

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter. This edition features details of the 20th annual Festival of the Knob. This event was first run in 2005 to cover legal expenses incurred by the Association in successfully appealing a poor approval decision by Council in the planning and environment court. The event has run every year since then except 2020 during the Covid restrictions, and last year.

Over recent months the Association has been active in advocating in the interests of Yorkeys Knob residents, with mixed success. In particular there has been little response from our politicians to concerns about increasing crime and hooning in our town. On the other hand, progress is being made with relevant parties towards development of a disaster resilience plan which will be activated in extreme weather events that commonly isolate the town and cut off services. A core aim of this plan is to monitor the wellbeing of our most vulnerable residents at these times.

In this edition, you will also find details of our exciting new website, and an important article from Yorkeys Medical about how to mitigate skin damage living in our tropical climate. I hope that you enjoy the read.

Dr Michael Powell President

TWENTIETH FESTIVAL OF THE KNOB

Committee member Amanda Snow is doing a magnificent job organising the forthcoming Festival of the Knob, to be held on Saturday June 06. The lineup is amazing with more than 90 markets stalls, plus seven food and four drinks vendors including Macalister brewing serving their special Festival beer.

The entertainment kicks off at 10.00am with the Yorkeys Knob State School Choir, and continues throughout the day, with the popular Japanese Drum Group Drum- Infinity closing the show from 3.30pm. The "Toss the Knob" competition is on again this year with trophies for the three biggest tossers. Can you see one on your mantelpiece or in the trophy cabinet?

We have a GIGANTIC raffle - "The Hamper of The Knob" - which has five prizes with a total value of more than \$3,300. First prize is valued at \$2,000; second and third prizes are valued at around \$400 each; with fourth and fifth around \$250 each. Prizes are gift and/or credit vouchers from more than 30 mostly local businesses and a Weber BabyQ BBQ donated by LJ Hooker. Tickets are a ridiculously low \$2 each or three for \$5 and can be bought with cash or card from the Hooker marquee next to the stage. Be sure to check it out and buy a bunch of tickets to support the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association. The raffle will be drawn at or around 3.00pm. A big thank you to those businesses who donated vouchers or credits for the raffle.

Important contacts:



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HAMPER OF THE KNOB GIANT RAFFLE

Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 available from the LJ Hooker stall. Hampers will be drawn at 3pm at the Festival of the Knob.

Hamper prizes are listed below

1st Prize Hamper of the Knob Total valued at \$2,000

- Hidden Café Gift voucher valued at \$200
- Pool Store Plus \$200 store credit
- Half Moon Bay Golf Club 4 Rounds of 18 holes & 2 motorised carts value approx. \$300
- Multy Cut Meats gift voucher valued at \$55
- Little Tatties gift voucher valued at \$150
- The Friendly Grocer voucher valued at \$40
- Ten 06 gift voucher valued at \$50
- The Gifting Gnome valued at \$100
- Cosi voucher valued at \$50 plus silk scarf
- Salt and Wave Hairdresser gift voucher valued at \$50 plus product
- Varley St Barber & Co gift voucher valued at \$50 plus product
- Bowerbird Cairns Two hour Declutter appointment valued at \$180
- Memories Café gift voucher valued at \$25
- Yorkeys Knob bakery gift voucher valued at \$20
- Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy Various products from in store valued at \$50
- Gem Car Rental car rental gift voucher valued at \$85
- Yorkeys Post Office Yorkeys Knob themed gifts valued at \$40
- Wash on Laundromat gift voucher valued at \$50
- Yorkeys Knob Boat Club \$50 Club voucher.
- Magnesium Relief products Valued at \$150

2nd Prize Valued at \$450

- Weber BabyQ Barbeque donated by LJ Hooker valued at \$375
- Multy Cut meat voucher valued at \$55
- Cash prize \$30

3rd Prize valued at \$400

- Half Moon Bay Golf Club 4 Hour in golf simulator valued at \$160
- The Friendly Grocer voucher valued at \$40
- Hartley's Crocodile Adventure Gift Voucher valued at \$103.35
- Salt and Wave Hairdresser gift voucher valued at \$50 plus product
- Products from Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy
- One Free Coffee Card from Ten 06
- Cash prize \$30

4th Prize valued at \$275

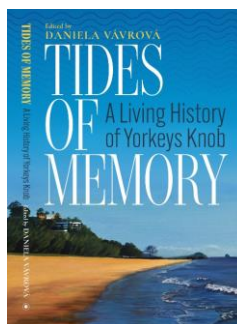
- Multy Cut Meats gift voucher valued at \$55
- Friends in the rainforest double pass 2 adults and 2 children (Birdworld Kuranda and Kuranda Koala Gardens) valued at \$60
- Bottle of Shiraz from Bottlemart Yorkeys Knob plus products valued at \$130
- Products from Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy
- One Free Coffee card from Ten 06
- Cash prize \$30

5th Prize valued at \$250

- Multy Cut Meats gift voucher valued at \$55
- Australian Butterfly Sanctuary pass 1 Adult and 1 Child \$40
- Bottle of Shiraz from Bottlemart Yorkeys Knob plus products valued at \$130
- Products from Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy
- One free coffee card from Ten 06
- Cash prize \$30

The Residents Association marquee will be in its usual location next to the stage. There will be a continuous video loop of the 19 previous festivals showing throughout the day. It's a fascinating insight into the major annual event in the Yorkeys Knob community over more than twenty years and well worth a look.

While you are there you can check out the book "Tides of Memory – a Living History of Yorkeys Knob" by Daniela Vavrova, which is almost sold out - there are less than a dozen copies left from the first print run. Another special book, "Gigi's Butterfly Garden", by resident Nicola Strange will also be on sale.



This event would not be possible without the generous support of the Yorkeys Knob business community; in particular our major sponsors: **LJ Hooker, Hillebrand, Yorkeys Medical and Yorkeys Knob Boat Club.** Please support them whenever you can.

Thank You

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YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

The Residents Association recently launched our new website <https://yorkeysknob.com/>. The fully featured site contains information about the Association and its activities, local businesses and useful links. Thanks to Daniela Vavrova and Moira Stephens for their hard work in building the site.



Community Together



YORKEYS KNOB DISASTER RESILIENCE GROUP (YKDRG)

This Committee, headed by Michelle Taillier, is making good progress in developing a Disaster Resilience Plan for Yorkeys Knob.

The Boat Club was by default the emergency refuge during Cyclone Jasper. Negotiations are currently underway with the Club regarding its role in future events. In this scenario, the Community Hall is seen as a post event location for coordination of rescue and recovery and a centre for comms.

Agreements and discussions are underway between the parties to progress this plan. The group is currently focusing on increasing awareness of disaster resilience in the community. Measures include development of personal emergency response plans, creation of a register of vulnerable residents including a system to monitor their well being in an emergency and having a register of skilled persons to assist in property storm damage mitigation works.

Members of the group have met with federal member Matt Smith to discuss matters pertaining to his jurisdiction, particularly resilience of communications in a disaster event like Cyclone Jasper. He indicated that he would be happy to assist and support any grant applications for resources such as purchase of an RFDS medical chest.

SKIN CHECK REMINDER – DR LEE JONES YORKEYS MEDICAL.

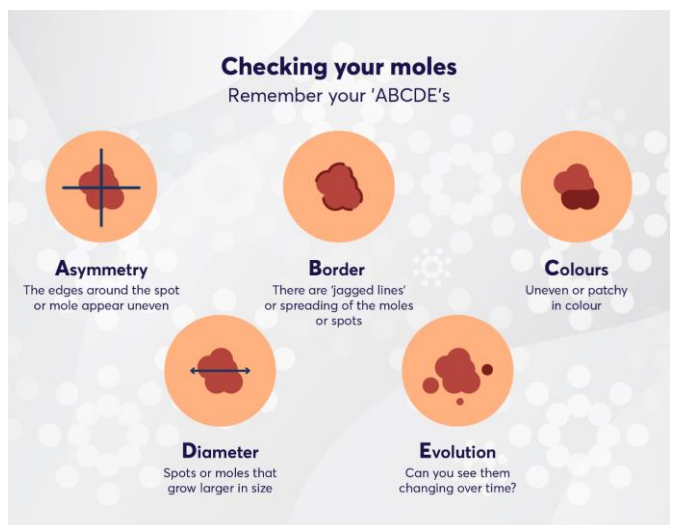
Living in Yorkeys Knob means we enjoy one of the best outdoor lifestyles in Australia; walking, gardening, fishing, boating, swimming and spending time near the beach. But with that lifestyle comes a real health issue: skin cancer is extremely common in FNQ.

June is a good time to pause and think about your skin. The weather may feel cooler, but UV radiation can still damage skin even when the day is mild or cloudy. In Queensland, sun protection and skin awareness matter all year round.

The spots I worry about most as a skin cancer doctor are not always dramatic. Sometimes they are subtle. Please keep an eye out for any spot, mole, lump or patch of skin that is: new, changing, bleeding, crusting, painful, growing quickly, or not healing. A sore that bleeds, seems to heal, then comes back again should always be checked.

Common skin cancers can appear as red scaly patches, pearly lumps, rough tender sunspots, or non-healing sores. Melanoma can be darker or irregular, but it can also be subtle. Do not forget it's easy to miss areas such as the ears, scalp, lips, neck, backs of hands, forearms, shoulders and lower legs!

This June, consider doing a simple head to toe skin check at home and come in for a skin check with our team at Yorkeys Medical. Skin awareness is not about fear. It is about finding problems early, treating them early, and continuing to enjoy life in the tropics safely.



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YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM



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NAME: Yorkeys Knob Residents Association

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