew breeding season is here!

Bush stone curlews are commonly seen, (and heard!), around the Cairns area. Now is the time they are nesting, with breeding occurring from July to January. Their nests are generally a small, shallow scrape on the ground, littered with leaves, twigs, sticks, stones or sparse grass. They utilise this to hide themselves, relying on camouflaged plumage, and also hiding their well camouflaged eggs and chicks, opting for a freeze pose rather than escape to avoid potential predators.

They are currently listed as endangered in Victoria, endangered in New South Wales and vulnerable in South Australia. Although they are common in Queensland now, their numbers are declining but there are a few other things we can do as locals and pet owners to assist with their conservation and keep these beautiful birds here:

- Do an assessment of an area prior to gardening or mowing the lawn. Nesting Curlews and their eggs are very well camouflaged and can be easily overlooked, particularly if the surrounding grass is very long. Avoid working within ten metres of a curlew nest.
- Restrict human and pet access, such as keeping your dog on a leash while walking. This will help minimise disturbance of Curlew nesting areas.
- Never approach nesting curlews, especially with a dog.
- Report sightings of pest animals, (wild dogs, feral cats, foxes etc), and report roaming domestic animals to council.
- Do not leave food near nests, either accidentally or intentionally. It is overall not good for the birds and the residual smell of food can attract other animals, including predators which can be a danger to Curlews and their chicks.
- Leave fallen branches and debris on the ground around known Curlew nest areas.
- Use wildlife-friendly fencing, (no barb wire), that allows curlews to move through freely and allows good sight of potential predators.
- Eradicate introduced weed species to enhance curlew habitat, as areas where tall weeds and grasses grow are often avoided by curlews.
- Avoid clearing native vegetation and join up fragmented patches of native vegetation to allow natural corridors and increase the size of habitat areas.

If you do find a Curlew chick, please avoid collecting them. Instead, allow time for the parents to return while monitoring the chicks safety at a distance. Only call for wildlife rescue if you suspect that the chick/s are at risk of danger by either by true abandonment, predators or if the area is unsafe such as close to a road. If the bird/s are injured, please take to the vet for assessment and/or treatment.



***From the
Beachside
Team***





Absolute Art

Absolute Art, the Yorkeys Knob based art group will be holding its annual exhibition at the Yorkeys Knob community centre this weekend, the 10th and 11th of October.

Come along and see some of the local talent and have a chance to vote towards the People's Choice award.

Entry is free and the exhibition will be open on Saturday from 11am to 4pm, then on Sunday from 10am to 3pm.

Adrian Gover

On behalf of Absolute Art



Oktoberfest

comes to Yorkeys Knob

This weekend will see an Oktoberfest celebration in Yorkeys Knob. It will be held from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday the 10th October.

Beginning in Munich Germany back in 1810, the celebration marked the marriage of King Ludwig I to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildberghausen. The celebration was enjoyed so much that it has continued to this day, becoming the world's largest festival.

Working within the constraints of COVIDSafe planning, Yorkeys Knob restaurant Ten06 has combined with the Cairns Edelweiss Dance Group to celebrate this event in our community. It is a great opportunity for 3 of the performing 8 dancers who in fact reside in Yorkeys Knob.

Booking is essential due to the COVIDSafe plan so get in touch with Ten06 on Sims Esplanade for further information.

Adrian Gover

On behalf of Edelweiss Dance Group

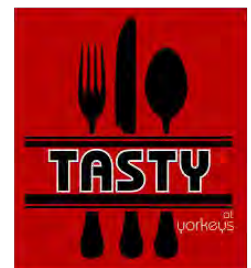


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