

Yorkeys Knob Matters

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DEAR FELLOW YORKEYS RESIDENTS

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

We are pleased to inform you that our membership numbers have increased significantly since the last Newsletter. A big thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and a big welcome to new members. Thank you also to Lou Dykstra for her efforts to increase our membership.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Association will be the **Annual General Meeting to be held on October 28, 2025 at the Community Hall commencing at 7.00pm** where a new management committee will be elected. The YKRA Constitution contains the following rules for election to the management committee:

- (a) any two (2) members of the association may nominate another member (the candidate) to serve as a member of the management committee;
- (b) the nomination must be- (i) in writing; and
- (ii) signed by the candidate and the members who nominated him or her; and
- (iii) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held

You must be a financial member to nominate a member or be a candidate. A list of candidates and their respective nominators will be posted on the notice boards near Memories Café and the Friendly Grocer 14 days prior to the election. If there are insufficient candidates, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

A nomination form is included with this newsletter (see last page), and can be submitted by email to residentsykra@gmail.com



Yorkeys Knob TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday November 29

4pm to 8pm

- Entertainment • Markets
- Food • Refreshments

Sims Esplanade
Yorkeys Knob



TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Keep the date free for the 2025 Twilight Christmas Market on Saturday 29th November from 4pm to 8pm.

Lots of market stalls for all your gift ideas, food and drink vendors including Narrow Tracks Gin Distillery for your favourite cocktail and Macalister's Brewery including the limited edition of Knob Larger.

Plus, lots of stage entertainment for everyone *plus* of course Father Christmas arrives on the beach.

More details will follow on our social media pages.

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SOCIAL HOUSING

Concerns have been raised about construction of public or social housing projects in Yorkeys Knob without the knowledge or consent of the community. This has been triggered by the imminent commencement of construction of a public housing project in Best Street. There was no public notification of this project and Council have no record of the proposed development.

On my recent enquiry, the Department of Housing confirmed that this project is due to proceed, but would not release the plans to me for viewing, even though the project had already commenced. It appears that there is no requirement for consultation by the Department of Housing with Cairns Council whatsoever at any stage of a public housing development. That is the Department of Housing acts unilaterally to develop projects wherever and whenever it chooses without having to obtain Council approval, or consult with the community, provided that the proposal is substantially consistent with Councils planning scheme.

Alan Cullington, representing Yorkeys Knob Residents Association, was able to get a recent public housing development in Cunningham Street reduced in height through negotiation; however, he had the benefit of prior knowledge that the site was to be developed for this purpose and was able to contact the Department early in the design phase. This example shows that the Department is open to public consultation and willing to amend project design to accommodate community concerns. However, this did not happen in the Best Street project for the reasons stated above and it appears that there is currently no mechanism for this process to take place. The secrecy surrounding the Department of Housing's are outdated out of touch with community expectations; the state government needs to enact legislation to require the Department of Housing to consult with and consider community views when proposing these projects. No future projects should proceed without this basic courtesy.

HOONING

Hooning continues to be a problem in the Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp area. There was a major event on the evening of September 12, when the Cairns Street Performance Club gathered at the boat ramp car-park.

Over the two hours they were there, various hooning activities were observed including racing along the boat ramp access road, burning rubber through short bursts of rapid acceleration/deceleration accentuating the loud exhaust systems many of these vehicles have.

The police eventually attended the scene during which time activities were paused. The group have a facebook site which you can visit.

VARLEY STREET WELCOME TO CAIRNS SIGNS AND STREET PAVEMENT

The trio of signs welcoming cruise ship tourists to Cairns located on Varley Street opposite the end of Buckley Street are in a poor state of repair. One is missing and a Frangipanni tree is overgrowing the signs. The street pavement on the corner has been damaged by the heavy trucks used to construct the boat ramp. Note the hoon rubber marks on the pavement.

Council is aware of these matters and we await advice as to when they will be rectified.



PROPOSED SEA WALL ALONG HALF MOON BAY CREEK

The Yorkeys Knob boat ramp project included provision for a sea wall on the western side of Half Moon Bay Creek that is to be constructed by Council and partly funded by TMR. This wall will channel tidal flows throw the mouth of the creek with the aim of reducing the frequency of dredging. However, its planned commencement has been paused the possible presence of Yirrganydji people traditional fish traps along the creek, which is being investigated by relevant authorities. Meanwhile Hall Contractors have set up a site office in the SW corner of the boat ramp car park, and dredging of the mouth of the creek is currently being carried out by them.



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EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER

Yorkeys Knob Primary School have been waiting for an activities hall for a number of years. It was suggested that YKRA could support this request on the basis that the hall be equipped to accommodate residents on a temporary basis during or immediately after flooding from a severe weather event.

My approaches to the school resulted in a call from the president of the P&C who advised me that they preferred to pursue this objective alone.

It's possible that the provision of funds for any new hall would be conditional on it being equipped for this purpose, but as far as I know, there are no guarantees that a hall will be built anytime soon, or that it will be equipped to serve as an emergency storm shelter.

In the meantime, the Yorkeys Knob community need a nominated Emergency Storm Shelter. The best candidate appears to be the Community Centre in Watfle Street. Access needs to be granted by Council for this purpose when required.

NOTICE OF WATER SUPPLY ISSUES

The following notice has been received from Cr Rhonda Coughlin

You may have seen recent media coverage about water supply challenges that we are managing across our city Wednesday's meeting. In short, Council has two Reservoirs, Brinsmead, and Bayview, that have been offline since mid-2024.

While we have a total of 72 reservoirs across the entire of the water system, these two play a crucial role due their size and position. Recently the challenges of having these reservoirs were exacerbated by ground movement under our largest reservoir – University Reservoir (20 ML), causing it to shift and leak.

To address this and prevent further damage, its water levels have now been reduced to 60%. The combined effect is making it challenging for our water supply team to maintain water pressure and supply.

Operational staff are working tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain pressure and supply. To help them, we need to keep water demand below 90 ML per day and to that end we have started a water campaign to promote awareness of the permanent water restrictions that are currently in place.

What you can do to help:

- Stay informed by reviewing the FAQs on council website and share with any friends and family who have questions or concerns.

- Be mindful of your own water use, both at work and at home.

The reduced storage capacity also means that we may need to escalate water restrictions to a higher level sooner than usual and particularly if the Freshwater treatment plant is turned off for extended periods due to turbidity in Copperlode Falls Dam.

This raises the perverse prospect that we may have to implement high level water restrictions when it is raining heavily.

Kindest Regards



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A MESSAGE FROM BREE JAMES

Thank you to everyone in the community who has reached out to my office or visited one of my mobile offices last month. I know the local hooning issues at the Yorkey's Knob Boat Ramp continues to be a community concern. I have discussed this with the police and their advice is to report every incident on the Police link website with any information you may have with license plate numbers, make and model of vehicles, photos and videos if you have them. This will help the police with resourcing and also identifying times and patterns of behaviour.

Congratulations to the students who entered the Yorkeys Knob State School Art Show last month. This was another fantastic event run by the incredible community, school and P&C.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Friday Night at the Knob on 3 October for markets and much more.

With cyclone and wet weather season approaching, now's the time for us as a community to get prepared; checking our emergency kits, buying extra pantry food now in case of future road closures, securing our homes, servicing our generators, updating our evacuation and cyclone plans. Jasper was a timely reminder of how quickly severe weather can impact us, and the more of us being prepared early the better.

Until next month,

Bree James



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KIDS FISHING IN THE MARINA IMPORTANT SAFETY & SECURITY NOTICE

The Yorkeys Knob Boating Club and Half Moon Bay Marina would like to remind local families that during these school holidays, a number of children, mainly aged 12 to 16 have been seen fishing inside the Marina and on the Fuel Dock between 6pm and 6am without adult supervision.

While it's great to see kids enjoying the outdoors, please remember the Marina and Fuel Dock are private property and not open to the public for recreational fishing. Anyone entering without permission is considered trespassing.

Our main concern is safety. Some children have been climbing over or under gates to get in, risking serious injury if they slip and fall on rocks below and at night there may be no one around to help in an emergency. The Marina is also connected to natural waterways where crocodiles have been sighted.

There have also been reports of theft, vandalism, and damage to boats, including scratches from rods and lures and propellers tangled in fishing line, resulting in costly repairs. CCTV footage has been provided to police, and unauthorised access will continue to be reported.

Sadly, some youths have also been verbally abusive when asked to leave, leaving several elderly residents feeling unsafe after dark.

We ask all parents to please talk with their children about safe, appropriate places to fish. There are plenty of public spots nearby where they can enjoy this pastime safely and responsibly.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation. By working together, we can keep our young residents safe, maintain respect for shared spaces, and ensure Yorkeys Knob remains the friendly and welcoming community we all love.

YKBC Management



A poster for a '5 COURSE WINE Matching DINNER' on 17 OCTOBER 6PM. The background features a close-up of a wine glass being filled with a golden liquid. The text is overlaid on the right side. At the bottom left is a QR code for 'MEMBERS BOOKING'. At the bottom center is a circular logo for 'PEPPER JACK' with 'ESTD 1985' below it. At the bottom right is a crest logo for 'SALTRAM'.

5 COURSE WINE Matching DINNER
17 OCTOBER 6PM

Presented by
Richard Mattner
Winemaker

LIMITED SPACES.
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CALL (07) 4055 7711 TO BOOK
\$99PP (MEMBERS PRICE)



A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a small round table, smiling at each other while holding white coffee cups. The background is a warm, indoor setting. The 'Memories cafe @ Yorkeys Knob' logo is in the top right corner. Text at the bottom provides the location, hours, and a closing time.

Memories cafe @ Yorkeys Knob

Shop 7, 471-475 Varley Street, near LJ Hooker..
Open 7 Days a Week
6:30-2:00 ish Mon-Fri and 6:30-12:00 at Weekends
Kitchen Closes at 11:30am with cabinet delights to tickle your tastebuds after that.

Memories Cafe @ Yorkeys Knob – Where every plate and cup tell a story...

Great locally roasted coffee, yummy filling breakfasts, cheeky homemade cakes, fresh juices and smoothies made to order. Pop in for a pick me up, a quick chat, or just because you can.

Fresh food. Friendly faces. Unforgettable moments.

Present this ad, show local ID and get 10% off your bill..

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CELEBRATING YORKEYS PHOTOGRAPHERS

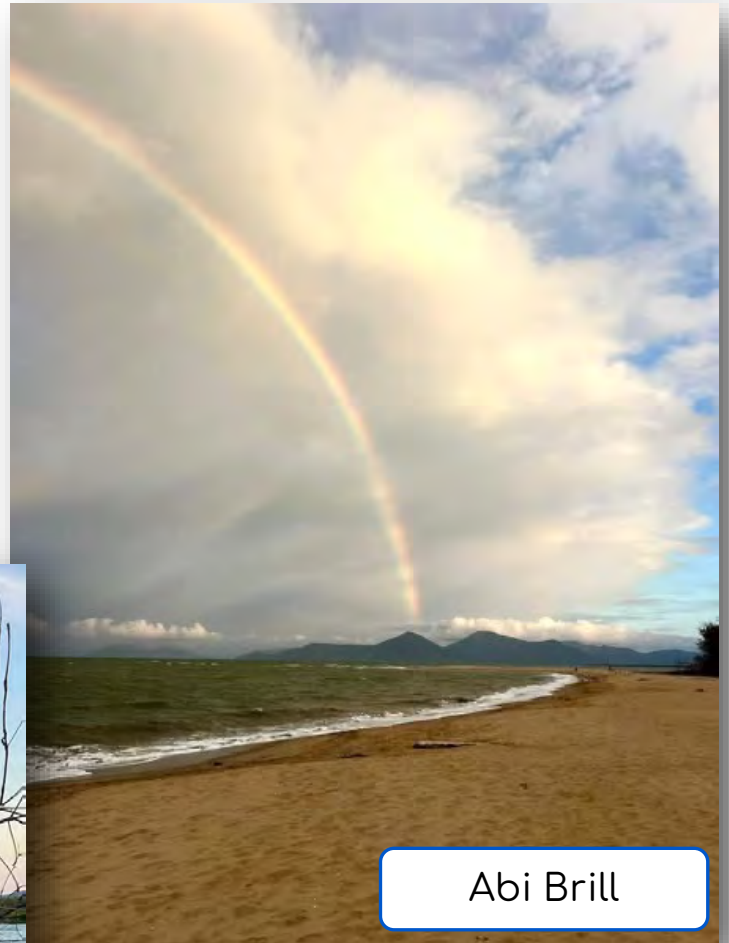
Lets celebrate all things glorious about Yorkey's Knob. All budding photographers submit your photos to be published in the Yorkeys Knob Matters.

The rules:

1. Must be somewhere in Yorkeys Knob
2. Scenery only, not people.

Please send as a PNG to this email address and add your name.

All photo submissions belong to the photographer and are subject to copyright.



Abi Brill



Daniela Vavrova



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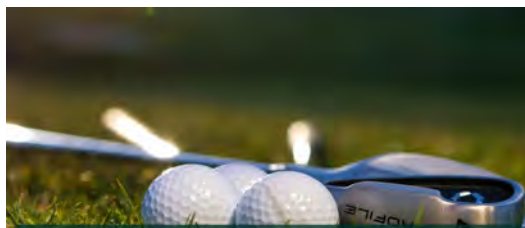
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NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITION



Position:

Name:

Residential address in Yorkeys Knob:

..... Yorkeys Knob, Qld 4878

Signature of Nominee

Date __ / __ / ____

Proposed by (print name)

Signature of proposer

Date __ / __ / ____

Seconded by (print name)

Signature of seconder

Date __ / __ / ____

Notes:

In accordance with the Constitution of the Yorkeys Knob Resident's Association Incorporated:

1. To be eligible for nomination to a management committee position, the nominee, proposer and seconder must be financial members of the Yorkeys Knob Residents Association Incorporated.
2. This form must be returned to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting i.e form to be returned by Monday October 14, 2025, by:

- A) mail: PO Box 256 Yorkeys Knob 4878
- B) email: residents@yorkeysknob.com