

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

It has been an extremely busy April here at the Taskforce with important non-stop activities continuing at a hectic pace. Importantly it was the Cairns Regional Council sponsoring of the visit of Motivational Speaker Peter Kenyon that has set the pace. 160 people turned out to listen to this inspirational speaker and with his advice there are several ideas being seriously investigated, which could enhance our life in Babinda.

More as ideas unfold

Happy school holidays and have a safe Easter break.

And to Debra Q, Happiest Birthday ever to You!!

Please Note: Due to the Easter school holidays the next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th April 9:30am at the Taskforce Office. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 101 members.

Cheers

Rachel

Rainfall for the Month of March

Babinda Rainfall - 824.2 mm

Year to date - 2907.4 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 1152.6 mm

Year to date - 4444.2 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 857.4 mm

Year to date - 3177 mm

Contribution

Closing Dates

For Newsletters

Friday 6 May

(Distributed Tues 17 May)

Friday 3 June

(Distributed Tues 14 June)

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POLICE NEWS

We have been receiving a number of complaints from our lolly pop ladies recently that drivers are not heeding the road rules around the schools. The main complaints is that motorists are not stopping when directed, are driving through the crossing before all persons have left the road and are parking in the no standing zones either side of the crossing. It appears that a lot of the offending vehicles are local and are often dropping their own children off. We are also receiving complaints that numerous cars are conducting U turns across the double white lines at the front of the school. I ask that all persons using the school zones before and after school please be extra vigilant and obey all road rules. Our children do behave in the same way adults do around traffic and I would hate to see an injury or even worse. Please make sure you obey the lolly pop ladies directions and wait till all person have left the crossing before driving through. Innisfail Traffic branch are aware of these complaints and will be making patrols over the coming weeks in their unmarked vehicle so please be warned.

We have also received a few complaints in relation to the use of motorised scooters around town. This mainly relates to them being driven at excessive speed on the footpaths, being parked in shop entrances and even being driven down the middle of the main street impeding the flow of traffic. If you own and use one of these scooters please be mindful of the above and considerate of pedestrians and other road users alike.

Until next month

Stay Safe

Gerard BRADY

Babinda Police Station.....40671120

AMBULANCE NEWS

The roads have been safe around our area lately and I hope it stays that way. You do not want to jinx yourself. With school holidays here soon there will be a lot of traffic and people trying to get away for the 5 day break. Be patient and enjoy the trip, we all despise those vehicles that sit on 85 km hr then speed up to 105 when there is an overtaking lane, if you put yourself into a dangerous situation or do not see a danger approaching it is you and your family or friends that will suffer.

Every few months I remind people how if we can not locate their house there may be a delay in finding you and giving treatment. Some streets between Babinda and Bramston Beach would be lucky to have every 10th house clearly marked with a number that can be seen from the road. There may be a number on the house but that is no good to us if there are a heap of bushes in front of that. If you live out of town it is next to useless giving our communications centre a lot # for your address. Local councils have had rural yellow sign posts for nearly ten years now - give this number please as these are easily located and might come up on our GPS sat navs in the vehicles. On a final note remember to call **000** in an emergency or 13 12 33 to request an ambulance for a non emergency.

Until next time,

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"More 'clean-up' jobs to aid recovery from Cyclone Yasi.

Up to 500 jobs are up for grabs for locals in North Queensland, after 'Operation Clean Up' was expanded to include the southern portion of the Cairns Regional local government area.

Many North Queenslanders have been unable to work their usual jobs because of the effects of Cyclone Yasi and, with so much clean-up work to do, it just makes sense to use our local workforce.

We want to hear from local machinery contractors, unemployed residents and employees from farms and tourism businesses who are unable to work because of the cyclone and looking for work.

The devastation caused by Yasi is still being properly assessed and areas eligible for assistance under this project now include the entire Cassowary Coast and Hinchinbrook local government areas, parts of Tablelands, Flinders, Etheridge and Charters Towers local government areas and the southern portion of Cairns Regional local government area.

The additional clean up responsibilities will be funded through the \$20 million joint State/Federal Government Rural Resilience Fund and Operation Clean Up will source as many employees from the local area as possible to assist primary producers and local businesses with debris cleaning.

Offering clean up assistance and work under the scheme is one way to allow locals to help each other and continue to work without having to leave town.

Operation Clean-Up employees will work in supervised teams, helping to restore local farming and tourism properties by clearing fallen trees and debris.

They'll receive accredited training and will be provided with transport, equipment and protective clothing.

I encourage any Babinda Mill workers who were laid off after Cyclone Yasi to put their names forward and would hope that some of the jobs could be quarantined solely for Babinda.

Operation Clean-Up will continue until the end of this year. Those seeking assistance or employment with 'Operation Clean Up' should register as soon as possible by calling the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation on **13 25 23**.

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

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Hi from CRC.

The Community Plan that Council has to put together is in the final stages of community consultation. There is a session in Babinda on Tuesday the 12th, which will be the final before the Plan gets sent away to be approved by the State. If you haven't already had your say, make it along on the 12th; details can be had from the Council website or by contacting the Taskforce.

Council is putting together the 2011-12 budget, with the usual difficulties around decisions to be made regarding service levels and rates. Making it a little more difficult this time is the fact that new valuations have been made on all properties by the Valuer General. These unimproved valuations form the basis for the rates calculations that councils have to make, and when some valuations go up, and some down, while others stay the same, it is difficult to hit on a rate in the unimproved property valuation that is equitable! This discussion always takes up the most time during budget deliberations, and many computer models are run to give council an idea of the impact on each sector of our community. As usual, a tough task!

I hope an end is in sight for the rain. We have so much work to do repairing damaged roads and drains etc, that we will need a long dry spell to get on top of it. We have a significant claim in for this damage, right across our asset classes, and the job at hand looms large for our crews who have done a remarkable job during this awful wet season to keep the roads, parks etc in decent shape. My hat is off to them.....great work!

More will follow on the mill closure issue. At this stage, things are moving so quickly there is not much point in writing much on it; by the time the newsletter is printed and distributed, the news will be old. It is probably sufficient to say that Council is doing all in it's power to assist where it can, and will continue to do so. A detailed update will follow in due course.

Until next time,

Paul."

Russell Landcare continues to grow

The Russell Landcare & Catchment Group (RLCG) has chosen to renew its Executive group. Very special thanks go to the previous Executive of David Barrow, Dr Michele Dale and Lynne Thomson who have tirelessly served the local community and the natural environment since the formation of the group in 2006. After choosing to step down, they have appointed a new RLCG Executive consisting of Ray Jones, Leo Bonso, Selena Nelson & Garry Davison. The RLCG is currently working on an Action Plan for Babinda Creek that will guide investment for the next 3 – 5 years in terms of environmental repair priorities.



**Russell Landcare &
Catchment Group**

If you would like to get involved with the Russell Landcare Group, please contact Daryl Killin on the details below. Note that the RLCG is now on Facebook too at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Russell-Landcare-and-Catchment-Group/168788006487773?sk=wall>.

Daryl Killin

Catchment Coordinator - Russell

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As first term of Kindy draws to a close it's probably a good time to look back on the achievements of the beautiful group of kids presently enrolled.

The boys have spent much time drawing up treasure maps and looking for the subsequent treasure in the sand pit. Some lucrative finds have drawn the attention of the Kindy Committee who now wish to impose a Treasure Resources Rent Tax (TRRT). Spokesman for the boys, Tom Hession (3½), said that the TRRT was going to "severely impact" on future investments in treasure hunts. President for the Kindy Committee, Matt Hession, would not be drawn on the possible impact that the TRRT may have on future investment.

In other news, the girls continue to boss the boys around and the boys continue not to listen to them. Some things never change.

The kids have participated in some great activities over the past month, particularly over St. Patrick's Day and leading up to Easter.

Finally, thanks to all the parents and Committee members for all their work around the Kindy.

Regards

Matt Hession

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle will be drawn **10am, Friday 15 April**. Winners will be notified. Good luck to all.

Thanks to the Babinda community for all their support and also to all the parents who helped out up the street selling tickets.

Committee & Staff

Congratulation to the new committee members and welcome back to existing staff and committee.

Janelle McKelvey – Director

Sharleen Binks - Assistant

Matt Hession – President

Jason Nielsen – Vice President

Jenni Stone – Treasurer

Peta Maxwell – Secretary

Faye Spataro - Newsletter Coordinator

Chamber of Commerce Market Day 2nd Saturday of the month

Lost ... Misplaced ...

Can't find ... Borrowed ?

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Bartle Frere School Opening

It was an historic day at Bartle Frere on the 1st of April, with the official opening of their new building. Bartle Frere has always been one building and this occasion brought many dignitaries to the school. It was wonderful to see the honourable Bob Katter representing the Federal government and Paul Gregory representing the local council attending this event. Also attending on the day was Mr Andrew Talbot representing Mr Curtis Pitt. At 9 am everyone stood up and sang the National Anthem before the student leaders said a speech about how the students have been utilizing the building's facilities since the start of this year. Mr Conomos – a past student of this school – unveiled the new building's plaque. Bob Katter said his speech before everyone advanced inside the new building for a group photo.

Afterwards, everyone had morning tea while I interviewed Mr Conomos. He spoke to me about what school was like in the early 1930's. He told me things like that if you were naughty you would get hit with the cane and that they did not have computers back then, so they had to write everything down on slates. He also walked through guinea grass taller than himself to get to school each day at Bartle Frere.

Eventually everyone went home and the students went back to class.

By James Humphris, Year 6, Bartle Frere State School



St. Rita's Primary School

Babinda

The students of St. Rita's have been involved in many wonderful activities recently; learning in diverse and rich ways. During the Season of Lent we have been actively supporting *Project Compassion*. On St. Patrick's Day we dressed up in green and brought in a donation for a money line to help those less fortunate than us. This week we hosted a 'Caritas Café'. As part of the Café students cooked recipes from Vietnam, Samoa and Bolivia. Parents, friends and students then shared in the delicious meal, donating money towards *Project Compassion*. We raised \$124.30, this money could empower a person living with a disability in Vietnam to start a small business. Recently we also had great fun participating in the Cross Country. All students aged 10 and upwards participated, and showed great determination and sportsmanship. Well done to Nature, Nunkeri and Matthew who will be representing our school at the next level.

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Our Federal Member

Hi Bob Katter,

It was really good to see you and “the hat” at our Peter Kenyon meeting this month.

Come again soon.

It's George Jago's Birthday...

The TaskForce would like to add out Best Wishes and Congratulations to the Babinda Information Centre, for their surprise 90th Birthday celebration of our Babinda Historian GEORGE JAGO.

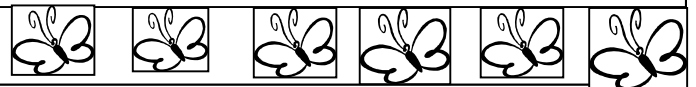
George Jago's lifetime work of our history is of great value to Babinda and will be even more so as time goes by.

Happy 90th Birthday George Jago and may you have many more.

Just Joking...

Where do you find a one legged dog?

Where you left it!!



Who's a Goose?

Fact one:

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those in front to keep up with their speed.

Lesson

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement production is much greater.

Individual empowerment results from quality Honking.

Fact two:

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back in formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skill, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents and resources.

The Babinda Mill is Closing!

(Part 1)

The Babinda mill is closing. Did you hear the word?

Effective immediately! Isn't that totally absurd?

Larry left us havoc and Yasi blew past our way,

Less devastating than this news, in "too soon after" days!

What were they really thinking when this decision came to mind?

A sledgehammer in the crushers to cease the annual season grind!

What would become of all the mill workers and all the farmers' hands?

How would this affect the townies, businesses and the farmers of the land?

While we all agree this decision is not community based nor just.

Should we just battle on and wait, for the settling of the dust?

Should we all be positive and switch on our future creating minds?

And generate from the ruins- a phoenix, a hopeful future signed.

Some "outside the square" suggestions have started off the spark,

With one of the most eccentric being the building of an ark!

As most of us would simply realize, economic viability is the key

But for the moment, let's just let our imaginations run quite free.

Babinda is a water town, its annual rainfall high,

Either raining, or going todependent on the sky.

It's shadowed by Mt Bartle Frere the highest in the state!

It's a town where greenery is our constant stable mate.

Clear creeks and rivers have served our pastures well

And our mostly "friendly" crocs still think the fishing's swell!

We are a town with a basis in creative arts & crafts,

And aboriginality still lingers in boulders, rivers, drafts!

Grey nomads often visit and it's peace they looking for,

They come once, enjoy our town and then come back for more!

We're close to road and rail and not far from air and sea,

And all our natural surrounds cascade tranquility!

Howard Kennedy 25.03.2011

Famous Words

CYCLONES do not define Communities. Communities define themselves and our Town of Babinda is regarded historically as one of the finest examples of great Australian Character !!! So there !

Lost Street Banners:

Late in 2010, and in bad weather some of our Babinda Street Banners blew down. Has anyone picked them up and promptly forgot them? The Task Force would be grateful to have them back as they are an expensive item to replace. Thank you.

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Just Joking...

A man walks into a pub and sits down next to a man with a dog at his feet.

'Does your dog bite?' he asks.

'No' the man says.

A few moments later the dog takes a large chunk out of his leg!!

'I thought you said your dog didn't bite' says the man in pain.

The man says—'that's not my dog'!!

Recipe for a Happy Day

Take a pound of kindness
And stir into it thoughts that bless;
Tactful words will make it nice,
Smiles and fun provide the spice.
Don't weigh out love – just pour it in,
with oil of gladness grease your tin;
Mix well with patience every day,
then scatter it along your way.

NEWS FROM BABINDA S E S

from Don Lawie

In the aftermath of all the hard work and personal difficulties that have followed floods and cyclones, it is heartening to able to send off a "Good News" story: The visit of Prince William was a resounding success, and nowhere more so than when some of Babinda SES's team was presented to him in Cairns.

Dulcie and Zac represented our Group at a special function to recognise those many people who helped their fellow citizens. After negotiating the Bomb Squad and Security screen, Dulcie & Zac were feeling a bit lost in the crowd until CRC Mayor Val noticed them. Mayor Val somehow remembered that Dulcie's birthday coincided with Larry Day, came down from the podium, and promised our Babinda reps that they would meet the Prince. Good to her word, Val called them up and both Zac and Dulcie had a brief brush with He who may be King one day. Dulcie reports that the Prince was entirely natural and gracious and was happy to pose for Zac to take a photo of the Royal Occasion. Dulcie has been honoured many times for her contributions to Babinda's community but this will be the one that she remembers forever. A fairytale reward for many years of unstinting service... ..

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My Mother Again !!

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"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."

Oyster Eaters !!

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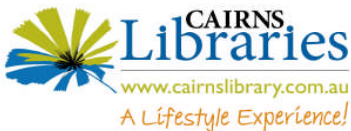


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Just Joking...

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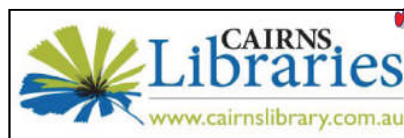


Just Joking...

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away).

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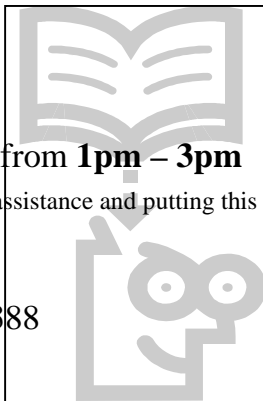
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SETTLERS' MUSEUM ITEM OF THE MONTH

From Don Lawie

This month we remember the bush housewife's of the 1930's who had to cope with home-butchered beef and turn it into delectable meals with none of today's gadgetry such as microwaves.

A major item of technology was the Pressure Cooker, a device which allowed meat and vegetables to cook thoroughly and relatively quickly at temperatures far above those achievable by normal roasting.

Our machine was made by Easiwork of Tottenham Court Road, London in the early 1930's. It is constructed from heavy, cast aluminium, weighs about 3 kg, and is 26cm high and 28cm wide. There is a very strong lid which has a central attachment whereby internal pressure could be adjusted, and a combination temp/pressure gauge reading to 350oF and 35 psi. There are two internal baskets and a stand.

To operate, water was placed inside the cooker, the desired food was put on the stand or in the basket and the cooker was placed on the kitchen stove – which in those days was always alight .As the internal temperature increased the water could not boil at the normal temp of 212 F due to the heavy sealed lid and body. When the desired temp/pressure was reached the controller on the lid vented and the system continued until Cook decide the meal was ready.

Today, my wife uses a similar system to cook corned beef but instead of the above paraphernalia she uses an electric Slow Cooker. Much easier, and I don't have to cut the firewood as I did when I was a boy on the farm at Fig Tree Creek.



Kate Atwell and another Gold Medal

Babinda High Jumper Kate Atwell ignored her disrupted training preparation in our bad weather and went on to win a Gold Medal at the Australian Junior Athletics Championship in Sydney recently.
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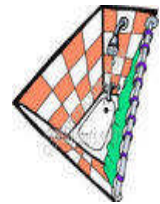
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Info Centre Illuminations

Here at the Information Centre we have been celebrating a milestone.

George's Milestone

George Jago, one of our valuable Volunteers at the Babinda Information Centre celebrated

His **90th birthday** on the 16th February.

George has been a Volunteer for **15 years**, which in itself is a milestone.

George was doing his regular Monday afternoon shift at the

Centre when fellow Volunteers, along with his daughter Ruth,

arrived with a birthday cake and goodies for a surprise birthday party.

George's knowledge of Babinda's history is legendary and this proves most interesting to our Centre's visitors, as is his collection of historical photos, which we have on display.

He has compiled his extensive historical memorabilia into two bound volumes, which he has generously donated to the Centre.

An inspiration to all is our George

Call into our Centre between, 9.00am and 4.00pm, to browse through George's volumes and view his photos



And please take the time to

Enjoy where we live

NEW WEBSITE FOR BABINDA

www.babindainfocentre.com.au

It's no secret Babinda is in a 'transitional phase' and many of us are mindful of keeping this town alive and prosperous. With our incredible natural attractions, friendly, happy community and great facilities, no one could argue we have the recipe for success in tourism. The challenge we face now is to spread the word and get serious about drawing attention to Babinda.

The Babinda Information Centre is in the early stages of constructing its own tourism website as one of many initiatives being discussed to make tourism one of Babinda's future economic drivers. This website will give visitors a one stop shop for all they need to know about Babinda and its immediate neighbouring areas of Bramston beach, Bartle Frere and Bellenden Kerr.

It will include places to see, things to do, places to eat, sleep, entertain and shop. A business listing directory will also be included to cover all services available along with a detailed map.

To make our job easier, we are calling for all business owners and service deliverers to complete our Business/Services form for inclusion in this website. Business listings are free and no extra advertising space will be allocated. This is purely for information only. Forms can be collected at the information centre or the Babinda Taskforce office.

We encourage your support in spreading the word of this new website as a great tool for us to pull together and make Babinda what it was always destined to be.



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FREEMASONRY IN BABINDA

Freemasonry is the oldest surviving Organisation in Babinda having been formed in 1917.

Other Organisations that have been formed, but have since ceased to be, include The Saint George Society, Rotary, Apex, JCs, Junior Farmers, ESA, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

The Lodge Building is next to the Hospital.

Over the years many Freemasons have been prominent members in the local area with several streets and a Park named after them.

Freemasonry is a world wide Fraternal Society and every member contributes to a Benevolent Fund that can be used to help people irrespective of colour ,race or creed.

In Babinda, Bartle Frere Lodge has made some remarkable donations to the local Society, including :-

\$10,000 to the High School for equipment for the Visually Impaired

\$6,000 to help a family with handicapped children

\$3,000 to the Hospital for TVs

\$1,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation

Every year it gives a Bursary to the High School and St Ritas

However, it is in need of younger members who can bring new ideas to the fore for the next generation , and unless this happens the Lodge will cease to be.

This will only leave The Lion's Club and CWA

If anybody is interested please call Owen Lewis (40672261) or Allan Wakeham (40611409) and a meeting can be arranged.

Bartle Frere Lodge was consecrated in the Presbyterian Church Hall in 1917 with G. R. Mayers as Foundation Master. Unfortunately this hall was destroyed in the 1918 cyclone and G. R. Mayers brought the warehouse of his business in Cairns to Babinda and gave it to the Freemasons in 1919.

The building was called the Horace Russell Mayers Memorial Building in memory of his son who was killed in action in the First World War.

The building is next to the hospital in Munro Street and has withstood all the cyclones since.



Our Women of Babinda

We sometimes in our lifestyle here in Babinda, spend too much time agonising about services we don't have and do not appreciate the good things we do have.

But, we are lucky that we have peoples who live here, who have remarkable resolve to be and do things that they love, and are very successful at it.

Our Women of Babinda for this month is **Leon Miller** of **Leon's Skin and Beauty Salon**.

LEON has been in her Munro St business for over 20 years and is sole owner.

She has, besides being an expert in her field of Skin Care and Beauty, raised her now grown up and married kids and has grandkids.

Her mother Mary Ugarte has always been an important part of their family life.

LEON will continue her successful association with her many regular and loyal customer, and has no plans to NOT do so in the future.

LEON's contribution to her Family & her Business in Babinda is part of an Enduring Mosaic that is our Life in this small town, and really constitutes what is our HEART.

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What's Happening In Babinda

- AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE** 2nd Thu of month at 9am SOB
- BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS** - 2nd Wednesday every month - 7pm shop, bring a chair
- BABINDA BOWLS CLUB** - Weekly Bowls Tuesday 1pm Ladies ;Wednesday 6pm Barefoot ;Thursday Canecutters Mixed Social 1.30pm; Saturday & Sunday 1pm Social - Phone 40671148
- BABINDA BOXING CLUB** - Hoy at Spirit of Babinda Hall 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 1.30pm
- BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY**- 2nd Saturday of each month. Main street.
- BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB** first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Club House
- BABINDA GOLF CLUB** - Time of competitions - Wednesday - Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm Friday - Social Holes 3pm Saturday - 18 Hole Competition 1pm
- BABINDA LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month a 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St
- BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING** - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school
- BABINDA TASKFORCE** -- Third Thursday of the month. 9:30am, Taskforce 40672900
- BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL** - Family Day Group Tuesday 9am—11am 4067 6240
- BRAMSTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**—Monthly meetings, last Tuesday of the month held at the Fire Station 7:30pm. Contact 07 40674 215
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - 5.30pm - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's
- CHILD HEALTH CLINIC** - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital. Ph 40615388
- COOTHARINGA - HOY** - 2nd Monday of every month 1.30pm to 4pm in the Spirit of Babinda Hall
- FNQ WILDLIFE CARERS** Harry Potyondy and Rae Heywood 228 Price Rd., Bartle Frere
Tel: 4067-6054 (after 4pm & W/ends) Mob: 0428699246 (7.30am to 4.00pm Mon to Fri)
- HOSPITAL WELFARE** - 3rd Friday Second Monthly - 3pm Stag Tavern
- INFO CENTRE** - Open 9 - 4 daily
- KIDS CLUB** - Grade 1 to Grade 7 - Wednesday 5pm to 7.30pm CWA Hall, Babinda.
- MENS SHED'S** - Contact Jim Hillard on 40672454 or email jameshillard@gotalk.net.au
- PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES** - meets every Mon. 9.30am - 1130am at St. Rita's School, Church St. Ring Julie on 4067-2397 for more information.
- QCWA BABINDA**- 2nd Saturday of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting 4th Monday of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1pm
- QCWA DEERAL**—2nd Wednesday of the month—09.00am Craft lessons (Teacher) - open to all. Meeting 1.30pm—New members welcome.
- RELAXABOUT MASSAGE RETREAT** - Ph Judi Van Dycke on 40672604 or 0400726245
- RUSSELL LANDCARE & CATCHMENT GROUP** - see article in this issue or phone 40672515
- SOCIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL** - Every Thursday night 7pm Bill Wakeham Park
- STORYTIME** - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month
- TAI CHI** - Every Saturday at the Babinda Golf Club from 8.30am to 9.30am
Ring 4067-1762 for more information. Every Wednesday 9.30-10.30 Spirit of Babinda Hall
- YOGA** — Wednesday s 5.30-7.00pm, Spirit of Babinda Hall. Ph Ingrid 4067 6330

Date Claimers

- BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL.....*Australian Icons*.....Saturday June 4th 2011**
- HARVEST FESTIVAL CABARET.....Saturday May 28th 2011**
- St RITAS TRIVIA NIGHT.....Wednesday 1st June 2011**
- DECORATE YOUR BUSINESS.....Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June 2011**