

# 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 November 24  
@ the Community Centre, Wattle St @ 7.30 pm  
You only need to be a resident of Yorkeys Knob to attend!

## Presidents Report

The YKRA has had a very busy, productive and eventful year in 2009. In a nutshell YKRA has:

- Developed the plans to upgrade, increase safety, calm traffic and beautify Varley St and the shopping precinct.
- Consulted on these plans with local residents and received a unanimous go ahead from the community. 2010 will see us work toward turning plans to reality.
- Held Clean up Australia day in October.
- Had our **FIFTH** Festival generating more funds towards the memorial and another fabulous day was had in Yorkeys Knob.
- Held a 'Meet the Candidates' forum in late February where several hundred residents were able to access the candidates running in the state government elections that were held in March 2009.
- Assisted and supported YKAG to prevent the sale of the Caretaker's cottage and install caretakers. These caretakers moved in last weekend which is wonderful news.
- Hosted speakers presenting on the Catanna Wetlands and Dengue Fever (both were fascinating). We hope to offer more general interest talks next year.
- Together with 40 local residents successfully submitted against a change of material use to three blocks of land in Cunningham St.
- Participated in the Anzac Day commemoration at the boat club.
- Replaced and maintained the notice board at the IGA
- 11 Monthly editions of Yorkeys Knob Matters folded and delivered to your door.



Many, many people are involved in all these events, projects

and initiatives without whom, none of this would happen. Our special thanks go to, Alan Cullington and the SES volunteers for their assistance and support over this and every year, particularly at the festival, Snr Constable Anthony Kirkham, Councillor Margaret Cochrane, Steven Wettenhall and his staff, all our hard working and dedicated volunteers and thank YOU the residents that attend the meetings email, write and ring us each month and in keeping the association alive with your suggestions conversations, jokes, and genuine concern to keep Yorkeys a great place to live.

See you all at our new "Carols by Candlelight" and Xmas BBQ at the community centre parklands on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> commencing at 5pm. All Yorkeys Knob residents most welcome.

Have a happy and safe festive season and see you at our first meeting in 2010 on the February 23, 2010.

**Best wishes, Pamela Bigelow, President YKRA**

## Community Centre News

Despite heavy rain, about 25 long time residents of Yorkeys Knob attended the second family history morning tea held at the hall on Sunday 8th November. Guests included Diana, Allan Cullington's sister, visiting from Weipa and May Sims, daughter-in-law of Mark Sims. Sims Esplanade was named after Mark.

Deputy Mayor, Margaret Cochrane also attended showing the group examples of the Stratford Heritage Trail and after her suggestion at last meeting, explained further how this group could start their own Yorkeys Knob Heritage Trail. The caretakers were moving into the cottage over the same weekend and popped in during the meeting to say hi and were introduced to the group.



**PHOTO:** Our new caretakers, Eve and Drew, with Yorkeys Knob Community Centre Committee President Glenda Rowan supplied by Wayne LeClos.

Local Celebrity Group, SAID AND DONE, who won the Gilligan's Battle Of The Bands,

have been practicing at the hall once a week. Finally, bookings for the hall during December are getting heavy, so call Glenda now on 0448 635 376 if you are thinking of booking the hall for a function during December.

*Wayne LeClos, For Glenda Rowan.*

## Trainee/Apprentice of the Year 2009

Local young man, Matthew Simpson was named Winner - Trainee/Apprentice at the 2009 HIA Pioneer, North Queensland Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards recently. Well done and congratulations Matthew. Proud mum, Gail, operates "A Villa Gail" Bed and Breakfast at the top of the Knob.

## Letter to the Editor

Hello all Peter and Lisa here from **Jai's**, firstly we would like to thank all who that dined with us over the past 3 years, we have made continuing friends locals, intrastate, interstate and international. We were honoured to host weddings and other special occasions in this period. Our service and food is our passion and very personal to us. We also enjoyed supporting the local groups.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have moved, but not closed as the last YK Matters would suggest, we have been running our normal offsite catering plus other products whilst we relocate with the same contact details and the same passion.

Our new position and newer contact details can be viewed in advert section; there will be something for the wild and the mild.

Cheers to all and all the best for the upcoming festive season. (Keep safe)

*Yours sincerely, Peter and Lisa*

## Xmas Carols in the Park

The Y.K.R.A. (Festival Committee) are presenting Christmas Carols by Candlelight at the Community Hall Parklands on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 09 starting at 5.00pm with Market Stalls selling Christmas Gifts and general entertainment. Food will also be available. At 6.30pm the Carols will commence and will be led by the colourful Cook Island Singers with Rev Tua Singupa delivering a Christmas message to all. SANTA will be there along with Mary Xmas with goodies for the kids and candles will be on sale for \$2 each. Proceeds will be given to our local Red Cross branch and Y.A.P.S. Bring the family / neighbours and a blanket and enjoy this family night out at Yorkeys Knob.

## Entertainers Wanted!

Mature entertainers are needed to join a newly formed group who will entertain as a concert party at nursing homes. If you sing, dance, play a musical instrument etc. please contact Rita on 4057-4477 or 0412 819 706.

We meet at Yorkeys Knob each Wednesday morning from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon.



## YK JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

**Keep us in mind for next year.....**

If your child turns 5 prior to the March 2010 then join them up with us where they can join in on all the fun and learn great sportsmanship skills.

We've teams from U6 to U11 and some kids very keen for a team to get up and running for the U13, U14 age group.

**Kids needn't attend Yorkeys School or even live here to join our Club, we have players from Redlynch, Smithfield, Trinity and even Kuranda.**

Fees are the lowest in the competition, games are all played at Endeavour Park on Saturday's (no travelling around) and we're the best smallest friendliest club in Cairns.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Kath on 0429 729 357.

## Stratford Heritage Trail

The Stratford Heritage Trail will be officially opened on 21 November 2009 at the Stratford Library from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Past and present residents and people with links or an interest in Stratford are invited to join the celebration. Be surprised at the depth of history in Stratford. Share the stories of early crossings of the Barron River, industries such as rice mills, timber mills and ship builders as well as carnivals, the picture theatre and other entertainment.

For more information go to [www.stratfordhistory.org.au](http://www.stratfordhistory.org.au).

## From Steve Wettenhall's desk

### School Presentation Night

I will be catching up with staff and families at the 2009 YK State School Presentation night in December. The new undercover facility at the school is a valuable new asset which will also be available for community use outside of school hours.

### Road Safety Summit

This year, 40 people have lost their lives on our region's roads, already 12 more than the total for 2008. There is a Road Safety Summit on Nov 17 to provide an opportunity for our community to put forward their ideas on how to reduce the road toll and to gain a better understanding of the causes and contributing factors to road crashes in our region. Updates to follow.

### Seniors

I have had great feedback on the seniors discussion paper "Positively Ageless". Submissions can be lodged online at [www.seniors.qld.gov.au](http://www.seniors.qld.gov.au) or phone 1800 051 978 until Dec 4th.

### New Anti-Smoking Laws

From January next year – new laws passed in Queensland Parliament will stop people from smoking in cars carrying children. This state is leading the nation in anti-smoking laws with bans on indoor and outdoor public places, as well as tough restrictions on retail advertising, display and promotion of tobacco products.

### State Tourism Summit

I'll be joining Queensland tourism industry leaders at a statewide Jobs Summit later this month, aimed at fine tuning the Government's new three-year plan for the tourism industry which will particularly focus on protecting and creating jobs in this vital industry.

### \$500,000 to skill 100 Cairns jobseekers

One hundred young jobseekers from Cairns will benefit from \$500,000 in State Government funding for two local employment projects. Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development Andrew Fraser visited Cairns to launch the projects – which are specifically targeted at early school leavers or young people at risk of dropping out of traditional schooling. Contact Vocational Partnerships Group – 4032 1677 for further information.

*Steve Wettenhall MP*

## YK Community Pre-school

Yorkeys Knob Community preschool has had another successful year with both groups remaining full.

Our groups for next year are full and we have a waiting list - the first time for years. Thanks to all in the YK community that supported our centre and helped or contributed to fundraising this year.

Our lists are open for the next few years intake - children must be turning 4 by June 30 of the year they attend.

Please call 4055-7114 if you have any queries or would like to book a place for your child.

## YK State School

The school is about to take possession of a new Resource Centre and Basketball Stadium as part of the Federal Governments Building the Education (BER) funding.

The Resource Centre is more than twice the size of the old school library and is fitted out with many new technologies and a state of the art security system. The air-conditioned building situated at the very front of the school has a modern layout that will promote many 'e-learning' opportunities for the students.

The basketball stadium finally gives the YK Community a large, enclosed sporting arena. Students will be able to have an all weather playing area. It can also be accessed by community groups such as the soccer/futsal club, local basketball teams and netball teams. Call the school office Ph 4080-0333 during school hours for bookings.

*Regards, Rod Kettle, Principal*



## Help eliminate dengue virus

I am a Senior Researcher and Medical Anthropologist at James Cook University (JCU), Cairns and a member of an International team of Scientists who are hoping to not only 'dengue proof' the far north, but to eliminate the dengue fever virus world-wide. The work we are currently carrying out with the Cairns community will help us consider how the results from the scientific research may possibly be implemented in the future. I have to thank the YKRA for the opportunity last month to present and discuss the current status and future aims of our project. We had some excellent and informed questions and input, which has contributed greatly to our research. Over the coming months we will continue to meet and talk with the Yorkey's Knob community answering all your questions and seeking your support for our project. If you have any questions our team will be available at the Yorkey's Knob Carols by Candlelight or if you would prefer a presentation to your group or just have a question you think I can answer, I hope you will call me. Thank you for all your support to date.

*Darlene McNaughton Ph.D,*

For more information on the project go to

[www.eliminatedengue.com](http://www.eliminatedengue.com) or

to speak to me call

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07)4042-1559 or email

## Police Beat

There has been an increase in breaks on vehicles again this is greatly increased by the fact people are not securing their vehicles and leaving them unlocked. Offenders are walking down the streets and just trying car doors till one opens. Once inside they are taking valuables such as iPods and cash. Do not leave valuables in plain sight, this encourages offenders to smash windows and break into vehicles, in most cases causing more damage/expense than the items stolen. In recent times a large number of offenders have been caught and charged however by leaving vehicles unlocked is increasing my workload unnecessarily. I ask the community of YK to secure their vehicles and dwellings, report any suspicious activity to police to prevent further offences being conducted in our area. If you have any problems or concerns please contact your Police Beat Officer, Snr Cons Anthony Kirkham 4055-7599 or Smithfield Police 4057-1900

## Federal Member for Leichhardt

Continuing to focus efforts on the economic downturn and unemployment challenges in the region has been a major objective of mine of late. Clearly, unemployment in Cairns is too high and it is critical that the community works together as we recover from the global recession.

I've been working with Ministers and local business leaders to support jobs now, but also how we can diversify and strengthen our local economy going forward.

The tough times have highlighted the need for government to continue to deliver economic stimulus, like building works at Yorkeys Knob State School.

Work is now well underway at the nearby Trinity Beach roundabout where a cyclist was tragically killed in January, it is good to see safety being improved at this black spot. The upgrade will provide a 1.5m wide bicycle lane at the roundabout and approaches. Rubber kerbing, flexible guideposts, green paint to distinguish cycle lanes from traffic lanes and specially-crafted road signs which are designed to break apart upon impact will be installed.

Best of luck for the Carols in the Park coming up soon. It's amazing how quickly the year has passed, so I'm sure the carols will be a great opportunity to kick back and relax with the family.

*Regards, Jim Turnour MP*