

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Babinda & District 2012 Telephone Book: Thank you to everyone for updating your details and for supporting Babinda by advertising. If everything goes according to the plan we should be distributing the phone books by the end of August beginning of September. Books may be purchased from the Taskforce @ \$2.00 per copy. All advertisers and members will receive one free copy. We will let the Community know when the phone books are ready.

School holidays are over and our children have returned to school. On this note please take care and slow down when driving past our schools.

Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 19 July, 4pm** at the Taskforce.

Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 86 members.

Cheers,

Rachel

RAINFALL FOR JUNE 2012

Babinda Rainfall - 113 mm

Year to date - 3519.2 mm

Bellenden Ker Top Station

No reading has been taken due to no cable car access

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 78.4 mm

Year to date - 3449.8 mm

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 3 August

(Distributed Tues 14 August)

Friday 7 September

(Distributed 18 September)

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AMBULANCE NEWS

Peter Carnsew was going to do the column this month and next but he has gone off to work at the Townsville V8's. Peter is unable to do the column so you are stuck with me for another month. The basket rescue stretcher which the LAC (Local Ambulance Committee) ordered is on its way from Brisbane. As I spoke about last month it is a great piece of equipment which helps rescue people from the creeks and mountains around our piece of paradise. There will be a story in the Advocate once it arrives - thanks again to the LAC members for their continued support of Peter and I and the general community. Since I came here nearly 7 years ago the LAC has purchased books, a training mannikin, a Lifepak defibrillator and an automated Blood Pressure Machine - not bad for a little town that has had 2 big cyclones in that time. It is usually the smaller places that help out together to get things done a lot better than the bigger towns and cities. I'll keep it short and sweet, remember to call 000 in an emergency. You will get asked a lot of questions but rest assured whilst you are on the phone another operator is organising an ambulance to get help sent out to you.

Until next time,
Keep safe,
Justin Cairns
OIC Babinda

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info@babindainfocentre.com.au or drop in to see us.

FOUND...

a little lost bear has been found outside the Babinda Taskforce Office. It looks like a child's much loved cuddly bear. The owner may collect it from the Taskforce in Munro Street, Babinda.

POLICE NEWS

You will have noticed a few new Police faces around town. I have taken over as the sergeant officer in charge of Babinda Station, having come from Mt Garnet. Constable Steven GIBB has also joined the Babinda team from Innisfail, and I am sure you already know Constable Darren Green and Shane. This should be a consistent team for the foreseeable future and we look forward to continuing the great work already done in working with the community of Babinda

Traffic enforcement continues in Babinda with Random Breath test being conducted on a regular basis, it is good to see that fewer drivers are being detected over the limit. However speed is a continuing issue, with drivers being caught everyday, either by mobile patrols or by the speed camera, speed limits are there for everyone's safety and breaking them will not only affect you financially but you could lose your licence, so always check you speed. I have notice in the time I have been here that bicycle riders particularly young people are not wearing helmets. This will continue to be a focus of our enforcement, we would rather issue a fine for failing to wear a helmet that have to attend a crash where a bicycle rider has received a head injury through not wearing the appropriate head protection.

Anti social behaviour in town or at our fantastic tourist attractions will not be tolerated. Public place are for everyone to enjoy, not for people to go to get drunk and cause a nuisance. Please continue to report unacceptable behaviour and rest assured we will be more than happy to deal with the culprits.

It is vital that we receive information from the public, the more quality information we get regarding any wrongdoing the better placed we are to deal with it. I encourage you all to report criminal activities so we can send a clear message of what we will accept in our community.

Please remember that if you have a non urgent matter to report the police think Police link and call 13144, or call the station on 40671120, "000" is for emergencies ONLY!!

We look forward to working with you to make Babinda a safer place for us all to enjoy.

Regards

Doug GODDEN

Sergeant

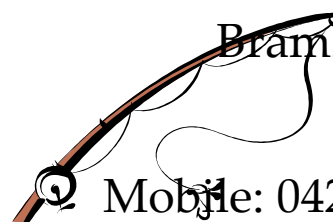
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Strait Islander Partnerships,
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July 2012

Royalties for Regions ignores FNQ

Sadly, the LNP has again ignored Far North Queensland by excluding it from its Royalties to the Regions scheme.

The Newman Government has earmarked almost \$500 million to be split among 14 local council areas, but not one cent will come to our local area or region.

Not only has the LNP excluded Cairns Regional Council, it has also ignored the Cassowary Coast Regional Council and Tablelands Regional Council.

I am sure FNQ residents will be disappointed that their local LNP MPs have failed to secure even the thinnest slice of this funding for our region.

It's about time that people like Andrew Cripps, Gavin King and the other LNP members in FNQ start standing up for our region.

The Royalties to the Regions program was meant to assist councils facing financial strains caused by the resources boom and the need to invest in services and infrastructure.

To suggest that FNQ councils are not being impacted by the resources boom is absolute nonsense.

Cairns is already a service centre for resources companies such as BHP, Xstrata, Barrick, Newcrest, Kagara and Rio Tinto and already has air services to 18 mining centres.

We are all aware of people in our community working in the resources sector.

To say our region is not linked directly to the resources sector is just plain wrong.

There are also active plans to develop and build on existing links to resource industries in PNG, Cape York, and the North East Minerals Province.

I agree with the Townsville-based Local Government Minister David Crisafulli when he says it is high time resource communities received a fair share of the benefits of the mining boom.

But I would like him to match his words with actions when it comes to the Far North.

Zero dollars out of almost half-a-billion is not our fair share.

**Curtis Pitt MP
State Member for Mulgrave**

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'Putting the Far North First'

My husband Tony and I have just spent two weeks up at the back of the Babinda Free Camp, the Rotary Park. I would to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for their hospitality and generosity your community has shown us. We have had mandarins left on our table, to others pulling up to see if my husband needed help with the trailer when we had problems with the axles. In return I hope we have helped by putting our money back in to your wonderful little town. From the Chemist, Spar Supermarket, Bakery, Rural Supplies, General Store and tonight we are looking forward to the BBQ Grill Buffet at the Babinda Bowls Club.

On our many travels in the future I will always tell fellow travellers to call in and stay at the Babinda Park and spend some money in the town in return. You have so many tourist attractions to see around here and having Babinda as a base and covering the area by car while leaving caravan/bus here is extra advantage.

Due to not having a caravan park most travellers will either stay overnight then go early in the morning or they just keep going. So with all the friendliness this town shows to us travellers while we are here will certainly be spoken about on an afternoon chat session around a fire. As the old saying goes "Word of mouth" is the best advertising you can have. So with this I would like to say a very warm thank-you

And you will certainly see us back one day.

Yours sincerely

Julie and Tony Veraart

Wallaville

Gin Gin Qld

Babinda Mensheds Inc.

News from the shed

Members have been busy lately building work benches.

Currently it's myna bird traps which will be for sale.

Mensheds Inc have had a donation of a large wood lathe from Lance Fennel of Bramston Beach. Member Lance will conduct wood turning classes in the near future for members.

We wish to thank the following for their donations of material which will be used for members various projects.

Innisfail Sawmilling, Dynamic Timber, Cumic Steel, Bill Brand and Bunnings have also given good discount on materials purchased from their business.

We also welcome Desleigh back from your Overseas trip. We missed ya Des!

New members are also welcome, we meet Mondays and Fridays at the Kruckow Pavilion 9am to 3pm.

Contact Jim Hillard 40672454



Shane Wiles

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Please register your interest asap

Phone Judi 40 672604

Interesting Census Bits.

These statistics, the Babinda Census results are available and interesting. Our area stretches from just south of Gordonvale to just north of Innisfail.

Surprisingly 1785 people are married, 1009 have **NEVER MARRIED !!**

Catholicism is the religion of most people, while the next highest number of people **HAVE NO RELIGION!!**

43.7% of our residents own their homes outright.

24.8% have rented homes.

34% have 1 motor vehicle and 37% have 2 vehicles while 4.8% have **NO** motor vehicle.

These figures are from The Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 Census.

Please Note: The census was conducted after the closure of the Babinda Sugar Mill.

A High Stress Day !

Allow me to introduce MY SELVES.

Another High Stress Day !

How do I set a Laser Printer to 'STUN'?

OUR WOMEN OF BABINDA

This month we feature one of the probably 'best known' women in town -

Lorraine Mary Anning -

alias **KITTY**,

co-owner with husband Harry of our Babinda State Hotel.

Kitty grew up on a sheep property south of Winton—that's why she's comfortable on a horse! She met and married Harry and lived on a cattle property near Richmond in 1986 and the property eventually became too small so they sold and purchased the State Hotel Babinda which was Heritage Listed on the Qld State Register.

Kitty and Harry have worked hard to keep the Hotel Heritage listed and it remains so today.

Kitty plays her part in local affairs and contributes generously to life in Babinda.

The hotel is in excellent condition. It looks clean and inviting and is a credit to the Annings.

As a Woman of Babinda Kitty Anning, we pay tribute to your effort, enterprise and support and hope that it will never change.

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Congratulations to the staff, directors, customers and community members who support the Babinda **Community Bank®** branch. You are part of something special - a unique banking movement, a whole new way of thinking about banking and its role in modern society.

Welcome Rachelle

Rachelle Holder is our newest member of the Babinda **Community Bank®** Branch staff. You may recognise her as she has been relieving here from Bendigo Bank in the past 18 months.

She was born and raised in Mena Creek, recently moving to a small property with her partner. After graduating from Good Counsel College, Rachelle worked at ANZ, Innisfail.

Rachelle enjoys outdoor activities including horse riding, pig hunting, camping and a variety of sports. She is looking forward to working with our branch members in any Community activities they may undertake.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY - TUESDAY 17TH JULY - GIDDINS CREEK

Terrain & Russell Landcare & Catchment Group (RLCG) announce that there will be a tree planting day for the Babinda community to plant local native trees on Giddins Creek as part of a Cairns Regional Council project to restore the creek. Funding support of \$19,000 has been provided by the Australian Government through the Caring for Our Country program, and the Cairns Regional Council have coordinated the on-ground works.

Babinda High School and the general community will be invited to participate in the tree planting day on Tuesday 17th July.

To register your interest in the tree planting days, please send an email to whitneyr@terrain.org.au with your name and contact details and you will be given information closer to the planting day. Alternatively, drop into the Landcare Lounge at 53 Munro Street Babinda between 10am and 2pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday and leave your contact details with Jill at the front desk.

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Congratulations Men of our Lions Club.

Babinda's 1st Female President,

ADRIENNE BONSO.

You will never regret "moving with the times".

Welcome Adrienne.

The Task Force is available for any communications you wish to make in this area.

Good One Lions Club.

ANNUAL INNISFAIL LIONESSE CRAFT FAIR

WHEN : Saturday November 3rd,2012

WHERE: Innisfail State College

TIME: 9am till 3pm

\$2.00 entry fee for adults and children are free

Planned childrens activities

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NATIONAL YEAR OF READING CELEBRATED AT
ST RITA'S

St Rita's have marked the National Year of Reading with a 'Teacher-Librarian in Residence' and a whole week of activities to promote reading.

"Everyday before school, talented staff took on the role of storytellers – dressing up and using props to bring stories to life for our students. The school enjoyed a visit from Cairns City Libraries' mascot Dewey and the Children's Librarian Tania Curtis. Tania let the children know about the special online resources available for them. Parents, grandparents and friends joined students for 'High Tea @ the Library'. It was a very pleasant afternoon indeed – sipping tea, eating dainty cakes and sharing stories. During lunch breaks, some students got involved in 'Read Out Loud Day'. Volunteers climbing up on a 'soap box' to read a couple of pages of a book, in their best 'town crier' voices.

The 'Paper Bag Book Club' (i.e. the whole school), gathered on Friday afternoon to talk about books, share book reviews, eat popcorn and listen to another fabulous story "The Ugly Fish" read most enthusiastically by Ms Amber

In class, students were busy writing, reading and creating. The staff and students worked hard to make the week a great success. We all know that this is just the start to embracing more and more reading at St Rita's during the National Year of Reading and beyond."



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THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE WILL SEE AND LIVE THIS EVENT Calendar for July 2012

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays.

This happens once every 823 years.



MASCOT OF THE 503 RD.

MULGRAVE SETTLERS' MUSEUM

This month we feature Murphy the donkey mascot of the United States 503rd Paratroop Regiment. The paratroopers were stationed in the Gordonvale area from December 1942 until August 1943 when they travelled to combat in New Guinea.

Murphy the donkey was dropped from a C-47 cargo plane into a cane paddock, using several heavy parachutes for the job and apparently was none the worse for the experience. There are no reports to tell us just how he was persuaded to leave to aircraft though!!

The men of the 503rd received a big welcome from the local people and regularly attended dances and socials at Deeral and Babinda during their months of intensive training.

The Mulgrave Settlers' Museum in Gordon St Gordonvale has a comprehensive display of memorabilia relating to the 503rd Parachute Regiment – the only U.S. Paratroops to train in Australia.

They say...

What other people think of you is none of your business...

When it comes to chocolate - resistance is futile

Reader's Cup: Congratulations to our team of Lulu, Chloe, Sophie and Mia who travelled to Malanda in June for the Reader's Cup Challenge. They competed against 21 other schools to answer questions about 6 books. Our team came 10th. They came back to school full of praise for the event and enthusiastic about having competed.

Bramston Barras versus Russell Rays Sports Day: MEDAL WINNERS

Mini-Minor Girls-Jade Banno	Mini-Minor Boys-Hayden Wilkins
Minor Girls-Kate Aitken	Minor Boys-Brendon Sacchetti
Junior Girls-Acashia Van Rees	Junior Boys-Dylan Sacchetti
Senior Girls-Lulu Dale	Senior Boys-Patrick Davey

Babinda Harvest Festival: A big thank you to the Johansen family from Babinda Hardware for allowing us, once again, to use their truck for the parade. Mirriwinni School took out Best Themed Float.



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Cancer Care Centre :

A year after we announced the opening of the much needed Liz Plummer Cancer Care Centre in Cairns, the centre has treated 530 people with Radiation treatment on the ground floor, just as an example .The Liz Plummer Cancer Care Centre also supplies TELE HEALTH Services, which allows patients to connect with family and friends back home, while in Cairns for treatment.

Liz Plummer would have been extremely pleased with this successful venture. Please support it Babinda.

We are offering **FREE** courses in:

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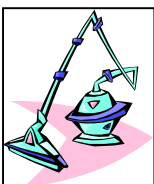
Courses are run every **Thursday** at **Babinda Taskforce**
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Co-presented by Cairns Libraries and Tropical North Queensland TAFE, this wonderful competition could be your big chance. The competition closes on August 31.

Entry forms and conditions of entry on the Cairns Libraries website www.cairnslibrary.com.au. Follow us on facebook for more info.

Cairns Libraries will be holding the annual library booksale

Where: Fred Moule Pavilion, Cairns Showground

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Greetings from the Babinda Bargain Centre!

One issue that keeps coming up that I would like to address now and put to rest is the belief amongst some people in our community, that money raised at the Babinda Bargain Centre leaves town and does nothing to support our own Community.

Let me clarify, this is absolutely incorrect. As a direct result of the efforts of the Babinda Bargain Centre volunteers, we are responsible for the direct funding of several individuals living with a disability within our local area. We fund their ongoing costs of living, improve their access within the community and provide vital support services.

And whilst you may not realise it, we support you every time you come into the store to buy something. Every time you shop locally with us, you are saving your own time and effort, and reducing the wear and tear on your vehicle by not having to drive to Cairns or Innisfail.

We also shop locally. Our general goods come from SPAR, we buy our hardware locally, we employ local Tradesmen for repairs and refurbishment, our vehicles are serviced locally and we have recently undertaken to buy all our invoicing materials from Roddo's.

So for those of you in the community that think we offer little support or benefit to the Community, I offer you the opportunity to come into the store and discuss this with me. I will be more than happy to once again reaffirm our commitment and benefit to the Community of Babinda and surrounds.

All of us here at the store look forward to offering you ongoing value for money and a unique shopping experience.

Kylie Luce
Store Manager.

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST
THE CRAZY COTTAGE GANG

By Ned Maxwell of Bartle Frere

They buried old Tom at Babinda today.
Home to St. Peter's he's gone to stay.
The Crazy Cottage is silent and bare.
Never more will the old gang revel there.

There was Tom, and Dick and Normie, too,
When a party was on, how quickly it grew.
And with Kanaka to head that merry band,
The antics they did was the talk of the land.

Of the time they shot Old Murphy's cow,
When Old Jack found out, there was an awful row.
Said Dick, who was the marksman of the three,
"We only wanted some steak for our tea."

They would drink and fight the whole night long,
And the rafters would ring to the words of a song.
But when daylight came it was a different sight.
There were black eyes galore, from that glorious night.

And so they carried on through the years,
Fighting and drinking, (and sometimes in tears).
But time caught up with them all in turn,
And now only Kanaka is left to yearn.

Sometimes at night, when the moonlight gleams,
And the Crazy Cottage (or to me it seems)
Is filled with lights, and as it was of yore,
With the thud of fists and the smell of gore.

And shadowy figures might almost be seen
Inside the house, like it must have been.
With glasses filled, how the rafters rang.
And I'll swear it's the ghosts of The Crazy Cottage
Gang.

Tom—Tom Wilkes, Dick—Dick O'Brien,
Normie—Normie Knox, Kanaka—Jackie Squires
Jack Murphy was a cane farmer at Wooten Creek.

Crazy Cottage was named after a sideshow at the 1952
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*The Queen recognises those celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and 100th birthday and very fifth year thereafter.

How to arrange the message

*Arrangements can be made up to two months before the date and a belated message can be requested up to a month afterwards.

*Messages can be arranged through the electoral office of your federal member of parliament or any state senator. Supporting documentation is required eg. Birth certificate, marriage certificates or passports or alternatively a statutory declaration if these are not available.

*Congratulatory messages can be sent to the recipient's address or to a care of address if it is to be a surprise.

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Miss Milky Way has been in Munro Street and it has been amusing to see people's reaction—mostly

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Margaret Fulton's Pea and Ham Soup

Preparation time 15 minutes - Cooking time 1 hour - Serves 4

Ingredients:

2 onions, sliced 300gr green split peas 2.5lts (10 cups) water
1/2 teasp freshly ground black pepper 1 sprig of fresh thyme
1 bay leaf 1 ham hock 2 carrots, diced 1 cup sliced celery
2 tbsp lemon juice salt to taste cracked black pepper to serve

Method:

1. Put the onions, peas, water, pepper, thyme and bay leaf into a large saucepan.
2. Add the ham bone, bring slowly to the boil, reduce heat and simmer half-covered for an hour.
3. Add the carrots and celery and cook for another hour.
4. Remove thyme and bay leaf and discard.
5. Take out the ham bone, cut all meat from the bone removing excess fat and any skin, shred and return all but 1/2 cup of meat to the soup.
6. Add the salt and lemon juices just before serving. Serve the soup topped with the remaining meat and garnish with cracked black pepper and a few thyme leaves.

Tip:

Soup is a classic winter favourite. To turn this soup into a hearty main meal, add slices of Frankfurt or spicy smoked sausage and heat through. Any leftover soup can be frozen in an air tight container for up to 3 months.

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Mill Memorabilia Project

– a community initiative

FUNDED by Qld Government *Blue Print for the Bush* Building Rural Communities Grant, **SPONSORED** by Babinda Community Bank and **SUPPORTED** by Babinda Information Centre, Babinda Task Force, Maryborough Sugar Factory (MSF), Cairns Regional Council, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), Mulgrave Historical Society Inc, Bartle Frere Freemasons Babinda Hospital and Babinda Harvest Fest Committee.

Many thanks to the men who turned up and allowed me to record their varied experiences as past Babinda Mill employees and to Tony and Royce Ryan for providing the venue. Oral histories provide valuable sources of information about the community. Thanks also to the community spirit of the Babinda Taskforce for allowing the MMP to have the Mill Directors photographic display in the shop window during Harvest Fest week.

On the 30th May 2012, 6 Mill Memorabilia Project (MMP) representatives met with MSF property manager Dennis Kaye at the Babinda Sugar Mill to identify any mill memorabilia items not of any value to MSF that could be of cultural and historical value to the community. In the process of the walk through, concern was raised by MMP representatives regarding the plan to demolish the reinforced concrete building next to the administration building as it is believed that it may have been originally built as a World War II Air Raid shelter and thus a place of historical and cultural heritage value and local significance to people of the Babinda community. I have since raised their concern with Dennis Kaye and our local Councillor Steve Brain. If anyone has any further information regarding the history of this structure please let me know.

On Wednesday 20th June MMP representatives also met with Joanne Macauley, an RPS Archival consultant who along with Darren Rigby is currently preparing an archival report of Babinda Mill to Cairns Regional Council. The report will be a brief historical context for the site and a succinct statement of significance followed by current photographs of the site linked to a site plan. The archival report will be available to the public on completion and will provide another documented resource of the Babinda communities past as a Sugar Milling town. Joanne has also kindly provided the MMP committee with a copy from the Queensland State Library of the 1937 booklet for visitors to the Babinda Sugar Mill as well as a few copies of historic photographs and survey plans. Thanks Joanne!

If you wish contribute to the MMP, notify Patsy and Lorraine at the **Babinda Information Centre** (founders of the MPP), post photos or comments on the '**Babinda Sugar Mill**' Facebook site or contact

Project Manager Lee Bain; Ph. 07 40672284 lee.bain@bigpond.com

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Receive a **FREE** participant pack which includes a **T shirt, log book** and the use of a **pedometer** during the challenge to count your steps (available from the Babinda library from the 26th July, 2012 for the first 500 participants).

A breakfast launch will be held in Babinda on **Monday 13th August**.

Log your steps each day online or in your logbook. We can set up a webpage for your team to log your progress during the **four week challenge**.

To reach the 10,000 step goal each day, you will need to do a 30 minute walk on top of your normal daily activities, which you can build up to during the challenge. You can also count swimming, going to the gym, playing tennis or other activities by converting them into steps, for example:

10 minutes of moderate intensity activity = 1 000 steps.

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For more information about this program please contact our 10,000 Steps Coordinator who can help you and your team get started!

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Our New Community Centre !!

Construction of a new community centre began in February 2012 in Bill Wakeham Park, under the auspices of our Chamber of Commerce, and with a Grant from the parent, Chamber of Commerce Queensland.

Cairns Regional Council were responsible for the donation of land in the park and the project was in the hands of Development Officer ROBBIE GOLDING.

A 13 week Training programme funded by DEEWR, commenced in February and 15 long term unemployed job seekers participated with great success. The 15 have now received accredited Vocational Training and have qualifications to be successful in the job market. The project will be completed by June 30th.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABINDA PUB !

95 years old end of May !!!

The pub celebrated and why not?

Edie Martinod was there as an Employee in 1930 and so Edie got to cut the cake.

Drinks were celebrated by many customers. Kitty Anning advises that they are already planning for 100 years Birthday in 5 years time. WHOOPEE !!

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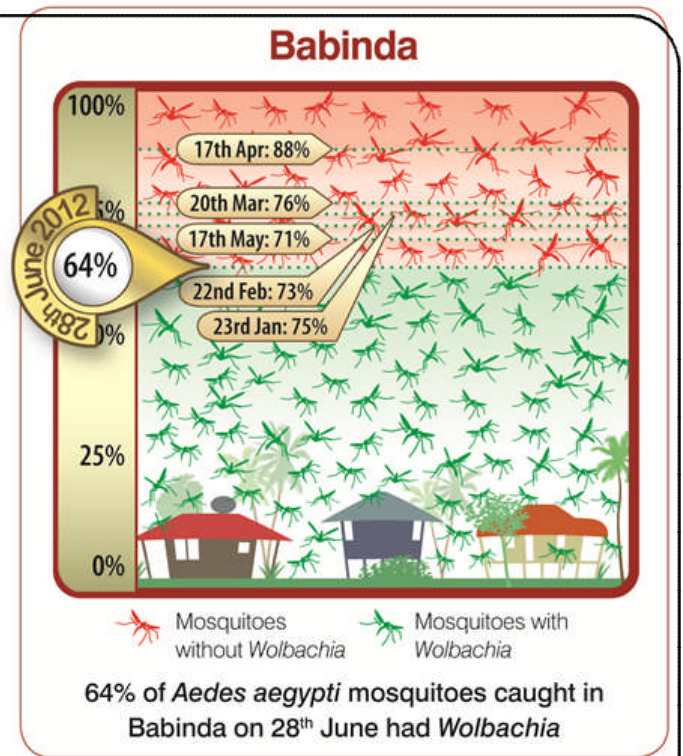
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Dengue Field Trial Update

By Professor Scott O'Neill, 6 July 2012

Continued monitoring – For a second month in a row our monitoring tells us that the *Wolbachia* read in *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Babinda has fallen - from 71% on 17th May to 64% on 28th June. This is still a promising result and our hope is that the measurement may increase again.

Collecting adults not eggs – Over the wet season we monitored the levels of *Wolbachia* by collecting mosquito eggs in small traps that we set in yards. We have now collected all those traps and instead are gathering our information from adult mosquitoes that are collected in a smaller number of electric 'BG' traps. I would like to thank everyone who is participating in the research; your support is critical to our work.



Contact us if you have any questions about the project
Call the Cairns office (free from a landline) on **1800 811 054**
Or go to www.eliminatedengue.com for more information

Info Centre Illuminations

Congratulations to all who participated in the Harvest Fest which was great fun for all. The weather held out for the most part, and after all, we are the Umbrella Town. The Visitor Centre participants were judged as Best Dressed and Champion Float. A big thank you to Chris Hannam for his assistance with the props.

Council has started construction on the coin operated showers at Rotary Park which hopefully should be completed in July. There will be six coin operated showers and a disabled facility. Visitors have made very positive comments about the new facility. In fact, there have been much positive feedback about the well set out free camping facilities at both The Boulders and Rotary Park. The wonderful weather has also helped.

Our long term volunteer, Barry celebrated a "0" birthday which was celebrated at the centre after the Harvest Fest Shop Front judging. Congratulations Barry.

Visitor numbers continue to increase by roughly 45% from 2011 figures which is encouraging. Naturally, during the winter months, we see a marked increase of visitors from our Southern States who come to escape the bitter cold.

Until next time

Happy Trails

What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE -- Third Wednesday of the month. 9am, Taskforce 40672900
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Contact Archie 0435152053 or 0423191127
ABBEYFIELD HOUSE Mini Cent Sale & Hoy: 3rd 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 Tues 1pm Ladies, Wed 6pm Barefoot, Thur Canecutters Mixed Social 1.30pm; Sat & Sun 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 Sat 18 Hole 1pm
BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St
BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 7pm, Spirit of Babinda Hall. Contact Owen Hitchings on 40563271 or Loretta Musumeci on 40671438 for further information.
BABINDA RSL - 1st Sundays of the month, 10am at RSL. Contact 4067 6162
BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school
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
FNQ WILDLIFE CARERS Harry Potyondy and Rae Heywood 228 Price Rd., Bartle Frere
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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 phone: 40672454 or email: jameshillard@gotalk.net.au
PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES -Mon. 9.am - 11am St. Rita's School 4067-2397
QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Sat of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting.
4th Mon of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1.30pm
QCWA DEERAL-2nd Wed of the month-09.00am Craft lessons-open to all. Meeting 1.30pm
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STORYTIME - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month, 10.30-11.30am, 40671112
TAI CHI - Saturdays Babinda Golf Club 8.30 - 9.30am, Wednesdays 9.30-10.30 SOB Hall 40671762
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