

Yorkeys Knob Matters

Monthly Newsletter of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Inc.



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Come to our next meeting to be held on Tuesday February 23
@ the Community Centre, Wattle St @ 7.30 pm
You only need to be a resident of Yorkeys Knob to attend!

Presidents' report

On behalf of the management Committee of YKRA I would like to wish the residents of Yorkeys Knob a very happy and healthy New Year for 2010.

We have had our first management committee meeting for the year and are looking forward to another great year of community events and projects.

The major events for 2010 of course are; the sixth "Festival of the Knob" and additionally, following the outstanding success of the "Carols by Candlelight", we will be hosting that event again this year. We raised \$600 for charity from the carols evening and cheques for \$300 each will be presented to June Corrie from our local Barron Delta Red Cross and Owen Scotts representing YAPS at our February meeting on Tuesday.

The project we really want to see come to fruition this year is the upgrade of Varley Street that we have been pursuing for some time now.

The main street of our little village is dangerous and unattractive and compared to the other beaches very little has been done with landscaping, pedestrian safety, repairs to entry ways etc. We will call for your support in this project in the future; as we need to demonstrate the community is behind this project. You have already told us you support this initiative via our surveys last year, but we may need to reinforce this again to various possible funding sources.

Late last year we were successful in obtaining a grant from the Qld Government to buy a folding machine to fold the 1600 newsletters that our volunteers deliver each month. We will be displaying and officially launching this wonderful piece of technology, which spits out 140 newsletters per minute, at our March meeting so come along for a bit of fun. We are also planning some more interesting speakers to present at the meetings; these will be announced in the newsletter each month.

We really look forward to seeing YOU at our meetings this year and to catch up over a cuppa or glass of wine and nibbles.

Best wishes, Pamela Bigelow, President YKRA

Pictured right; committee members trying to work out, the folding machine, it was a bit tricky!



Technology comes to YKRA

We are very pleased to advise that our application for funding for a folding machine for our monthly Yorkeys Knob Matters newsletter has been successful. The machine will greatly reduce the mounting pressure on our small group of volunteers and continue to allow us to produce and deliver the newsletter to all residents of Yorkeys Knob. We wish to thank the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund for providing the funding of \$3,090.00 and all those who provided letters of support for our application.



Gambling

Community Benefit Fund

Queensland Government

If you are interesting in seeing the machine, we will have it on display at the Resident's Association meeting on Tuesday 30 March, 2010.

From the editor's desk

Well hello to one and all in Yorkeys Knob and welcome to all the new residents. I have noticed lately that we have lots of new residents move into our little piece of paradise Yorkeys Knob - again welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

All residents are welcome at our monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Community Centre.

This newsletter is produced monthly and in your letterbox just before the residents meeting date. YK Matters is produced by a group of volunteers and previously was folded by another group of volunteers. The folders are a wonderful group of volunteers and have my upmost respect and thanks for their consistent help. Let's hope this folding machine lightens our load. Although if the trial folding session, at our management committee meeting. is anything to go by we are in for lots of laughs. The origami we produced that night was hysterical!

If anyone out there has any items, sports news etc, they think would be interesting to other residents and they would like put into the newsletter please send via e-mail or post to the addresses on the front page of each newsletter.

We have also introduced a "Letters to the editor" section and we would love to hear from you on any Yorkeys Knob related matters.

Have a great year and we look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Your editor, Lorri Williams

Under new management

Malcolm's Beach Place is under new management so call in say hello to the new tenants. Heidi is still next door in the Café and open for lunch daily, dinner Fri/Sat.

Out of School Care

Let me introduce myself, my name is Sherilee Lauritsen and I am the new Coordinator in the Out Of School Hours Care program. We are a P&C run service, within the Yorkeys Knob State School, we provide a morning care service from 7am to 9am and an After School service from 3pm to 6pm all school term. We have a fantastic Vacation Care program that runs every school break from 7.30am to 6pm weekdays, and we run an Active Out of School hours program three days each week during school term. This term we are delivering Gymnastics every Monday, Rugby League every Wednesday and music and dance every Friday. This program aims to give all primary aged children the opportunity to experience a wide range of sporting opportunities while having fun in a safe and stimulating environment.

Feel free to contact me via email: ykssoshc@comcen.net.au

Ph :4055-8011 or Mobile: 042 777 1526



YK Pre-school

The preschool opened its doors this year to 2 full groups of preschoolers, with another 10 children on our waiting list. This is the first time that has happened in my 12 years at the centre and it says a lot about our reputation in the community. We welcome our new families for 2010. We also have a number of families who are returning with their second, third or even fourth child through our centre and we are thrilled to have them with us.

Over the Christmas holidays we had a new bike path installed.

This was through an 'in kind' Assistance grant through the

Cairns City Council. We thank the council for their hard work and a special thank you to parent Perri Slowikowski for chasing up the project and getting it off the ground last year.

Our AGM will be Monday 1st March at 7.30pm.

All welcome





**YORKEYS KNOB SOCCER
SIGN ON 2010 SEASON**

LOOK OUT FOR US AT THE YK IGA
IN FEB on Saturdays 6, 13 & 20. We're signing up
keen soccer players from U6 and up to join in on the
fun. Children need to have turned 5 prior to season
commencement (usually in March) and do not have
to reside in Yorkeys to join, a deposit is required. We
train in Yorkeys and games are played Saturdays at
Endeavour Park (next to Colonial Club). Hope to see
you at sign on. For further info please contact
Michelle on 4055 8661.

From your Federal Member's desk

It's hard to believe we're already well into 2010.
2009 was undoubtedly a tough year with the global recession
impacting many businesses and families, but we've started to
see some positive signs in recent months.
The economic stimulus is continuing to roll out in the Far North;
we're seeing new, quality facilities being built at our local
schools, including Yorkeys Knob State School, and the
construction of over 200 new social houses is starting to kick off
now, which will be an enormous help to our local building
industry which has been doing it tough.
I'm confident 2010 will be a better year for the local
community; a time for recovery and rebuilding. I encourage you
to get in touch with me if you have an issue, concern or idea -
my office number is 4051 2220 and my email is
jim.turnour.mp@aph.gov.au.
Regards, Jim Turnour, Federal Member for Leichhardt
www.jimturnour.com.au

From our CRC Councillor

A couple of achievements over the holiday period which are
good news for Yorkeys Knob. I finally managed to convince
the State departments that the groyne was worth repairing,
unfortunately, Council officers were having difficulty in the
negotiations with the Departments to get approval for the
repairs. Finally after some discussion we achieved an agreement
to do the repairs on the groyne with the added rock layers
already been tested with the turbulent weather we experienced in
conjunction with Olga. This project was costed at \$30,000.
The beach entry point closures which caused significant concern
towards the end of the year has now been settled. One is
naturally already closed off with vegetation and the other was
one which had other entries within a couple of metres on either
side, hence I agreed with that closure. All other entry points
will remain open for public use and will be signed with the
Australian Standard signage.
Council have resolved to move forward with the flood immunity
work on the access road. The work will be done on the main
road despite my many discussions about transferring the money to
Dunne Road. The funding required for the whole road is
significant, in the vicinity of \$8M. The first section approved,
approx \$2.6M, is from the Dunne Rd intersection to around
Morabito Rd. The road will be raised up to a metre in some
parts and the culverts on that corner, which are crumbling, will
be replaced with larger models for better water flow. Currently
there are no more funds allocated to this work. I did argue to not
go ahead with this project but to spend the allocated council
funds in each of the beach areas on kerb and channel and
footpaths and give the State component back.
If you have any issues you require action always ring Council's
Call Centre, 4044 3044, and get your request into the Customer

Request Management system. I am not always at the other end
of my phones these days if you wish to speak with me leave a
message on my mobile, 0419 706 372, or my office number,
4044 3080.

*See you at the meeting, take care,
Margaret Cochran*

From you local member's desk

More roundabout upgrades

The latest upgrade works at the Yorkeys Knob roundabout are
complete. As a result of the Road Safety Summit I convened last
year, I secured an additional \$1.5 million to fund safety
upgrades for motorists and cyclists on Captain Cook Highway
roundabouts so all nine will be finished by the end of the year.
The roundabout works will significantly improve safety with a
1.5-metre-wide bicycle lane at all roundabouts.

Community Cabinet in Innisfail and Mareeba

Community Cabinet will be held in Innisfail and Mareeba on 28
February and 1 March.

Boost for children in care

Funding is available now and carers will be reimbursed a
maximum of \$300 for each child in their care to cover sport and
recreation expenses. For more information on this funding
program, call 1300 656 191 or visit www.sportrec.qld.gov.au.

Help shape Education

Queenslanders have the opportunity to shape the state's future
education system. 'A Flying Start for Queensland Children'
paper has been launched. Please contribute to the discussion
paper via email, post or through a special consultation forum to
be held in Cairns soon. The formal consultation closes June 30,
2010. For more information go to the Queensland Government
website at www.qld.gov.au or phone 1800 452 056.

Electric Ant awareness

Yorkeys Knob residents cleaning up green debris are being
warned to check for Electric Ants that could be lurking among
branches and leaves blown from trees and bushes from storms.
Contact Biosecurity Qld on 132523 for more information.

Are you a volunteer?

I am encouraging the community to make volunteering part of
their life and lend a helping hand in 2010. To get involved in
volunteering visit www.volqld.org.au

Tourism

Work has begun on the \$11.2 million Cairns cruise ship terminal
redevelopment.

Steve Wettenhall MP 4038 2800

Member for Barron River and Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism



Police Beat

As the year gets to a start, it is a time for
a reminder in relation to securing your
premises. Opportunist theft is on the
rise where offenders enter premises
which are unsecured. This often occurs
when the resident is at home in another
room or asleep. Offenders enter through unlocked
doors and take property left out such as wallets or
bags left on tables. When at home be sure to lock
external doors to prevent such occurrences. Be on
the look out for suspicious persons walking in the
street and report such matters to the police.
If you have any problems or concerns please contact
our Police Beat Officer, Snr Cons Anthony Kirkham
4055-7599 or Smithfield Police 4057-1900.