

Dear YRA Members,

How quickly 2010 has flown by – it just seems like yesterday that the 2009 Xmas Newsletter was dispatched and here we are, another year on! While there are some updates in this Newsletter #9 the overall message to everyone is for you to have a wonderful celebration of the season with all your family and friends. Stay safe on the roads and we thank you for your ongoing support of each other via YRA. You are all making a difference to this neighbourhood and we do hope that 2011 sees you encourage more of your neighbours become YRA Members so they can add their thoughts and contributions to helping make our area a joy to live.

XMAS MESSAGES FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES – GCCC/STATE/FEDERAL

Once again, YRA offered our area representatives the opportunity to post a Xmas Message to YRA Members. See below:

DIVISION 1 GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL – COUNCILOR DONNA GATES

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

Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2010 4:53 PM

To: 'Cavell Dorman'

Subject: RE: YRA Christmas Newsletter - Message

"Merry Christmas to Yatala residents and a very big thank you to all who've shown interest in the area and helped to bring issues of concern to my attention during 2010. In particular, thanks to those who have so willingly worked with Council and the Department of Environment and Resource Management in the reporting of odour problems - and for your ongoing interest in the design and early construction of Stage 3 of Stanmore Road. Thanks too to the many residents who have contacted me regarding the new exercise equipment and path around the playground in Sears Road and to those who have been pleased by Council's Resolution to close Stanmore Park. You can be certain of my continued efforts on your behalf and that I am grateful for the support that I have received from the Yatala community. My sincere good wishes for a happy festive season and a safe and prosperous 2011."

Donna Gates

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Dear Members of YRA,

As 2010 draws to an end, it's an opportunity to pause and reflect on some of the happenings in our community over the past 12 months.

Thank you to all members of YRA for your hard work throughout the year and a special thanks to the executive and in particular to Cavell and Gai.

Although the State Government has initiated First Home Owner Grants of \$11,000 to encourage migrants to Queensland to choose to live in our regional cities, here in the northern Gold Coast we continue to experience significant population growth.

This growth means that for myself as your State Member and as a community together we must be particularly vigilant about the possible impact of proposed developments on our region's vulnerable environment.

I am pleased that an application for a new quarry at Ormeau Hills has to date been refused by the State Government. With the help of Cr Donna Gates and the community, I was able to ensure that the Minister for Natural Resources was fully aware of the unique and vulnerable flora and fauna on the site. In September we saw a win for people power when the Department of Environment and Resource Management directed Gold Coast City Council to refuse the application for the new quarry.

Our children continue to have access to first class state-of-the-art learning facilities, with our newest state schools of Ormeau Woods State High School and Norfolk Village State School already experiencing great successes in learning outcomes for

The Electorate of Albert Includes:

Rollin, Scrub, Bannockburn, Selvale, Buccan, Cedar Creek, Ninastonia, Lacombe, Mt Warren Park, Ormeau, Ormeau Hills, Ozerford, Pimpama, Skala Village, Upper Coomera, Willow Vale, Winlaroo, Wullalara, Wungahulla and Yatala

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students. After much work on behalf of busy families, I welcomed in the Queensland Budget \$400,000 to establish a new kindergarten at Norfolk Village State School .

As you drive down the M1 you will have noticed that the Yatala Pie Shop now has its very own road signs in recognising it as one of the Q150 State icons. The new tourist road signs encourage both tourists and locals to savour the culinary delights of Albert.

This is just a fraction of the huge investment we have witnessed in our community over the past twelve months. New spending on schools, health, roads, and community infrastructure continues to provide for the growth in our region.

I wish you all a very safe, happy and prosperous festive season. May you have an opportunity to spend some quiet time with family and friends and I look forward to continue working with you in 2011.

Merry Christmas,

Kind regards



Margaret Keech MP
State Member for Albert

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FORDE – BERT VAN MANEN MP

Update from Bert van Manen MP

Federal Member for Forde



I would like to take this opportunity to wish the residents and business people of Yatala and surrounding suburbs a Happy Holiday and Prosperous New Year.

Forde is one of the fastest growing electorates in Australia, with Yatala being central to the electorate, particularly in terms of employment opportunities. Yatala is an important area within my electorate and I will continue to voice the residents' concerns and continue to make the government aware of the issues facing the electorate.

I recognise that many residents are struggling with the increasing costs of living such as water, electricity and council rates, fuel and grocery prices. These increasing costs put pressure on the daily lives of residents and businesses and consequently limit opportunities for employment and growth.

I am also aware of community concerns over the pace of development outstripping the ability of government to provide adequate infrastructure and services. All of these issues impact on local amenities and residents' quality of life.

I am committed to fighting for and developing policies that will assist families to cope with these pressures. I am interested in helping families to live a better quality of life in their local communities. This also applies to local business people, whom I know may be struggling in this current economic climate.

I look forward to continuing my support and involvement in the local Yatala community and look forward to meeting the residents and business people over the coming term, as I am interested in hearing your views on how we can solve these issues in Yatala.

My vision is that Forde will be a place where people can live locally, work locally, retire locally and have fun in their local community. Forde will be a safe, family focused community, where children learn, play and grow in a secure environment.

Whether you are at home or away for the coming season, we wish residents and businesses of Yatala a safe and Happy Holiday. Bert van Manen MP, Family & Staff

STANMORE ROAD

There has been a number of communications in the past few months regarding the unsafe state of Stanmore Road and Peachey Road – mostly in regard to pot-holes and the increasing amount of quarry stones thrown from the trucks and littering the roads. Numerous reports of windscreen damage and duco chips as well as the issue of the pot-holes at the intersection of Peachey and Stanmore Roads has resulted in the GCCC making a commitment to address the issues (see email below).

From: Division1 [mailto:Division1@goldcoast.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2010 11:44 AM

To: 'Cavell Dorman'

Subject: FW: cavell email

Dear Cavell

I refer to your query concerning the road pavement on Stanmore Road at the intersection of Peachey.

Officers agree that the pavement surface has failed and will draw on funds from the Quarry Roads Trust to do as much work as possible in this year's program. Full rehabilitation will be considered in the 2011/12 program.

Kind regards.

Donna.

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YRA notes that there has been some filling of the pot-holes on Stanmore Road BUT there has been no removal of the stones that fall from the Quarry trucks on any part of Stanmore Road or for that matter any of the other roads that join up with Stanmore Road so it is still a danger point for all who travel these roads. Why is this matter not something that is on the "list of monthly priorities" for the authorities to address – are they waiting for someone to be injured before they act?

YRA STANMORE ROAD INFORMATION OFFICER REPORT.

Stuart Applegate has been asking the GCCC for an update on the Stanmore Road Upgrade for some months. You all received the information on the 5th of November 2010 – see below:

From: Division1 [mailto:Division1@goldcoast.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2010 2:17 PM
To: 'Cavell Dorman'
Subject: Intersection Stanmore/Paterson Roads

Dear Cavell

Council's Traffic Engineers have undertaken further investigation of options to improve the safety of the intersection at Stanmore and Paterson Roads and have confirmed that traffic signals will be constructed at the intersection.

Design works are underway and the signals should be operational by May-June 2011.

Kind regards.

Linda Collyer
PA to Councillor Donna Gates
[Gold Coast City Council](#)

It has to be noted that Stuart as had numerous communications with the GCCC on the matter of Stanmore Road Upgrades and finally a meeting was held on the 8th of December – Stuart's report follows:

Meeting held at Cr Donna Gates offices on Wed 8.12.2010 at 2:00pm

Attendees: Stuart Applegate (YRA), Cr Donna Gates (GCCC), GCCC Road designer, GCCC Asset controller.

Summary of discussion points around Stanmore Road development;

We discussed the key topics surrounding Stanmore Road including safety, noise pollution, traffic, bikeways and community consultation which were raised by YRA back in March 2009. It appears the road designers have been consulting the comments and feedback contained in the Stanmore Road Development Report created by YRA.

Stuart Applegate indicated this information gathered today will be communicated to the YRA in the Xmas communication and maybe we will hold another community awareness night on local topics in Jan 2011.

A summary of the discussion points are below.

Next Stages of Stanmore Road developments;

Stage 3a:

- *Comprises new Traffic lights at existing intersection of Stanmore and Paterson roads.*
- *Start Apr/May 2011, finish approx June 2011.*

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- *Primary reason is safety for Rivermount school access.*
- *Stuart expressed that some residents indicated a concern for increased noise pollution from trucks stopping then starting again at lights.*
- *GCCC indicated that these lights ARE going ahead and will stay forever. There is a very small chance they will be removed.*

Stage 3b:

- *Comprises road upgrade between Pagan Road/Darlington Drive roundabout and Peachey Road/Stanmore Road intersection and new roundabout.*
- *Stage 3b includes some "filling" of contours to improve approach visibility from Benkelman Road direction along Stanmore Road.*
- *Some contours/elevations of the road will be lowered, however this is limited due to restrictions with earth batters encroaching onto private property and causing more land acquisitions.*
- *A proposed contour and elevation plan to demonstrate these changes are to be sent to Stuart.*
- *Design of the vehicular access road allowing traffic moving from Paterson Road onto Stanmore Road heading east toward the M1 is still being debated internally by engineers at GCCC. Options are a long fast "on ramp" style feed as per current plans or a short high-angle which forces drivers to stop at the intersection. Primary reason is concerns over excessive much tree & vegetation clearing and additional private land acquisitions.*
- *A shared use Bikeway/Pathway will be included on the western side of Stanmore Road connecting Paterson Road and Pagan Road areas.*
- *A new roundabout at Peachey Road/Stanmore Road intersection will be included in this stage.*
- *A bikeway crossing for Stanmore Road will be included at Peachey Road and Pagan Road roundabouts.*
- *ETA for commencement is Feb 2012 and will take approximately 12-18 months for completion.*
- *Budgeting for this will occur at next round of GCCC budgets.*

Stage 4:

- *Comprises a road upgrade from Harts Road towards Beenleigh/Beaudesert Road.*
- *Removing the LH bend in the road is the priority.*
- *Does not include any bridge works.*
- *Tasked before stage 5 due to safety issues after a safety analysis report was performed.*

Stage 5:

- *Comprises a road upgrade from Enkleman Road to Peachey Road/Stanmore Road intersection.*
- *No ETA at this stage.*

Stuart Applegate

Resident & Stanmore Road Information Officer!

Call me anytime to ask about Stanmore Road issues !

It **MUST BE NOTED** that this information may change as the GCCC works towards a finalisation of the plans and there does need to be a Community Consultation Process to discuss the issues.

DARLINGTON PARK AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN THE VICINITY

It is reported that mediation is still in progress for the Darlington Park Industrial Estate and apparently some interesting facts are emerging in regard to the development of this land for an industrial site. As we all know, the land is very hilly with a significant waterway (Sandy Creek) and other notable issues affecting the property, so there is no doubt that the Developers have a huge issue on their hands to ensure that anything they do can survive the many decades without impacting on those working on the estate and those around them – including the residents of Yatala! As the Planning and Environment Court is involved, YRA does hope that the final solution from this process will take into consideration the residents' of Yatala who are just metres away from an industrial development that MUST be sympathetic to the needs of its neighbours.

The following information was obtained on <http://www.courts.qld.gov.au>

Darlington Park development appeal 3523/08- The last document Draft Order dated 4/11/2010 indicates the appeal has been set down for call over on 11 Feb 2011 for 5 days in the March sittings.

Peachey Rd development appeal 2481/08 -The last document, doc 21 "10/12/2009 Draft order" Pdf file is not available in relation to this document, for that matter there are no pdf files available since document 9-dated 10/11/2008, so there is no idea as to what progress has been made on this appeal and when interested residents may be able to attend the final hearing, if it eventuates??. This development is on the other side of Peachey Road and corner of Stanmore Road – it is understood that this land is owned by one of the Developers of Darlington Park.

140 Sandy Creek Road development appeal – P & E Court # 3729/10 – Precast Nominees Pty Ltd has appealed to the P & E Court on a decision made by the GCCC in regard to the conditions in a Negotiated Decision Notice. YRA understands that there are a number of Yatala residents who have submitted their comments on the development and have now received Registered Letters in that regard. They now they have the opportunity to become a co-respondent to this case via the P & E Court process. As the P & E Court closes for the Xmas and New Year break, all documents in that regard will need to be lodged at the P & E Court in Brisbane before the 23rd of December 2010. The cost for an individual to lodge to become a co-respondent is minimal but it does ensure that voices are heard from the residents as well as the GCCC.

ODOURS

What can we say about this subject that has not been documented in previous YRA Newsletters! The situation is NOT RESOLVED and many more complaints have been received by DERM and the GCCC on the matter of offensive odours coming from the YEA area to affect the lives and wellbeing of the residents of Yatala, as well as the workers in the area. The issue is wide spread and is of real concern as more and more industrial sites are planned for the future. YRA members CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Take the time to complete your DERM / GCCC forms and send in the information on the odour as soon as it is noticed to DERM and the GCCC. Please be diligent in your actions as it will assist these governmental bodies to do their job as well as ensuring that any industry planned for the future knows that they have to commit to being a good corporate citizen and neighbour!

HOLCIM AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

On the 20th of October 2010, YRA informed you of the GCCC's decision on the Concrete Batching Plant Facility at the Holcim Quarry on Peachey Road. Instructions were given by the GCCC in regard to any individual comments/complaints on the decision. YRA does understand that some Ormeau residents have issued their reservations on this matter – mostly in regard to operational hours. As YRA stated previously, any comments on this development is an individual matter, we have not been informed if any YRA members have issued their own complaints on this matter. Comments can be registered at Holcim at any time so do not feel that you have missed your opportunity to comment.



City of Gold Coast

Division 1 Representative
Councillor Donna Gates



14 October 2010

Yatala Residents Alliance
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Dear Members

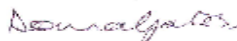
The Holcim Quarry application for a concrete batching plant was recommended for approval by City Planning Committee on Tuesday.

Council was limited in its ability to regulate the use given that the Department of Environment and Resource Management was responsible for the assessment of acoustic, air quality, contamination, waste, wastewater and social impacts of the proposal.

DERM also provided operating hours as part of the Conditions of Approval endorsing 5am – 7pm, Monday – Saturday, for the Environmentally Relative Activity.

A Condition was imposed by Council requiring additional signage at the intersection of Peachey Road to indicate no trucks to enter Peachey Road in a south easterly direction, excepting for local deliveries. A complaints register with referral to Council is also to be administered by Holcim and the upgrade of Peachey Road at the site entry has been required.

Yours sincerely



DONNA GATES
Councillor Division 1

Forde Community Forum

Copy Mr Tony Abbot

Mr Bert Van Manen

YRA (Yatala residents alliance)

Ideas on how to make our community an even better place

Exit 38 is the only access point for residents, Industrial and Quarry traffic.



The Yatala Industrial area which is currently being developed adjacent to the Yatala residential area, on reaching full capacity may eventually employ 35-40000 workers. ref (<http://businessgc.com.au>)

As Stanmore Road is the only access point to the M1 via exit 38, the residents are most concerned that it will become increasingly more congested and dangerous at peak hour times for the following reasons

- 1 The road is currently shared by residents, quarry trucks, school traffic and vehicles moving to and from factories currently in the area. For the past two years we have advised our local and state members of traffic congestion on stanmore road extending almost as far as is visible on this googled aerial view
- 2 The road has recently been partially upgraded to two lanes in some sections, however this has done nothing to alleviate the real problem which is the bottleneck at exit 38 and which commences at the Elderslie Road roundabout.
- 3 The next two stages of the Stanmore Road upgrade may not be completed for several years and even as desirable as this is it will not solve the congestion problem which by that time will be much worse (even if only a portion of the 40000 future workers start using it).
- 4 We are under the impression that the funding for this road upgrade comes from local, state and Federal sources and implore that the bottleneck at the exit 38 be given priority as a matter of urgency.

Air Pollution

Yatala residents currently endure odour pollution which despite being reported to Council and DERM still persists. There is a serious potential for much more of the same when hundreds more factories are built much closer to the residential area than the current suspected offenders which are several kilometres away. We would very much appreciate if Mr Bert Van Manen could help in ensuring a satisfactory outcome.

Protection of Flora, Fauna and visual amenity.

Yatala residents are most concerned that future developments are of a better standard than we have experienced to date, as very little consideration appears to have been given to adequate treed buffers which would greatly assist in softening the impact on the community. Again we would very much appreciate if Mr Bert Van Manen could help in assuring a satisfactory outcome.

Jacob and Joan Mohar on behalf of the Yatala Residents Alliance

DEVELOPING OUR GOLD COAST – BOLD FUTURE PLANNING SCHEME

In Mid-November, we advised all YRA members that they could have a voice in “Bold Future Planning Scheme” for the Gold Coast. Hopefully some of you put your comments in writing and submitted a proposal. The YRA Steering Committee felt it was far too good an opportunity to miss and have made a submission to the “Statement of Proposal” in the time frame designated by the GCCC. We are taking **EVERY OPPORTUNITY** to put our case forward on the issues in the area and while it all takes time to do, we feel that the effort is worthwhile. It may not help Yatala residents immediately but at least the GCCC and all other relevant parties will have our comments on their files and therefore cannot ignore the issues we raise. We asked the YRA residents whom we knew had issues with ODOURS if we could use their emails to substantiate the claims in that area of the submission – ALL said YES and on behalf of us all, we thank them for their community spirit.

The submission covers the following subjects: ROADS (Exit 38 in particular) / AIR POLLUTION / POLICIES STATED IN THE GCCC DOCUMENT / COMPACT DEVELOPMENT / FOOD PRODUCTION and has 10 appendix items. The file is huge so it has not been attached to this Newsletter. However, should any YRA member wish to have a copy for their files, please email; yra@yatala.info and give a postal address where it can be mailed.

The submission was hand delivered by an YRA Steering Committee Member to the GCCC offices so YRA could be assured of the submission’s acceptance. A copy of the submission will be forwarded to our Federal, State and GCCC representatives to ensure that they have a copy noted on their files.

COMMUNITY MEETING – 20TH JANUARY 2011

With everything that is happening around us, it seems like a good time to have another COMMUNITY MEETING. YRA has contacted Rivermount College and they are happy to offer a room for this use so the date is set for:

THURSDAY - 20 JANUARY 2011- 6.30PM FOR A START AT 6.45PM PROMPT

While the agenda is to be finalised, there is no doubt that the issues of Stanmore Road and Odours will be noted, we ask for other specific items that you would wish to bring up at a Community Meeting. The Federal, State and GCCC Representatives for the YATALA area will be invited to attend but not necessarily to contribute by a specific speech, as this meeting is YATALA’s Residents to voice their opinions. Minutes of the meeting will be taken and distributed to all attending so everyone will need to be logged in.

A COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE will be placed in every letterbox in the area to advise all in the area (even if they are not YRA Members as yet) that the meeting is to be held. As numbers will be required for Rivermount College to decide on the space they need to commit to the meeting, we will be asking everyone to advise their attendance to YRA by email: yra@yatala.info As YRA members, you can advise your attendance any time from now.



NEWSLETTER

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THE VERY LAST NOTE FOR 2011 – HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON TO YOU ALL AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2010. WE ALSO WISH TO REGOGNISE THE SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS IN ORMEAU, CEDAR CREEK AND BAHR'S SCRUB AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE ISSUES THAT THEY ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN AS IT AFFECTS US ALL.

2011 LOOMS AHEAD FOR US AND WE HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON AND LET US HOPE 2011 BRINGS OUTCOMES THAT WE WOULD ALL WISH FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND US!

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