



YORKEYS KNOB RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
held on Tuesday 24 November 2009
at 7.30pm, Wattle Street Community Centre**

Present: Wendy Dowsett (Vice-President), Jeff Chopping (Treasurer)
Jane Greig (Secretary), Laurie Chopping, Lorri Williams
Members: See meeting attendance book

Regular items	Action
<p>1. Welcome Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to Drew and Eve, the new caretakers who had recently moved in.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies Pam Bigelow, Maurice Milliner, Steve Mifsud, Steve Wettenhall, Anthony Kirkham</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the previous Meeting Held on 27 October 2009 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Brian Hooley Seconded: Jane Greig</p>	
<p>4. Business arising from previous Minutes There was no business arising from the previous Minutes.</p>	
<p>5. Correspondence See schedule below. Moved: Jane Greig Seconded: Jeff Chopping</p>	
<p>6. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was presented by Jeff. Moved: Jeff Chopping Seconded: Martin Strange</p>	
<p>7. Reports Margaret Cochrane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yorkeys Knob Village Precinct Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Margaret had met with the CRC Infrastructure Manager but he was unable to advise the status of the project. She will try and push for an answer. ○ At the Meet the Mayor held at the Smithfield Library yesterday, two elderly ladies from Yorkeys Knob voiced their concern at the dangerous situation when trying to cross to the Varley Street shops. ○ Margaret advised that since the new CEO was appointed, change is occurring at Council and a lot of matters that have been left in abeyance are now coming to the fore. ▪ Flood Proofing of Yorkeys Knob Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Margaret has received clarification that it will be Yorkeys Knob Road and not Dunne Road that will be flood proofed. The aim will be to bring YK Road to the same height as the highway, so that if the highway is clear, YK residents will be able to get out. The road will be raised about 1 metre at a cost of \$4million. ▪ Groyne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Margaret reported that as this is not an engineered groyne, it must have an engineer's compliance certificate, and therefore be an engineered design before it can be fixed. The engineers are deciding what to do which could mean that it will be completely removed and a new one installed. ○ Concern was raised from the floor that as a new groyne was unlikely to be built before the cyclone season, it made sense to put large concrete blocks there, as was done about 5 years ago, to save the beach from erosion during heavy seas. ▪ Beach access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Margaret had recently discovered that the CRC had commissioned an audit on beach access and signs in about March this year. This meant that all beaches north of Cairns will have some access points closed, and it was planned to close 9 access points at Yorkeys Knob Beach. Margaret requested a stop work order on this, and spoke with the General Manager for a resolution of the number of accesses for closure. It was decided that signs would be placed at the access points, which have replaced the large stinger and crocodile warning signs but these signs are not satisfactory, being smaller and more difficult to understand. ○ Jane said that on the subject of signs, a resident had emailed to advise that he is very 	

	<p>concerned to note that over the past few days people have been swimming at the southern end of Yorkeys Knob beach, near the entrance to Thomatis Creek, a known crocodile habitat and wondered if Council should erect warning signs there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern was raised from the floor that CRC councillors seem to have no say in operational matters. Margaret said that the Local Government Act says that Councillors cannot direct operational matters, but can only make requests. She said however that the new CEO was very keen on community consultation and input. ○ Wendy suggested therefore that a Motion be moved as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Yorkeys Knob Residents Association is extremely concerned at the lack of consultation given by Cairns Regional Council officers to the residents of Yorkeys Knob on issues affecting their community, such as beach access and the Varley Street Village Precinct Project etc.</i> <p>Motion moved: Wendy Dowsett Seconded: Niki Cullington By a show of hands from the floor, this motion was CARRIED. Jane would therefore write to the CEO advising of same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cattana Wetlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Margaret advised that the Cattana Wetlands would be opened on Sunday 6 December. <p>Police Beat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Snr Constable Anthony Kirkham was an apology but had advised by email that residents need to secure their property, particularly bicycles, which are getting stolen and dumped. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Wettenhall – no report as Steve in Parliament. 	Jane Greig
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Current items/items held over from previous meetings

8.	<p>Yorkeys Knob Village Precinct Project Discussed at item 7 above.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business Carols by Candlelight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Niki gave a précis of Maurice's report. All is on track for the first Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 6 December. ▪ Margaret Cochrane has 300 candle cups and will deliver them to Maurice. She has paid the \$47 hire fee for the parklands. <p>Dog litter bags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A request was made that dog litter bags be placed on the grassed areas along the beach front. <p>Cyclone season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wendy hoped that everyone was making preparations for the upcoming cyclone season. 	
10.	<p>Next Meeting There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm. The first meeting for 2010 will be held on Tuesday 23 February at 7.30pm.</p>	

Correspondence in since the previous meeting:	Correspondence out since the previous meeting:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Bank statements • Australia Post statement • Cheque for \$50 sponsorship from Jim Turnour for Carols by Candlelight • Newsletters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holloways Habits Steve Wettenhall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up email to Margaret Cochrane re Varley Street Project • Letter to Harbour Master re cruise ship moorings off of YK and associated traffic problems