

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 August 31st
@ the Community Centre, Wattle St @ 7.30 pm
You only need to be a resident of Yorkeys Knob to attend!

President's Report



Hello everyone,

Special news: Attention all residents of Cunningham St and surrounds, there we have some good news regarding a proposal for a **social housing project of 25 studio units, in a three to four storey block on 68 Cunningham St.** If you were concerned about this high density building in your area come along to our August meeting so you can hear about it.

On Sunday the 8th of August we held a kids, fun, thank you BBQ for the many young volunteers who worked so hard at the festival, it was a lovely afternoon for all, even though only a small number attended. The junior volunteers received a bag of goodies from the Taipans/Northern Pride and a certificate of appreciation presented to them by the King of the Knob, Maurice Milliner.

Our next meeting on the 31st August will feature a guest speaker **Colleen McRae** who will introduce and provide information about the new Local Area Coordination – Barron River program, Disability Services which will be based in the Yorkeys Knob area. And please don't forget that September 28th is our AGM, if you are looking for some interesting and rewarding activity in your life, think about nominating for the management committee, new people and ideas are always needed and welcome. Nomination forms can be obtained by emailing residents@yorkeysknob.com calling us or come along to the August meeting and have a chat and nominate then if you are interested. Don't forget subscriptions are now due and you need to be a financial member to vote at the AGM, you can resubscribe by mail PO 256, Yorkeys Knob 4878, or at the meeting I hope to see you there.

Best wishes , Pamela Bigelow, YKRA president

Festival Raffle prizes

As promised for the last two issues here is the final list of raffle prize donors who we all hope you will support and thank as much as we at YKRA Festival Committee do. Without their continued support our raffle would not be so successful. We thank them one and all again. Please support your local businesses.

Contours Smithfield, Driftaways Restaurant YK, Cairns Golf Centre YK, Top Shots Café Smithfield, CableSki Smithfield, Cairns Show Association Cairns, The Beach Place YK, Wicked Weaves Palm Cove, Civic Video Campus, Villa Marine YK, Yaks Designers in Hair YK, Splash's Takeaway Campus, Curves Trinity Pk, Krokodillos YK, Max Energy Campus, Snips of Class Campus, Majestic Nails Smithfield, LJ Hooker YK, Smithfield Photographic, Amcal Pharmacy Campus, Hairhouse Warehouse Smithfield, V Pharmacy Smithfield, YK Post Office, Rainbow Refills Campus, Mitre 10 Smithfield, Nutrametics, Mary Kay, NQ Pools Smithfield, Zumba Fitness, Skyrail Smithfield, Starry Night Cairns, Slique Hairdressers YK, Polished Performance YK, Half Moon Bay Golf Club YK, AJ Hackett Smithfield, Gem rent-a-car YK., Supercuts Smithfield, Buzz-a-roma Cafe & Gallery YK, York Holiday Apartments YK, Collins Booksellers Smithfield, Yorkeys Video YK, Guinot Beauty Campus, Vibeze Cairns, Kite Rite YK, Wendy's Ice Cream Smithfield, Cairns Blues Festival Cairns, Harcourts YK, Soapherb

Envirofund interest remains strong

INTEREST in Ergon Energy's \$100,000 Envirofund initiative remains strong with 126 applications for project funding lodged by the 16 July deadline.

Envirofund, now in its second year, is a grant program that provides funding for not-for-profit community groups and organisations to undertake projects with an energy conservation and environmental focus in their local community.

The opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 has attracted proposals for projects including solar installations, community gardens, rainwater tanks, native fauna and flora protection and rehabilitation, waste management projects and community education programs.

Envirofund reviewers will be busy during the next few months assessing the applications and deciding what projects meet the funding guidelines. Projects must provide a significant benefit to the environment as well as benefiting and engaging the local community. Successful applicants will be announced in late October. For more information visit Ergon Energy's [website](#) or contact Kelly Spencer, Envirofund Secretariat, Phone 3228-7999 or e-mail envirofund@ergon.com.au

Disability Services for YK

Colleen McRae, Local Area Coordinator - Barron River, Disability & Community Care Services, Housing & Homelessness will be at our August meeting to talk about disability support networks and services in our area. Come along to the meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31 August to hear what Colleen can offer. The Barron River program, established in May 2010 provides support across the Aeroglen, Stratford, Freshwater, Machans Beach, Holloways Beach and Yorkeys Knob areas.

Local area coordinators work in local communities across the state linking people with a disability to a range of different support networks and services, depending on individual needs and interests. Local area coordinators work with individuals, families, friends and the local community to:

- Build and strengthen connections, support networks and friendships
- Identify avenues for participating in community life, social, recreational and other interests
- Assist in establishing linkages to practical assistance

Local area coordinators also offer support to families and carers to assist them in the important role they play in the lives of people with a disability.

FROM THE FAIRWAYS.....
of your local Half Moon Bay Golf Club

July was a busy month for the club with the great weather we have been having and the annual arrival of Southern visitors, who enjoy our facilities whenever they are in the Far North

Our two most outstanding events for the month was the annual Schweppes Classic, a two day stroke event, open to all golfers with a handicap. A field of 150 participated and everyone had a good time, regardless of their game of golf. The highlight was the inclusive Saturday dinner, accompanied by a Calcutta, bidding for the most likely winners in all divisions. Good money changed hands and some went home with their pockets fuller than when they arrived.

We also had the Alex Kippen Memorial four person Ambrose, in commemoration of "Kippo", who was the club pro for 17 years.

Alex was a generous person, with great dedication to golf and the members of the club. Unfortunately, Alex passed away four years ago and is sadly missed by one and all.

If you have a budding Tiger Woods or looking for a sport for your children, our Junior Golf programme may be what you need. The success story of this programme is Tarquin MacManus, a local Yorkeys Knob boy, who has made good in the US on a golfing scholarship. Who knows, in a few years we may be cheering him on at one of the PGA majors!

For the ladies who are keen to play the game, we invite you to join our "Fairway Fillies" on 14th August. This is a fun Ambrose event for all ladies. whether you have dabbled in the game or never touched a golf club before. Give it a go, you may discover another talent you did not know you had!

We are always looking for new "converts" to the game of golf, so please call Greg Ferry on 4055-7884 and he will be only too happy to assist in any way he can.

Submitted by Choo Lim

NOTICE is hereby given that

the Annual General Meeting

of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Inc will be held on Tuesday 28 September 2010 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Wattle Street, Yorkeys Knob.

Forms for Nominations to the Committee are available from the Secretary at residents@yorkeysknob.com you must be a financial member of the Yorkeys Knob Resident's Association to nominate for the Committee.

Membership forms are available from the Secretary at residents@yorkeysknob.com or pick one up from Kirsty in the Post Office

From our local Councillor

There has been some progress with the Varley Street Project. Council has allocated a budget to scope this project and will be undertaking manual traffic and pedestrian counts, surveys of the area from Grayson St to Wattle Streets, from this they will produce a concept for discussion. This is a positive move. They anticipate this will take six – eight weeks, we will then bring this back to the community group for discussion and hopefully move on from there.

There will be movement of trucks again from the Golf Club area moving out the remainder of the sand from the groyne at the back of the marina. This project will involve more trucks than the first project as there is considerable sand to be removed.

Dengue is back in the news already. Please be vigilant with this illness as there are warnings about a serious outbreak this year.

Clean-up Australia day is 11/12th September, Yorkeys Knob always does a fantastic job with this community event, so put this day aside and join in the efforts to clean up your area.

Australia Day will return to Yorkeys Knob next year, so looking forward to getting everyone on board for this fabulous event for the residents of the beach. We will get a committee together for this soon.

If you require services from Council, please call the Call Centre 4044-3044 24/7, and get your problem logged, if you require assistance from myself, my office number is 4044-3080 or mobile 0419 706 372

Regards, Margaret Cr Margaret Cochrane, Deputy Mayor, Division 8 Councillor



Junior Volunteers at the 'thank you BBQ' held for Children who volunteered at the Festival of the Knob 2010.

Pictured are Sam, Cody & Jordon showing off their awards and wearing some of the Taipans/Northern Pride supporters pack they were each given as a special thanks for all their support and hard work at this years festival.

From Steve Wettenhall's Desk

Did you know that Cairns has the highest public transport patronage of any regional city in Queensland? Bus passengers are enjoying a completely modernised fleet as the old "butterboxes" are withdrawn from service. But the latest addition to our local fleet is special. It's a hybrid diesel-electric bus (also green on the outside) with the potential to slash fuel consumption by 30 to 40% and reduce CO2 emissions by 50 tonnes a year. The Queensland government wants to drive down emissions in the public transport sector. That's why we are evaluating the hybrid low emissions technology in the harsh operating conditions found in a tropical city like Cairns. The 41-seat *qconnect* hybrid vehicle is air-conditioned, wheelchair accessible and costs the same as a regular fare. The trial will be evaluated against fuel economy, safety and environmental impacts. And will assist transport authorities and service providers to make more informed vehicle purchasing decisions in the future. Look out for the green bus!

Significant cassowary habitat is protected in a new 5,000 hectare Macalister Range National Park that I announced recently with acting Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk. The park covers most of the range visible from the coast between Palm Cove and Port Douglas. A further seven parks in the north and far north were also expanded.

When was the last time you brushed up on the road rules? For many of us, it might have been when we first obtained our license. Participants in last years' Cairns Road Safety Summit highlighted lack of knowledge of road rules as the one of the most concerning road safety issue in the region. That's why the State government launched a new state-wide campaign in Cairns to maximise awareness of road rules. Many avoidable crashes resulting in injuries and fatalities are the result of breaching or not understanding the driving basics such as merging, safe following distances and yellow traffic lights. The *Be Street Smart* road rule refresher campaign includes several new free resources which clarify rules, including a pocket guide and an animated online video and quiz at www.hereforlife.qld.gov.au. The pocket guide is available free from my office, Department of Transport and Main Roads customer service centres, Police Stations and council libraries.

Steve Wettenhall MP

KIDS GO FREE TO THE REEF conditions apply see Pete at VILLA MARINE HOLIDAY APARTMENTS TOUR DESK 8 RUTHERFORD ST YK ph 4055-7158 for specials and discounts off all tours come and see our new night diving tour great for locals wanting something different

Still Wanted

Hair models for a senior apprentice who needs more hands-on experience. If you are interested contact the girls at **Yaks Designers in Hair on 4055-8777**. If you are suitable they are offering models 40% discount on colour/foils/cutting of certain styles & colours only.

So call us or pop in and see if you are suitable.