

Yorkeys Knob Matters

Monthly Newsletter of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Inc.

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See you at the next meeting to be held Tuesday 13th November, 2018

at the Community Centre, Wattle St commencing at 7.30 pm

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President's Report

Another quiet month around Yorkeys Knob with regards to YKRA issues.

We are saddened by the loss of our Vice President, Vale Sean Cosgrove, who passed away in Cairns Hospital, following a short illness, on Friday 19th October 2018.

His family were at his bedside and, as a local identity, he will be missed by many.

Our condolences to Sean's family and friends. RIP Sean.

Sean's family have advised that a funeral service was held on WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2018 at TRINITY COMMUNITY FUNERALS, 35 Mount Milman Drive, Smithfield starting at 11.00 am.

We also learned of the loss of Barry Hynes. Barry passed away in Melbourne with his wife Beverley and family by his bedside. Barry was commodore at the YK Boating Club in the early years and each year, he and Beverley volunteered at our "Festival of the Knob".

Recently family, club members and friends celebrated his life with a "wake" at the club. YKRA sends their condolences to Beverley and family. RIP Barry.

Our AGM will be held on TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2018 at the YK Community Hall.

Starting at 7.00 pm the bi-monthly meeting (deferred from October) will follow. All members are invited to nominate for a position on the committee.

The pedestrian crossing in Varley Street is completed and very well illuminated at night. Thanks to council for this improvement recommended by YKRA. Please slowdown in Varley Street – the speed limit is 50.

The notice board behind the post office is regularly cleared of items 3 week old. Ensure you put a date on your notice please.

"Carols at Yorkeys Knob" will be held on SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018 at the Old School Park and Community Centre stage area. More info in the next issue of "YK Matters".

Incidentally, we are looking for a new editor of "Yorkeys Knob Matters". If you are interested in helping out with this important community newsletter, please contact us at

residents@yorkeysknob.com

Keep happy out there, enjoy this wonderful weather and I look forward to seeing you at our AGM next month. Why not bring a neighbour along to meet up with others in the community?

Kind regards

Maurice Milliner





From Craig's Desk

Storm season approaching!

Can you believe it's November already? While this year is flying by I must remind you that storm season is also approaching. We live in one of the most beautiful but also vulnerable areas in Australia to natural disaster – it's important we all make sure we are prepared. Here are some questions I'd like you to ask yourself:

- What would you do if you lost power for three days?
- What if your loved ones were out of reach?
- What if disaster strikes?

Having an emergency plan is important step to prepare for, survive and cope with emergencies:

Know: All households need to know where your emergency plan is kept.

Involve: all householders in your disaster preparations so all understand risk and appropriate actions required in an emergency.

Practise: your emergency plan with all householders every few months to make sure everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.

(For more information you can visit getready.qld.gov.au)

Containers for Change initiative:

As of November 1st 'Containers for Change' kicks off and I urge the community to get involved in the initiative and get cash back for recycling containers. Residents are able to get 10 cents back from containers they recycle or donate this money to their chosen charity.

Around three billion beverage containers are used every year in Queensland and sadly they are one of the most commonly littered items that you see in our environment, despite the fact that they can be easily recycled.

The Barron River donation point is:

- Re.Turn It; 9 Kamerunga Rd, Stratford QLD 4870
- Open Mon-Fri 8am- 6pm, Sat-Sun 9am- 3pm

For more information about the scheme, including eligible containers and refund points, visit:

<http://www.containersforchange.com.au/>

Or feel free to get in touch via email barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au, phone 07 4229 0100 or visit my friendly team in my office – Suite 7, Stanton Place Smithfield QLD 4878.

Heartfelt thank you to Maurice Milliner and the YKRA team

Hello Maurice,

I would like to publicly thank you so could the following go in the newsletter?

On behalf of the family of Sean Cosgrove, I would like to express our gratitude to the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association and the Community Centre committee for all your care and support in helping us to make arrangements for Sean. We really couldn't have done it without you. A special thanks to go to Maurice Milliner, Paul Tonti and Wayne Le Clos. So many other residents, neighbours, like Olivia and Tina, and members of the association cared for Sean and overwhelmed us with their kindness and thoughtful messages.

From Maurice and Paul visiting Sean in hospital, Paul arranging medical equipment and spending hours with him, to Barry checking in with him regularly and solving Sean's computer problems- it was so comforting to know he was surrounded by such fantastic people. Wayne's offer of the Community Centre for the wake was backed up with him rolling up his sleeves and helping to set up and afterwards clean up.

Many thanks to Paul for making and putting up posters with regard to the service; and Maurice for the many phone calls he made; and the contacts and introductions to people in the community. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the service - both young and old.

Yorkeys has such great community spirit - and we experienced that consistently over the last couple of weeks at local businesses including Tim's café- and from people we were introduced to.

One final thankyou to Maurice and Wayne for whom nothing was too much trouble - including their generosity in looking after (and spoiling) Marli, an energetic and somewhat neurotic cocker spaniel for two weeks. He was in dog paradise the entire time he was here.

Yorkeys Knob is one fantastic community. Thank you to all.

With best wishes - Jo Cosgrove Sad to leave.



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massage

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Get involved with all the action at the club by joining up as a Social member for just \$5!

Use your card around the club to get discounted meals and drinks whilst earning reward points, we now have exclusive members' promotions and deals including our weekly membership cash draw on Thursday nights. All new weekly gaming promos and entertainment coming soon so stay tuned!

Join us on Sunday afternoon for Music at the Marina from 3pm- 6pm showcasing Cairns local talent.

Regards,

Teisha Robinson, Operations Manager
Yorkeys Knob Boating Club

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From our Councillor's Desk

I can't believe how fast this year has gone. I am sure I say that every year but I find it hard to believe that there is only 10 weeks until Christmas. It was a dreadful shame that once again we had to cancel the free movie night on account of rain. Who would have thought that it would rain the movie out again. The committee organisers were very stoic and held on until the last minute before they cancelled. Seems that we are the only suburb that has this problem. Maybe we need to try a different time of the year.

Don't forget the Mayor's Christmas Cheer appeal is still open for donations. Any contribution gratefully received and it is a chance to support those who otherwise would not enjoy the festive season.

I understand there is a petition around the suburb looking for support for the continuation of a doctor at Yorkeys Knob. If you see this petition please take time to read it and hopefully put your signature to work to back this important cause.

Don't forget Carols on December 9th at 5.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I will be at the Smithfield Library on Monday 12th November if anyone wants to drop in for a chat. Otherwise please feel free to call me direct on 0477990231. Until next time I remain yours in service Jessie.

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WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER!

A big, warm welcome to the new practice manager of Beachside, Leanne 😊

Leanne completed her Advanced Veterinary Nurse Certificate in 1997 and has

been working in a variety of clinics and within the animal health industry since.

Originally from Sydney, her and her husband plus their four-legged children made the move to Cairns for a less stressful life.

A self-confessed crazy cat lady, she shares her home with her cats Rufus, BooBoo, Goosie & Poppie who are all rescues along with a recently adopted

Wolfhound cross named Boris. You will find Leanne on reception most days and her primary role at Beachside is Practice Manager but she'll also

happily step in to nursing. Leanne loves to educate clients on general pet care, so pop in and say hi.

From the Beachside Team

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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Keeping your pets cool in the heat



Summer is fast approaching and now is the time to think about the ways you can make your pets feel more comfortable in our far north Queensland summer.

All animals, including livestock, companion animals and wildlife need a little extra care and attention when the ambient temperatures rise. Flat faced breeds of dogs and cats are particularly susceptible to heat stress, as are pocket pets like Guinea pigs and rats. Our high humidity also places extra added stress on pets.

DO's:

- Make sure LOTS of cool, fresh water is available at all times. Leave strategically placed bowls of water for wildlife in your garden
- Ensure pets have access to adequate shelter from the elements
- Allow access to fans or air conditioning
- Place frozen water bottles in bedding
- Give frozen treats such as plain water ice blocks frozen in large containers or goodies frozen with water or diluted stock in ice cream containers. Water filled, frozen balloons are a great idea, just remember to remove the balloon before giving to your pet
- Take pets for a swim at the beach, creek or at home in the pool
- Provide a children's clam shell pool or allow access to garden sprinklers
- Provide you pet with a cooling mat or coat
- Keep an eye out for reptiles! The warmer weather is when snakes and crocs are more active. Avoid known croc habitats and keep the yard clean and tidy to help prevent

snakes from taking up residence in your garden

- Slip, slop slap the on sunscreen. Pets are susceptible to sunburn too, particularly those with white fur and pink pigmentation of the skin. Horses have the option of fly masks with added sun veils to protect areas such as the nose

DON'Ts

- Please DO NOT exercise your pets in the heat of day. Choose timing of riding, walks and play time at dawn and dusk.
- Please DO NOT walk pets on bitumen roads during the day – this can cause severe injury to the soft pads of your dog's paws
- Please DO NOT leave pets in cars unattended at all or on metal trays of utes without adequate shading



If you have any questions about keeping your pets cool or suspect your fur babies are suffering from the effects of heat stress or burns, please phone us on 40578677 or come into the clinic at 4/471 Varley Street, Yorkeys

From the Beachside team Dr Cate, Dr Krissy, Leanne and Bec

Carols by Candlelight

Reminder notice that Carols by Candlelight will be held in the grounds of the Community Centre on Sunday 9th December 2018 commencing at 5pm.

Bring your picnic and come and join us for a fun evening. SANTA will be there too!



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