

Babinda News

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“The Presidents Notes “

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Babinda & Mill Site Redevelopment Steering Committee

The Steering Group met on Friday 29 July at the Taskforce. Brief summaries of Proposals are published in this edition and the full proposals are available to read on the following website: www.babinda.info then click on ‘Mill Closure 2011’.

Seniors Week 2011 (August)

Explore Alternative Health on Thursday 25 August 10.30am – 12noon @ Babinda Library. For the full Seniors Week program, pick up a flyer from Babinda Library or visit www.cairnslibrary.com.au

Lend a thought and a few minutes of your time to having a visit with an elderly neighbour, just to say giddy, offer to lend a hand or have a cuppa.

Please Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18 August 9:30am at the Taskforce Office.

Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 84 members

Taskforce AGM 15 September, 9.30am, Spirit of Babinda Hall

Cheers,

Rachel

Rainfall for the Month of July

Babinda Rainfall - 124.8 mm

Year to date - 4038.6mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 665.2 mm

Year to date - 6705.4 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station – 90.4 mm

Year to date - 4131.2 mm

Contribution Closing Dates For Newsletters

Friday 2 September
(Distributed Tues 13 Sept)

Friday 7 October
(Distributed Tues 18 Oct)

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POLICE NEWS

Touch wood the past month has been a relatively quiet one for us here at the station, which is a welcome relief. We did however receive information in the past two weeks in relation to an indigenous male who was attending numerous addresses from Aloomba to Mirriwinni asking for money. He was using various hard luck stories and appealing for money from good Samaritans many of whom gave him substantial amounts of cash. This person appeared well dressed, confident and was usually driving a white coloured Toyota station wagon. He also dropped the names of several well known identities in the district to gain confidence with his victims. One person even went as far as giving this male a car which he promptly drove off in and failed to return. This male person was subsequently located in Babinda and is now being held in custody in relation to these matters pending his appearance before a court. My thanks to the vigilant members of the community who provided excellent information resulting in the arrest of this male. If you were the victim of this male person please ring the station and inform us so it can be investigated accordingly and justice served. Such behaviour can constitute Fraud and is a criminal offence. Unfortunately there are a all too many people out there who will use any means available to scam unsuspecting and well meaning members of the community. I work on the rule that if it is too good to be true it generally is. It is also important to be vigilant when strangers attend your house requesting money for any purpose be it a salesman or someone requesting help. Don't be afraid to ask questions and if you feel they are attempting to intimidate you or defraud you shut the door and ring the police.

Till next month

Stay safe

Gerard Brady

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AMBULANCE NEWS

I missed the column last month as I was on annual leave. I did some camping locally, it then started to rain so we headed Townsville way - you usually get a fair bit of sun down there and if it does rain it has its showers then goes away. It sure is different only seeing the locos going through town now and then, not shunting back and forwards all the time like years gone past. So far the crushing period has been safe so lets hope it stays that way.

On a serious but depressing level I should bring peoples attention to their medical options. We can be sent to very ill people with little or no prognosis of improving or living. Unless we have been formally advised or can witness documentation we have do what we can to maintain their life or perform resuscitation if there heart and lungs stop. Sometimes this can be very upsetting to all health workers and in particular the family. Unless there is an advanced health directive or some legal paperwork ambulance, nurses, doctors have to do what is reasonable to keep that person alive. There are some difficult decisions patients and their families have to make - it is always better that there is no confusion and the patients wishes are met. The last thing you need when you are already under stress is more upsetting decisions to be made. It's worth talking about well before you get to this situation.

Until next time,

Keep safe.

Justin Cairns

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Non Emergency.....131233

Emergency.....000

MENSHEDS AUSTRALIA LTD

Mensheds Babinda takes a giant step forward this week, having just received their Certificate of Incorporation and are now Babinda Mensheds INC.

Well done Jim Hillard for your good leadership in this important phase for establishment and I quote:-

“Like the Dunny, the Footy Game and the Meat Pie with Sauce, the Shed has an important place in Aussie Culture and Mythology”

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Disability Action Week Awards now open

Do you know someone doing extraordinary things in the disability sector? Nominations for this year's Disability Action Week Awards are now open.

The prestigious awards, held in September, recognise and reward individuals and organisations who help people with a disability in our community.

Disability touches the lives of thousands of Queenslanders, their families and carers.

The awards give us all a chance to acknowledge the fantastic work being done by individuals and organisations to make our communities more inclusive for people with a disability.

Disability Action Week reminds us to focus on a person's abilities, aspirations and the contribution of people with a disability in every aspect of life.

The awards will recognise the mighty contribution carers and their organisations make to the community.

Carers reach out and support people with a disability – they are worth their weight in gold.

If you were to tally up all the work that carers and their organisations do across the country it would run to around \$40 billion a year.

The Disability Action Week Awards will be a highlight of Disability Action Week, held from 18 to 24 September.

The 2011 Disability Action Week Award categories are:

Individual, Community Organisation, Education and the Arts, Private Enterprise, Government, Media, Reconciliation and Diversity, Outstanding Initiative

Nominations for the Disability Action Week Awards close Thursday 18 August.

For more information about award categories, nomination guidelines and selection criteria, call 1800 177 120 or TTY 1800 010 222 visit www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability or email actionweek@disability.qld.gov.au



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Saturday 27th August 2011

For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you would RSVP to Beryl 40671389 Wanda 40671547 by 20th August.



Russell Landcare & Catchment Group



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We have put in for 2 Reef Rescue 4 Waterways projects, one in Babinda Creek and another in the headwaters of Niringa Creek.

We have also put in for \$20K to restore part of Giddins Creek under a Community Action Grant, and \$30K for administrative funding support for RLCG for the next 3 years (\$10K per annum).

A final community feedback session on the Babinda Creek Action Plan was conducted, with excellent feedback to finalise the Plan to guide investment for the period 2011 - 2015 into this critical tributary of the Russell River.

I have met with the Cairns River Improvement Trust contractor to discuss progress with our RR3 project on Babinda Creek. The Chairman of the CRIT has also been briefed on the Environmental Sand Extraction Project arising out of the Babinda Creek Action Plan, and we have secured in-kind hydrological technical assistance.

Thanks to Jason Birch the RLCG Project Support person for his invaluable assistance.

Daryl Killin

Catchment Coordinator - Russell

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Artsy Crafty

At the moment we have one of our windows displaying some items that won prizes at the Innisfail show. Our Pottery lady won a first and a third and our lady who makes Bears won firsts and seconds. The other window still has items of our raffle. It will be drawn on the 17th so get in and get tickets. Well they have finally arrived. Our Perpetual Birthday (suit) Calendar's have exceeded all expectations in their professional finish and design. All our members who participated are very pleased with the discrete nature of the photos. We have Linda of Babinda Kayaking to thank for the polished look of the calendar. They are on sale now at the Craft shop; come in and have a look. You may see someone you know.

YOU AND ANALOGUE TV

December 6th is the date of the SWITCHOVER of TV reception from ANALOGUE to DIGITAL. If you do not make plans to change your Analogue TV to receive the Digital reception – you will be left with NO free to air TV reception!

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NEWS FROM THE BBC

(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

Recently one of our team members took part in the "Bendigo Cup" - Women's Bowls Tournament. This was held at the West Cairns Bowls Club in Manunda.

Maisie Smith led the Babinda team and with ingenuity and discipline, they pursued their opponents with skilful and tactical fundamentals of defense, attack and recovery. Although not a winning team on the day, they certainly put up a strong competition and we congratulate Maisie and her team for a great effort. Good fun was had by all! Well done ladies!

The Chinese Restaurant in Babinda was a real hive of activity recently. Many of our volunteers flocked together to celebrate the 80th birthdays of two of our trusty assistants, Vonnie and Mary. These 'young girls' took great delight when it came time to cut their cake. Surely it would have made even the bravest of soldiers nervous to see how that knife was thrust into that delicious sponge! Happy Birthday ladies!

It was also lovely to see Shirley pop in for a cuppa tea recently since her stroke last December. Be sure to visit again soon.

The Babinda Bargain Centre is always seeking helpers. So why not join us for some great social time and fun while helping to make a difference to those people living with disabilities.

Anyone interested in supporting Cootharinga or assisting with voluntary work at the Bargain Shop can call in and see one of our team members or phone us on 40671533.

The Bargain Shop is open Monday to Saturday. Great People – Great Bargains! Hope to see you there soon!

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I would just like to welcome our students back from holidays to Term 3 of 2011. The school is off to a busy start with us welcoming 5 new students and this term we will be looking at the topics of Poetry (Literacy), "Objects from the past" (SOSE) and Forces (Science). We are also heading off for school camp to Mungalli Falls in August. The students are very excited and looking forward to the camp. As part of the "Building the Education Revolution" program our school received a new modular classroom in 2010. I am happy to announce that the opening ceremony will be held on Friday the 12th August commencing at 10.30am. Members of the local community are invited and welcome to attend this very special occasion for our school.

With our large school grounds, great resources and committed staff, Bellenden Ker State School provides a unique supportive learning environment that caters for the individual students needs. Also available for use is the schools fully lit Tennis Court. If you would like to utilise the tennis court or visit our school, please contact us here at the school on (07) 40675292 between 9.00am and 3.00pm. We are located on Harvey Creek Road Bellenden Ker and a school prospectus is available upon request.

Regards

Peter Begemann

Principal

Babinda Community Kindergarten

24 Church St, Babinda

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Babinda QLD 4861 Phone: 40671294



Back into it again for term 3 and already there has been plenty of action at kindy.



The girls mounted a raid on the boys treasure and took off with a hoard of loot. Early indications are that the proceeds of the expedition will be used for no good.

Not that it bothered the boys anyway, they were too busy pulling up their own haul. All they needed was someone who knew what to do with turtle, shark and a sort of 'thing'



Lucky for them there was a Junior Master Chef on hand. Executive Chef, Amy, said the key to dressing up 'thing' to keep the punters happy is plenty of red food colouring. "It will mask any flavour."

Father's Day Raffle

The Father's Day Raffle is on again and there is an abundance of prizes on offer. Look for the tickets up the street and knocking on your door.

Tickets are only \$1- and prizes will be drawn at the Father's Day

Father's Day Golf Day

A Father's Day Golf Day is being organised for **Sunday 4th September** at the Babinda Golf Club. It will be a 9 hole 4BBB with a **2.00pm** start. \$10 entry. This will be followed by a BBQ for the whole family at **5pm** at the club house and the raffle draw. To book in a group, call Matt Hession on 0428 671 529.

Kindy Open Day

Parents of children aged 3-5 years in 2012 are invited to our **Open Day** on **Saturday 27th August** between **9am-11am** at the kindy. Come along and experience some of the activities which happen during a kindy day. Bring a hat. Morning tea will be provided. For more details contact Janelle or Sharleen on 40671294.

Regards: Matt Hession

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Bartle Frere News



Students of Bartle Frere were thrilled to receive a letter from 'St. James Palace' with warmest wishes from William and Catherine, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, in response to the wedding day wishes our students sent prior to their marriage. The letter will be framed and treasured as a reminder of the Royal Wedding.

The Robotics Club is continuing each Tuesday from 3:30-5pm for students in Year 5 to 7, so if there are any interested students who might like to be part of this please call the school on 40676240. Cost is \$20. This program has an environmental focus with an end goal of developing a water saving device that could be used in your home or school. The Student Council have received an award of \$1500 for reducing water by 50% in the last year!!

Family Playgroup is every Tuesday from 9-11am with a range of activities to cater for our young children. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa, chat with Mrs Hanley and watch your children have fun and learn. Last week we had 9 children attending!

Teddy Bears' Picnic will be on again this term and a date set at our next P&C Meeting.

Cheers,

Danielle Morris

Principal

Bartle Frere School



PO Box 363, Babinda, Ph: 40671467

ST RITA'S CELEBRATES AND CELEBRATES AND THEN CELEBRATES AGAIN

Last week St Rita's community took time to celebrate all the wonderful things about Catholic Education. With the theme of *Excellence in Education – Heart, Mind and Spirit* our students were given experiences of reflecting on themselves as learners and as community members.

On Tuesday, the school travelled to St Rita's South Johnstone where we joined students from Innisfail, Tully and South Johnstone for a day of Prayer and Sporting events. Our students shone – not one student had to be spoken to (not even once) about behaviour. In fact, all students received lots of praise for the great choices they made. Staff were very proud!

On Thursday, our senior students travelled to Cairns for the Diocesan Celebration at St Monica's Cathedral. In the Mass, Fr Neil Muir stated that "Catholic Education is the church being lived out in our classrooms..." Very proud moments as St Rita's students processed with the school banner and lead prayers of hope.

The week culminated with a day of FUN at St Michael's, Gordonvale. Our Prep-Yr 2 students enjoyed the fun of Under 8s Day having faces painted, blowing bubbles, playing in red goop, dancing and storytelling. Our Older students enjoyed rotation activities of computers, bubble science, banner painting, drama games and soccer.

Phew... What a Week!!! The learning that took place during this week was very valuable and great memories were made and friendships formed. The students of St Rita's did us proud.

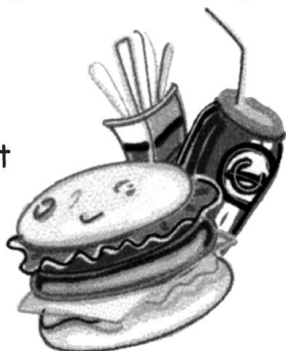
Oh Behave!!! Parent Behaviour Workshop

St Rita's Parents and Friends Association and the Harvest Festival Committee invites parents from all education centres in the region to a workshop on Tuesday 16 August from 6.30-8.30pm. Janine Wicks will be facilitating and entertaining and informative look at children and how parents can create healthy relationships and environments which teach children good behaviour. To register for the Workshop please contact the school office on 40671467 or email secretary.babinda@cns.catholic.edu.au. The cost is \$5 per person. Child minding is available for children over 4 upon request.

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"Hi from CRC.

Roadworks to repair damage done by the extended wet season are well underway across the southern part of the city. Council has had a massive repair program to attend to, as well as the normal reseal and other works lists this year, but we have been fortunate to receive from the Australian and Queensland Governments the almost annual disaster relief assistance again to fund this major bill. You may have seen the crews working on the rural roads such as Christiano Access and Clyde Road recently, and it won't be long before work gets underway on the Dinner Creek upgrade. This is a project that I have been pushing for a lot over the years, and money has been set aside in this budget to make the upgrade happen. The causeway will be raised to alleviate constant road closures after rain, and make it possible for those trapped between this crossing and the section of Dinner Creek Road that always gets inundated the opportunity of increased access during the wet. A big job, and I'm pleased to see it finally funded!

We have continued the process for the mill site's future, with another meeting of the Steering Committee last month. Reports on this are available around town, and a brief summary of the proposals put to the Steering Group Committee are also published in this Newsletter.

It is now common knowledge that I will not be contesting the next local government elections. I will have completed 3 terms (12 years) and it has been pleasurable and difficult at the same time! This division seems to throw up complex challenges all the time, a fact commented on continually by our staff in Cairns, and being a part of finding solutions (where possible) to resident's problems has been rewarding. What I will attempt to do in the next few months is bring back some of the highs and lows of the previous 12 years; it may well either inspire or deter potential candidates from standing for election in March 2012!

Until next time,

Cheers Paul."

Mon-Fri 09.00am to 12.30pm, 1.30 - 5pm

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LIBRARY NEWS

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Our Fit Furry Friends

These days we all seem to be trying to keep fit and have fun while doing so. Well if you have a pet, (especially a cat or dog), there are some wonderful activities you can engage in while keeping both yourself and your furry friend trim, taught and terrific. There are a number of books in your local library which can give you pointers on what to do including terrific titles like *Pet Science - 50 purr-fectly woof-worthy activities for you and your pets* by Veronika Gunter, *Playtime For Cats* by Stefanie Sigl and *Holidaying With Dogs: a Life Be In It* directory compiled by Victoria Turner to name a few. There are a number of other unique books on pets too which you may also be interested, such as our favourite, *101 Reasons Why Cats Make Great Kids* by Allia Zobel and *10 Spiritual Lessons You Can Learn From Your Dog* by Joanna Sandmark. So next time you want to enjoy your time with your cat or dog, why not look to the library for a little inspiration?

Cheers, Holly @ Babinda Library

Multipurpose Health Service progress:

The planning study is being completed along with the 3 year operational plan, once completed in Mid August the document will be signed off by the MPHS Steering Committee and QH. It is then sent to the Department of Health and Aging for consideration.

Age friendly garden retreat at Babinda Hospital

The project is progressing with designs and quotes being finalised. Schools have been invited to paint a fence panel to represent their school and Babinda. Once the panels are completed they will be judged and prizes awarded. Look for the garden design in next months issue.

We will need lots of plants so any green thumbs who wish to donate plants will be gratefully received. Please contact the Hospital for further information.

Julie Minogue

SETTLERS' MUSEUM ITEM OF THE MONTH

From Don Lawie

Some of our Senior Citizens may recognise this piece of kitchen equipment : it is made from a four gallon kerosene tin, split in half and carefully enclosed with a painted wooden surround. This was the washing-up sink – one side for hot washing water, the other for rinsing. The mesh metal container with a handle was for scraps of soap so that none was ever wasted.

When we lived in the farm barracks at Fig Tree Creek in 1946 my mother used one of these to wash the dishes for a family of mum'n'dad and three little kids. Water was drawn from the well and heated on a wood stove fired by always-damp rainforest timber.

Kerosene was a multi-use fuel and the sturdy tins were put to many uses, as well as the strong wooden boxes in which the tins were shipped. The Settlers' Museum has several furniture items crafted from these boxes, still bearing the company logo "Vacuum" or "Plume".

The rural world of the 21st century would be unrecognisable to the people of the early to mid 20th century. It is pleasant to hark back to the Good Old Days, but few would want to be a housewife using the primitive, labour intensive equipment with which they coped so well.

The Mulgrave Shire Historical Society has had a request for information on the Town Clock which used to stand in Munro Street in front of the Post Office. If anybody has a photo of the clock, or even a good description, would they please ring me on 40 671 577? Thank You .



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Women of Babinda

Wanda Edmonds was born in Babinda in 1938 second child to Bob and Eunice Giddins. Wanda was educated in Babinda and also learned to play the piano. As she grew into a teenager Tennis became a pursuit she enjoyed thoroughly and was a keen competitor, she also played basketball. Wanda met and married Bob Edmonds in 1957 and had three daughters, Lynette, Debra and Cathryn. Over the years Wanda worked for Trembath's Butchery (where she met young Bob), Mellick's, PMG (Telecom/Telstra) as a telephonist, Dan's Clothing and Haberdashery and Babinda State School. But as much as Wanda may have excelled at any of these jobs she became and still is an excellent Cake Decorator. She has not only made many family wedding, birthday and celebratory cakes, but has made iced and decorated cakes for many, many others as well.

Considering Wanda had a home to take care of, three children to raise and full time work she always managed to do a tremendous amount of community work and continues to do so today. She has held executive committee positions in Babinda Amateur Swimming Club, Russell Heads Progress Association, and Abbeyfield Australia. If there is fund raising to be done Wanda is always on hand to bake up a storm or to just lend a hand, such as when she accompanied a neighbour to Townsville to comfort her as she endured Cancer treatment. She has iced many cakes for Church of England raffles, and any other cause she feels worthy. As her children grew and were involved in clubs and community organisations she has always been on hand to sell tickets, set up a hall for a function, make sandwiches or bake a cake. She spent many hours at the school tuckshop and assisting on school sports days.

Wanda proclaims to be retired but is still a very active member of the Babinda Abbeyfield Committee and doing what she can to help her three children and 6 grandchildren, who she can often be found baby sitting. It is this side of Wanda that has defined her as a truly caring and considerate member of the Babinda community.

Cakes.....make a heart shape.

A heart shape cake is great idea for a party. Have ready a square cake and a round cake. Turn the square cake until you have a diamond; cut the round cake in half, then place these onto 2 top sides of the diamond shape. Now you have a heart shape cake.

Have you ever tried to cut a round family pie into 5 equal portions? Try this, first cut a 'Y' shape then cut the two larger sides in half.

SES

By Don Lawie

We are using this quiet time of year to hone our skills; the last weekend of July was an intensive chainsaw operators' course attended by SES volunteers and instructors from around the region. We learned the theory of chainsaw techniques and maintenance, with a big emphasis on safety, then pulled our saws apart, cleaned and put them back together and sharpened them.

The tourists at Rotary Park at Babinda Creek had their Saturday arvo naps destroyed by the sound of two dozen or so chainsaws at full revs in the old dump area. Brad and the Council Team had prepared the site for us by setting up a range of logs in different configurations to simulate cyclone-downed trees. Thanks Team – Great Job! Light rain and muddy ground added realism to the exercise as we cut, sliced and bored our way through the logs.

Sunday was National Tree Day so we celebrated it by going to East Russell and slaughtering many unwanted regrowth weed trees and cutting up dinkum cyclone debris. This “real” scenario presented us with the challenges of green ants everywhere, a surprised black snake and an inquisitive cassowary. Our Support Team of Dulcie and Nildra excelled themselves with catering for about thirty personnel, and we were all fed to gourmet standards to the extent that it was hard to go back to work after lunch.

A feature of our training was the use of Polesaws – a small chainsaw on a long pole. These are very useful tools but they are heavy in use when fully extended.

Babinda SES now has nine qualified chainsaw operators and a supply of well-maintained saws. The weekend was hard work but very enjoyable and the interaction with fellow-volunteers from the region will be of value in our next big activation.

I hear that the next training item on the calendar is for floodboat operators – we'll be on Top Line for the next cyclone season.

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BABINDA & MILL SITE REDEVELOPMENT

Brief Summary of Proposals put forward to Steering Committee:

To View Proposals go to www.babinda.info and click on Mill Closure 2011

To Boost Babinda – from Errol Wiles

- .1. Between Innisfail and Cairns there are no fewer than 20 streams each of which has enormous power potential.
- .2. Make better use of Munro St garden beds. Replace what we have with vegetables for common use. If some of us start others will follow.
- .3. Deed the property of the Nurse's quarters to the Task Force as Babinda Community. The Community would use it for students from all over Australia including groups of desert aborigines to enjoy Wet Tropics Experience. The experience would include all unique features Babinda has to offer etc.
- .4. The now closed mill has a well-equipped laboratory which should be retained/extended for lease to research organisations.
- .5. There is no electroplating works north of Townsville. With government help, a multi-discipline engineering works could be set up on the mill site. A good opportunity for the manufacture of galvanized trailers.
- .6. Our first need is for the government to provide a competent business planner. Ideas may be good but each needs a rational business plan.

Redevelopment of the existing Bicentennial Gardens Park – by Josh Gartrell

Refurbishment and redevelopment of the park, adding amenities such as undercover picnic/electric bbq facilities and composting toilet.

Creating a highly informative historical timeline walk in the park guiding people/tourists from when the Yindinji people dominated the area, through to European settlement and the establishment of the sugar mill. Highlighting also, natural disasters and other events affecting the town through time.

Retaining the sugar industry knowledge/heritage by way of reclamation and restoration of mill machinery such as loco, cane bins, a harvester, tippers, fly wheels and other machinery involved in the sugar production process. These things could be placed with the Park – adding to the historical timeline walk. Such machinery sitting around unused on farms could also be put to this use.

Proposals for Tourism in Babinda – from Babinda Information Centre

- .1. Iconic Big Umbrella in ANZAC Park will offer shade from sun and shelter from rain with rainfall figures and painted scenes of rainforest trees, animals etc on the underside.
- .2. Construct a walk to Babinda Falls on the left hand branch of the creek from the main pool at the Boulders. Not the falls visible from the road but a series of 3 spectacular falls close to one another. At present the falls are only accessible by walking up the creek bed itself.
- .3. Develop walking/cycling tracks along unused loco lines, along creek banks and other safe off road tracks such as Josephine or Bramston Beach.

Babinda The Must See & Experience NQ Oz Tourist Town – from Gus Lee

Make better use of our unique fauna and flora by way of selling ice blocks (homemade), photos, paintings, regional produces such as tea/coffee should be available.

Pink Noni (Morinda citrifolia 'Allright') – from Gus Lee

Fruit indigenous to Australia known as bush tucker and used as traditional medicine. View to starting Pink Noni industry in Australia.

Ideas for Babinda – from Ivy Zappala

Retain and use the Sugar Mill.

- .1. Have a big Tourist place like 'Stockman's Hall of Fame' showing the history of sugar, canecutters, machinery and implements used etc and tours of the Mill.
- .2. On top of chimney, have large umbrella made of steel.
- .3. In the offices have lots of arts, sugar shop with by products of sugar.

The Ark of Babinda – from Michael Mosey & Lou van Rikxoort

The Ark is a symbol of Hope and Preservation. As a Community Initiative we can preserve (and promote) the friendly, safe, tropical lifestyle of our piece of Paradise.

Babinda and it's Future – from Enid Hossinger

- .1. Motor Rail – worth looking into, .2. Ark – tourist attraction, .3. Red Tape – too much, .4. Creating jobs – important, 5. Industries – progress Babinda

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Info Centre Illuminations

- Happily, I can report that visitor numbers are well and truly up, our local camping areas are full and there are smiles all round. Our re-vamped foyer, now with a distinctly tropical feel, has resulted in very positive comments from our visitors. Please visit us and see for yourself.
- We are also very busy dealing with much of the memorabilia from the Babinda Mill. This is a purely "stop-gap" measure to ensure that valuable historical items, e.g. equipment and photos, do not leave the town. We aim to correctly identify items and are actively seeking help from professionals in this field to ensure that they are preserved and displayed correctly. Surprisingly, we do not have many photos, either of the past or present. If you have any photos that you are happy to part with, regardless of age, please bring them to the Information Centre. It would be very helpful if they were accompanied by as much information as possible e.g. year the photo was taken, names of subjects, photographer etc.
- Recently we had an inquiry from a family who were trying to find any information at all on a cane cutter in the Babinda area in the 1950s. His name is Sergio Vittorelli and I believe that he is a relation of the family who made the inquiry. Please call in at the centre if you have any information that could be passed on to this family.
- Please don't forget to be as helpful and as friendly as possible to the visitors to our town. We need their help.

Happy Trails

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Pre-made shoeboxes are available to people who are interested in doing a shoebox, our drop off centre is; 123 Munro street, Babinda. The shoeboxes are due in October so they can be sent away to needy children around the world who never receives a Christmas present. To see the looks and the smiles on these children who receives one of these shoeboxes filled with special items inside is just amazing.

So please join in and give by doing a shoebox or giving a donation to a very worthy cause. For more information please phone Sharon 40672541 or mobile 0428346235

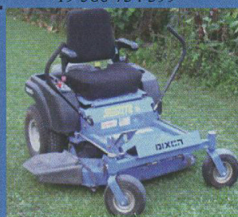
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I keep finding a room that's in the dark.
I don't know, shed some light on it
Maybe save me from feeling,
This lonely day.
Cause the secrets out and the secrets clear
What I want

Yes I want to walk with you,
I want to hear you say "yes I want that too"
I want to walk, I want to walk with you,
I want to hear you say, "yes I want that too"

Can I tell you what I can not tell myself
In my thoughts there's a voice calling
"you will be lost"
In my life I deny, deny this heavy load,
And obsession is clearly my need to know
Can I let it out, can I let you know
What I want
I don't want to run from this
It seems that it'd be hard to do now

I don't want to lose my head
Falling down in front of you
I don't want to lose my head now
It would be so easy to do.
If I could find a reason why,
I'd stay here, stay here
Stay here, stay

I want to give love.
I want to share.
I want to show you just how much I care.
I want to hold you,
I want to touch
I want to give my love away

I want to walk
I want to walk
I want to know what it is in my soul.

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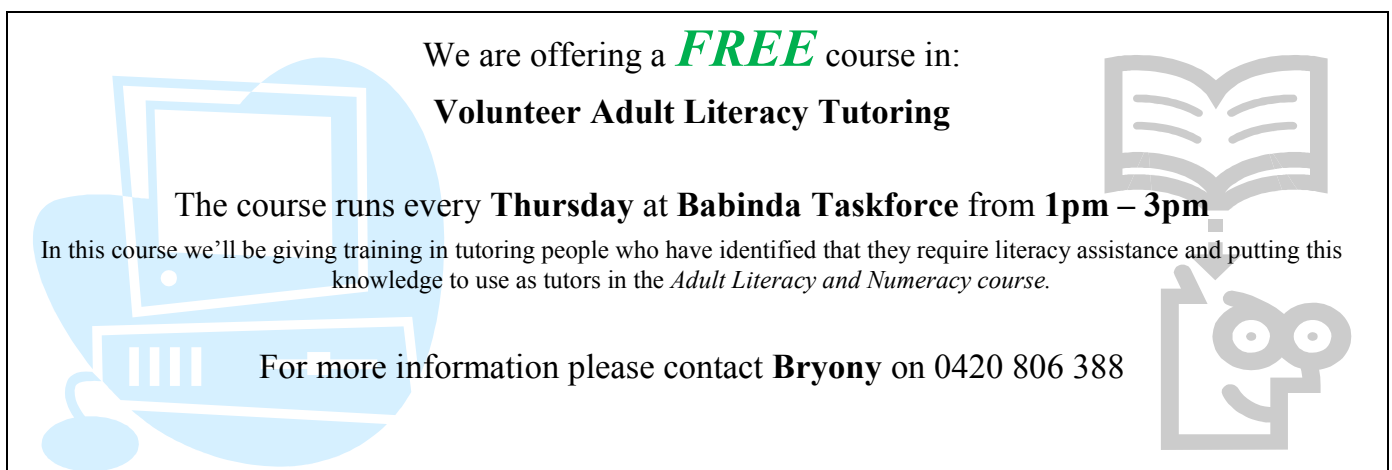
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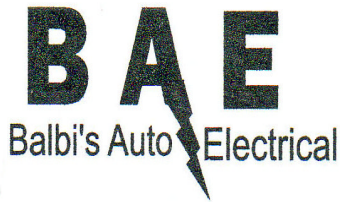
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This week a couple arrived at our Task Force door, all the way from Victoria – one of the famous Grey Nomads – and presented us with a large interesting bag.

The bag was a parcel they had carried with them from Victoria on behalf of their good friend in a Retirement Centre there. The parcel contained 10 hand knitted pretty Teddy Bears that their friend had created especially for some little Babinda kids living in our frightening weather area.

We at the Task Force feel completely overwhelmed at this wonderful generosity and thoughtfulness and we would like to send our big “Thank You” to Betty Barker of Somerville Victoria, for her loving, caring about our kids.

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THE THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME...

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4. Sprinkle with bacon and enough cheese to cover top..
5. Bake 180C until potatoes are cooked and cheese is a golden brown colour

Delainey Griggs Year 5

Excerpt from 'FAMILY COOKBOOK' produced by the Students, Parents & Staff of BABINDA P-12 State School 2011

Recipe book available for purchase from Babinda Meat Mart @ \$12.50 per copy. All proceeds will help fund a new undercover walkway at BABINDA P-12 State School

Thursday 25th August 10.30am

– Babinda Library - phone 40671112 -

August is Cairns Regional Council month for their Seniors Week Celebrations. Babinda Library is our venue commencing at 10.30am on Thursday August 25th, and our discussion subject is Alternative Health. These guest speakers are always interesting, so note the date and come along.

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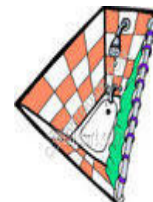
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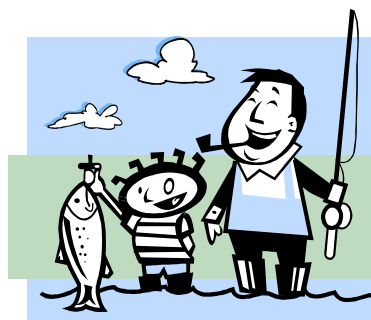
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Respiratory Nurse	HGGW	Monthly
Womens Health & well being	QH	Monthly
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Incontinence nurse	HACC	as needed
Domiciliary Nurse Vis- its	HACC	Mondays and Fridays
Allied Health OT	HACC	as needed
Mental health ser- vices	QH	
Psychologist	QH	Monday and Tuesday
Child & youth mental health	QH	as needed
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other drugs	QH	as needed
Other Allied Health	QH	
Occupational therapist	QH	as needed
Speech Pathologist	QH	Inpatient service only
Physiotherapist	QH	Inpatient service only

What's Happening In Babinda

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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 - Comps - Wed Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm Fri - Social Holes 3pm Sat18 Hole Comp 1pm

BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 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

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