

**YORKEYS KNOB COMMUNITY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday April 3, 5:30 pm 2017
Community Centre, Wattle St, Yorkeys Knob**

MEETING SEQUENCE 23

MINUTES

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.	The President opened the meeting at 5:31pm.	
2.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>2.1 Apologies: Mark Foster; Phil and Kate Finlayson, Jane Nash, Maxwell Taylor, Pauline Stirgess, Royd and Vanessa Kennedy, Benjamin Leonardi, Craig and Mij Hannat (see their note at the end of these Minutes)</p> <p>2.2 Present: Rard Changizi, David Lynch, Sue Cooper, Annika Allison, Liz Harman, Jessie Richardson, Warren Entsch, L. Routledge, Bruce Stubbs, Pam Han, Don MacMillan, Neil Nash, Trish Cowin, Andrew Liepa, Yvonne Bell, Darryl Harris, Vicki Bremner, Peter Bremner, Carole Miller OAM, Genevieve O’Grady, Peter and Hossein Secomb, Gine Ckir, David Hamilton, G. Abercrombie.</p> <p>2.3 Guests: CRC staff: Brett Spencer and Luke Spencer.</p> <p>2.4 28 people in total.</p>	
3.	MINUTES: Minutes of the Committee meeting on March 6 were approved.	
4.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING not covered elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>President’s update on the proposed partnership with YKSS and Mudcrabs to support the Yorkeys Knob Sate School (KYSS) walkway.</i> The President advised that the YKSS Parent and Community group had approached the Association about four months ago regarding the walkways at the local school. There is a 30 m gap between the entrance to the school and the building. A sum of about \$200,000 is being sought to build a walkway across the gap. Our association and the local Mudcrabs rugby team have agreed to provide \$1000 each to kick off fundraising. The source of the funds is to be from proceeds raised on Australia Day. The President also advised that he is lobbying our local member Mr Craig Crawford MLA in pursuit of State government funding for the project. • <i>Sponsorship and support for the Mudcrabs.</i> The President advised that the Northern Beaches Rugby club have a home ground on Wattle Street in Yorkeys Knob. The Cairns regional Council is working with the club to bring the grounds up to 	

	<p>playing condition. The club is only 2 1/2 years old but has a considerable following along the northern beaches. It is the first club in Cairns to win the premiership in its first year. It has 12 teams in the competition across various ages. Our Association logos are on the club T-shirts. The President sought the meeting's approval to provide covers for goalposts at the ground at a cost of \$1500. These will have the YKCPA logo. The meeting approved this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>YKCPA membership drive.</i> The Secretary advised that our association has 242 people named on the membership list with almost 20% of members having paid a renewal or new membership for the financial year July 2017/2018. The meeting was advised that we ran a recent Sausage sizzle at the local shopping centre and generated considerable interest in projects underway. 10 members signed up. The membership drive will continue as we approach July. • <i>Facebook and website updates.</i> The secretary advised the meeting that the website had yet to be updated but that this would occur shortly. The Facebook page is current. 	
5.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>5.1 <i>Resignation of Committee member:</i> Pauline Stirgess has advised the committee that she is moving to Sydney and must therefore resign from YKCPA.</p> <p>5.2 <i>Request by State Library of Qld to archive YKCPA website</i> periodically as a part of an initiative to keep records on Queensland publications. The meeting agreed to this request.</p> <p>5.3. <i>Invitation to participate at Anzac Day celebration April 25 at YK Boat Club.</i> The president sought volunteers from those present to lay a wreath on behalf of YKCPA.</p> <p>5.4. <i>Invoice from Cairns Regional Council for Exercise equipment:</i> \$35,000 (from the Gambling Grant). The meeting was advised that this invoice has been paid and that further information on its use for equipment on the foreshore would be provided in a later item in the agenda.</p> <p>5.5 <i>BOQ Correspondence:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 March 2017 BOQ advice of repayment of \$110.65 in in correct charges; • 28 March 2017 Statement. 	
6.	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT: The President advised the meeting that we were still organising for the preparation of the MYOB P&L and Balance Sheet as a part of the handover to the new Committee. The new Treasurer, Annika Allison advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance at BOQ Statement to Feb 28 2017 was \$43,627.14. • Since then, \$35,000 has been paid to CRC, among other lesser transactions • The Association has a current balance of about \$8000 of 	

	<p>which \$3,588 was earned at Australia Day, \$1,744 in memberships, \$110 from incorrect bank charges and \$40 from the Sausage Sizzle.</p>	
7.	<p>PRESENTATION by CAIRNS COUNCIL STAFF ON YORKEYS KNOB PROJECTS: Guests Brett Spencer and Luke Jackson, Cairns Regional Council presented detailed updates on two projects that had been promoted by YKCPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sims Esplanade Foreshore development and vegetation Plan and • Varley Street beautification. <p>Brett introduced the items by acknowledging the work of the Association. He advised that the State government has recently committed \$5.5 million to Cairns Regional Council. \$2 million of this is to come to Yorkeys Knob. \$1.75 million will be spent accelerating the Sims Esplanade investments. \$250,000 will be spent to beautify Wattle Street. These funds must be spent by November 30, 2017.</p> <p>7.1 The Sims Esplanade</p> <p>Brett indicated that the plans for development and vegetation on Sims Esplanade were planned initially as a four-year development at a cost of \$3.2 million. CRC has already completed the new footpath that now runs the length of the grassed section of the Esplanade. The path design is consistent with pathways along other local beaches and will eventually be joined up as part of a northern beaches network. The meeting acknowledged that the new pathway has been welcomed and is now well used by walkers, wheelchairs users, bicyclists and families with prams and dogs.</p> <p>Brett advised that, with the additional funds that are now being provided by the Queensland government, work will be advanced on other elements of the project. The peak activity will be in June, with all work to be completed by November 30, 2017. Only one major element of the plans will not be advanced this year. This is the proposed board walks that will ultimately link the new pathway to the beach by traversing the 'goat tracks' that cut across the dunes. These will be constructed in 2018-2019 because it will take time to get the necessary environmental approvals.</p> <p>Luke used PowerPoint maps and diagrams of plans for each section from north to south, to explain the investments that will take place between now and Nov. 30, 2017.</p> <p>NORTH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the three exercise nodes (each with 4 items of 	

equipment) will be built at the northern end. This is the equipment for which YKCPA won \$35,000 from the Queensland Gambling Fund to enhance the Council foreshore project. Signage at each of the 3 exercise nodes will acknowledge this contribution and explain how to use the equipment.

- Other changes to the northern section are largely subject to availability of funding under the project. If all the other elements in the plan are funded and there is funding left over, that will be spent on the northern section as follows.
- The path on the rock wall will be sealed and a seat built at the end of the wall
- New barbecues will replace the old ones
- Some new disabled parking will be provided close to the entry to the pathway
- patchy fencing close to the foreshore will be removed along the length of the path
- the timber bollards along the road edge will be replaced with the style that exists at Palm Cove for the full length of the Yorkeys Knob Esplanade
- the old narrow footpath at the northern end will be removed.

MID-SECTION

- This section has a variety of plans for active spaces
- A second exercise node will be located here to run alongside the pathway
- in an area of the dunes where there are no trees, a break out space will be prepared for triathlete events with entry points for the runners, swimmers and cyclists; this grassed area will be available for general use by residents and visitors at other times
- in the area now used for kite surfing, there is a cluster of coconut palms. The middle row of these palms will be removed to provide space for the kite surfing equipment to be laid out.

SOUTH:

- a new toilet block is to be under the shade of trees in the section that is not immediately in front of residences; it will be screened by trees and accessible for people at the triathlete area to the immediate north and dog walkers and other people coming from the immediate south
- a third exercise node will be established in the section
- new barbecues will be constructed
- an adventure playground will be located here and has gone out to 7 tenderers; the council staff intend to seek feedback from local Grade 6 schoolchildren who made an excellent submission during the planning stage of the foreshore

development

- a foot shower is also to be built at the southern end and
- new bicycle racks.

There was discussion of the plans with an emphasis on several main points.

1. Parking: there was concern that there is insufficient well marked parking at the southern end and that this might be aggravated by the installation of new 'attractors' such as the adventure playground and barbecues. It was agreed that this issue should not stop the project but should be reviewed by the council staff with a view to longer term planning. There were a variety of suggestions for expanded parking.
2. Lighting: in response to queries about lighting, Luke commented that the development was intended for day use. He acknowledged that the barbecues would be lit.
3. Boardwalks: Warren Entsch MP suggested that additional Boardwalks might be built south of Sims Esplanade to follow 'goat tracks' that lead from Goodwood Park to the dog beach, south of Kempton St. These are not however in the Master Plan.
4. Timelines related to the integration of the Vegetation plan and the foreshore Improvement Plan: it was acknowledged that there is a Vegetation Plan that was developed in conjunction with the plans for improved facilities as discussed above. The review that preceded the Vegetation Plan discovered a unique section of rain forest plants (the Anthorn Fern). While the additional funding will permit improvements to proceed quickly, it is not yet clear how the weeding, clearing of some undesirable plants and replanting (as outlined in the Vegetation Plan) will proceed alongside the improvement of facilities. There were particular concerns about a snake-infested area of dunes where children play to the immediate north of the path to the dog beach.
5. Brett and Luke gave assurances that Council staff had taken full account of cyclone insurance and ongoing maintenance issues.

It was agreed that the YKCPA committee should be given monthly updates during the year so that we can inform members. In addition, advice will be given to people living on the Sims Esplanade. Signs will also be erected as each element of the improvement plan progresses during the year.

7.1 Varley Street beautification (\$250,000 by year end).

Two large signs are in the process of being designed. One is to be placed at the entrance to the Township and the other, at the

	corner of Wattle Street and Buckley Street leading to the marina. The latter will be particularly helpful for visitors from the cruise ships that anchor offshore. In addition, tree planting and roadside development is planned, to even up the streetscape and amenities on both sides of Wattle Street. The grassed sites around existing trees are under go soft landscaping by removal of the grass, soil improvement and mulching prior to planting. Brett and Luke were thanked with considerable applause, for their work and presentations to the meeting.	
8.	OTHER BUSINESS: Carole Miller OAM questioned the future of the ugly and deteriorating fence on the corner of Varley Street and Evans Street (the temple site). The Sec advised that this issue would be Minuted and brought to the attention of Committee for action.	Liz to place on Agenda for future meeting.
12.	NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 12.1 May 1 (Liz is away), June 5 and July 3 (Liz and Rard are away).	
13	MEETING CLOSE: The President closed the meeting at 7:10 pm.	

April 2017 - - To the Yorkeys Knob community progress association.
Our apologies as my wife and I will still be at work and therefore are unable to attend.
We would like to show our support for any fast tracking of further improvements to the new walk way which hopefully will include some clearing of weeds and any unnecessary vegetation in front of the walk way to further increase its appeal.
It has been a great success so far with growing numbers already using the new walk way.
A big thank you to all those concerned. Kind Regards, Craig & Mij Hannant

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PRESIDENT.....
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