

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

Welcome to the October edition of Yorkeys Knob Matters. With the annual general meeting of the association approaching on the 29th October, this will be my last President's Report. I will not be standing for nomination this year.

It has been satisfying to be the association President over the past 5 years, and certainly has met with many challenges. First and foremost, I wish to express my appreciation to the other members of the committees that I have presided over. These members are:

Nicola Strange, then Lenny Kangas as Vice President

Brett Dykstra as Treasurer

Leena Malinen, then David Stephens as Secretary

Liz Wiseman, Alan Cullington, Lou Dykstra, Dorothy Sibly as committee general members.

Five years ago, the new boat ramp was still being proposed, with the final decision being made shortly after this committee formed and the go ahead to the project being granted by the state. One of the first committee decisions was to return the association to monthly meetings, instead of the bi monthly. It was felt that more regular meetings enabled the community to meet and discuss issues in a more timely manner. A special general meeting also made some updates to the constitution, allowing for non-resident member representation of our business community.

Then, who could forget Covid. Our meetings were cancelled for a few months due to the restrictions, however the monthly newsletter continued to keep the community informed of issues until we were able to meet again, with QR codes, hand sanitizer and social distancing. Around this time, the community became aware of the proposed Wellness Centre for land at the end of Buckley Street. Your association gathered information, held public meetings, circulated advice via newsletters and letter-box leaflets, many media releases/ appearances, and worked with the community to ensure that compliant submissions could be forwarded to council, resulting in the development being unanimously rejected by our council.

During this time also, the association trialed a move of the Festival of the Knob and the reimagined Christmas event to our beautiful beachfront. This has shown the popularity of our events grow significantly, with each event seemingly bigger than the previous. The larger events have meant more work for our volunteer organisers, and the extremely kind donations from within our local business community, which have returned significant financial benefit to the community. During the past five years, the association has invested in assets to benefit the community. These include:

- A new, branded, 6m x 4m marquee for our festival entertainment stage. This was a \$3K donation from a local resident who wished not to be named.
- A new, branded backdrop for the new marquee. \$1.5K from YKRA funds
- A defibrillator installed at the Yorkeys Knob Shopping Centre. \$3K from YKRA funds

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7PM TUESDAY
29TH OCTOBER
FOLLOWED BY
MONTHLY
MEETING AT
7.30PM
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COMMUNITY
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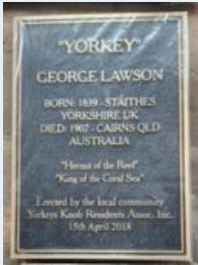
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President's Report cont...



- A community information board of Ray Howarth Reserve. \$1.5K from YKRA funds
- 50 new Aust Standards compliant chairs. \$5.5K state govt grant, \$700 from YKRA funds
- 10 trestle tables. \$200 donation from Bunnings, \$440 from YKRA funds
- A park seat at the new boat ramp. \$2K from YKRA funds with a second seat and installation from Cairns Regional Council
- Replacement of corroded brass "Yorkey" plaque with new bronze casting \$1K from YKRA funds
- Replacement of two 3m x 3m marquee covers \$1K from YKRA funds
- Replacement of community street library box \$300 from YKRA funds

Not everything has been positive, but the association has assisted where it could. The 2023 Christmas flood event affected many in our community as well as our neighbours. Like many, I helped where I could with mop and bucket, as well as generator with pressure washer. I liaised with our boat club who had become a point of contact for many in this community. Like others, giving a spare room and camping space to those in need was a natural thing to do.

The association took a lead by hosting the first community meeting in the Cairns region following the flood event. It was well attended and a comprehensive set of issues and recommendations was collated and shared within the community and also to both Council and State officials. The association worked with our neighbouring beach suburbs in the development of submissions to a community cabinet meeting held in Cairns. As a result of the flood, the Barron Flood Plain Action Group formed and YKRA is represented on that group.

A submission was made in relation to the community having emergency access to the community hall in the case of an emergency situation in the future, however we were unsuccessful in that application.

A grant application was also made for the purchase of large, trailer based generators that could be used in an emergency situation, however we were unsuccessful in that application also.

I am happy to advise that I am leaving my role as President to the next person. The association is an integral part of this community and provides a voice for all who wish to participate. Financially, the association is in a solid position, with approximately double the amount of funds in the bank compared to five years ago, on top of almost \$20K spent, as described earlier. We live in a great community and I wish the future President well.

Adrian Gover
President



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Golf Club News

The Half Moon Bay Golf Club has been successful with a recent Qld Govt Grant (Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund) to have new concrete paths installed on the course.

This will provide better drainage around our lower lying areas on course, provide greater access to the course, in particular players with NDIS needs. It will also provide the broader Yorkeys Knob community walking paths when utilizing the club for their own recreational pursuits.

Tim Mackrill

Half Moon Bay Golf Club

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A Note From the Doctor

Pedalling for a Healthier Far North Queensland: My Cardiac Challenge Journey

Recently, I had the privilege of completing the 2024 Cardiac Challenge, a 330-kilometre cycling event from Cairns to Cooktown, designed to raise essential funds for improving cardiac care in Far North Queensland. This annual event serves as a powerful way to support vital health services in our region, where access to specialized care can be difficult due to the vast geographical spread. As a GP in Cairns, I'm proud to have participated, knowing the funds raised will help enhance cardiac services for the people in our community who need it most.

While the Cardiac Challenge focuses on raising money to improve cardiac health, it's important to remember that the provision of quality healthcare across all areas in Far North Queensland is crucial. From heart care to women's health, ensuring that every member of our community has access to the right care at the right time is essential for improving overall health outcomes.

I specialize in women's health, an area that often faces unique challenges, particularly in rural and remote communities. I run *Cairns IUD*, a clinic dedicated to providing expert contraceptive services, including the insertion and removal of intrauterine devices (IUDs). At the clinic, we offer specialized care to women seeking contraceptive advice and support, while also managing a range of gynaecological health concerns. Our aim is to ensure that women in Far North Queensland can make informed choices about their reproductive health and have access to high-quality services without needing to travel long distances.

In addition to providing contraceptive services, I work closely with patients to manage broader women's health issues, offering personalized advice and treatment for gynaecological concerns. At *Cairns IUD*, we understand the importance of making these services accessible to women across the region, ensuring they can take control of their reproductive health in a safe and supportive environment.

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The Cardiac Challenge reminded me of the immense value of community-based initiatives that work to improve healthcare for all. Events like this highlight the need for comprehensive health services that cater to diverse needs—from heart health to women's reproductive care. As a GP, my focus remains on delivering high-quality care to my patients, ensuring they receive the support they need, whether it's through cardiac care or specialized women's health services.

Completing the ride was a challenging but rewarding experience, pushing my physical and mental limits. However, knowing that our efforts directly contribute to the betterment of healthcare in Far North Queensland kept me going. Cycling through our beautiful but rugged landscape reminded me of the challenges many face when trying to access healthcare, reinforcing my commitment to improving services across the board.

I'm proud to continue supporting the community, both through my work as a GP and as the head of Cairns IUD. Together, we can ensure that all residents of Far North Queensland, regardless of where they live, have access to the care they deserve.

Left: Dr Anna Davis

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Cairns Local Disaster Coordinator

By way of introduction, I am Rhys Newton and I have recently been employed as Local Disaster Coordinator, Disaster Management Unit, Cairns Regional Council.

Please reach out to the Disaster Management Unit –

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for all things Disaster Preparedness and Response. We look forward to working with your community association to shape safety in Cairns Regional Council area.

The Unit is ready to provide assistance and information you require.

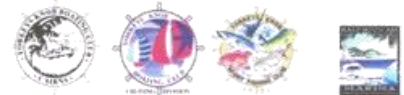
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