

Dear YRA Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to your continued support throughout 2010 to help keep our neighborhood a safe and enjoyable community in which to live and raise our family.

For those of you who were not able to join us at our first YRA Xmas party, we have included for your information, a brief article on the party along with festive wishes from our Council and Federal representatives.

YRA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009

It was the year that YRA came into existence and our membership has grown dramatically since those early days of just a few residents concerned about various issues surrounding us and has now a membership over 80 and continuing to grow.

To celebrate our first YRA Xmas Party was held at the Showmen's Club on the 6th of December 2009 and we were honored to have the Hon Brett Raguse our Federal Member for Forde and Councilor Donna Gates, Division 1 Gold Coast City Council attend.

Peter Lehmann (Vice President of Ormeau Progress Association) also attended and provided us with a very informative history lesson on the Darlington Ranges and sensitive ecology, streams and water courses in the area including Yatala. He spoke about the types of natural flora & fauna resident in our area (some of which are endangered), and the issues that other organizations and developments are facing. YRA have asked Peter to contribute an article to the first YRA newsletter in 2010 to help us also learn to identify these and keep us informed.



FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FORDE – XMAS MESSAGE TO YRA.

The Hon. Brett Raguse has sent a Xmas Message to YRA members – see below.



Brett Raguse MP Federal Member for Forde

I would like to wish everyone in Yatala and those involved with the Yatala Residents Alliance a Happy, Safe and Restful Christmas and a prosperous 2010.

If I can be of assistance with any Federal Government matter please feel free to contact my office on 3807 6340 or email Brett.Raguse.MP@aph.gov.au .

Regards,



DIVISION 1 COUNCILOR GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL – XMAS MESSAGE TO YRA

Councillor Donna Gates – Division 1 has sent a Xmas message to YRA members – see below

From: GATES Donna [mailto:DGATES@goldcoast.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2009 10:37 AM

To: 'Cavell Dorman TMC'

Subject: RE: YRA Xmas Message

To all members of Yatala Residents Alliance

Thank you for your hospitality at the inaugural YRA Christmas Party last Sunday. Keep up the good work in looking out for each other ... I'll continue to do my best to represent you and I look forward your feedback about local issues in the year ahead. Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2010. Your support is greatly valued.

best wishes

Donna Gates

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In closing, please remember our precious environment needs our continued care and support, so please take time enjoy and also try to capture on camera our native resident wildlife to share with us all.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FESTIVE SEASON

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