

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have been enjoying a wonderful winter. The temperatures have been very pleasant, and I remember last year barely feeling like we had a winter at all. The wild almond trees are now losing their leaves, a little bit of rain has kept our plants happy, and the sunset colours over the hills continue to be amazing. The birds are chirping all around us and, as spring approaches, the snakes will soon be coming out to warm up.

Why not explore our [Yorkeys Knob Website](#) and, in particular, our [Local Stories](#)? The latest article is about the snakes you may spot in our area and what we can learn about them.

In this newsletter, I am introducing hyperlinks to the Yorkeys Knob Website to make it easy for you to explore. Simply click on the highlighted and underlined words and the relevant page will open.

Daniela Vavrova Vice President

TWILIGHT MARKET

Preparations for our Twilight Market have commenced, thanks to our Yorkeys Knob Residents Association organiser, Amanda Snow.

Save the date: 5 December 2026, 3pm – 8 pm.

Please see the poster below and follow the latest updates on the YK Website [Events](#) page.



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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

This issue of the newsletter brings an update about the [Yorkeys Knob Disaster Resilience Group \(YKDRG\)](#), a showcase of some of the Time Capsule items, and an update on this special upcoming event.

Many residents are also discussing the ongoing issue of hooning in our village. Please see the poster below and take action if you would like to help stop this behaviour.

YKRA has tried numerous times to address this issue, but there is no easy or immediate fix. The most important thing residents can do is report hooning when it is happening, or after it has occurred, using the hooning reporting link provided below. The more complaints that are lodged by residents, the stronger the message to the authorities and the sooner we may achieve change.

OUR TREES

We have also added an [Our Trees](#) tab to the YK Website. Please take some time to have a look.

YKRA has partnered with CAFNEC to make Yorkeys Knob a trial location for registering significant trees in our area. We need your help to register significant trees in your backyard. Below is a flyer with a QR code. Simply scan the code or press and hold it to open the link in your internet browser if you are using your phone. Not everyone is comfortable with QR codes, so [here is the direct link to the form](#).

YKRA President Michael Powell has collected data on significant trees on the YK Headland (the Knob). Bringing together his study, your contributions and the public data available through the Cairns Council [TreePlotter](#) database will give us a much better overview of the significant trees we still have here in our beautiful coastal village.

The aim of this exercise is to help prevent unnecessary tree removal and severe lopping, and to preserve our precious canopy.



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SHARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

The YK Website also has a photo [Gallery](#) where anyone can share and showcase their photographic art.

Go online, explore the Gallery, leave a comment and, most importantly, send us your photographs. We would love to see Yorkeys Knob through your eyes.

JOIN THE VOTE

Another project currently in progress is the [Join the Vote](#) tab on our website.

We will introduce a variety of themes for the community to vote on. This will help us better understand what the Yorkeys Knob community needs, wants and cares about. Thank you for being part of our community and for helping us make Yorkeys Knob an even better place to live.

Dr Daniela Vavrova

With special thanks to **Dr Moira Stephens** for being a wonderful collaborator in building this fantastic YK Website.

YKRA / YKDRG UPDATE

The YKDRG is making good progress with the Skill Register and Disaster Plan. The group brings together experienced local residents, including Allan Cullington, Michelle Taillier, Belinda Penistone, Olivia McLeod, Geoff Wilson, and Daniele Wyss. We will continue to introduce the people involved as the group develops.

The YKDRG will focus on advocacy, preparedness and practical groundwork to strengthen Yorkeys Knob's resilience.

One of the concerns raised is that too much responsibility for disaster preparedness is currently falling on the community. While community involvement is essential, YKRA/YKDRG does not have the financial resources available to larger organisations such as the CRC. There is therefore a need to establish a sustainable model for the YKDRG, including appropriate support and resourcing.

Accessing grants can certainly help, but simply referring community groups to grant opportunities does not address the

underlying issue. Developing successful grant applications requires considerable time, experience and effort. These are important resources that need to be recognised when responsibilities are being allocated.

The Centacare workshop on Saturday 22 August went well, with YKRA/YKDRG members attending alongside representatives from Holloways Beach, the Barron River Flood Plains and YKBC.

Centacare is currently acting as an intermediary between the CRC and local communities. The workshop introduced the Person-Centred Resilience Program, which supports communities to prepare for disasters and develop their own local action plans. A link to the Centacare website is available on the YKRA website under Useful Links, and we encourage residents to have a look. We have also added a link to the Resilience Scorecard, which you can use to check how prepared you and your household are for the coming wet season.

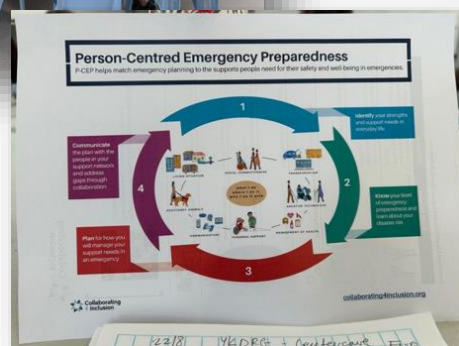
Several practical, hands-on information sessions are being planned in collaboration with the Yorkeys Knob Boating Club (YKBC) to help prepare our community for the coming wet season.

Keep an eye on this space and the YK website for dates and further information.

Preparedness starts with knowing what we can do — together.



Photos:
Centacare
workshop on
Saturday
22.8.2026



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TIME CAPSULE CONTENT AND UPDATE

It has been a great pleasure working on this community project. Daniela Vavrova has been collecting items from our local residents that reflect the history, community spirit and everyday life of Yorkeys Knob.

Below are a few images of the items that will be included in the Time Capsule.

A draft program for the ceremony is already in preparation, with the final program to be released by the end of September.

Please save the date: Saturday 10 October, 10 AM, YKBC Memorial Garden.

Some of the items going into the Time Capsule

1. Yorkeys Knob Hornets Soccer Team badge

The Yorkeys Knob Hornets soccer team was established in the 1980s by George Jia. Although the team no longer operates, its badge is a wonderful reminder of the strong community spirit that has been part of Yorkeys Knob's history

2. The Key to the Knob

Provided by LJ Hooker, this key has been with the agency since its beginnings. It represents both the history of the local business and its connection with the Yorkeys Knob community.

3. Richard Ward's Shipwright Caulking Iron

This traditional shipwright's tool was used in building boats and is a reminder of the maritime skills and working history connected with our coastal community.

4. Items from the former Innisfail Courthouse and Police Station

Donated by Frank Fisher, these include a brass window latch and a Bakelite light switch, both made in Australia. They come from the former Innisfail Courthouse and Police Station, a Queensland Heritage-listed building that was later relocated to Yorkeys Knob.

5. Australian five-dollar banknote

The plastic five-dollar banknote is another small piece of Australia's recent history. The one-dollar banknote was replaced by the one-dollar coin in the 1980s, and this note represents a period of changing Australian currency.

Yirrganydji contribution

We are hoping to welcome Yirrganydji people to the ceremony to conduct a Welcome to Country. They have also decided to contribute to the Time Capsule, which will make this community project even more meaningful.



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THE B17 SIGN UNVEILED

On Sunday 16th August we had the unveiling of the sign to commemorate a WW2 US Army Air Force B17-E Flying Fortress Aircraft that crashed off the coast of Yorkeys Knob in 1942.

This date was the 84th anniversary since the disaster. The sign had been in planning since early 2025. This is when the then YKRA committee and residents agreed to purchase the memorial sign and Cairns Regional Council agreed to put the sign in place. Many local residents, Veterans and visitors attended the ceremony including the following Special Guests: Division 8 Councillor Rhonda Coghlan, US Vietnam Veteran Chief Warrant Officer 2 Richard Guay, Group Captain Stewart Dowrie Senior Officer Royal Australian Air Force, Retired Royal Australian Navy Commander and President of Legacy Cairns Alfonso Santos, Author Michael Musumeci, Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel Kevin McCarroll, Former President of YKRA Paul Johnson.

An email was read out from Jeremy Cornforth the US Consulate General in Sydney. Also attending were a number of Veterans motorcycle groups. Special thanks to Rhonda Coghlan for supplying the marquee we used. Thank you to everyone involved,

David Stephens MC for the ceremony.



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A MESSAGE FROM BREE JAMES

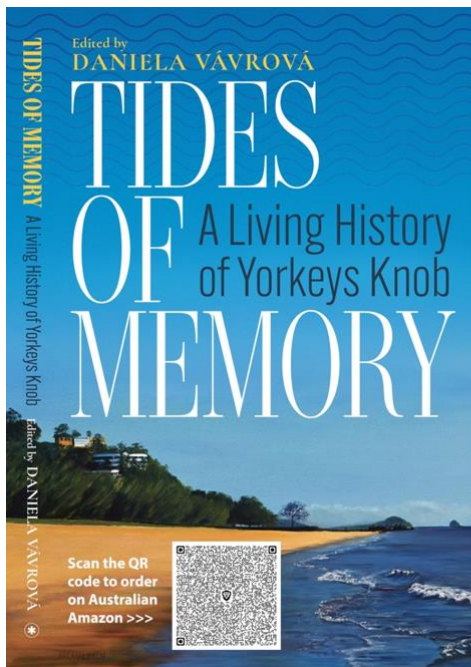
Hello Yorkeys Residents,



The recent criminal incidents across Barron River, including the tragic death of a young woman in Smithfield, have understandably left our community angry and hurting. I hear loud and clear from local families that they have had enough of the revolving door, where serious repeat offenders are released on bail and go on to offend again. Our police are catching these offenders. Our justice system must back them up. That is why I am pushing for stronger breach of bail laws for both youth and adults. If you are given the privilege of bail and then commit another serious offence, there must be serious consequences. Breach bail, go to jail. Residents deserve to feel safe in their homes, on our roads and in their neighbourhoods, and I will continue fighting for the tougher laws and stronger consequences our community expects.

I would also like to congratulate the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association and Cairns Regional Council on the installation of the new B-17 Flying Fortress Crash Information Board at Yorkeys Knob. The board serves as an important tribute to the American airmen who lost their lives when their aircraft crashed off Yorkeys Knob in August 1942 during the Second World War. This project is a valuable addition to the local foreshore and an important recognition of Yorkeys Knob's wartime heritage.

I look forward to attending Yorkeys Knob State School at the end of this month for a Free Fruit Day. I encourage all students, staff and parents to come and grab a piece of fruit and say hello.



TIDES OF MEMORY: A LIVING HISTORY OF YORKEYS KNOB

This publication is still available for purchase at Villa Marine, the Yorkeys Knob Post Office and YKBC. You can also order the book online through Amazon Australia.

Below are QR codes providing access to the book's interactive map, a companion resource to the publication, as well as a direct link to Amazon Australia.

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YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM



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