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"The President's Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

We are printing a 2015 Babinda & District Telephone Book and will be posting out expressions of interest to current advertisers by end of March. If you are a new business and wish to advertise please contact the Taskforce with your details. Till then please check your current A-Z listing and let us know if you require any updates, additions or deletions.

Back by popular demand is the 4th Annual International Women's Day Babinda Luncheon. Tickets are limited and selling fast. For catering requirements there will be no door sales and RSVP required by Wednesday 02 March. See advert in this issue.

The 'What's Happening In Babinda' back page of the Newsletter is constantly being updated as we are notified of upcoming events. *A reminder:* this service is provided free to the community and as such the editor reserves the right to publish community notices at its discretion, this means that occasionally some on-going notices may be removed without notice to allow for new notices.

The Cairns Regional Council will be holding its monthly ordinary meeting on Wednesday 25 February at the RSL memorial Hall commencing at 9am.

**Business Hours: Monday to Thursday 9am - 4pm.
Closed Fridays till further notice.**

Please note: Next meeting Thursday 26 February 9.30am. All members welcome

We currently have 95 members.

Be good,
Rachel

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Wednesday 1 April

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I hope everybody in the Babinda region had a great New Year and a safe and happy holiday. Now it's back to work and on the 25th of February Cairns Regional Council is holding its monthly Ordinary meeting at the Babinda RSL Hall beginning at 9 AM. The meeting is open to the public and I would welcome anyone who has an interest to come and have a look at democracy work. Rotary Park has recently been closed for upgrades will soon be reopened as council has embarked to fix up some of the toilets, signage and formalising the RV parking in that region. Local Government laws been amended now to allow a three day limit. This will be imposed to regulate the opportunity of visitors to the area. Folks cannot camp there permanently. I continue to try and visit Babinda on a Thursday and bookings can be made calling myself

directly on 0488148778 or contacting Rachel at the Taskforce. Take care, Steve



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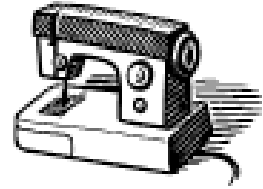
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AMBULANCE NEWS

The Babinda Ambulance will have a big focus this year on community CPR – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Studies have shown that survival for out of hospital cardiac arrest (basically having your heart stop anywhere else except in a hospital) is greatly enhanced by people knowing how to do CPR in the community. The reason for this is that if you can do effective CPR on a person until professional help arrives you can keep oxygenated blood pumping around the body. The heart and brain need that oxygen which is carried through the blood. Watch this space throughout the year to see how you can be involved. There will be no cost and it will not take up much of your time. At the Christmas in Babinda activity in early December we set up a stall and a few people had a go. Unfortunately like everyone else that massive storm cell put an end to the night way too early. Thankfully no one was struck by lightning as it cracked all around us.

The Christmas/School holiday period has been extremely busy for us, fortunately there have been no major accidents. Dr Renee from the hospital will be on maternity leave soon and her dedication will be missed for those months. Babinda is extremely lucky to have such a great team of doctors at the hospital with Renee, Tanya and HB. The nursing staff and support personnel make a wonderful team and keep the hospital strong. For a little town Babinda is extremely lucky and the envy of many towns the same size and larger. You can see the commitment from members of the community to the Babinda Hospital Advisory group everyone gives up their free time to improve the services on offer and that extra effort means Babinda residents get even better care and services. It's the same with the community CPR we are trying to drive at the moment, it's a bit hard to do things with a small amount of people but with a few extra hands from the LAC members we can get a lot done.

Until next time

Keep safe

Justin Cairns OIC Babinda



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Does that mean colour is like *a pigment of your imagination...*

Did you know...

Always trim leafy tops of carrots & beetroot before storing in crisper – the leaves drain moisture & dry them out!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

February 2015

Garlic Prawns

- 1 kg green peeled prawns
- ½ knob garlic (approx. 6 plus bulbs)
- 1 bunch shallots (approx 8)
- 2 onions
- 2 oz butter
- ½ carton of thickened cream

Method

Chop garlic, shallots and onions finely.
Add to wok when melted butter is foaming.
Toss until soft, remove and set aside and keep warm.
Melt extra butter in wok and add green prawns.
Stir for approx. 5 mins till cooked.
Remove from heat and add cream.
Place mixture back onto heat and cool till thick,
then add the onion and shallot mixture.
Serve immediately with rice.

AROMATHERAPY- Are you finding it hard coping with the humidity, heat, even the air? Spritzing is a very clever way to assist with the uncomfortable feeling of being too warm. Spraying arms, legs or feet, avoid spraying the face due to eye contact. For your face, dampen a cloth and lightly apply to the back of the neck, behind ears and cheeks. A little essential oil can go a long way so resist adding more. Especially when using peppermint essential oil as more than a drop or two can have the opposite effect causing you to feel very warm instead. There are many essential oils you can choose from that can be added to distilled or mineral water. Here are a few suggestions. They will cool and relax you **Lavender, Eucalyptus, Peppermint, Geranium, Roman Chamomile, lemon and spearmint**, used individually or by blending 2 or 3 essential oils together. **Measurements** - 10/12 drops of essential oils to 125 ml chosen water. Shake well before spraying. Use glass or PET plastic spray bottles to mix your sprays in as essential oils can deteriorate other types of plastic.

OUTDOORS WORKING- add fresh mint from your garden to your water bottles this helps to cool your blood down which cools your body.

Caution- Before using check for allergies and with your Doctor for those on Medications. Enjoy the rest of your month keep healthy and happy.

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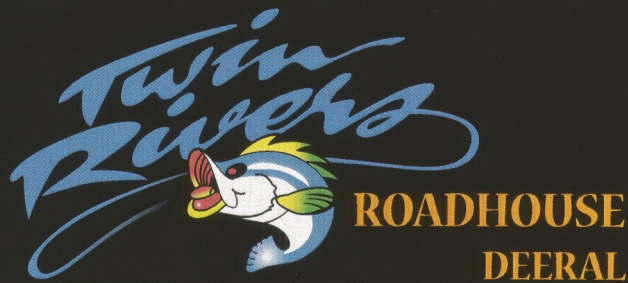
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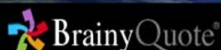
“If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right.”

“If you want to see the true measure of a man, watch how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.”



Success is not forever and failure isn't fatal.

Don Shula



Resident evacuation & recovery register:

for residents of the Cairns Region who are elderly, infirmed and/or disabled and have no transport or friends or family in the area.

If an evacuation is required, those listed on the register will be assisted by emergency service personnel to evacuate their residence. In this event, evacuees will be taken to a safe designated area. Unfortunately emergency services will not have the resources to assist with moving large quantities of personal belongings or pets (except seeing-eye dogs).

This register is updated annually. By placing your name on the register, you are authorising Council to give your details to any agencies that may be involved in an evacuation.

If you answer yes to all of the following questions, you may qualify for the register:

Are you elderly, infirmed and/or disabled?

Do you have no transport?

Do you have no friends or family in the area?

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BABINDA HOSPITAL MPHS NEWS



Welcome to new staff members who have joined our team Julia McDonald recently promoted to Clinical Nurse, new to the area -Alison VanBallegooyen as Registered Nurse and Kelly Voyka as Social Worker and I am now officially in the position of MPHS Co-ordinator. Below are some photo's from our first outing for this year, a trip to the Boulders for morning tea, this was enjoyed by residents and staff.



Strength and Balance Programme starts in March. This program runs for 6 weeks for 1-1.5 hours on one day each week. Everyone is assessed on their general mobility and balance before the commencement of the programme and on completion to show improvement even after a short period of increased activity.

Any local residents interested in joining –please phone Hayley on 40678280.



We are so lucky to live in our small town of Babinda as it is such a caring and generous community. Recently we received a generous donation from Babinda Meat Mart. The proceeds from selling very handy washed and cleaned empty ingredient buckets to anyone interested (when available).
Thankyou Tootie and Wendy.

A bar-b-que was held out in the patient sunroom & patio to celebrate Australia Day. The room was decorated with many Australian icons –many thanks to those involved. Photos from this celebration will be in next months newsletter.



Babinda leads the way
as the first

public health facility in the Far North to achieve accreditation for combined GP and public health model of care.

Save the date

Our Annual Umbrella Ball is on the 9th May at 7pm.

Venue—RSL Hall
Band—Long Shadows

Basket Cabaret

Pricing and Ticket outlet to be advised.



Ann Balke

Greetings from the staff and Volunteers of the Babinda Bargain Centre,

Sadly over the Xmas period we experienced theft from our 'donation area' at the rear of the store. Opportunistic thieves were rummaging through donated items left on the back table overnight. Of course this was reported to the police.

What saddens me most is that if someone is in genuine financial distress and they need help, they simply had to ask for help we would have gladly assisted – especially if there are children involved. None of us here want to see kids going without bed linen, a clean towel or a school uniform and school bag to go to school with etc.

So whilst we are still in need of quality donations, please be aware if they are left on the table over night, they may be thieved. If possible, please put your donated items into the blue bins. If this is not possible because they are too big or fragile, please call us at the store and I will organise pick up from your house or business. Alternatively they can be dropped to us during our business hours if that suits you.

Things we cannot accept as donations include-

- Baby car seats with anchor points
- Strollers and cots
- Any items stained with blood or body fluids
- Anything obviously broken that cannot be repaired

We only accept beds on inspection – please do not leave a bed or mattress without our acceptance – this often creates a huge amount of un-necessary work for our Volunteers.

If in doubt about something you would like to donate, please give us a call at the store to discuss.

Please also note, the store will be closed on Friday the 27th March and Saturday the 28th March 2015. With plenty of warning now, it gives all our regular shoppers a chance to get in early and avoid our closure period.

If you would like to follow us on FACEBOOOK, we can be found at www.facebook.com/babindabargaincentre

We hope to see you shopping with us soon.

Kylie and Volunteers.

A WOMAN'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.

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Info Centre Illuminations

February already. Visitor numbers for 2014 were down a little from the last couple of years, but still very healthy. Our website continues to demonstrate popularity with over 2,500 "hits". The Mill site shows 100 downloads. Just a reminder here that the Babinda Newsletter can also be downloaded from www.babindaifocentre.com.au

As of 31st January, Rotary Park is closed to campers until further notice. The dump area is locked, but still accessible with the Info Centre holding the key. Many of our visitors are amazed that Babinda has two FREE camping areas and that Council are actually upgrading and improving these facilities.

We have been informed by British tourists that, to their knowledge, there are no free camping areas in England.

Recent visitors to Rotary Park are convinced Babinda Creek is magical after their 10 year old dog who refused to approach any form of water not in a bowl, happily ran into and joyfully paddled around in our creek. Other visitors to our Centre informed us that several other travellers suggested they come to our Info Centre because our volunteers are so friendly and helpful.

We have recently acquired a touch screen featuring information on the Wet Tropics where we live. You are welcome to come in and take a look at it.

until next time -----

Happy Trails

Out of the mouths of babes....

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You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -- Derrick, age 8

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Ladies Night

Friday 13th March theme Black Friday

St Patrick's Day

17-3-15 come and enjoy green beer & celebrate at the Stag

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A WOMAN'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

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WATCH OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS

As the cyclone season approaches please make a quick visit to any of our neighbours who are elderly or have a disability.

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Lines From The Library

It's February and there are lots of things happening at the Babinda library for you to enjoy.

This month marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Babinda library and we are marking the occasion with a display in the library. Do take a moment and come in to browse through the memorabilia, photographs and interesting historical information. We would also like to hear any interesting stories you may care to share about the library over its many years of operation. We have a special "Library Memories" book at the library in which you may write these, or, if you prefer, you can put them on the Cairns Libraries facebook page.

"Library Lovers Day" falls on the 14th of February with different activities happening in the many branches of the Cairns Libraries around that time. In Babinda we are asking our patrons to write love notes telling us why you love your library or share library stories with us. Special heart-shaped stick-it notes are available from the circulation desk.

Monday the 16th of February at 10.30am is our Storytime session in the library and kids, we'd love you to come dressed as a book character you love.

Thanks to a lot of work from our Cairns Libraries Client Service and Systems Teams, we are pleased to announce that many more of the Jago Collection of historical photographs of the local area can now be viewed on the touchscreen at the Babinda library. There are some truly amazing images well worth seeing.

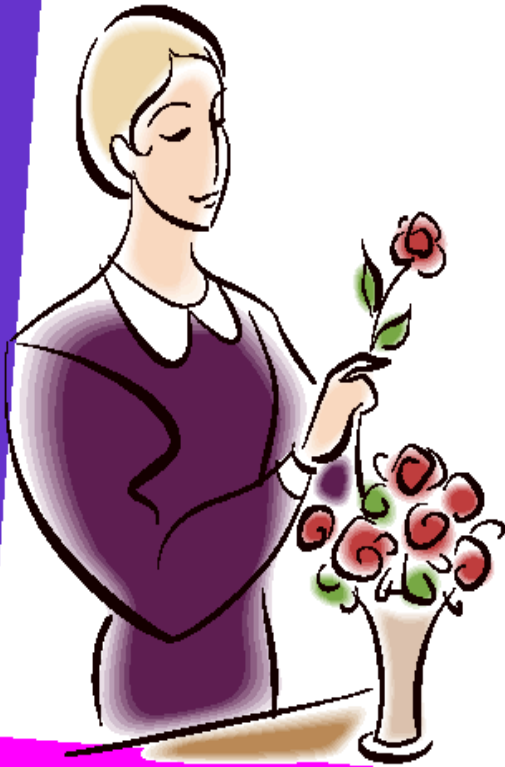
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So do come and join us for a fun filled February and help us celebrate our 60 years of service to the Babinda community.

See you in the library sometime soon.

Cheers, Holly

International Women's Day Luncheon



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As a new year begins at St Rita's, we warmly welcome new families and staff to our school. I wish everyone an enjoyable and rewarding experience here at St Rita's during the coming year. We especially welcome our new staff members for 2015: Mr Bec Burns, my Assistant Principal and Prep/Year One teacher; Miss Hayley Bowie, PE teacher, and returning staff members, Mrs Maryjane Masina, Mrs Julie Cross and Mrs Donna Lauridsen.



This year, St Rita's students will be challenged by many new learning experiences: the introduction of the new Australian PE Curriculum, Information and Communication Technology lessons in our computer lab, and the cooking and gardening skills acquired through the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* program. Every student in our senior class will be assigned an iPad to use at home and school, and we are also excited to be trialling a class set of *Chromebooks* this term.

We congratulate our student leaders for 2015. Vito Musumeci, our School Captain, will be ably supported by two sports captains, Cooper Luce (Palmerston) and Nicholas Stone (Dalrymple). Vito, Cooper and Nicholas will participate in a 'Just Leadership' program at St Rita's, South Johnstone, at the end of the month. I wish staff and students in all schools in the Babinda district a happy and successful year of learning and growth.

Judy Billiau

Principal

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LOCAL WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Location	Operating Hours	Closed
Lot 1 Kruckow, Babinda	8.30am – 4.45pm (five days) Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Christmas Day
Lot 1 Evans Road, Bramston Beach	9.00am – 3.30pm (two days) Saturdays and Tuesdays * This is a single bin Waste Disposal Site and accepts household municipal solid waste only. Please Note: no recycling, green waste, hazardous waste or commercial waste is accepted	Christmas Day

What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE - Next Meeting: Thursday 26 February 9.30am at Taskforce. All members welcome

ABBEYFIELD HOUSE - HOY / Mini Cent Sale 3rd Monday of the month 4067 1197

BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS - Open 9am-4pm daily. Meetings 2nd Wed of month @ 6pm bring a chair

BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE (COOTHARINGA NQ) - HOY 2nd Mon of the month. Ph 4067 1533

BABINDA BOXING CLUB Inc: 1st Monday each month HOY/CENT SALE - CWA Hall 1.30pm. See advert for Club details

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Phone 4067 1148. Barbecue Buffet Meals available most Friday nights.

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - 5.30pm - 1st Tue of month at Roddo's News: 4067 1222

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY MARKET DAY- 2nd Sat of month. \$5. Contact Roddo: 4067 1222

BABINDA CHOI KWANG DO - CWA Hall Mon & Thu 5.30 - 6.30pm. All ages welcome. Enquiries to 0413 386 942

BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Club House

BABINDA GOLF CLUB-Social days Wed and Fri 3pm Saturday 12.30 in winter and 1pm in summer. Ph 4067 1510

BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St

BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 2nd Mon of month 7pm contact 4067 1438 Loretta or 40674110 Rod

BABINDA RAINY DAYS BOOKCLUB - Meets every last Tue of month @ 10am @ Stag Tavern—Call Sue 4067 2640

BABINDA RSL - 1st Sunday of the month, 9:30 am at RSL. Contact 4067 6162

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

BEYOND BLUE - 1300 22 46 36 **LIFELINE** - 13 11 14

BRAMSTON BEACH MOTEL: CRAFT/GET TOGETHER MORNINGS: Tuesdays 10am - 12 midday. Ph Debra 40674139

BUMBLEBEES PLAYGROUP - Tuesdays 9-11am, Community Hall, Church St, ph Honorei 0408 205 053 for details

CARER'S SUPPORT NETWORK - Last Friday of month, Innisfail Hospital, Transport available ph: 40678200

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015: 10th October **HARVEST BALL:** September 26th **AGM:** Monday 9th February

HOSPITAL UMBRELLA BALL - 16 MAY 2015 - Watch this space for further details

INFO CENTRE - Open 9 - 4 daily, 4067 1008, www.babindainfocentre.com.au (view this Newsletter in colour)

KIDS CLUB - Prep - Year 6 - Wednesday 5pm to 7.30pm CWA Hall, Babinda. Phone Janis 4067 1406

LIFELINE - 13 11 14 **BEYOND BLUE** - 1300 22 46 36

MENSHER'S - Wed & Fri's 9am-2pm @ Babinda's Showground contact Merv for further info: 4061 8494

QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Sat of the month meeting 9.30am .4th Mon of the month - Hoy/Mini Cent Sale 1.30pm

QCWA DEERAL-2nd Wednesday of the month— Meeting 9.30am Craft follows meeting. Deeral Hall

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: Christmas Shoe Box Appeal October. Drop off to 123 Munro St. Phone: 4067 2541 or 4067 1651

SOCIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL - Every Thursday night 7pm Bill Wakeham Park

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Presbyterian Church Hall @ 8:45am. Contact Miss Shirley for further details on 4067 2261

SNAKE REMOVALIST - Brian James mobile 0400 752 977 or home phone 4067 1581

STORYTIME: Babinda Library 3rd Monday of month, 10.30—11.30am , 4067 1112

TAI CHI - Wednesdays 9.30am -10.30am Spirit Of Babinda Hall, 51 Munro St, Babinda

WILDLIFE CARERS (FNQ) 4067-6054 (after 4pm & W/ends) 0428 699 246 (7.30am to 4.00pm Mon to Fri)

WOMEN'S FREE CLINIC: available to Medicare eligible clients. Babinda Hospital, Wednesday 4 March - ph 4067 8200

YOGA - Wednesdays 5.30am - 7.00pm, SOB Hall, 51 Munro St, Babinda, Ingrid: 4056 6909

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