

Yorkeys Knob Matters

President's Report

In 1988, a book was published, titled *The Knob—A History of Yorkeys Knob* by Mary T Williams of Varley St Yorkeys Knob. This terrific account of our suburb's growth is the principle publication available to this date. Yorkeys Knob resident, Dr Daniela Vavrova, a member of the residents association has proposed a further local history project, to build on the book currently on hand. While in early discussion and concept phase, it is hoped that many more local stories can be captured for future generations to reference. As this concept progresses, we will be supporting Dr Vavrova with introductions to some of our longer term residents, to gather stories of life in Yorkeys Knob over the years.

The **Festival of the Knob** has only just packed up, but the **Twilight Christmas Market** is in the sites of association organisers. Vice President Lenny has submitted an application to Cairns Regional Council for consideration of funding for this proposed Christmas event. While the mid year **Festival of the Knob** is entirely funded by our local businesses in partnership with the association, the Christmas event has grown in popularity requiring further financial support. We hope that the funding application is successful to enable another great community event later this year.

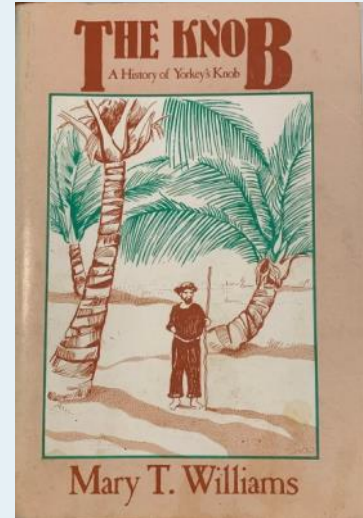
Earlier in the year, I reported that YKRA had applied for a grant under the Community Benefit Gambling Fund for the purchase of large generators that could be used in a future disaster situation, to power a shelter such as the community centre. We have been advised that we are not successful with this application.

Further, inquiries regarding access to the community centre in the event of a future disaster/ emergency situation have also been unsuccessful, with council advice being that no decision has been made with regard to a suitable safe location—whether the school or the community centre. As the year progresses and the next wet season approaches, we hope that the council considers the safety of residents who had been affected in the post TC Jasper floods and the need for future safe community locations.

The Festival of the Knob saw a number of new members joining the association and this was further enhanced at the last monthly meeting on Tuesday the 25th June with more new members joining. The association is only as strong as its members, so a strong membership base, creates a strong association. We welcome new residents becoming members and taking part in the range of discussions and activities throughout the year.

Next meeting 7.30pm TUESDAY 30th JULY 2024
Yorkeys Knob Community Centre

Adrian Gover
President



A history project is proposed to build on the existing book, *The Knob—A History of Yorkeys Knob*

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Dogs on Lead



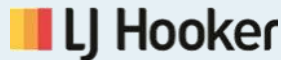
New dog signage



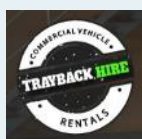
Lacerated ankle (above) and wrist (right) to older resident

Last month, Yorkeys Knob Matters circulated an article in relation to increased efforts of Council to control an increase in dog related complaints. Cr Coghlan reported that improved signage was being planned to clarify any uncertainty regarding dog prohibition areas at the northern end of Yorkeys Knob beach. In line with that commitment, a new sign has been erected on the pathway, near the main entrance to the beach (near the life guard hut). This sign clearly advises where dogs are, or are not permitted.

Cr Coghlan also advised in that article, "Remember that a dog off leash is only appropriate in an off leash area when under your full control. This means total recall." Recently, an older lady, in her 90's, was walking her small dog off leash in the off leash area. While at that area, both her, and her dog were attacked by a large black dog. This caused the older lady to fall into the water at the beach and she sustained lacerations to her ankle and her wrist. (see photos). This highlights the advice of Cr Coghlan that even if your dog is off leash, you are responsible to keep it under control. On this occasion, the woman walking that larger dog, called it away and walked off the beach with her dog, leaving the older lady lying injured in the water at the beachfront. Such carelessness is exactly what the council is trying to address. The apparent lack of concern by the unknown lady with the black dog is extremely disappointing. It is hoped that council's increased actions may assist to reduce such incidents.



Cairns Beaches



Thanks to our supporters—Festival of the Knob 2024

The Festival of the Knob 2024 was arguably the biggest yet. This event would not be possible without the generosity of our local supporters, who provided both financial and in-kind support. In a case of "Be careful what you wish for" our prolonged wet season had organisers crossing fingers for the weather to fine up, which we were grateful that it did. The rain that often accompanies the festival, usually removes the market stall chalk markings, but this year, the weather stayed dry. The association would like to thank Pete from our local **Pool Store Plus** for coming down with his hoses and pressure washer to help us wash off the chalk.

Our supporters are featured on the left and they are LJ Hooker Cairns Beaches, Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, Hillebrand Property Group, Yorkeys Medical, Yorkeys Knob Pharmacy, First Aid Academy, Bunnings Smithfield and Traffic Services.



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Festival of the Knob 2024

The Festival of the Knob was held on Saturday 8th June. Following months of an extended wet season, the sun shone brightly on our beautiful beach and with the sun, the crowds arrived to take part. The turnout was huge with all food vendors selling out and a very substantial consumption from our licensed refreshment offerings as well. The Knob Lager, another great hit from Macalister's.

This year, we held a sandcastle modelling competition for the children on our beach, with many prizes given to both individual and group models.

Our "Toss the Knob" competition brought many competitors, both men and women, with some of the older children also taking part. The winners of this were Taylah Odell for the women's division with a toss of 9.3m and Jack Morley with a huge toss of 16.3m. A raffle was held and with tickets being sold by our sponsors at LJ Hooker Cairns Beaches. The winner was Joe Head who took away a Weber BBQ and the proceeds of the raffle, being a bit over \$300 was presented to YKRA by Nick at LJ Hooker.

Please have a look at some of the photos that were taken on the day.



Luke from Macalisters serving up a Knob Lager to committee member Dorothy



Dancing talent from Yorkeys Knob's Unity Performing Arts Studio



The community out enjoying the sun along the festival path



Crowds gathered for the inaugural Toss the Knob competition



Raffle ticket sales at the LJ Hooker stand



Entertainment on the grass



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MC Jayne and YKRA President Adrian introducing the Toss the Knob competition



Many creative entries in the children's sandcastle modelling competition



Cr Coghlan presenting prizes to the sandcastle winners



Drum Infinity are again a sensational and dramatic performance



Association members at the YKRA stand



Drum Infinity "belting out" their music



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