

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Pink Ribbon Morning Tea for Breast Cancer: The Taskforce raised just under \$1000, thanks to the enormous efforts of the following: Marg Moller, Wanda Edmonds, Maureen Raddatz, Robynn & Larry Butler, Cathryn Spertino, Lesley Lock, Nikari Terranova, Raya Blonner, Dianne Lock, and Elaine Lauridsen. **Raffle winners:** 1st prize Vase with fresh flowers – Rachel Nicholas Taskforce, 2nd prize Bottle Bundaberg Rum – Annette McAlloon Bakery, 3rd prize Perfumed shower gel and body lotion – Helen Fantoni Spar Supermarket, Lucky Door prize Alison Zanoletti Spar Supermarket. Congratulations and thank you for your support.

Thank you to long time member Marianne Helling who will volunteer in the office when she's not called away with work commitments.

'Christmas in Babinda' Saturday Dec 3rd 5pm—8.30pm. Write this on your calendars.

Taskforce Christmas Stocking Raffle: Tickets cost \$1.00 each, available from Taskforce

Get well soon Mel Elledge, long time member and good friend to the Taskforce, 'hurry back, Babinda is not the same without you!'

Please Note: The Taskforce will be closed on Monday 26 Dec - Mon 2 Jan, reopening on Tuesday 3 Jan 2012.

Please Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 November 9:30am at the Taskforce. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 104 members

Cheers,

Rachel

Rainfall for Month of October

Babinda Rainfall - 850 mm

Year to date - 5049.6 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 1494.0 mm

Year to date - 8679.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station -734.6 mm

Year to date - 5022.4 mm

**Contribution
Closing Dates
For Newsletters
Friday 2 December**

(Distributed Tues 13 Dec)

**No Newsletter January
Friday 3 Feb**

(Distributed Tues 14 Feb)

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AMBULANCE NEWS

It's a hot sunny day today when I write this column. 2 weeks back it was pouring rain, the real stuff that you get in the middle of March when some areas around the district were like pockets of land surrounded by lakes. After a dry spell everyone in the ambulance is just waiting for an accident to happen. The roads have a build up of oil and slippery substances all over them which the eye can not see. People often don't slow down and visibility is reduced. We had 1 accident during this couple of days, fortunately no one was badly hurt, the call came in as a collision between a minibus and a car. Fortunately only 2 cars were involved with only minor and moderate injuries. Drive to the conditions and prepare for the unexpected. Myself the firies and coppers don't mind seeing you around town but we prefer not to see anyone injured in a car crash. Drive safely with the wet weather on its way. Howard Kennedy has passed on - Peter and I offer our condolences to Ailsa and family. He was a member of the Local Ambulance Committee for many years well prior to my arrival. I met Howard when I was about 14. Some of my mates and I played soccer, union and league and an invite was looking for players for Aussie Rules. We played for Babinda for a season or so to try the game but it wasn't my thing although I found out just how much running you did in a game. I fondly remember how much Howard loved it.

I also had a school friend die last week and it reminds you that we only have a limited time. Come home safe and if you're lucky enough to have kids or a loving family give them a big hug just incase. It can be a wonderful and a cruel world.

Some important numbers to remember are:

000.....emergencies

13 12 33.....ambulance

131 444police

132 500.....SES

Until next time,

Keep Safe

Justin Cairns



BABINDA POLICE NEWS

Hello all,
this month I will be relieving at Babinda Police Station as the Acting Officer in Charge. I am delighted to say that I am finding Babinda to be a very friendly community, having already met a number of the locals during my patrols. Hopefully I will get to meet a lot more of the community in the weeks to follow. This month there will be a policing focus on all things traffic including speeding, seat belts, mobile phones and drink driving. Can I please ask that everyone take care on the roads at this time in order to ensure we do not add to the road toll. Sergeant Kieran Self"

Kieran Self
Sergeant
Acting Officer in Charge
Babinda Police Station
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Dengue

Greetings Babinda People

There is published today in this issue of the Taskforce Newsletter, a vitally interesting story about the research being conducted by the Australian led Eliminate Dengue project, an International collaboration. There has been little dengue in the Babinda area and that is what makes it so dangerous: We don't anticipate dengue: we don't prepare for it: we make no effort to prevent it. I urge you all to be dengue aware because this sneaky little devil can appear at any time. None in Babinda? There were nine cases in Innisfail last year.

Errol Wiles

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November 2011

Over \$30,000 in grants to build local rural communities

The Babinda Information Centre will benefit from Queensland Government funding for capacity building projects from the third round of grants under the \$2 million Building Rural Communities Fund.

The Babinda Information Centre will receive \$8,000 towards establishing an historical display of the Babinda Sugar Mill.



Under the plan funding of up to \$10,000 is available to organisations for projects that improve the economic, social and cultural capacity of their regions.

The funding is for plans like developing local sporting facilities or volunteer organisations, implementing tourism strategies or building natural disaster resilience.

At a time when Far North Queensland is rebuilding, this funding provides local communities with another source of support to strengthen their capacity and build a more sustainable and prosperous future.

We want to help rural and regional communities become places that people want to live, work and raise families and these grants are part of a plan to help make that happen.

Round three funding of the Building Rural Communities Fund has reaffirmed the strength, imagination and innovation of rural communities around the state.

Innisfail Mini Rail Inc will also receive \$4,000 towards the development of their 10 year Strategic plan. The Cassowary Coast Regional Council will also receive \$9,091 towards an assessment on the needs and requirements for people moving to this region as a 'sea change', and \$9,091 has also been granted to Mission Wellness to look at promoting wellness in the local community and establishing Mission Beach as an all-year wellness destination.

The Building Rural Communities Fund is administered by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) through the Rural and Regional Queensland Unit, and is supported by a network of DEEDI Regional Offices outside South East Queensland.

More information is available at www.regions.qld.gov.au under Partnerships or by contacting DEEDI on 13 25 23.

'Working For You'

Vale Howard Kennedy

It is with regret that the Babinda TaskForce announces the death of Howard Kennedy. Howard played a significant part in quality of life of this area and will be remembered for the enduring success of Aussie Rules and its valuable contribution to the sporting world of our young.

The Babinda TaskForce send our Sympathies to his wife Ailsa and kids Bob(dec), Betty, Joan, Howard, Nancy, Daphne-May(dec).

His final siren blew 26/10/2011

Howard was a born networker- constantly on phone or attending meetings.

A doer more than a dreamer; a caring man who helped others and gave of himself.

If a life is well lived in three score years and ten

Howard played the whole four quarters and more yet again!

He was tired and quite ready when the final siren blew.

He has left many memories with the people he knew!

W. H. Kennedy

We publish this poem as a tribute to Howard Kennedy.

“The Babinda Magpie” composed by someone who knew him well.

This tributes says it all.

The Babinda Magpie

By a former nestling.



The town has not heard him for ten or so long years
But there's a tale I must tell of a Man with few peers.
Whose life has now ended but who most of us knew
Who earned such respect amongst more than a few.
How well you knew him, how you mentioned his name
Most of his fame came from starting that AFL Game
He was a chieftain of Magpies a leader of men,
His energy infectious was at least equal to ten.

He'd goad us and push us and wake us at six
Teach us to kick through four goal post sticks
He'd drive us to Cairns any time of the day
Taught us to kick and catch in that special way
He taught us to mostly , simply play by the rules
Taught us that education was important at school.
We'd call out "Howard!" as he walked by our class.

He'd sometimes just tell us to listen and pass!

He was as tough as teak, yet quite gentle too
A few were quite cheeky when game enough to.
You was no doubt when with you he was cross
We all loved and respected our football coach "boss"
When we finally reached the Senior "footballing" Grade
We were quite reassured when beside us he played.

Though his hair was greying he held up his part
And taught us to play with both passion and heart.
He gave us the skills and the proud self belief,
When there was blue sky above or mud underneath
We could beat anyone when it was our day
We'd play for each other and this man of grey!
He be still playing now, he didn't know how to yield
We said "We'll not play any more if you go on the field!"

That was his last game from playing footy retired,
But at 65 his passion continued and that, we admired!
He kept coaching juniors in his mag "pied piper" ways
He kept kids fit and active and brought in a few "strays"
He kept the club going till his health started to fade
He'd pay out of his pocket and never once was he paid!

Now sadly he's left us in another world he's reborn
Playing with Mozzie & Phaffy right there on the lawn
With Jack & Jim Wonga and more, quite a few!
I owe a lot to this legend! How about you?

Vale Howard Kennedy Senior (1917-2011)

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Hi from CRC.

The torrential rain in October was no way to break the extended dry period we had been enjoying! It caused problems to all sectors of the community, especially the farmers who had nearly finished harvesting; however, the biggest problem concerns the young plant for next years crop. The rain came too early and caused considerable damage, rendering paddocks waterlogged after the flooding subsided, and in some cases, destroying the investment for next year. After last year, many farmers have said, "Oh no, not again!".....we need an extended period of sunny weather to give growers a chance to re-establish what is salvagable.

The wet also caused Council some headaches as well, as programmed works were in full swing. There have been minor cases of damage to our infrastructure, but it would seem that most problems have occurred in the riparian areas of our streams. There have been several calls come in for the River Trust to inspect damage, and help where possible. Contact me or Tim Smith to arrange an inspection; at this stage, the Trust is still operating as the legislation changes don't come into effect until 2012. There is still some hope that post that date, things will be able to continue. The Trusts are an important component of natural resource management, especially in our super wet belt with the fast flowing streams fed by rain events like last month as an example.

The Year 12's will be finishing school at the end of the month; I would like to take the opportunity to wish them all the best for their future endeavours. This is a critical period of your lives. The wide world of opportunity sits just over the horizon, and whilst a little scary, current teachings will have you well prepared to accept all the challenges that will be thrown at you. Most importantly, stay safe during the wind down from your school years; there are many pitfalls that confront you in the next few months, and the exercising of caution during this period can save many people, yourselves included, a deal of heartache.

Until next time,

Paul."

BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

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Another busy Term, with the students hard at work investigating the weeds in and around our school. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Matt Birch of the Cairns City Council. Matt brought along samples and spoke to the students about the weeds that grow in our area, providing us with lots of great information on how to identify and eradicate these weeds. Our upper primary students also got to participate in the "BRAINIACS Challenge" and attend the Earth Smart Celebration day held in Cairns where they got to share information in regards to energy conservation and recycling in schools.

Halloween was also upon us this Term and along with the students from McDonnell Creek and Bartle Frere State Schools we held a "Combined Schools Disco". It was a wonderful night and the students put in a fantastic effort in their Halloween costumes. We were surrounded by witches, vampires and a variety of scary creatures.

Swimming commenced this term and with the warmer weather it is something the students look forward to each week. With the end of the school year fast approaching we have been practising for our end of year presentation night which will be held on Wednesday the 30th November, this is a great night and opportunity for parents, staff and students to reflect on the past school year. The school is currently taking enrolments for Prep 2012 with our Prep Open Day being held on Tuesday the 8th November. All interested families can contact the school for further details.

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



St Ritas

PO Box 363, Babinda, Ph: 40671467

ST RITA'S WELCOMES ALL

As the 2011 school year draws to a close and planning for 2012 has begun it's a great time to stop and reflect upon all the success of the year. Since coming to the school in April, I have seen a tremendous growth and strengthening of the St Rita's School Community. The quality learning that has taken place shows in the faces of the children and will be reflected in the end of semester reports. A series of rich experiences have taken place both in and outside of the classrooms... children have been enjoying swimming lessons, Jump Rope for Heart and Backyard Footy as well as showing their creativity in painting a fence mural for the beautification project at the Babinda Hospital. In Literacy and Numeracy Week, we had a local author/illustrator come and work with the children, inspiring them to write and illustrate their own work. Our senior students competed in the Brainiacs at Mirriwinni SS and enjoyed the competition. They have also been involved in a Maths Roadshow, full of hands on and fun experiences in Maths. Our students certainly get variety and quality learning here at St Rita's!



We have had visits from our new Prep students who will join our school family in 2012. The excitement and curiosity on their faces is precious and we can't wait for them to join us next year. The children now begin preparations for the end of year Christmas Concert and Graduation Ceremony, all memorable occasions in the life of the children. In all a wonderful year of optimism and growth for St Rita's and we wish all of the Babinda Community a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Gavin Rick - Principal

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AWARD WINNING-HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOL!!! ENROL NOW!!

Bartle Frere Prep Transition Program has begun and we welcome families who wish to send their children to our lovely small school. Bartle Frere has a family focused atmosphere where we concentrate on developing the whole child based around their personal, social and academic needs. All students have Individual Learning Plans for improved outcomes and our social skilling program is second to none!! Our philosophy is based on having a happy day-everyday, through which learning occurs. Our school is very well resourced with everything to cater for all learning needs including a 2 to 1 ratio of computers! Prep Transition runs every Tuesday from 9-11:45 am for the next 3 weeks. Please call the school for further information.

For parents of littlies (Pre-Prep) you may like to come down for a cuppa every Tuesday 9-11 for our **Family Play Group** which has been running for 3 years. Watch your children play and learn while having a cuppa with the friendly staff!

TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2012

Cheers,

Danielle Morris

Principal

Bartle Frere School

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Day for Daniel: On Friday 28 October, students wore red and joined in on a day that focussed on Child Safety Awareness. Tuckshop was also available with delicious hotdogs, red cupcakes, red icy cups, watermelon and our tuckshop mums even decorated our tuckshop in red tinsel. Funds raised will go to the "Daniel Morcombe Foundation".

New Library: Friday 18 November @ 6:00pm This event will be a short ceremony run by our School Captains, followed by a Dramatic Presentation by our Prep/Year One Class. Student work will be on display in the new Library.

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Enrolments now being taken for 2012. Please call or come to the school office.

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My name is Scott O'Neill. I am a scientist and the Program Leader of an international research team that is looking for a way to control the spread of dengue fever.

You may have heard about our research and the first successful trials of our method in Yorkeys Knob and Gordonvale earlier this year. We are now considering

additional communities to carry out a second trial and it is encouraging to hear the support we are already receiving for a possible release of *Wolbachia Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Babinda this coming wet season.

Our goal: In brief, our goal for the Babinda trial is to 'seed' *Wolbachia*, a natural bacterium already found in up to 70% of all insects, into the wild mosquito population. When *Wolbachia* is introduced into the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito it acts like a 'vaccine' for the mosquito and reduces its ability to pass the dengue virus to people (see diagrams right). *Wolbachia* is safe for humans, animals and the environment.

First trial: In the 2011 trial we released on average 10 *Wolbachia* mosquitoes per household per week in Yorkeys Knob and Gordonvale for 10 weeks. In May monitoring of mosquito eggs (*Wolbachia* is passed from mother to offspring through the eggs) told us that *Wolbachia* was present in over 90% of the dengue-carrying mosquito in these two locations. Monitoring from September tells us *Wolbachia* is still present after the dry season.

More effective: The 2012 trial will be very similar to the first but with a different strain of *Wolbachia*. We believe this second strain will be more effective at blocking dengue virus than the first but we need to see how well it will establish. If it establishes as well as the first did this trial will help determine what the best strain should be for a future roll out of this dengue control method more generally in Cairns and in other countries where dengue is a major problem.

Your support: Before we release any mosquitoes, we try to meet with as many members of the community as we can, to listen to all questions and concerns and ensure they are addressed. We then invite residents and business owners to register to participate in the trial. We only release mosquitoes from properties with the permission of residents.

We encourage your questions and thank you for your support.

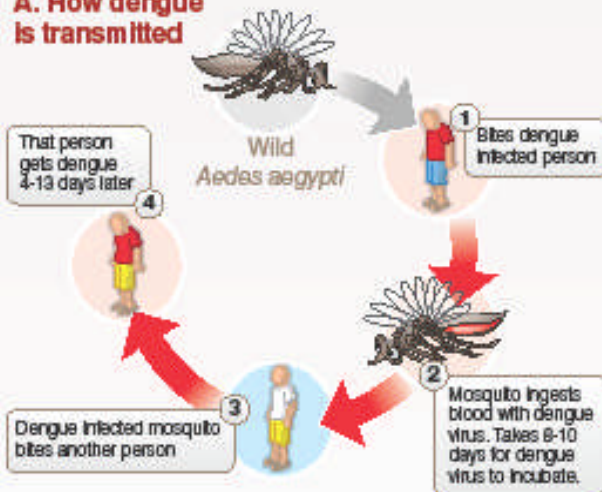
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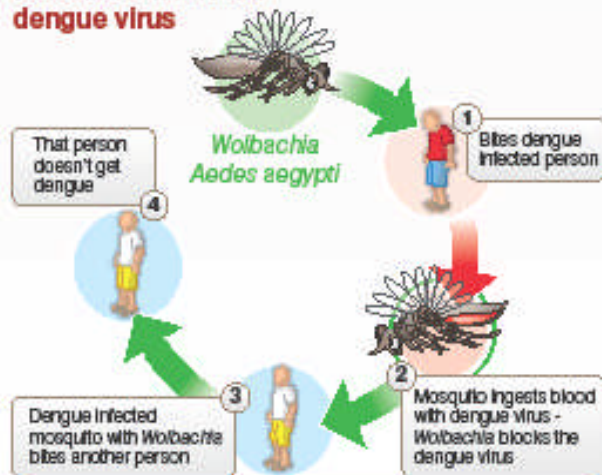
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How we hope to control dengue

A. How dengue is transmitted



B. *Wolbachia* blocks dengue virus



Meet the Team If you or your organisation would like to meet with a member of the team or register to participate in the trial please contact Flora Zigerman (pictured above left) on 1800 811 054 (free call from a landline). Meet Flora and the project team at upcoming community events in Babinda including 'Christmas in Babinda' on 3rd December.

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Mill Memorabilia Project Update by Lee Bain

A public meeting was held at the Spirit of Babinda Hall on the 9th November to inform community members about what is happening with the mill memorabilia that was kindly donated to the community by the new owners of the Babinda Sugar Mill. The memorabilia consists of 16 framed historical photographs, 20 artifacts and a cupboard full of historical mill records including several photo albums in various states of condition. The Mill Memorabilia Project and the Mill Memorabilia Committee come under the umbrella of the Babinda Information Centre and the Babinda Task Force. I have had the honor of being appointed as Project Manager and at present the Mill Memorabilia Committee and I are the custodians of the mill memorabilia. Further donations of artifacts, copies of photographs or information relative to the project are welcomed. However, at this stage appropriate storage of the artifacts is an issue that we hope can be resolved in the future.

The primary goal of the Mill Memorabilia Project is to celebrate the local history of the recently closed Babinda Sugar Mill through correctly identifying and preserving the memorabilia. It is to be a community capacity building exercise that will use the skills, knowledge, opportunities and resources within the community to build social networks and to promote the cultural significance of the history of the mill. The people who belonged to that history have formed the back bone of Babinda since 1915, therefore the history needs to be recorded and the cultural heritage preserved. An important part of my job will be to trace the historical trajectory of the mill using the existing paper trail, oral histories and any other relevant data. The Mill Memorabilia Committee has many ideas of which we will endeavor to keep the community informed about... We hope to launch a Babinda Sugar Mill Facebook page soon and look out for our information stall at the 2011 Babinda Christmas Fair!

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WOMEN OF BABINDA

Shirley Terranova was born in Charters Towers and grew up on cattle properties. She did school of the air, and went to boarding school at Charters Towers – All Souls & St Gabriels before settling in Babinda.

Shirley has 4 children – all girls and 5 grandkids. She has worked at Supreme Fisheries in Babinda, owned a dress shop in Babinda for 11 years – Deadly Shapes, DPI – fruit inspection station, was manager of IBC and is currently working at Babinda Hospital where her highlight is working at Respite. She is an AIN – Assistant in Nursing and has a cert.3 in Aged Care and has just completed her x-ray course.

She has been heavily committed in the community by being involved in Brownies, Girl Guides, Swimming, Tuckshop at Babinda State School, Harvest Festival Committee, before finding a passion for SES.

Shirley has been in the SES for 16 years and is currently the Local Controller for Babinda. She spends many a weekend training or responding to callouts. A perfect example of her community spirit is Christmas last year, she awoke to Cyclone Tasha, and was out assessing the damage due to trees coming down all before breakfast.

The writer first met Shirley Terranova 16 years ago, out in the jungle of Mt Josey, searching with the SES for a supposedly crashed chopper. She was competent about the bush and it's stinging vines and leeches then, and Babinda SES is fortunate that Shirley is just as, if not more competent all these years later.

Babinda is proud of our famous SES and just as proud of our FEMALE Local Controller.

GOOD ONE! Shirley Terranova.

Here's Your Chinese Lesson

Your body odour is offensive = Yu Stink KiPu

See me ASAP = Kum Hia

Small Horse = Tai Ni Po Ni

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Bendigo & Adelaide Bank 2012 University Scholarships

Applications open on 1 December 2011. These scholarships are to assist rural students attending University for the first time in 2012. Go to www.bendigoadelaide.com.au for further information.

Christmas in Babinda

Our **Babinda Community Bank**® will again sponsor our annual street party which will be held on 3 December from 5 pm to 8.30 pm. There will be prizes to reward our community for **shopping locally**. We urge you to mark down this date and come along, have fun and support our local businesses.

AGM 2011

Our AGM was successfully held on Friday 28 October. Kitty Anning and Tanya Tuttle were re-elected. Michele Dale and Don Lawie, who bring different skills to assist our volunteer directors, were welcomed as new directors.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

We were pleased to donate the profits from the sale of last year's Babinda **Community Bank**® Calendar, to Samaritan's Purse, to assist Babinda School students with postage of their gift filled shoeboxes. These will be distributed to some of the most disadvantaged children in the world - a great opportunity for our children to learn gratitude and sharing.

Students with their shoe boxes



Kassie, Laurel and Greg



AROMATHERAPY AT HOME ...LEMON OIL (Limonum)

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Sharon Rogers Aromatherapist

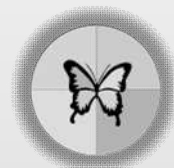
Former Babinda resident Glen Watt

Glen, who will be remembered by many, was a recent visitor to Babinda and looked up old mates and well remembered favourite haunts.

Glen suffered severe injuries in a vehicle accident and has required supported accommodation since then.

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Unveiling of a Memorial Plaque to honour the late Dr Brian Merlo

On Saturday 3rd December 2011, Babinda Traders have their annual Street Christmas Party. During the evening between 6-7pm. Councillor Paul Gregory will unveil the Memorial Plaque which has been erected to honour the late Dr Brian Merlo. This plaque has been mounted on a granite boulder and will fittingly be situated in the centre park gardens, outside 95 Munro Street (the site for 28+ years of Dr Merlo's Surgery). This project has been proudly funded by Babinda Lions Club, Babinda Harvest Fest INC, Babinda Community Financial Services Ltd-Bendigo Bank, the Granite Boulder has been generously donated by Mr Dennis Catalan of Bellenden Ker.

The people of Babinda and surrounding District are invited to attend this Deserving and Historical Occasion.

Remember Saturday Dec 3rd at 6pm in the garden in front of Dr Merlo's Surgery.

“CHRISTMAS IN BABINDA”

(Community Supporting Community)

A fabulous street fair being held on **Saturday 3/12/11** from **5pm to 8:30pm**.

The event will be an opportunity for everyone in the community to get together for an evening of good OLD FASHION FUN, food, entertainment and a great chance to “catch up” with friends and neighbors. The focus of the event this year is friends and community, lots of activities, demonstrations, competitions, market and information stalls are booked for the event.

Christmas Light or Home Decoration competition

The committee is encouraging people to really show the Christmas spirit; this year by entering Babinda Christmas Light or Home Decoration competition...This year's competition has two categories

* Best Light Display Residential * Best Decorated Home and Frontage.

Prizes for Best of Both categories so get out your lights and tinsel and have a go (the kids will love it)!! You do need to register your entry, simply call Carol on 4067-2288. Judging will held from 26/11/11 and winners will be announced at the Christmas in Babinda street fair on the 3/12/11. The competition is open to any home between Woopen Creek and Fishery Falls.

On a separate but related topic, we encourage businesses in Babinda to decorate their premises/windows in an Aussie Christmas Theme and to light up their businesses for the event. Go all out for your chance to win a trophy, for best business display.

Fancy Dress Competition

We are asking children of all ages to come to the event in fancy dress costumes. Great prizes to be won, and a number of age categories, 0 -4yrs, 5- 10yrs and 11yrs +. To enter register by 5.30pm on the night, at centre stage in front of the Spar Supermarket. Judging from 5.30pm on Centre Stage.

SHOP LOCAL PROMOTION

Make a purchase at any participating business and you have the chance of winning great prizes as part of the Christmas in Babinda Shop Local Promotion. As well as a chance to win in store prizes your entry goes into the draw for your main prizes which are generously donated by Babinda Community Bank.

With a **first prize of \$500 and two prizes of \$250 you have to be in it to win it**. In store prizes are drawn on the morning of 3/12/11. Winner's names will be posted in Stag Tavern window and prize vouchers are to be collected from Stag Tavern that evening.

Main prizes will be drawn on the main stage at 8.00pm on the 3/12/11. Winners must be present at the main prize draw to claim the prize and winners must attend the main stage before the conclusion of the next draw to claim their prize. Prizes not collected within this time frame will be redrawn. Be a part of this fantastic promotion and support your local businesses.

Shop local and win!

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to **invite** you to be part of this exciting event.

We are inviting the community, (schools, community groups, and clubs) and the public as a whole to become actively involved, giving everyone the opportunity to showcase their wares, or to provide information of your services and membership, fundraise or give demonstrations.

All sites are to be reserved and are **Free of charge**, (if required permits are stall holder's responsibility), Buskers are also welcome. To book your site please contact Carol on 4067-2288.

Though Babinda people have had some setbacks this year, this is the time for the community to come together to have some fun.

Recognition must be given to our local Babinda Community Bank who has been generous in their sponsorship of the major prize draws and the event as a whole, also to the Babinda Chamber of Commerce for their support and assistance, thanks also to everyone who has donated prizes for this event.

For further details contact Carol on Ph: 4067 2288.

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Info Centre Illuminations

As usual, at this time of the year, our visitor numbers are starting to drop off, but this has a great side effect. Our volunteers now have time to chat and discover the wonderful times people have had and the equally wonderful places that they have visited.

a young woman from England called in to the centre. She is undertaking a solo bike ride (with no back-up support), to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. She has just completed a section of her trip from Beijing to Singapore, and is now intending to bike from Cairns to Melbourne. From there she will travel to Istanbul, and back to the UK. What a brave and courageous girl. We wish her a very safe and profitable journey.

a few weeks ago, (before the rain, luckily), a young man in his twenties came in. He was from Quebec, and had just spent two nights on the top of Mt Bartle Frere. He had started out in Sydney, and was walking around Australia! He told me that he was going to the top of Australia, before heading west to Alice Springs. He looked happy, well fed and very clean. What an adventure he must be having!

another couple came in full of excitement, as they had just been to Etty Bay, and had seen three cassowaries walking along the beach. Certainly, I have never seen that!

Talking about Etty Bay reminds me that it is now stinger net season again. Please be aware of this, and help us to remind others to only swim in safe areas.

Happy Trails

Big Congratulations to:

Babinda Kayak Hire Linda and Garry Davison for their Adventure Tourism Award held recently in Cairns by Tourism Tropical North Queensland. Garry has also entered their Kayak Hire Business in the Tourism State Awards.

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BABINDA S E S NEWS

from Don Lawie

November marks the commencement of the Cyclone Season and Babinda SES have been making preparations. A check of our floodboat equipment showed some gear that required replacement so that is being done. We'll then have some practice runs, both day and night to ensure that all is working well and to give our newly qualified Skipper Jason some experience.

Our stocks of tarps and ropes are being overhauled and our training this month, led by our Training Officer Zac Murphy, will concentrate on refreshing our knowledge of working at heights. Wet and damaged roofs present numerous problems and dangers to people doing temporary repairs and these are taken into account in our training and our safety equipment.

The State Government's Harden Up initiative is a good idea: every household should be prepared for the predicted difficult season. SES has a range of informative brochures freely available, and as part of SES Week we will have a Team operating a stall in Munro Street on Saturday morning 12 November to give away a range of informative literature and to chat about preparations and SES in general. We welcome comments from the public about what they would like SES to be doing.

Artsy Crafty

I hate to have to break it to you but Christmas is hurtling towards us.

Our Arts and Craft Co-Op is holding a Goose Club Raffle with tickets on sale now so keep an eye out for the girls selling tickets up the street. As usual the contents of the raffle will be displayed in the Craft shop window. Come on down and have a look at the great products we have selected for the lucky winner of our Raffle. One is a beautiful painting by one of our well known local artists.

The Raffle will be drawn on the 4th of December and winners will be notified. While you are down having a look in the window, why not go in to our store and have a look around at our stock for ideas for Christmas presents. Anyone interested in a place to sell their craft, please go in to the Craft shop and get a Membership form as new members are always welcome.

Our condolences go out to Ailsa Kennedy on her sad loss. Ailsa was the Treasurer of the Babinda Arts and Craft Co-op for many years. So we all wish her every sympathy.



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Samaritans purse Christmas shoe boxes

We wish to thank each and every person in Babinda and District, Innisfail and Mission Beach who gave a shoe box gift this year.

Many thanks to the Bendigo Bank who donated \$300-00 towards the shoe boxes.

Also the Chaplain, Teachers, Parents and Students of the Babinda and Bartle Frere State Schools.

Many thanks also to the Babinda Bargain Centre for their many donations.

It has been a wonderful response to a very worthy cause.

There will be a lot of Happy Children this Christmas.

Thanking You again

Sharon Elliott

Thank you to you Sharon for your many years of hard work and beautiful heart

BABINDA LIBRARY NEWS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 9am - 12.30pm, 1.30 - 5pm

SATURDAY 9am - 12 noon

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Christmas is Coming

Christmas is coming and it's time to get all those decorations out and ready for hanging. For something a little different this year, how about making your own Christmas decorations? It's easy, fun and the whole family can be involved. Plus your local library can help you get started. Some titles we recommend are "Home-Made Christmas With 35 Beautiful Easy-To-Make Projects" by Tessa Eveleigh, "The complete Christmas Book" by Pamela Westland and for those into sustainable living, "A Greener Christmas" by Sheherazade Goldsmith.

For those of you in charge of hanging christmas lights this year, you can find some excellent lighting resources in your library too, just have a look at "Holiday Lights: brilliant displays to inspire your Christmas celebration" by David Seidman and "As Long As I Can Cimb That Tree" by Walter and Beverley Wood. So come on down to Babinda Library or check out our online catalogue at www.cairnslibrary.com.au to see what's available from home. Libraries....your source of Christmas inspiration!

Kind Regards, Holly



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● Babinda's three-time Jago Cup winners (from left) Sheila Sewell, Desley Shaw, Mavis Kingston, Maureen Kruckow, Maisie Patrick, Wanda Giddens and Ann O'Brien.

Three-time Jago Cup winner Maureen Raddatz dusted off an old trophy and took it to Innisfail recently for the netball association's 70 years reunion celebrations.

The Babinda sports-woman has vivid memories of the matches played between Babinda,

Innisfail and Tully in the 1950s – and not surprisingly they almost all involve rain.

"We played all five years and mostly in the rain of course. We were the first team to win three times. They called it basketball then. They were close games with great rivalry,

everything was very fair dinkum," she recalled last week.

Mrs Raddatz (whose maiden name was Kruckow) and several others from her team were at the Innisfail Netball Association's 70 year reunion meet and greet on Saturday and the trophy, which

she found recently in the shed, went with them.

More than 150 people were at the two-day event which included a meet and greet, reunion dinner and spectator's matches between current players.

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Recipe of the Month

CHICKEN IN PYJAMAS.....*Chicken Parmigiana*

4 chicken schnitzels	(crumbed steak can also be used)
2 onions, diced	2 cloves garlic, crushed
825g tomatoes, diced	sugar to taste
Salt & Pepper	shallots
Parsley	rosemary
2 tabspns tomato sauce	2 tabspns tomato paste

Mild grated cheese

Saute onions and garlic until clear in colour. Add rosemary, then tomatoes. Add the tomato paste and sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Add sugar and simmer for 1/2 hour. Spread sauce over cooked schnitzels. Then sprinkle (to cover) with mild cheese. Garnish with finely chopped shallots and parsley. Place under grill until cheese is melted. Serve with veggies or salad. Serves 4.

Russell Lauridsen P&C President

From 'FAMILY COOKBOOK' produced by theStudents, 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

To all Anglicans,

You are invited to share in a back to church and a Christmas Service on the 18th December, 2011 at 10.00 am, followed by a brunch/ lunch.

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Your rector,

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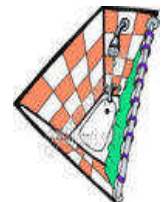
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(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

MONSTER PRE-CHRISTMAS CENT SALE

Great prizes – Afternoon Tea – Raffles

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Saturday 26th November

1:30 pm @ Spirit of Babinda Hall

\$3 Entry (Children \$1)

Well the drought broke and rain arrived as true to our 'claim to fame' as ever. We never do things in small doses; when it rains...it RAINS!!! Which certainly settled the dust, flushed the rivers, and turned the crisp, brown grass green and vibrant.

Coming up on the **14th of November** is our last Hoy afternoon for 2011. Everyone is most welcome to attend this lovely social afternoon and maybe win a few prizes.

The Bargain Shop will **close 23rd December** for a short break and re-open Monday 9th January 2012.

Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support throughout the year. It is sincerely appreciated. Especially our wonderful team of volunteers who take time each week to do all the necessary tasks to maintain and keep this iconic store running.

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ABBEYFIELD AUSTRALIA BABINDA

The residents of Abbeyfield House Australia (Babinda) welcomed visitors and friends to the House for a Melbourne Cup Function that will be remembered for a long time.

Housekeeper/Cook, Christine Norman and her helpers prepared a wonderful Champagne, Prawn and Chicken Luncheon for the lucky thirty (30)

invited guests.

A mini cent sale, sweeps and lucky door prizes saw the attendees leave laden with prizes and cash. Many thanks to all who donated prizes and goods. Cathryn Spertino won the Lucky Door prize and raffle!

Alma was awarded the prize for best hat, judged by House resident Jack. Special mention to Ros and Kath, you looked radiant. The parade of hats would have rivalled any fashion extravaganza. Well done everyone!!

All who attended had a fun day and all vowed that they would be back next year. Make sure you add this event to your diary and hope that you are lucky enough to attend, when the Cup rolls around next year.

Bryan Walker, Secretary, Abbeyfield House



MAMU HEALTH SERVICES OUTREACH CENTRE BABINDA was officially opened on Saturday October 15th at 91 Munro Street, Babinda before a large crowd.

The valuable establishment of this complex can only be a wonderful asset to our town of Babinda and to the people who will use the service.

The large crowd at the 'Opening' enthusiastically applauded the speakers of the Official Programme and then enjoyed a tasty lunch.

MAMU Outreach Centre will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Contact phone numbers are 40615180 and fax 40615182.

BIG WELCOME

MAMU Health Services Outreach Centre.

HOWARD KENNEDY DRIVE -

what an apt name. This man had more drive than three like men.

He drew a soldiers settlers cane farm block at Woopen Creek also known as "mad mans gap". You didn't need to be mad to live there but it helped.

Howard introduced Australian Rules football to Babinda and much of Far North Queensland. He also filled in for the Babinda Colts Rugby League when they were short of players.

Howard had to travel the 20 kms to town constantly and was always there at working bees in his spare time. He did his farm work and helped raise the children.

He was president of the Babinda Pensioners and Superannuants League for many years, together with his wife Ailsa as Treasurer and who is a life member.

There will always be a Howard Kennedy grandstand and a Howard Kennedy Drive as long as the town of Babinda exists.

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Dietician	HGGW	Monthly Thursday	GP referral
Social worker	QH	weekly	Referral Nurse or GP
Child Health Nurse	QH	Fortnightly	Phone 40615496 for appointment
Psychologist	HGGW	Fortnightly	Referral Nurse or GP
Diabetes Education	HGGW	Monthly	GP referral
Respiratory Nurse	HGGW	Monthly	GP referral
Womens Health & well being	QH	Monthly	Ph 40678200 for appointment
Breast Screening	QH	2nd Yearly - 2012	self referral
HACC services	HACC		40615344 Initial referral
Incontinence nurse	HACC	as needed Mondays and Fri-days	Ph 40615444 for appointment
Domiciliary Nurse Visits	HACC		Ph 40678 200
Allied Health OT	HACC	as needed	ph 40615467 for appointment
Mental health services	QH		
Psychologist	QH	Monday and Tuesday	Ph 40615327 for appointment
Child & youth mental health	QH	as needed	Ph 40615327 for appointment
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other drugs	QH	as needed	Ph 40615637 for appointment
Other Allied Health	QH		
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What's Happening In Babinda

ABBEYFIELD HOUSE Mini Cent Sale & Hoy: 1st Monday of the month.. Ph 4067 1197

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-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

BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL - Family Day Group Tuesday 9am—11am 4067 6240

BRAMSTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOC—last Tues of the month at Fire Station 7:30pm 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

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INFO CENTRE - Open 9 - 4 daily

KIDS CLUB - Grade 1 to Grade 7 - Wednesday 5pm to 7.30pm CWA Hall, Babinda.

MENSHED'S - Contact Jim Hillard on 40672454 or email jameshillard@gotalk.net.au

PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES -Mon. 9.30am - 1130am St. Rita's School 4067-2397 more

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.

RELXABOUT 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 - Saturdays Babinda Golf Club 8.30 - 9.30am, Wednesdays 9.30-10.30 SOB Hall 4067-1762

YOGA — Wednesday s 5.30-7.00pm, Spirit of Babinda Hall. Ph Ingrid 40566909

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