



Babinda News

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“Babinda the Umbrella Town “



“The Presidents Notes “

Debra Quabba

Hello Everyone,

Well this is it for the year! I cannot believe that it is Christmas! We have had so much going on that this year has absolutely flown by.

Firstly Friday Nights Christmas in Babinda. ‘Fantastic’, congratulations and well done to the organisers and sponsors of the evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with people, to have a chat and something to eat. Listen to the music and watch the children having fun. I know how hard it is to organise events and certainly appreciate that the heat was no help. Well done, it was a fabulous success.

Friday night also saw the successful launch of our Website www.babinda.info It was the culmination of 18 months of planning and organising and 6 weeks hard labour. We are extremely proud of how it is looking and are extremely excited by the possibilities of many more things that we can upload about our fantastic community. Over the coming months we will be adding more photo's and information so keep posted. The Website was funded by a Q150 Grant, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Queensland Government for their faith in us to succeed at this project and all of those people who assisted with interviews, photo's and information. I would particularly like to thank Professor Matt Allen, Bureau of Meteorology, Mulgrave Settlers Museum, and George Jago Collection - Cairns Libraries for their assistance through the project.

I would personally like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please ensure that you take good care over the holidays and be extremely careful on the road.

Our next newsletter will not be printed until February 2010, so until then, take care, enjoy the holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2010.

Cheers
Debra

Rainfall for the Month of November

Bellenden Ker - Top Station - 1303mm
Year to Date - 7206.2mm

Bellenden Ker - Bottom Station - 746.6mm
Year to Date - 4850.8mm

Babinda Rainfall - 507.6mm
Year to Date: - 4799.9mm

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Ambulance News

Christmas time, sausages and flies - it's a kindy song my daughter has been singing and it gets stuck in your head. Christmas reminds you of the important things in life - family, friendship and health. Please be careful on the roads and in our creeks this festive season. The last thing I, the nurses, police and fireies want on Christmas day is to be a part of some families tragedy. Please be careful as there will be a lot of traffic on the road over the next month, it will probably be wet and slippery and undoubtedly there will be some idiots out there.

You may have seen our committee members selling raffle tickets recently in our Christmas hamper. The ticket sales have gone very well - the money raised is going towards training equipment for the Paramedics at the ambulance station, we are very grateful for everyone's support. The members of our committee have done an exceptional job giving up many hours of their time. My thanks go to Antoinette Russell, Holly Goriss and Kaylene Van Opstal who have been in Babinda and Miriwinni selling out the front of shops as well as the men on our committee. It would also not be possible without the assistance of local business houses whom have contributed to the prizes in the hamper - Spar Supermarket, Babinda Meat Mart, Yum Yums Cafe, Babinda Munro Theatre, Babinda Retravision, Holly Goriss and an unknown lady who dropped off some household goods - please accept our warmest thanks. The winner will receive some great prizes in time for Christmas.

Finally thanks to the dozen or so people who attended our dengue talk in November. The James Cook University presentation was very informative, interesting and everyone took a great deal out of it, we all learnt something. It is unfortunate a few more people did not turn up but I understand people are busy. Warmest seasons greetings from the ambulance station.

Until next year keep safe,
Justin Cairns
Officer In Charge Babinda Ambulance

Contribution Closing Dates for Babinda News

February 5th 2010

March 4th 2010

NEWS FROM BABINDA S E S

We're a month into the Cyclone Season : are you all prepared? Do you know how to be prepared? Babinda SES will be at the Traders' Christmas Fair in the main street and we will be handing out brichures on all sorts of things, plus we'll be available for a chat if you have any concerns about the weather to come. If you miss us there, Cairns Libraries have a range of really good brochures on the subject, and Holly will be only too glad to help.

Bunnings had a very good full page ad in the Cairns Post some weeks ago, with illustrations and prices of hardware they thought to be useful in a cyclone. There's no need to go to Cairns though - Babinda Hardware have everything that Bunnings have, and the Johansen family are real Locals - they've lived through floods and cyclones and their advice, like ours, is based on experience.

We're still looking for someone to look after our "fleet" of small engines and generators and keep them in top line readiness. Ring Phil or Shirley on 40 672345 and join The Team if you think that you can help - you don't hve to be a qualified engineer or mechanic, enthusiasm is what drives us in the SES.



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Cairns Regional Council Notes By Paul Gregory

"Hi from CRC.

Cyclone season has officially started so if you haven't already made your annual preparations then don't put it off any longer. This year residents are being encouraged to PLAN, PACK, LISTEN to ensure they are fully prepared.

PLAN



Make a household emergency plan. In addition to cleaning up around your property, ensure you have arrangements in place for yourself and family if a cyclone was to threaten. Identify the strongest rooms in your home, have emergency numbers and kit handy, and make sure you know what to do when a Cyclone Watch is declared.

PACK



Pack an emergency kit. Gather essential emergency items from around your home and place them together in a sturdy waterproof container. Ensure you have your battery operated radio, enough water for up to three days and a supply of non-perishable food.

LISTEN



Stay informed. Listen to your radio for up-to-date reports and warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology and Emergency Services. At all times, follow their advice and stay safe this cyclone season.

If you would like more information call Cairns Regional Council on 4044 3044 or visit www.cairns.qld.gov.au/disaster

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A Look into the Future for Babinda?

It is, most times, hard to see into our future, but if a school speech night gives any indication, our future is secure & rosy.

The Speech Night for Babinda State P-12 School, 2009 can be viewed with an optimistic air.

The accomplishments & Scholastic Results of some of our students & past students are something to be really proud of.

The Guest Speaker: was an ex Babinda student, who did all of her study at Babinda State P-12, went to University, became an Accountant & now heads her own Company with 25 Employees!

This is what Education is all about & at it's brilliant best! Good one Babinda P-12.

AQUA AEROBICS

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How Babinda Got Its Name By George Stanley Jago

(Continued from November edition)

Portion 460 after the forfeiture by Pettett, was subdivided into smaller areas, and were re-numbered, and taken up as follows:-

Portion 32V E Gambazzi, followed by Rose Angelica (Pollard) Gambazzi

Portion 33V Michael Spillane 22/11/1889 to 30/12/1891, followed by James Pollard 13/9/1893

Portion 34V William John Munro, Died 7/11/1913. Followed by Janet Taylor Munro, followed by G Visini & E Franz

Portion 35V Richard Andrew De Molyens selected 15/3/1894, followed by Charles Adrian Butter selected 18/12/1902, Catatrina Margarita Moller 19/9/1907.

Portion 37V Fred Cope selected 20/7/1894

Portion 49V James C Lloyd

The re-subdivision of the southern part of Portion 460 did not follow the original survey lines.

Joseph G Eastwood tried to track down how Babinda Creek got its name, by contacting JJ O'Leary (an officer of the Cairns Shire Council from 1880 to 1933 who then referred him to Hector Munro the surveyor. Munro advised him that it was Babinda Creek when he arrived there in 1883. No mention is made of it in 'Trinity Phoenix' by Dorothy Jones, or in any of JW Collinson's Books on the early days of Cairns. However, Collinson became aware of how the creek was named, but too late to be included in any of his books. In his "Cuttings Book" held in the State Archives, is a small Newspaper, or Magazine cutting which reads as follows:-

'VKE: Babinda (Q) was so named from the creek on which it stands, which was named in 1881 by WH Pottett, who owned land in the vicinity, after a station he took up near Numagee (NSW) in the 1870's.

The misspelling of Pettett may have misled anyone trying to follow this lead. Also the year 1881 was wrong a Pettett didn't come into the area until late 1883. On the Back of this cutting, written in pencil, was the date August 1951.

My sincere thanks go to Robert Hinxman, for the time, effort and cost he put into researching the Queensland State Library and Archives, for information contained in this article. Robert is a former Treasurer and President of the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society.

So what is the meaning of Babinda?

I contacted AIATSIS in Canberra who forwarded my information on the tribes and languages surrounding Nyngan and Babinda Station. These were:-

Wiradjuri – no listing of Babinda

Wailwan – no listing of Babinda

Wongaibon – no listing of Babinda

Publications consulted were:-

"Place names in Queensland, New Zealand and the Pacific"

"Australian Aboriginal Words: Aboriginal English, English Aboriginal"

"Macquarie Aboriginal Words; A Dictionary of Words from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages."

No listing of Babinda in any of the above publications.

"Place names of Australia" lists Babinda as derived from an aboriginal word 'bunda' meaning mountain.

"The Cambridge Dictionary of Australian Places" lists Babinda as derived from 'binda' a Yindny aboriginal word, meaning waterfall.

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Two publications on Yidiny both by RMW Dixon do not list Babinda, but do list 'binda' as meaning waterfall, shoulder, top of tree and top of waterfall.

Richard & Barbara Appleton in their publications point out that many aboriginal names have corrupted by misunderstanding of the early settlers interpretations of the spoken word, and in some cases, by aboriginal sense of humour, and only about 25 per cent are likely to be correct.

It is clear that Babinda is not from Yidin language as Babinda sheep station in New South Wales was named many years before the white man settled in the Cairns-Innisfail area.

So what exactly does the word 'babinda' mean? Professor RWM Dixon in a letter to me in 1978 said that he believed its true meaning has been lost with time.

13/1/2004

The word Babinda comes from the aboriginal Kamillori tribe whose tribal lands were the Babinda Sheep station, just north of Nymagee NSW.

LIONS NOTES

As 2009 draws to a close we look back and see what has been accomplished under the Lions banner "We Serve". Our biggest project of course was the Lions Harvest Festival. Next came the supplying of tables, chairs and tablecloths for the new Memorial Hall. Our Sausage Sizzles and the selling of Tomato Relish once a month have been successful because of the support of the Babinda Community. The spectacles that have been dropped off at the Babinda Health Centre and Bargain Centre are fixed and graded by specialists in Clontarf so that others may have the gift of sight.

Because of everyone's support we have been able to make donations to flood victims, bushfire victims, tsunami victims and hospitals to name a few. We have received lovely letters of thank you for our ongoing support of Carl Lauridsen's youth camp from the children who have said they could not have gone on camp trips if it were not for our support.

We also thank Stag Tavern, the Chinese Restaurant and Yum Yums for the delicious meals we had at their venue on our Dinner Meeting Night. None of what has been achieved could not have been accomplished without the support of our community. For this we thank you and wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year 2010.



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The Board is very pleased to welcome our new Branch Manager, Sally McDonald and our new Customer Service Officer, Kylie Luce. They are both looking forward to meeting more community members so drop into the branch and say hello.

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Curtis Pitt MP Member for Mulgrave Recruiting for Doctors underway

Interviews for the three doctor positions at Babinda were held on Tuesday 1 December and the recruitment process is being finalised. Babinda community member, Mr Fred Lizzio was the community representative on the recruitment panel. There was a large applicant pool and Queensland Health is hopeful the successful applicants will start early in the New Year.

Queensland Health will continue to provide locum medical staff for the hospital as well as the private general practice, as arranged in late October for a 3-month period.

It is expected Dr Andrew Clift, Dr Mohammed Sadique and Dr Simon Ling will continue to provide medical services to Babinda until the new permanent staff commence. Medical cover will continue for Babinda over Christmas and New Year.

Bus Service

I was recently contacted by a group of Babinda seniors who outlined the problems they were experiencing with the current location of the bus stop on Howard Kennedy Drive.

For many seniors the only mode of transport to Cairns and Innisfail is by bus. The relocation of the Greyhound bus stop two years ago had the unintended consequence of also relocating the Sun Palm bus service which is used by many of our seniors.

The relocated bus stop means the elderly passengers, many of which rely on mobility aids, have to walk out of town and cross the busy Bruce Highway to catch the bus. Clearly this is not acceptable, especially as Babinda experiences high temperatures and the state's highest rainfall.

I have written to Mayor Val Schier asking for Council to designate a bus stop for the Sun Palm service at Anzac Park which will also provide shelter, lighting and toilet facilities. The Mayor has confirmed the Council is investigating this, as well as the potential to subsidise services.

On behalf of my wife Kerry, son Tristan, electorate staff Andrew and Kobi, I wish you a safe and happy festive season. My office will be closed over the Christmas/New Year break, reopening Monday 11 January.

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A huge thanks must go out to the locals for their support as without it we would not be here, we see many new faces coming in everyday. A big thankyou is to go to Paul Gregory & Cairns Regional Council for replacing our steep dangerous driveway to a smooth concreted entrance which is so much more inviting for customers to use. A great job done by all involved.

The post office has also been renovated & is operating 6 days a week making it a lot easier for people to get here after work & on weekends to pay bills, purchase phone recharge or just to mail parcels. With over 60 extra mailboxes being installed, all but 10 have been leased requiring further renovations to be underway next year. The post office has a huge range of office stationery & supplies ranging from pens to paper shredders & laminators, there is a great line of Xmas gifts in store, mobile phones & cameras, making it a must for you to call in next time you are going past.

There is also an exciting new business underway, Miriwinni now has its own Real Estate, Tracey Atkins is the licensee & was previously working as a licensed Real Estate Agent in the South Burnett prior to moving up to North Queensland. While been kept busy with new listings & enquiries, we are always keen to take on more. So if you are thinking of selling or you do have your home or farm on the market & would like to give Tracey the opportunity to sell it for you, why not call on 0418 784 493 or 4067 6000, we would be only too pleased to help you.

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BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL



THROUGH FULFILMENT WORK

As we head towards the last week of Term and end of the school year, everyone is looking forward to the end of year break. Students have worked very hard on their "Transport Unit" with everyone thoroughly enjoying our trip on the Tilt Train and visit to the Australian Sugar Museum. In our last week of school our students are off to see the Arts Council performance of "Charlottes Web". Our Year 4 to 7's have been learning about food from around the world and will be heading off to the Cherry Blossom restaurant in Cairns as an opportunity to experience traditional Japanese food. The school will hold its presentation evening on Wednesday the 9th December. We would like to farewell our Year 7 students Blake Jerrett and Jackson Quabba who are heading off to Year 8. We wish them all the best for the future.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to all the staff and families that have assisted our school during the year with transport. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. For those travelling please travel safe and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Bellenden Ker is currently taking enrolments for 2010. If you would like your child/children to learn in a safe and supportive environment, or would just like to come and have a look at our wonderful school, please feel free to contact us here at the school or drop in between 9.00am to 3.00pm. We are located on Harvey Creek Road Bellenden Ker. For any further information/inquiries on what our school has to offer we can be contacted on 40 675292 or 0428775293. Please note, a school prospectus is available upon request.

Regards
Peter Begemann
Principal



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Run Down;

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- "Steve Gartrell`s Team"
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- "Harry`s Mob"
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Thankyou to our sponsors;
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The Caterers need a special thank you
for their efforts.

Hooray! Our favourite Cootharinga Bargain Building is now air-conditioned, so we're finally up with the modern world.

Our Christmas night was held at the Stag Tavern. Pat Egan stole the show riding her scooter around. Special Chefs for the night were Carmen, Angie and Vicki. Their food was delicious. President Marge handed out the Christmas presents.

The Bargain Centre will close from mid-day 24th December and re-open January 4th 2010. Thankyou for your support during 2009 and A MERRY XMAS.

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Naturally, we now have a Christmas theme and have been very fortunate to have help from the students of Bartle Frere State School. The students have decorated our rooms beautifully with Nativity scenes, Christmas posters, tinsel, colourful paper chains and lots more. We feel blessed to have such a special display and thank the Bartle Frere students for such original expression of the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to the students of Bartle Frere State School

We have had a busy year as usual, but our visitor numbers are gradually dropping off as they head home to their families for Christmas. Maybe it's time you came to visit us! We have the solutions to help you deal with lots of visitors and the increasing heat and humidity. Please come and see what we have to offer as well as our great Christmas display.

May you all have a happy and blessed Christmas and best wishes for 2010

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The Taskforce Office Opening times over the holiday period.

CLOSING: 4pm Thursday 24TH December 2009

Re-Opening - Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th December 2009 – 9am – 4pm

Closed: Thursday 31st 2009 and Friday 1st 2010

RE-OPENING: 9am Monday 4th January 2010

Australia Day Celebrations in Babinda



When: 26th January 2010

Where: Babinda Memorial Pool

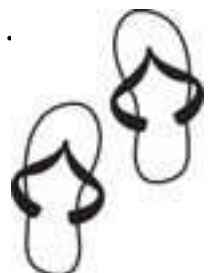
Time: 2pm - 5pm

Entry: FREE

What's happening: Swimming, free sausage sizzle, games, music, give away's and much more.

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See you there.....



Bundaberg Sugar Babinda Mill Host a Prostate Cancer Awareness BBQ

This year, Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia asked Australians to get involved and help create awareness and raise much needed funds to help in the fight against prostate cancer by hosting a barbecue.

Congratulations are extended to the Bundaberg Sugar Babinda Mill social club and management for hosting a barbecue in support of the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia initiative.



The loco shed was the venue and 43 staff members attended in their lunch break. Christine Owens from Yum Yum's Café organised the barbecue and a raffle prize of a weekend for two at Robert Towns Motel in Townsville was kindly donated by proprietor Amanda Kallan, who has personally experienced the effects of a diagnosis of prostate cancer within the family. The winner of the raffle was Darryl Pollard.

Healthier Great Green Way's Men's Health Program Co-ordinator, Desleigh Barrow spoke to the staff about finding prostate cancer early, the risk factors, symptoms and diagnosis of prostate cancer.

This event was a great demonstration of how our local community works together with a total of \$903 raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia. This was a terrific result. Well done Christine and the Bundaberg Sugar Babinda Mill social club and management.

It is hoped that the event can be repeated next year.

The Winners of the Babinda Respite Raffle Drawn 26-11-09

1st Prize; Steven Murdock, 2nd Prize; G.Cannon, 3rd Prize; Les Maxwell
4th Prize; Jim Lloyd, 5th Prize; G.Cannon

Many thanks to all who supported us. It was Greatly appreciated by the CLIENTS and VOLUNTEERS

Arts & Crafts

We here at the Babinda & District Arts & Craft Co-op would like to thank all the people who supported our November Sale & our store throughout the year. The \$25 voucher was won by Justin Cairns & the \$50 voucher was won by a Cairns lady Bronwyn Cox. On Friday, 18th December we will be open for late night shopping. Come down & see all our Christmas lights & get those last minute gifts.

We wish you all a Happy & Safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2010.

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The Mulgrave Early Settlers Museum
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This is the story of John Miller and the PEACE BURSARY

John Miller was born in Babinda in 1922 and was one of eight kids, 5 boys and 3 girls. John went to school in Babinda, and afterwards got a job as a "Billy Boy". The Second World War started in 1939 and although only 17 years old, John yearned to enlist. His mother was not keen, but gave her consent. His father was working away in Mt Molloy and was needed to sign John's papers. Not to be beaten, John Miller peddled his bike the 134 miles to Mt Molloy and back, and succeeded in enlisting in the Australian Army. John's battalion was posted to Singapore, only to be captured by the Japanese Army at the "Fall of Singapore".

For the next 4 years John Miller was a Prisoner of War of the Japanese Imperial Forces, along with thousands of other Aussie prisoners, who worked on the infamous Burma Railway in inhuman conditions. John Miller managed to survive. As a consequence of this terrible part of his life, he hated the Japanese and anything Japanese, with awful intensity, for many years. Until by chance he became friendly with a Japanese Professor, who has become John Miller's good friend.

John Miller is now 87 years old and has returned to Babinda School, which he attended 80 years ago, to say to our young boys and girls "What has war ever achieved? Do not waste your time hating your fellow man."

He has presented his PEACE BURSARY to two young students of Grades 8 and 9, Mark Nucifora and Conor Johnson, students at John's old school, to encourage the young to embrace PEACE and NOT WAR. Both these boys are deserving of this Bursary.

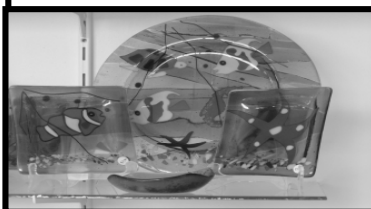
Thank you John Miller.




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BABINDA TASKFORCE - MONTHLY MEETINGS - Third Thursday of the month. 9:30am at the Taskforce Office.

Australian Pensioners & Superannuates League - 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am at the Spirit of Babinda Hall.

BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS - 2nd Thursday every month - 7pm shop, bring a chair

BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB meetings are now held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Club House - Phone 4067-1087

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Weekly Bowls dates and times - Tuesday 1pm - Wednesday 6pm - Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 1pm - Brian Walker—40676764

BABINDA GOLF CLUB - Time of competitions - Wednesday - Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm
Friday - Social Holes 3pm Saturday - 18 Hole Competition 1pm

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

BABINDA PROGRESSIVE ART WORKSHOPS Wed 9am - 12pm, Ph Micale on 0450 360 611

BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school

BABINDA WOMEN'S GROUP - Hoy at Abbeyfield 1st Monday of the month 1.30pm

BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL - Family Day Group Every Tuesday 9am—11am
All welcome (Contact Principle Danielle 4067-6240 for more information)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 6 - 6.30PM - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital

COOTHARINGA - HOY - 3rd Monday of every month 1.30pm to 4pm in the Spirit of Babinda Hall

FITNESS & MARTIAL ARTS - THURS 6pm to 7pm at the School Hall

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HOSPITAL WELFARE - 3rd Friday Second Monthly - 3pm Stag Tavern

INFO CENTRE - First Friday of the month 9.30am at the Info Centre

IN TOUCH MASSAGE - Phone Judi Van Dycke on 4067 2604 / 0400 726 245 at 'In Touch'

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

PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES - meets every Mon. 9.30am - 1130am at St. Rita's School, Church St. Ring Julie on 4067-2397 for more information.

QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Saturday of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting
4th Monday of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1pm

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RUSSELL LANDCARE & CATCHMENT GROUP - 4th Thursday of the month 7.00pm at the Spirit of Babinda Hall.

SCHOOLIEZ CHURCH - Grade 8-12 Every Sunday 8.30am Tootie and Wendy's 116 Munro St Phone: 40671568.

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

STORYTIME - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month

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YOGA—Every Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm at the Spirit of Babinda Hall. All Welcome.