

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 27th February, 2018

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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President's Report

Whilst I have been absent from Yorkeys Knob during most of October, our vice president, Barry Neall, has resigned from the association. Our secretary, Julie Andrews, has also resigned. We wish them both well in the future and thank them for their contribution over the past few years.

Committee member Ann Graham was called upon to chair our October bi-monthly meeting and we thank her for doing so at short notice.

By the time you read this newsletter, our Annual General Meeting for 2017 will have been held and there may well be a new committee to take the association forward for the next 12 months.

We are a forum for you to air your concerns and will always attempt to resolve issues with the help of Councillor Jessie Richardson, State Government MP Craig Crawford and Police Beat Officer Snr Constable Mat Rhode, who attend each meeting whenever possible.

I will be presenting my Annual Presidents Report at the AGM and it will be posted on the local notice boards for the interest of the community.



Don't forget the Annual "Carols at Yorkeys Knob" to be held next **Sunday, 3rd December**. This popular event gives local talent the opportunity to perform and brings the community together to celebrate Christmas.

School holidays will shortly be here and I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee and members of YKRA to wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year and thank you all for supporting our association whenever issues arise.

Regards

Maurice Milliner

President YKRA



Joy to the World!

AGM 2017 - President's Report

Following the October 2016 AGM, our final meeting for 2016 was held in November.

November issues were mainly concerned with the annual "Carols at Yorkeys Knob" and feed-back from the community was positive with thanks to the association for presenting this popular community event.

The association had its annual holiday during December and January and no special meetings were called during this time. We resumed with our bi-monthly meeting in February, 2017.

We had our first guest speaker from Dial a Doctor and we learned that the Queensland State Government had allocated funds for local infrastructure to be completed. We asked Cairns Regional Council to consider funding the "Varley Street Village Precinct", however, we were not successful with our application.

It was a very sad occasion for our association when we lost one of our most stalwart members Ms Wendy Dowsett. Wendy passed away on 8th February after a short illness. RIP Wendy Dowsett.

Bi-monthly meetings continued in April when planning for the 12th annual "Festival of the Knob" was announced.

An issue regarding an incident involving the Queensland Government Alternate Care facility was raised and after much investigation the management committee received a letter of thanks from the Minister for Communities in handling the situation.

The facility in Cunningham Street was not responsible for the criminal incident and our apology was accepted by all parties. The period from February to April was very quiet with no real issues of concern.

At our June meeting there was much discussion relating to an announcement by MP Craig Crawford that extra boat ramps will be developed at the end of Buckley Street with car parking for a large number of cars and boat trailers.

I had a meeting with Councillor Jessie Richardson with regards to the George "Yorkey" Lawson Memorial space on the foreshore.

Work commenced on the foreshore improvements with funds received from the State Government Regional Infrastructure grant to Council. The requirement is that all work must be completed by November, 2017.

The "Festival of the Knob" was held in June and was once again a huge success.

The festival is firmly planted as a must do annual event within the Cairns calendar. Snr Constable Mat Rhode and Lorri Williams were deservingly crowned "King and Queen of the Knob" for 2017.

August period was very quiet with regards to local issues. The foreshore and Varley Street improvements moved along progressively and further meetings were held with council staff re the "Yorkey" memorial.

The association has tried to improve membership during the past year and although our membership has remained steady, the community are aware of our activities via communication by "Yorkeys Knob Matters".

I am happy to nominate once again for the position of president, however, if there happens to be a new person elected, I wish them all the best for 2018.

I would like to thank all members and particularly the management committee that have been active and reliable during 2017.

Maurice Milliner, 22nd November, 2017

"Carols at Yorkeys Knob"

This very popular annual event will be held on **SUNDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2017** at YK Community Centre and Old School Park and stage area between the hours of **5.00pm and 8.00pm**. Cnr Wattle and Cunningham Streets.



Food, live entertainment with community carol singing and the arrival of **SANTA** makes this a **FREE** fun, filled family event.

Bring a chair/blanket and maybe consider bringing along an elderly neighbour to celebrate the spirit that is Christmas.

Candles and holders will be for sale only \$2 each.

Bring your singing voices and see you at the Carols by Candlelight.

From our Councillor's Desk

That time of year is here again and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Council has achieved a lot this past year with the help of the "Work for Queensland" funds and the completion of the upgrade to the foreshore; the upgrade of Varley Street with its tree lined aspect and the new look entrance statement and road works at Buckley Street.

Council is still looking for an artist to take charge of memorialising the new toilet block to work in with the memorial to Yorkey which is soon to be completed. What a great year.

Please take care over the festive season and I look forward to meeting with many of you in the New Year.

Until next time I remain yours in service Jessie

Jessie Richardson, Elected Member, Div 8 CRC

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PARALYSIS TICKS



In recent weeks we have had two patients suffering from tick paralysis which resulted in death. Both patients presented to the clinic with minimal effects of the toxin, were given anti-toxin, stabilising medication and intensive nursing care but regardless, rapidly declined and passed away. Many think that there are distinct "tick seasons" in our area, but these events prove that paralysis ticks are an ever present threat to our pets throughout the year.

WHAT IS A PARALYSIS TICK?

Paralysis ticks are small parasitic, blood sucking insects which secrete a dangerous neuro-toxin in their saliva. They are present along the entire east coast of Australia, with populations diminishing across the Dividing Range. When your pet is bitten, the neuro-toxin travels throughout the vascular system and can cause a number of early clinical signs, including:

- Wobbly, uncoordinated gait while walking, exaggerated in the hind limbs.
- Coughing, grunting, loss or change of voice.
- Retching, vomiting, and gagging.
- Pupil dilation.
- Change in respiratory rate and increased effort.

More advanced signs may include complete inability to walk/move and severe respiratory compromise. Once these advanced signs are noticed, it is often the case that the disease has progressed to a point where treatment may be rendered ineffective.

TREATMENT IS BETTER THAN A CURE

We recommend that pets are put on preventative medications and daily tick searches are performed all year round. The most effective preventative medications for dogs are oral treatments such as **Nexgard** and **Bravecto** chewables. For cats we recommend Frontline spray and keeping strictly indoors.

WHAT DO I DO IF I FIND A TICK ON MY PET?

If you find a tick on your pet and notice any of the signs listed above, it is vital that you seek immediate veterinary attention. This is classed as an emergency and needs to be treated as soon as possible to give your pet the best chance of recovery.

You can pick up a tick paralysis hand-out from the clinic at 4/471 Varley Street, Yorkeys Knob, visit our website, www.beachsidevets.com.au or phone 40578677 for further information.

Dr Cate, Caroline, Nyk and Bec



Police Beat

Greetings all for the second last post of the year. Only a couple of things to cover this time around.

1. Between 30/10/17 & 31/10/17 unknown offender/s have entered a vehicle parked in Best Street and stolen items from within.
2. Between 07:30am and 5:30pm on 3/11/17 unknown offenders have approached a white hatchback parked on Rutherford St. Offender/s have jacked up vehicle and removed a wheel before taking the wheel and leaving in unknown direction.
3. Between 17/11/17 & 18/11/17 unknown offenders have destroyed a For Sale Sign out the front of a residence on Cunningham St by pouring yellow paint over it.
4. On 18/11/17 unknown male has been seen stealing a council wheelie bin from the Community Centre.

If anyone is able to provide any information in relation to these offences, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

By now we are well and truly on the downhill run to the Christmas Break please make sure you have taken the time to do your cyclone preparation, check your emergency kits and give consideration to proactive home security measures if you are planning on going away.

The festive season always sees a busy time for all emergency services it is important that if you require police for any matters that you call **000** in and emergency or if an offence is happening right at that moment or Police Link on **131 444** for all routine matters. Calling a station directly will not result in a quicker response time and may if anything delay attendance as the person receiving the call still needs to enter the information into the dispatch system for it to be handed out to a crew. Police Link provides a 24x7 365-day service and your call will always be answered.

That's all for now, until next time remember "Lock it or Lose it".

Senior Constable Mathew ROHDE

Yorkeys Knob Police Beat (07) 4055 7599
Smithfield (07) 4057 1900 Police Link 131 444

New YKRA committee for 2017/18 is:

President	Maurice Milliner
Vic Pres	Sean Cosgrove
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Ursula Brandt

If you are interested in the Secretary position please contact us on residents@yorkeysknob.com



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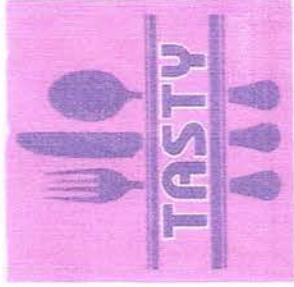


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