

# Yorkeys Knob Matters

## President's Report

Over the past 3 1/2 years, the Yorkeys Knob community has faced the proposal for a Wellness Centre/ Short Term Accommodation development on the headland site at the corner of Dowsett Close and Buckley Street. The development sought a material change of use from the existing low density housing block to a high density use, involving the clearing of approximately 80% of the vegetation, changing the access road, alterations to the natural gradients of the land and so on. The Yorkeys Knob Residents Association became involved in the proposal, supporting the local residents in their opposition. During the 3 1/2 years, there have been 3 public meetings, radio and print media, regular updates via this newsletter and related social media pages, an ongoing agenda item at monthly community meetings, the formation of a sub-committee to monitor and prepare response to the developer's submissions, and meetings with advice received from the Environmental Defenders Office. Almost 180 compliant community submissions were made to council by members of the Yorkeys Knob community.

On Wednesday 4th October 2023, the proposal was put to Cairns Regional Council with a recommendation by Council Planning Officers that the proposal be supported. At this Council meeting, a move to reject the proposal was made by Div 8 Councillor Coghlan. Further supporting comment was made by Councillors Olds, James and Pyne. The Council then voted unanimously to reject the proposal.

This has been a long and difficult challenge by this association, representing our community and I would like to thank the whole of this community for continuing its support for our actions.

October also was the month for the association's annual general meeting. We thank Liz Wiseman for her ongoing support as a committee member over the past 4 years, as she steps down to take a rest. We welcome Lindy (Lou) Dykstra for nominating to join the committee into the coming year.

As we're nearing the end of the year, it is time for our annual Twilight Christmas Market. This will be held on Saturday 25th November between 4pm and 8pm on the Sims Esplanade parklands. Please see further information in this edition.

**Next meeting TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER**

**Adrian Gover  
President**



The Wellness Centre/ Short Term Accommodation proposal was unanimously rejected by Council

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RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION**



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## A Note From Our Doctor

### Expanding Our Horizons: Yorkeys Medical Welcomes New Practitioners and Facilities

Yorkeys Medical is thrilled to announce a significant expansion of our healthcare team and facilities, enhancing the comprehensive medical care we provide to the local community. In the coming months, we are excited to welcome three new General Practitioners (GPs) to our clinic, each bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to serve our patients better.

#### Dr. Chris Garland: A Specialist in Comprehensive Care

We are proud to introduce Dr. Chris Garland, a highly experienced GP with a profound understanding of chronic disease management, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and LGBTQI+ healthcare. His dedication to inclusive and holistic care aligns seamlessly with our commitment to serving the diverse needs of our community. Dr. Garland's expertise will play a crucial role in enhancing our capacity to provide compassionate, personalized, and effective medical services to all our patients.

#### Welcoming Dr. Kate Murray in December

In December, we are set to welcome Dr. Kate Murray, a versatile and accomplished GP with extensive experience across various medical practices in Cairns. Dr. Murray is not only a medical educator at the medical school but also works at Northern Skin Doctors, showcasing her commitment to advancing medical knowledge and patient care. She is eager to join Yorkeys Medical for a locum position, contributing her skills and knowledge to all areas of general practice.

#### Expanding Our Premises for Enhanced Patient Care

In addition to expanding our team of skilled practitioners, Yorkeys Medical is also undergoing a significant transformation of our physical premises. We are adding new rooms to accommodate our growing team and enhance our ability to serve more patients efficiently. Furthermore, we are in discussions with pathology collection centre companies to bring even more convenience and comprehensive care under one roof.

#### Save the Date: Grand Reopening in Late November

We are eagerly counting down the days to late November, when we will officially unveil our expanded premises to the local community. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this significant milestone, as we open our doors to showcase the enhancements we have made to serve you better.

At Yorkeys Medical, our mission has always been to provide top-notch medical care with a personal touch. With these exciting additions to our team and facilities, we are better equipped than ever to fulfill this mission and contribute to the health and well-being of our community. Stay tuned for more updates, and we look forward to continuing to serve you with excellence and compassion.



**Dr Lee Jones BSc MBBS FRACGP FSCI**  
**Specialist GP, Skin Cancer Doctor**  
**Northern Skin Doctor and Yorkeys Medical Co-owner**  
**Fellow of the skin cancer institute**  
**Yorkeys Medical**  
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# Twilight Christmas Market

The annual Twilight Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 25th November between 4pm and 8pm. Please see the following notices for more information.

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**Twilight Christmas Market**

Enjoy food and refreshments from these great businesses while taking in the evening's events.


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Yorkeys Knob Residents Association would like to thank our sponsors for the 2023 Twilight Christmas Market.

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## Yorkeys Knob Twilight Christmas Market

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## Yorkeys Knob Twilight Christmas Market

- 4:00 to 4:20 - Jazz Academy
- 4:20 to 4:30 - Official Opening
- 4:30 to 4:45 - School Choir
- 4:45 to 5:10 - Jazz Academy
- 5:00 - Father Christmas Arrives
- 5:15 to 5:45 - F.N.Q Band
- 5:45 to 6:00 - Z Crew Zumba
- 6:00 to 7:00 - Cairns String Orchestra
- 7:00 to 7:40 - Far Northern Brass
- 7:40 to 8:00 - Japanese Drummers



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