

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter. As you will see, there is a lot going on in our small town. We have the 100-year Time Capsule burial on October 10, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Cairns. Absolute Art Tuesday group will be holding their annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of October at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall in Wattle Street.

The Yorkeys Knob Disaster Resilience Group are holding a workshop on October 25, also at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall in Wattle Street. We are holding the annual Twilight Festival on the Esplanade on December 5th. All the usual attractions will be there including Santa. Finally, we have Bree James column to round out the issue.

Unfortunately, there are some ongoing issues which we want resolved despite the reluctance of our politicians to act. Chief among these is the continuation of hooning, which is predominantly occurring on the new boat ramp access road. The absence of built in design deterrents by TMR such as humps, chicanes or speed cameras on the road in a situation where it was clear that this would be a problem is difficult to comprehend, given the obvious impacts on our amenity.

This will be my last column as President as I am stepping down to pursue other projects. I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Management Committee and all others who have worked so hard to achieve what we have in 2026.

I hope that you enjoy the read.

Dr Michael Powell
President

B17 MEMORIAL SIGN CEREMONY REPORT IN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER - CLARIFICATION.

The report of this important event was comprehensive, however unfortunately it included an image of a crashed B17 Bomber that was not labelled, which could have led readers to assume that it was the actual plane that crashed at Yorkeys Knob.

This was not the case; the plane came down in the Pacific region. Our apologies are extended to anyone who made that erroneous connection.

Important contacts:



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NOTICE OF YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

YKRA are holding their AGM on Tuesday October 27, 2026 at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall in Wattle Street starting at 7.00pm.

The Management Committee positions will become vacant and a new Committee elected. If you would like to nominate for a position on the Committee, please complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and post it to PO Box 256 Yorkeys Knob 4878, or email it to residentsykra@gmail.com.

Closing date for nomination is end of business on October 13. Contact me on 0490 435 796 if you want more information.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

A MESSAGE THROUGH TIME — YORKEYS KNOB 2026 → 2126
A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2026 · 10.00 AM
YORKEYS KNOB BOATING CLUB MEMORIAL GARDEN

Created as part of the Cairns 150 commemoration, the Time Capsule is more than a collection of objects. It is a snapshot of our community in 2026 — our history, our everyday lives, our stories and the things that are important to us today. Some may seem quite ordinary to us now, but in 100 years, they may tell a fascinating story about how we lived.

And perhaps that is one of the most wonderful things about a time capsule. We don't know what the future will make of the present. We simply cannot know. But we can hope that 100 years from now there will be an even stronger sense of community — with exciting new experiences, a rich cultural life, and generations of people who continue to care about this beautiful place.

The Time Capsule is our little message to those future residents. It says that in 2026, people lived here who cared about their community and wanted to leave something behind for those who came after them.

The ceremony will begin at 10.00 am in the Memorial Garden at the Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, conducted by Master of Ceremonies Dr Daniela Vavrova, Vice President of Yorkeys Knob Residents Association.

There will be a Welcome to Country by Yirrganydji Elder Gavin Singleton, followed by the formal opening of the event by Daniela Vavrova who will introduce the contents of the capsule. This will be followed by short speeches on their take of the founding of Cairns and its place in the nation from representatives from Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, Yorkeys Knob Residents Association, office of Bree James, member for Barron, Councillor Rhonda Coghlan and possibly Matt Smith Federal MP for Leichardt.

And then comes the moment we have all been working towards: the burial of the Time Capsule. Once it is placed in its permanent resting place, it will begin its long journey through time. After the burial, we will gather on the Boat Club deck for light refreshments and an opportunity to share the moment together.

So, please RSVP and come along. Be part of this unique piece of Yorkeys Knob history. [Yorkeys Knob 2026 → 2126](#)

Our stories. Our community. Our future. (see flyer on next page)

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YOU'RE INVITED

A MESSAGE THROUGH TIME

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CELEBRATING CAIRNS' 150 YEARS

The Yorkeys Knob Residents Association and Yorkeys Knob Boating Club invite you to join us for the official burial of the **Yorkeys Knob Time Capsule**.

A lasting message from our community today to the generations who will call Yorkeys Knob home 100 years from now. The Time Capsule will preserve a snapshot of life in Yorkeys Knob in 2026 — our stories, our community and our future.



Saturday, 10 October 2026



10.00 am



**Yorkeys Knob Boating Club
Memorial Garden**

25-29 Buckley Street, Yorkeys Knob

The ceremony will include guest speakers, community participation and the official burial of the Time Capsule, followed by light refreshments on the Boating Club deck.

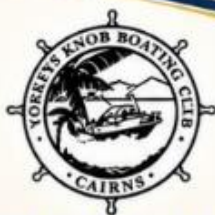
We would be delighted to have you join us as we celebrate our history and leave a message for the future.



RSVP

Please RSVP by Friday, 2 October 2026
Email: manager@ykbcb.com.au

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Their tomorrow.*



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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

REFLECTING UPON OUR PAST. CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT. LEAVING A MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE.

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YORKEYS KNOB ANNUAL TWILIGHT FESTIVAL ON THE BEACH

Following the success of the Festival of the Knob event in June, we are running the annual Twilight Festival on the Esplanade on Saturday December 5th from 3.00pm.

Santa will be coming to the event on his Outrigger canoe and his helpers from Hekili Canoe Club bringing small gifts for the children. We have most of the usual food and beverage vendors locked in and we are expecting up to 100 market stalls.

The entertainment is booked and the event will be run again by our Master of Ceremonies Jane Johnson. Thanks Jane!

For more information email Amanda Snow: gilimali69@gmail.com

Please come along and join in on the fun.



YORKEYS KNOB "ABSOLUTE ART" EXHIBITION

Absolute Art Tuesday group will be holding their annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of October at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall in Wattle Street. Hours are 10am till 4pm Saturday and 10am till 3pm Sunday.

We are a "Not for profit" group of local artists displaying a variety of works including acrylic, water colour, pastels and mixed media. The exhibition covers a large selection of subjects for sale, helping to cover costs of public liability, advertising and hall exhibition costs.

Prizes for the Peoples' Choice vote will be presented at 2.30pm on Sunday and are sponsored by L.J.Hooker, Yorkeys Knob.

There will also be a \$2 Book Stall.



YORKEYS KNOB DISASTER RESILIENCE GROUP

This group has made significant progress on the complex task of developing a Disaster Resilience Plan that is community based and satisfies the multiple constraints around privacy, insurance and Workplace Health and Safety. The plan is being developed in association with Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, CentaCare and Cairns Council.

A key aim of the Plan is to ensure that the most vulnerable members of our community are prepared for a cyclone or flood event and that they are safe and well after an event. YKDRG representatives have visited all of these people and assessed their individual requirements. A register of skilled volunteers who have the necessary skills to assist these residents is in place, and YKRA will obtain Blue Cards (Police Check) for each individual free of charge.

A grant application for \$25,000 has been submitted to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's (FRRR) Strengthening Rural Communities program on the 17th September. This project is to run workshops and obtain resources for the community for medical emergencies, communications, safety, and disaster equipment in an event. YKRA will find out in November if we have been successful.

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COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE EVENT - PREPARE & RECOVERY ON 25TH OCTOBER AT YORKEYS KNOB COMMUNITY HALL –

Currently we are planning this event and will release more information to be posted soon. This will be an afternoon of providing our practical workshops/stations showing how to do things, providing advice and the community engagement with YKDRG and Council, Centacare, representatives in business (for recovery if residents have a business), in insurance and in real estate (to define your rights if living in a unit and how you manage your concerns). And Wellbeing resilience for recovery.

The Local Disaster Management Group is running a scenario in November, which the exercise will be based on Northern Beaches to be flooded and the following week and CAT 5 is approaching. We will be having a meeting with the council to receive feedback and look at the lessons we can take board.

Council are organising a disaster resilience workshop and simulation exercise for communities that have a Disaster Resilience Group – preposed date 28th November.

This is the timeline for community workshops and events: See Right.

We will be sharing more information on events coming up shortly.
If you wish to get in contact please do via yorkeyskdrg@gmail.com



Date	Status	Activity	Purpose / Outcome
June 2026	COMPLETED	Festival of the Knob	Community engagement and disaster-preparedness awareness with Council Disaster Team and Centacare FNQ.
August 2026	COMPLETED	Community Services P-CEP Workshop	Support residents with P-CEP booklets, evacuation planning and practical preparedness.
25 October 2026	UPCOMING	Yorkeys Knob Community Disaster Resilience Day -Prepare & Recovery	Eight practical workstations covering household, personal, flood, equipment, support, coordination and business preparedness.
December 2026	PLANNED — subject to grant	Procurement & establishment of locally stored disaster-preparedness resources	If the grant is successful, YKDRG will procure and establish locally stored disaster-preparedness resources and associated management arrangements.
Early 2027	PLANNED — subject to grant	P-CEP workshops for vulnerable residents, carers & support people	P-CEP activities will be delivered for vulnerable residents, carers and support people, together with Centacare.
Date to be confirmed	PLANNED	Community Disaster Readiness Exercise — Volunteer Skills Day	Scenario-based practice for flooding, communications disruption, cyclone threat, volunteer coordination and debrief/improvement.



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HOONING

This hooligan activity continues to be a problem in the boat ramp precinct and mainly affects the amenity of nearby residents and boaties in the marina.

Hooning offences include dangerous or careless driving, street racing and speed trials, wilfully starting or driving a vehicle to make unnecessary noise or smoke (burnouts, donuts, drifting), high-range speeding (exceeding the speed limit by more than 40km/h), or playing excessively loud music from a car stereo.

Let the authorities know that you want action by contacting the hoon hotline when it is occurring near you. The following link will take you to the Police Hooning website: <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/policeink.../hooning-launch>

BREE JAMES COLUMN

Hello Yorkeys Residents,

I want to start by congratulating Yorkeys Knob's Hekili Outrigger Canoe Club, with local paddlers Emma Morgan and Charlie McKillop recognised as finalists in this year's North Queensland Sports Foundation Awards.

Emma has been named a finalist for the Impact Award in recognition of her leadership and dedication as a chief coach,

while Charlie is a finalist for the Masters of Sport Award following her outstanding performances representing Australia internationally. I wish them all the very best for the awards ceremony in Cairns on 17 October.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parliamentary Committee hearing in Cairns & Mareeba on the proposed **Breach Bail, Go to Jail** laws. It was important that victims, families, business owners, frontline workers and community members could share their experiences directly with the Committee. I especially want to thank Andy and Sarah from Ten06 who shared their story. The feedback from Cairns and Mareeba will now help inform the Committee's report and recommendations before the Bill returns to Parliament for debate later this year.

As the warm weather returns to our region, I encourage you to get out, enjoy the local businesses in Yorkeys Knob and make the most of everything our beautiful coastal community has to offer. Save the date for 5 December when The Twilight Christmas Markets come to the Knob. If you are a stall holder, this is a great one to be involved with. If you are interested in a stall, please email at gilimali69@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.
Until next month,



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THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SPONSORS

If possible please support those who support us.

These local businesses are proud to be a part of our local community.



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NOMINATION FORM FOR 2026 COMMITTEE POSITION



Position.....

Name

Residential address in Yorkeys Knob:

..... Yorkeys Knob, Qld 4878

Signature of nominee

Date

Proposed by (print name)

Signature of proposer

Date

Seconded by (print name)

Signature of seconder

Date

Notes:

In accordance with the Constitution of the Yorkeys Knob Resident's Association Incorporated:

1. To be eligible for nomination to a management committee position, the nominee, proposer and seconder must be financial members of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Incorporated.
2. This form must be returned to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting i.e form to be returned by Monday October 14, 2025 by:
 - a. mail: PO Box 256 Yorkeys Knob 4878
 - b. email: residents@yorkeysknob.com

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YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM



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YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

EMAIL: residentsykra@gmail.com

MAIL: PO Box 256, Yorkeys Knob QLD 4878

WEB: www.yorkeysknob.com

ABN: 77 301 468 681

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____
Yorkeys Knob, QLD 4878

POST ADDRESS: _____
(if different)

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ACC: 113530539

NAME: Yorkeys Knob Residents Association

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