

# Yorkeys Knob Matters

Monthly Newsletter of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Inc.

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**See you at the next meeting the AGM to be held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.00 pm**

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## President's Report

Another quiet month locally and a chance to start organising "Carols at Yorkeys Knob" which will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

This annual event has proved very popular with locals and visitors and

YKRA are proud to be able to present it with the assistance of local entertainers and volunteers etc. Please note your calendar now.

Fantastic news from the School, with grades 5 and 7 being in the TOP TEN through the State with NAPLAN results. Congratulations to everyone at the school and especially the brilliant kids. Your community is rightly proud of you!

There was some action re the zebra crossing construction at the shops in Varley Street recently with finishing infrastructure yet to come. Bring it on, it is badly needed as we find Varley Street getting more traffic movements.

The boat ramp issue is still very much in the mind of concerned residents. YKRA have repeatedly stated that we remain neutral as to the need of this development.

After almost 13 years as editor of our monthly "Yorkeys Knob Matters" Lorri Williams ("Queen of the Knob" for 2017) will be hanging up her keyboard and printer. Anyone interested in helping out with the continuation of this vital communication newsletter, please contact us at [residents@yorkeysknob.com](mailto:residents@yorkeysknob.com) Help, of course, will be provided.

School holiday time around Australia and lots of visitors to the far north.

We trust our local families enjoy this special holiday time too.

***Our bi-monthly October meeting has been deferred until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to be part of our AGM for 2018.***

If you wish to become a member of YKRA, Membership forms will now only be available at our meetings. As per our constitution, membership will be approved/rejected by the Management Committee at their next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting where you are invited to bring any local issues forward for discussion.

Regards

***Maurice Milliner, President YKRA***



**Carols by Candlelight 2018 to be held in the grounds of the Community Centre Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5.00 pm**

**Come join the fun and bring your neighbours too**

**Santa will be there along with all the usual singers and dancers for a fun filled evening.**



## From Craig's Desk

### Barron River 20K Grant

It is with great pleasure that I have been able to dedicate \$20,000 towards local not for profit organisations and sporting clubs this financial year.

Round one closed in August and \$10,000 has been granted in amounts of up to \$500 to 27 organisations in the Barron River Electorate. 12 of those organisations are within the Northern Beaches area and are receiving money to buy much needed resources:

Clifton Tennis Club – Cost of two family memberships  
Combined Probus Club of Cairns Marlin Coast – Replacement PA system

YAPS – Contribution towards a cold water pressure cleaner

Machans Beach State School P&C – Sports uniforms and Breakfast Club provisions

Marlin Coast Men's Shed – Hand tools

Marlin Coast Meals on Wheels – Contribution to new signage

Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre – Contribution to a replacement PA system

Marlin Coast Girl Guides - Gazebo

Northern Beaches Scout Group – Aircon installation  
Queensland Country Women's Association Smithfield Branch – Contribution towards water filtration system

Trinity Beach Community Kindergarten – Sensory Kit

Yorkeys Knob State School P&C – Joy Cowley Big Books

Congratulations to these recipients who work so hard and do so much for the Northern Beaches communities. I will endeavour to visit each of these organisations to get to know them better.

Round two will open in January 2019. The best way to stay informed of these opportunities is to follow me on Facebook: Craig Crawford – Labor for Barron River.

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## From our Councillors desk

The theme for 2018 Mayors Christmas appeal is **A Cairns Tropical Christmas Tree**. The competition is open to residents of the Cairns Regional Council local government area who are aged 13 years and under. The competition is separated into three age categories (under 5 years, 6-9 years and 10-13 years) with the three winners to be invited to switch on the lights on Cairns Esplanade Christmas Tree on Friday 30 November 2018 at 5:30pm. Encourage the children to check the Council website for further information.

I noted the access points to the beach have now been completed. New opportunities for those in wheelchairs or mums and dads with prams to enjoy the beach along with the rest of us. I have seen lots of parents with children at Yorkeys Knob since the new works have been completed and it is a joy to see the usage the area is experiencing.

Cattana Wetlands has also had a facelift so it is well worth the visit to check it all out. The bird watching is particularly breathtaking. There are BBQs to make it more enjoyable so take the time to make a visit and have a picnic.

So very proud of the children from the Yorkeys Knob State School who made a deputation to Councilors on their zero waste program. They were so professional and well voiced in their campaign and I know they would love to see the whole of the Yorkeys Knob area take note of this same program and implement some of the actions themselves. Well done to the School and the children – congratulations on a job well done and professionally implemented and recorded.

Until next time I remain yours in service Jessie 0477990231.

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## Editor's Note

Hi everyone as Maurice mentioned in his report on the front page I am, unfortunately hanging up my keyboard as your editor. It has been my absolute pleasure, most of the time, ☺ to have been the editor of YK Matters over the past years. It is with real reluctance that I have resigned from this position, but due to my husband's failing health I really just don't have the spare time anymore.

I am sure there is someone out there in our community who is looking for a challenge. I am more than happy to work with you until you are confident to take over completely. It is fun and we only do 10/11 a year.

On a personal level I would like to thank all the past and present committees it has been my pleasure to work with. I wish you continued success in the future and keep on fighting the good fight for our fabulous community and its members.

Cheers - Lorri

## TMR Boat Ramp Update

TMR have requested an update of the first sentence in YKBRAG's article in the August edition of YKM. TMR's Update states that in 2010, Yorkeys Knob was identified by a senior officer as worthy of further investigation, but others disagreed with this and investigation of Yorkeys Knob was deferred.

## Latest Boat Ramp News

Since TMR & YKRA organised the INFORMATION DESK in June, TMR now state that Community Consultation has taken place and there is general support in the community for the project.

150 people visited the Information Desk and were for, against or undecided.

No survey was done by TMR on which to base their claim of general support.

1,100+ people signed the petition which was sent to TMR Minister Mark Bailey and they were **OPPOSED** to the boat ramp being built at Yorkeys.

*Submitted by YKBRAG committee*

**If you are opposed to the boat ramp location, visit YKBRAG's Facebook page: Yorkeys Knob BRAG. Visit! Like! Share!**

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## Pet Obesity



It is estimated that over 40% of the pet population is obese or overweight. This staggering percentage is a clear indicator that the issue really needs addressing, and the implementation of a realistic solution sooner rather than later.

The term "obesity" means a condition where the animal is at least 15% over its optimal body weight. Obesity is essentially where the caloric intake exceeds output, leading to the build-up of adipose tissue and in 95% of cases can be treated solely through control of caloric intake. If your pet is overweight, we can assist by assessing your pet's weight and determining your pet's body condition score. We can also help to get them back to a healthy body condition and weight by modifying their diet and exercise routine.

Obesity is not just cosmetic issue, it can also have serious health implications such as:

- Increase incidence of conditions such as osteoarthritis, liver disease, cardiovascular disease, insulin resistance and increased surgical risk.
- Pets will generally have a shorter life spans and poorer quality of life.
- Brachycephalic breeds like French Bulldogs, Pugs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers etc, are especially susceptible to the health risks associated with obesity. Along with added pressure on the joints, they are also at serious risk of respiratory compromise.



What can you do to prevent obesity in your pet?

- Use treats as a "sometimes food". You can use a small portion of your pet's commercial dry food, species specific treats such as Greenies or even raw vegetables like whole carrots. Remember to account for your pet's daily

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calorific needs when using these supplementary feeds.

- Pop into the clinic to weigh your pet on a regular basis to keep track of your pet's weight loss journey.
- Ensure your pet receives exercise every day, bearing in mind their age, breed and the ambient temperature. A walk, swim, training exercises or play on your property are all great options.

If you have concerns about your pet's diet and weight management, please contact us at the clinic on 4057-8677.

*From the Beachside Team: Dr Cate, Dr Krissy, Nurse Nyk, Nurse Dani and Nurse Bec*

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## **YKRA Notice Board!**

**The notice board behind the Post Office is a YKRA gift to the community with thanks to Frank (Centre landlord). All notices MUST have a date of posting. The board will be cleared of notices after approx 3 weeks from posting. NO DATE - NO NOTICE!**



## **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and "All That Jazz"**

His T Shirt said it all "Not 90 – Just 18 with 72 Years' Experience".

A gathering of friends recently celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Kris Kristoffersen at the YK Boating Club.

Kris was our very 1<sup>st</sup> "King of the Knob" way back in 2005. He and his lovely wife Wendy always visit the "Festival of the Knob" each year along with Julie Andrews (1<sup>st</sup> Queen of the Knob).

As well as having a famous namesake, our Kris is also a talented musician and his birthday bash included many popular local jazz musicians. The music was fantastic and lots of Jazz Club memories re-told.

Congratulations Kris, keep playing that jazz and here's to many more birthdays.

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