



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear YRA Members,

It is well and truly SPRING and no doubt you are all fighting the weeds in the garden and starting to mow the lawns more frequently!

This YRA newsletter gives further updates (or in some cases, lack of same) on key issues in the area. It would also be remiss of us not to offer congratulations to the new Federal Member for Forde – Hon Bert van Manen. As he takes his place in Canberra, YRA members will be keen to see him remember his pledges for our local area issues he made prior to the election. A copy of his communication to YRA is printed again in this newsletter as a reminder of his statements.

Lastly, we are delighted to welcome another eleven YRA Members. They have all received copies of the 7 newsletters so they can be fully conversant as to the issues addressed over the past 18 months of YRA's existence. We ask that you encourage your neighbours to join YRA and in doing so, show that we do all care for each other.

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### FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FORDE

You will recall that while YRA is definitely Non-Political it was considered appropriate for an email to be sent to all Candidates for the Federal Election for the seat of FORDE asking for them to share their thoughts for the area. Replies from the candidates for Labor / LNP and Greens were forwarded to YRA Members for their individual consideration.

Subsequent to this the LNP candidate for Forde, Mr Bert van Manen was elected to the Federal Parliament and as stated in the introduction, YRA offers congratulations to our new Member of Parliament. A copy of the Hon Bert van Manen's letter to YRA residents is detailed below and there is no doubt that the issues he raised are high on YRA's agenda now and into the future.

**From:** Cavell Dorman WRD [<mailto:cavell@wrd.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2010 4:34 PM  
**To:** 'yra@yatala.info'; 'deborahkirk1@bigpond.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Bert Van Manen Forde- Yatala Residents Alliance

Dear YRA Members,

Below is the UNEDITED emailed correspondence received from Bert Van Manen – Candidate for LNP – FORDE. If by some chance you can not open the attached file, please email YRA and we will send you another version of the file. Email: [yra@yatala.info](mailto:yra@yatala.info)

As stated previously - YRA is NON POLITICAL. This email is sent for your information.

Best regards,

Cavell Dorman

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**From:** Deborah Kirk [<mailto:deborahkirk1@bigpond.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2010 2:24 PM  
**To:** cavell dorman  
**Subject:** Bert Van Manen Forde- Yatala Residents Alliance

Dear Cavell,

Please find attached the response from Bert for your members.  
As you are aware, these issues are indeed significant and the Labor State Government has not been attending to the needs of the residents in Yatala.  
Bert will need your assistance to win the seat of Forde and then he will be able to take affirmative action in the future.  
In the meantime he will be fighting for you.

Kindest Regards,  
Deborah Kirk

for [Bert Van Manen](#)  
LNP Candidate for Forde





To the Residents of **Yatala Resident Alliance**,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you, via email.

I am very aware of the serious issues concerning you and am ready to fight on your behalf.

I know these issues include Roads, Traffic and Development and the M1.

If I take these issues in turn:

- Stanmore Road has the problem of the rural residential area on the northern side and the industrial area on the southern side. **Stanmore Road** is the boundary that separates these two diverse areas. We will fight to have the Stanmore Road **interchange (Exit 38) upgraded** where it meets the M1.
- **Industrial Estate** planned for the Peachey Road area. I know this area is zoned as light industrial and the developers want it **re-zoned as Heavy Industrial**. We are seeking further discussions with the Gold Coast City Council and its representatives.
- Fight for funding for the **duplication of Stanmore Road** from Pascoe Road to Peachey Road, as well.

The State Labour Government has not done anything about the roads and the M1. The government does not have any money to actually carry out any refurbishments or upgrades in your area or indeed any area in the Forde electorate. There is absolutely no funding.

I am keen to stand by you and fight on your behalf to get things moving. When we have an LNP State Government at the next state election in 2011, we will have a much better chance to see the issues dealt with and I will be doing everything I can in the meantime.

I look forward to meeting with you in the future and seeing you on Election Day, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

## **LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY**

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1. End wasteful spending
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3. Stop Labor's new taxes
4. Stop the boats

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## STANMORE ROAD

On the 9<sup>TH</sup> of August 2010, the YRA Stanmore Road Information Officer again asked Donna Gates, Councillor Division 1 GCCC, if she could share a progress report or any plans that he could communicate to the Yatala community residents on the developments and draft designs of Stanmore Rd Upgrade – Stage 3. He noted that some activity of tree clearing by an excavator has been noted by residents on the stretch of bushland between Paterson Rd and Sand Creek Rd roundabout (opp Stanmore Park Motocross), also what appears to be surveyors working in the area on occasions?

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of August Donna Gates replied that she had not forgotten his request for information but she was waiting for further advice from the officers responsible for the plan. It is now the end of September and no further information has been forthcoming from GCCC. We reiterate that YRA feels that it is reasonable that the residents of Yatala have a voice in this Stanmore Road Upgrade - Stage 3, before the final plan is approved by the GCCC and relevant State / Federal Government bodies.

The present road surface at the intersection at Peachey and Stanmore Roads continues to disintegrate into potholes and loose gravel, causing issues for all road users in the meantime. Add to that the area of land before the Peachey Rd intersection has become an illegal dumping ground for anything – including old sofas, concrete, etc., and no-one seems to care.

## DARLINGTON PARK

As stated previously, YRA understands that the Darlington Park development application is still in the mediation stage but is now much closer to the date for the Planning and Environment Court and it does appear that this matter will be set for late 2010. YRA will be advised when the P & E Court date is set and will communicate that to you all.

YRA understands that mediation is still progressing, but there is still much more that can be done by the GCCC and the Developer, to make Darlington Park blend into the local environment. No-one wants to see more of the “Great Walls of Yatala” (as commonly named for the walls of the Centra 1 development on Stanmore Road), which not only look dreadful but are targets for graffiti. There are a large number of Yatala residents who currently overlook Darlington Park and that will not change, so it is beholden to the Developer and the GCCC to ensure that this industrial area is well designed, protects wildlife and is attractive to the vision of all those in the area and those passing along the road.

## ODOURS

It is great to report a “Good News Update” and this is related to DERM, the GCCC and State Government, whom have all helped to track down and eliminate the odour issues in the area.

The communications below are all of late and while YRA did distribute this information to our members it is good to show it here again, to remind us all that DERM really does want feedback

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so please do report any odours as soon as you experience them. We certainly do not want a repeat of the scary issues of April / May where the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade were attending residents in Kristy Court and the surrounding areas because of the strength of the odours being experienced by residents.

**From:** Cavell Dorman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** 'Wooding Adrienne'; [yra@yatala.info](mailto:yra@yatala.info); 'Daniella Teixeira'  
**Cc:** 'Division1'; 'Albert Electorate Office'  
**Subject:** RE: Odours in Yatala

Thanks Adrienne.

We really do appreciate what you are all doing. Some job rolls are difficult but the end result is such a positive buzz for all concerned. The good thing is that you (and we in this instance) know you have made a difference to the lives of those whom you really want to keep safe – people and wildlife together.

Keep it going!

Cheers,

Cavell Dorman  
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**From:** Wooding Adrienne [<mailto:Adrienne.Wooding@derm.qld.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2010 12:33 PM  
**To:** Cavell Dorman; [yra@yatala.info](mailto:yra@yatala.info)  
**Cc:** Division1; Albert Electorate Office  
**Subject:** RE: Odours in Yatala

Dear Cavell

Thank you for forwarding me this email, Dani's email relates to general odours and the on going problems the department has with obtaining timely information from complainants regarding odour complaints.

Just in case you get an odour complaint/s please be advised that this morning DERM received a complaint of gassy odours from a known source. The source is currently removing a source of these odours from its site and the transfer of the odorous material to the transport containers appears to have resulted in the release of odours beyond the boundary of the premises.

The complainant who phoned was very irate, however appeared calmer after the reason for the increased intensity of the odours was explained to him.

The complaint related to "historical odours" that occurred on 2/3/4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and these odours were no longer present at the time 9:30am this morning (10<sup>th</sup> August 2010) when the complaint was lodged.

Kind regards

Adrienne

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**From:** Cavell Dorman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2010 10:51 AM  
**To:** [yra@yatala.info](mailto:yra@yatala.info); Teixeira Daniella; Wooding Adrienne  
**Cc:** 'Division1'; 'Albert Electorate Office'  
**Subject:** Odours in Yatala

Dear All,

Daniella from DERM has sent a message regarding reporting of Odours in Yatala – see copied below:

Hi Cavell,

As you are aware, since late 2009 DERM has been working with a number of industries in the Yatala/Stapylton areas to improve the odour situation. I have noticed that over the last few months the frequency of odour complaints received for the Yatala/Stapylton areas has greatly decreased. Although complainants are free to call or email me when they experience a nuisance odour, the amount of complaints is much lower than that received early in the year. Hopefully the measures that the industries have employed have resulted in a reduction in the odour nuisance in the area. I am hoping that you can inform me as to whether you have received continued complaints from the residents or if you too feel that the number of complaints has decreased. Because we are in the area only intermittently, we rely largely on the information provided by residents to gauge if there have been improvements in the situation.

Please note that DERM is continuing to work with the industries in the area to ensure that odour is managed appropriately. We will be conducting a number of follow-up inspections of the industries in the near future. As always, please contact me if you have any further information or if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

**Daniella Teixeira**

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As you can see from Daniella's email, it does appear that DERM has had little or no complaints of offensive odours emanating from the YEA Industrial area since.

YRA and DERM are interested to know if you have experienced any odours that you may not have had the time to report. If we do not receive a response from any YRA member, we must take it that the actions taken by DERM Staff have resulted in an outcome that is far better than the situation in late 2009 and early 2010.

Daniella, we will send any response to you but in the meantime, thank you all so much for your help and concern over the matter of the Odours in Yatala. DERM's attention added to that of the GCCC, State Government and the Emergency Services, has certainly resulted in a far safer place for not only the residents of Yatala, but also those who work in the area. All we can hope for now is that the measures that you have collectively taken, have a long lasting effect and that any future industry in the area is made well aware of their responsibilities as a good corporate citizen and neighbour to the residents of Yatala and surrounding suburbs.

## **HOLCIM AUSTRALIA PTY LTD**

The information below is sourced from our neighbours in Ormeau and comes to us from the residents who are very active in the issues of the quarries in the area – see: [www.stopthequarry.info](http://www.stopthequarry.info)

Holcim has formed its Community Advisory Panel (CAP) and OPA who initiated negotiations with Holcim, is now handing over this role to the seven community representatives on the panel. CAP will work with Holcim to finalize the Environmental Management Plan for the Southern Lands. Landcare volunteers will be helping grow and plant trees to revegetate the areas damaged by 4WDs, so please come along and lend a hand. At the first CAP meeting residents requested Holcim pay significant attention to the mitigation of dust. Holcim reported at the recent CAP meeting that it is currently fitting the mobile crushing and screening plant with additional dust suppression equipment and plans to fully enclose the fixed crushing and screening plant this year. To keep up with STQ news remember [www.stopthequarry.info](http://www.stopthequarry.info)

## **WAGNERS QUARRY**

The information phase of the Wagners Quarry application was completed recently. The Department of Environment and Resource Management's CEO has coordinated the concurrence agency advices and has concluded by directing that the Gold Coast City Council as Assessment Manager, must refuse the application.

One of the significant things to come out of DERM's deliberations, is that the Darlington Range contains environmental linkages which are critical to the regional ecosystem which extends through to Darlington Park and Yatala.

While this is the best news we could hope for at this point, Wagners have requested the decision to refuse their application be put on hold while they consider their option to appeal

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DERM's direction to refuse the application. STQ will be submitting further submissions to DERM during this time. On October 5 (the night after the Ormeau Progress Association meeting) at 7:00pm STQ will be holding a public meeting at the Ormeau Progress Hall to update our supporters. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## **YATALA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BEENLEIGH 12**

The Annual General Meeting of Yatala Neighbourhood Watch was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2010. A new team was announced and while all of you will receive an update on this in the next YNW Newsletter, it is our great honour to announce that all Zones in Yatala are covered by dedicated people keen to help keep our neighbourhood safe. Details of the Zones and one contact are stated below so you have this information as a back up till the YNW newsletter is distributed. If you are not a member of YNW just ask your Block Co-ordinator for details on joining this valuable organisation in our area.

**Zone 1:** Enkleman Road, Kumalie Court, Taperoo Court  
Sandy Newcombe

**Zone 2:** Glen Osmond Road, Morphett Place, Norwood Court, Rundle Court, Woodville Place  
Garry Holton – 38072931

**Zone 3:** Paterson Road, Torvill Street, Sears Road, Skytrain Street, Hoopla Hannah Court,  
Belair Drive, Rivermount Drive  
Tom Burke – 38070489

**Zone 4:** Alto Terrace, Ferguson Drive, Kismet Court, Kristy Court, Pagan Road  
Ted Sanders – 38072583

## **LAST WORDS**

Keep your communications coming to YRA – [yra@yatala.info](mailto:yra@yatala.info) as it does help us all to share the information.

As a postscript and a big thank you to the GCCC – it has been noticed that the new equipment in Sears Road Reserve for keeping us active is a hit with the locals who know it is there. There is good use of the facilities already but if any YRA member has not seen the new equipment and walking / bike track it is just by the children's swings, etc., so perfect for keeping Mums active as the kids enjoy their fun equipment.