



Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes "

Debra Quabba

Hello everyone,

What an exciting month we have in front of us. We have the Harvest Fest, and all the fun things that go along with it including the Ball and Fun Run. I am really looking forward to going along and enjoying myself.

We also have the culmination of our RADF Music Program, see Page 19 for more information. Our tutor Peter Bishop has been working incredibly hard to extract the best out of his pupils and I think you will all find the results surprising.

Last month I was given the honour of making the address to the Bartle Frere Freemasons at their traditional Anzac Service. It was an absolute pleasure to be the first woman to address a Bartle Frere Freemasons service in its entire history, steeped in centuries of tradition the Freemasons address was certainly a privilege. If you ever get the opportunity to attend their Anzac Service it is very interesting and the members are always extremely welcoming.

I was also given the honour of addressing the 10am Anzac Day service by the Babinda RSL Sub-Branch. I am always very nervous speaking publicly but I have a special place in my heart for our service men and women so I hope that I did them proud. It would also be remiss of me not to mention my son Jordan who for the last 4 years has played The Last Post and Reveille at the 10am service and for the last 2 years has also played at Dawn Parade. This is a big ask for someone so young and even though his parents almost push him forward he has done himself proud. Good on you Jordan. I also look to the past and all the other School students who have gone before Jordan to pay tribute to our Anzac's and offer our heartfelt congratulations and well done, you have done yourself and your community proud.

As most of you would know Dr Merlo's Surgery has now been sold to Queensland Health. I offer our communities best wishes for the future to Delia and hope that her retirement is fulfilled. It is a new chapter in the Private Practice Surgery for our community and it is fantastic news that it will be there for us into the future. Well done to those who have played a role in this positive outcome for our community.

Take care,

Debra

Rainfall for the Month of April

Bellenden Ker - Top Station - 1507mm

Year to Date - 5787mm

Bellenden Ker - Bottom Station - 887mm

Year to Date - 3512.2mm

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Police News

You may have noticed some new road works starting on the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Munro Street recently.

For those that are not aware this is to widen the road to allow for a pedestrian refuge to be constructed in the middle of the Highway and to make crossing a lot safer. I think this is a great project and one that will be very beneficial to the whole town. For the duration of construction the speed limit will be changed to 40kph during business hours and will revert to 60 kph during the evening. The engineers responsible for the project have asked for everyone's co operation with this and for police to enforce this speed limit so please be mindful when driving through the works. Hopefully weather permitting this should be completed in the coming months.

On another note I have noticed of late that a number of people seem to think that it is OK to walk around town of a night consuming liquor. Not only will the persons consuming the liquor be liable to a \$100 on the spot fine but often the empty containers are left strewn though out the parks and vicinity for someone else to clean up. This also creates an eye sore and portrays an unfavourable image to our tourists and visitors. Please be aware that police have the power to issues an on the spot fine and tip out the contents of the container. If you are found drinking all unopened containers that you may have in your possession will also be tipped out. So please if you wish to have a few drinks do so in a licensed premises or your own home, not in the Street or our parks.

Finally we have had some excellent information come into the station of late in relation to drug activities within our community which has resulted in several successful prosecutions? I thank those persons who have supplied this information and encourage anyone who may have such information to give the station a ring. Any information is fully confidential and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Drugs are becoming a major problem throughout society and Babinda is not immune so please help us keep our community great and do your bit.

Until next Month stay safe

Gerard BRADY

Contribution Closing Dates for Babinda News

3rd June 2010

1st July 2010

BABINDA S E S NEWS

from Don Lawie

Babinda SES hosted the Far Northern District Challenge in April, with about 100 volunteers competing to show their skills. Bartle Frere School was used as a base and teams were sent to various points to operate in realistic scenarios. Babinda Group provided assistance and in particular sustenance, with Dulcie and the Crew performing near-miracles to keep the teams going with hot, nourishing tucker.

We were well represented in the Anzac Day March and our members were proud to turn up in uniform. We are all trained first-aiders and when an attendee lost his footing, Mark, our youngest member, was quick to assess and assist.

We will be manning the gate at the Harvest Festival once again, and a percentage of gate takings go to our SES group, to be used for purchase and refurbishment of rescue equipment to make our teams more efficient.

There will be a Basic Competency and Training Day at our HQ in Howard Kennedy Drive on Sat 5 June. If anybody is interested in joining the SES they could come along on that day at 0830 and be inducted and trained all in one day. Enquiries? Phone 40 671 233.



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Cairns Regional Council Notes

By Paul Gregory

Hi From Cairns Regional Council

There is significant debate occurring in Council over the formulation of our budget....what a surprise! The press has recently run a large spread on how we as a group are going to deal with the situation that confronts us on the local economic front; that is, high unemployment, a stagnant property market, and the fallout from the GFC still impacting on tourism numbers.

Like it or not, we are reliant on the tourist industry, as the primary and secondary industries that had been the backbone of our economy have been dwarfed by the giant increases in people who have visited us to see the natural attractions we take for granted. The fishing industry (Cairns at one stage in recent history had one of the largest commercial fleets in Australia) has waned under regulatory pressures, timber has gone, and sugar, whilst bouyant at present, has seen some reduction in size with the urban growth that has followed the growth in tourism. One only has to think back on how many local mills have gone in the last 20 years (Hambleton started the slide back in 1991) to put this in perspective.

As a result, any slowdown in tourism immediately impacts on our local economy. As such, the councillors really need to think very carefully what is important to residents at this time to ensure that the rate money provided is put to good use. Public debate has mainly focussed on whether or not the current budget should be visionary and expansive, or be modest and cautious.

I am firmly on the side of the latter. I make no apology for stating that we need to concentrate firmly on service provision that has long been associated with Councils, and leave the big, visionary projects for better times. Sure, let's plan for the things that will provide extra enjoyment in our lives, but to commit to long term capital spends currently is to my mind not responsible. I am of course talking about such things as the performing arts centre, which is going to be a jewel in the crown of the far north, but I question the need to commit ratepayers money at this stage until we are sure that other levels of government are putting their money on the table. We need to know how much that will be, and the subsequent burden that ratepayers will need to shoulder.

Anyway, more on this as the debate develops.

Until next time,

Cheers Paul.

VOTE FOR BABINDA AND EVERYONE WINS

For the first time Tidy Towns announced it is asking people to vote for their favourite town in a partnership with Australia's favourite GPS brand, Navman. This is a new category in the annual Tidy Towns competition.

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BABINDA
SUNDAY 30TH MAY

2 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Cairns, Bishop James Foley, Scalabrinian Priest, and other visiting Priests from the dioceses

3.30 pm The Cairns Municipal band will lead a solemn procession of the Statue and Relics of Saint Rita

4pm All are invited to a barbeque and mini fete which will be held at the Saint Rita's School grounds Followed by a Fireworks Display at 7pm

ALL WELCOME

AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome to another month. I was depressed about the weather until today. It is cut off day for stories to the newsletter and it is the best weather in two months. Reminds you why we live here - it is nice and green, friendly and while the Victorians are about to freeze as we are basking in beautiful sunshine. Peter is away at the moment on leave and Steve Gulliver from Cairns is replacing him. He has done a few stints here in the past 8 months and he must like the place as he has come back for more. Thanks Steve. When the new ambulance station was built there was no casualty room in the plans. Many would remember when we syringed ears, took steel out of eyes and did heaps of re dressings. We simply do not have the equipment anymore supplied to us - large stainless syringes, high powered optical lights and goggles etc. The reason we do not have casualty rooms anymore is for a number of reasons : legal purposes - you require specialised treatment and equipment when dealing with eyes and if a mistake is made the QAS may be liable and the officer may face disciplinary charges if you perform a task which you have not been trained for. Another reason is the fact that we focus more as a department on primary pre hospital care and patient transport. Unlike the old days when we would work all night and then be expected to turn up at work at 07 00 no matter how fatigued you were we now are left at home with a break and the communications centre calls us when we have to respond to a job. It makes doing drug calculations easier when you have a clear mind. We are fortunate that there is a hospital located next door which is staffed 24 hours a day. If you turn up on our doorstep with a nasty cut or something we will always help anyone who needs it but are limited. As I earlier mentioned it is possible that we are not on station having been on fatigue or on another case. I would hate for someone to sit here bleeding profusely whilst we might be on a case at Fishery Falls. If you do require an ambulance there is a phone located on the wall which will connect you directly to our communications centre. They will give you advice and contact us or the nearest ambulance. Hope we only see you on a social basis. In an emergency call 000 or non emergency 13 12 33.

Until next time,

Keep Safe

Justin Cairns



LIBRARY LINKUP



National Simultaneous Storytime

Babinda Library is one of the thousands of public libraries across Australia joining in the National Simultaneous Storytime for 2010 on Wednesday 26th of May at 11am.

This storytime is special because libraries all around the county read the same story on the same day at the same time. This year the book will be *Little White Dogs Can't Jump* by Bruce Whatley, and our lovely Storytime reader and Friend of the Library Meg Morris will be reading. Children are invited to participate in a fun craft activity making paper bag puppy dogs afterward and also get a free special *Little White Dogs Can't Jump* sticker illustrated by Rosie Smith. Babinda Library's regular storytime will be the week prior on the 19th of May from 10.30-11.30am. This session will pay tribute to loving mothers everywhere, being the month of Mother's Day. Children are invited to make tissue paper flowers and do some colouring in after the stories. To book contact Babinda Library on 40 67 1112.

Learn how to use Computers

Cairns Libraries also invites the community to try out its new Online Computer Training program. This computer based training software includes lessons on Internet searching, using Email and Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Vista. These modules are free for Library members and can be accessed from home or from Library PCs. Great for beginners and people wishing to update their computer skills. For more information contact the Babinda Library or go to www.cairnslibrary.com.au, select Online Services and look for the *Online Training Courses* logo to have a go. Librarians will be running workshops on these modules at the City Library every Wednesday morning from 10.30-11am with one hour practice afterwards from May 5 for those who require additional assistance. Bookings at the City Reference Desk on 4044 3730.

Hello and a very warm welcome to St Rita's School, Babinda.

Enrolments are open. Please feel very welcome to come and see us at the school if you would like to enrol your child(ren) for the 2011 school year.

At St Rita's we address through our teaching and learning programs the holistic education of each child and so our learning together continues with great excitement as each lived moment provides opportunity for both the joy of shared experience and renewal amidst the activities of the day.

Thank you to parents, friends and staff for their openness to the experience of 'having a go' around their participation and support for the activities of the school.

We strongly encourage all community members to come into the school and witness and/or participate in the learning journey of the students in each class. *The door is always open.*

Some current learning highlights follow below.

The Pre-School and Year 1 students have produced great works of art and their literacy and numeracy skills show good application to important foundational development. Their many and exciting projects highlight their development and understanding around growth and change.

The year 2 and 3 students are demonstrating wonderful learning related to sounds, blends and grammar, skills vital for the development of good literacy levels and communication. They also are developing a healthy sense of team and working together.

The year 4 class produce amazing work on renewable and sustainable resources and practices. It is also always a pleasure to engage with them in discussion on being open to the spirit and love of God

The years 5 to 7 students demonstrate tremendous leadership and their research and technology skills show their growth as independent learners, vital for their ongoing learning and future years. They engage very well in integrated units reflected in their project work.

It is also wonderful to witness the students of each class work together in pairs and small groups on their studies and well-being programs.

The variety and sharing of the wonderful skills of our staff are always very evident and their dedication to teamwork and planning is exemplary.

Some significant dates and events coming up are:

Fri 7th May	Walk Safely to School Day
11th-13th May	NAPLAN Testing -Years 3/5/7
Tue 18th May	School Photos
Mon 24th May	School Community Eucharist for St Rita's Feast Day
Tue 25th May	Trivia Night.
Sat 29th May	Harvest Festival Parade
Sun 30th May	St Rita's Feast Day Gathering
Thurs June 10:	Readers Cup: Malanda
Sat June 12	First Communion and Confirmation

Cheers and regards,

Mr. Gerard Tonti-Filippini

MULGRAVE SETTLERS' MUSEUM OPEN DAY

By Donald Lawie

The Mulgrave Settlers' Museum held an Open Day on 29 April to showcase this year's Special Display of historical items relating to the sugar industry. Items on display include farm and Mill records and a range of farming equipment of yesteryear.

The Museum, in Gordonvale, has recently been donated World War Two uniforms once worn by QX33570 Sgt. Bill Kerns, a farmer from Bellenden Ker who fought in the Battle of Porton Plantation. The Museum committee have handed the items on to Babinda and Gordonvale RSL, Sub Branches and to 51 Battalion at Edmonton. Two greatcoats and a Battledress jacket were presented at the Museum Open Day on 29 April and were accepted by Mrs Maureen Raddatz on behalf of Babinda RSL and Lt. Col. Steve Brain, Commanding Officer of 51 Battalion.

The Porton battle involved an attack by men of 31/51 Battalion A.I.F.—men from Townsville and Cairns areas—in an attempt to oust Japanese troops from northern Bougainville in June 1945.

The attack was a failure; the troops were to land from the sea but their barges were stranded on offshore reefs and they had to wade ashore without heavy weapons or supplies. They were pinned down in a tight perimeter by overwhelming numbers of Japanese, but managed to hold on to their position and fight back for two days. New Zealand Air Force flew protective cover by F4U Corsair fighters, and R.A.A.F. Boomerangs bombed the Japanese positions. The Australian artillery of 2/4 Field Regiment, firing from an offshore island, landed 25 pound shells just in front of the perimeter under the direction of a Gunner Officer ashore with the 31/51 men.

The withdrawal and rescue were epics of Aussie courage and endurance. The rescue barges were stranded on reefs and the unit commander, Captain Downs, lost his life protecting his wounded. Japanese attacks were incessant, day and night, until finally relief barges took off all soldiers still alive. Overall there were 132 killed or wounded out of the 190 Diggers involved.

The battle is commemorated by 51 Battalion at Edmonton's Porton Barracks in June each year with a parade and Memorial Ceremony. Many Babinda district men have served in 51 Battalion over the years.



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Queensland Health to purchase Babinda GP practice

Queensland Health has agreed to purchase the Babinda private GP practice to fulfil a commitment to the community to guarantee the future of the town's medical services.

The community indicated at a meeting last September that the preferred model for sustainable medical care is an integrated and collaborative approach between the public and the private health systems, providing both primary and secondary care.

The late Dr Brian Merlo provided the Babinda community with more than 30 years of dedicated service. A commitment was made to the Babinda community in November last year that the Queensland Government would purchase his practice to ensure that medical cover continues to be provided to the local community and to ensure his legacy lived on.

As part of the commitment to develop sustainable medical services at Babinda, Queensland Health last year undertook to recruit three full-time doctors to service the needs of the Babinda community and hospital. The positions are a Medical Superintendent with Right of Private Practice and two Medical Officers with Right of Private Practice who will work in both the public and private sector, providing medical cover at the GP practice and at Babinda Hospital.

A town the size of Babinda usually requires 2.6 Full Time Equivalent doctors to meet the needs of patients at both the hospital and the GP practice. However, it was decided to recruit three full-time doctors to ensure all the community's needs were met. Respected community member Fred Lizzio participate in the recruitment and selection process.

Last week I was pleased to announce that Dr Amador Ibanez-Almarche has been appointed as Medical Superintendent with Right of Private Practice at Babinda. He will be taking up his new position on 1 July. Dr Ibanez-Almarche currently is a Senior Medical Officer at Mareeba Hospital. Finalisation of the recruitment for the remaining two Medical Officer with Right of Private Practice positions is underway.

I'm really pleased to see the pieces are now falling into place as part of the larger medical model for Babinda. Putting this model in place was my number one priority for Babinda at the last election so I'm glad to see this coming together.

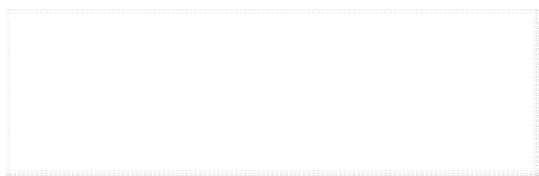
The agreement to purchase the private practice and recruitment of doctors has been the result of a group effort by a number of parties. This outcome was achieved through close collaboration between myself, the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District, the Babinda Community, the Merlo family, the Office of Rural and Remote Health and the Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice.

I would like to thank everyone involved for helping to achieve this excellent outcome for the Babinda community.

Contact:

Mulgrave Electorate Office - 4056 3175
6 May 2010

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The branch is again sponsoring the Harvest Queen, Miss Personality and Miss Charity for the Babinda Harvest Festival. Each winner will receive \$100 from the Babinda **Community Bank**® Branch.

Sally, our Branch Manager and Andrew, our Business and Agri-business Manager, attended the inaugural Innisfail Agricultural Field Day. It was very successful with a great deal of interest in our display. Sally and Andrew will build on this success by visiting locals to discuss Agri-business finance opportunities at our **Community Bank**® Branch.

Our good wishes go with Kylie our CSO who will be trekking the Kokoda trail from 19-27 May. Kylie will be giving small gifts from our branch to the local children. Our very best wishes go with you Kylie.

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Upcoming Events:

**Sunday 16th May 3pm: Community Planting Day, Carl Mellick
Park, Harwood Dr Babinda;
Farewell BBQ for Melanie**

At our Information night we all enjoyed a very interesting talk by local fish enthusiast Russell Constable followed by refreshments and general chitchat.

Natural Resource Awareness Grant

We have been working on a Natural Resource Awareness project to look at reducing our carbon footprint through the carbon captured and held within a growing tree. We often plant trees within our landscape to provide habitat, to stabilise creek banks, suppress weed growth and improve visual amenity. As these trees grow they capture carbon and store it for the life of the tree. A 20 year old eucalypt tree of about 37cm diameter and 20m tall would hold about 1 tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent which is the unit used to measure greenhouse benefit.

You easily work out how many kilograms of carbon dioxide your family produces each year at <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/carboncops/calculator.htm>. You may actually find it is easier to cut emissions than to try to find enough land to plant trees to recapture them!

Babinda Creek Planting Day and Melanie's Farewell BBQ

In promoting the riparian repair within the Babinda Creek catchment through the Community Action Grant we will be holding a planting in Carl Mellick Park on **Sunday 16 May**, starting at 3pm and followed by a BBQ. We look forward to seeing some new faces from **Babinda State School** come along. It will be a casual afternoon with all of the holes pre-dug and refreshments provided.

This will be Melanie's final planting as Coordinator and we hope you can join us to wish her all the best.

Join in - the new online Message Board for Russell Landcare and Catchment Group.

A Message Board is just like a community noticeboard; you visit the website <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/RLCGmembers/>, and read the messages from other members, the Terrain NRM Coordinator or the RLCG Management Committee. You can post anything you like (messages about upcoming events, discussions about the weather!). The Board does not generate any spam (rubbish emails) and is totally free (Yahoo just put their ads on the webpage).

Visit the site, have a look around, and sign up (free – you can deregister anytime you like). Hope to see you on the Board! If you have any questions, please email russell.landcare@gmail.com and I can assist you.

Just go to: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/RLCGmembers/>.

We welcome any general enquiries via email to russell.landcare@gmail.com or pop in and see Melanie, Catchment Coordinator, at 53 Munro St for information on the group and assistance with natural resource management issues in the Russell Catchment.

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Michele Dale

Secretary, Russell Catchment and Landcare Group Inc.

ABBNEYFIELD HOUSE NEWS

The AGM was well attended and the committee for the 2010/2011-year was elected.

President- Tony Densmore Vice President- Wanda Edmonds Secretary- Bryan Walker Treasurer- Janice Lauridsen. Thank you to Fred Lizzio who stood down as President. We are presently looking at some gardening tasks. If you have some spare time and you wish to volunteer, please contact President Tony on 40676006.

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LARGE ANZAC TURNOUT IN BABINDA

Anzac Day in Babinda was a wet affair but still attracted good attendance both at the Dawn Service and the 10 o'clock Ceremony.

Eleven members of the Kingston Family were present at the Memorial Hall when Babinda resident Allan Kingston presented a World War 1 compass, which had belonged to his father Doug, during that war 92 years ago.

The Babinda RSL Club has a special area that houses many of these fascinating mementoes and are available for public viewing.

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LOCAL GIRL EYES ON PRIZE

Brooke Cleall, daughter of Paula Cleall (Reilly) and grand-daughter of Donna Tuttle has been selected to participate in the 2nd round of "Generation Next" on 10th May. This is a competition for hairstylists. Girls from Innisfail to Mossman compete for top honours. The main prize is the opportunity to be part of the Schwarzkopf creative team at a fashion event in Brisbane.

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Bartle Frere State School has been selected to participate in the **Shop for Cairns' Kids** promotion run by **Cairns Central** and we hope that you will be able to help us.

What: Shop for Cairns' Kids –A promotion run by **Cairns Central** in order to give registered schools the opportunity to win up to \$10,000.

When: Starting Monday 17th May until Sunday 27th June (6 week promotion)

How: Every time you shop at any Cairns Central store just take your receipts to the Customer Service Desk and request your 'points' be given to **Bartle Frere State School**. It's that simple. At the end of the promotion the points collected will be divided by the number of students and the winning schools will be those with the highest point per student ratio.

We value your support and thank you in advance.

Don't miss out!! Our Family Play Group is meeting every Tuesday between 9am and 11am. Social interaction, fun and games. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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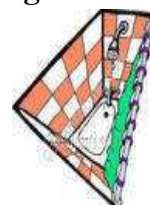


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The staff and students at Bellenden Ker have had a busy time of late. Before Easter our students participated in the Cross Country at Babinda doing their school proud with some great results. Our Year 7's attended the Daradgee Leadership Camp and the school will be participating in a joint school camp with McDonnell Creek State School at Holloway's Beach Environmental Education Centre in upcoming weeks. "Jump Rope for Heart" is also up and running here at the school and it is great to see the enthusiasm that our students of all ages put into their skipping every day. There was also much excitement recently with the arrival of our new school building. This is a great asset to our school and we look forward to utilising the new building very shortly. It is also a proud moment for our Year 7's who have just received their school leader badges and senior shirts. During the presentation the students gave a short speech about what it means to be a student leader and this was followed by a morning tea with parents and staff.

As a small school, new enrolments are always welcome. 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

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OUR WOMEN OF BABINDA

VICKI DEWIS



Here is the story of Mrs Vicki Dewis, a well-known and much loved long term resident of Babinda.

Vicki and her parents and sister Jean, were evacuated from Thursday Island early at the start of the 2nd World War, after the fall of Singapore to the Japanese.

After a short stay in Cairns, they moved down to Babinda to live.

Vicki went to St Rita's school, grew up in Babinda, married Michael Dewis and together, raised six children, many of whom still live in the area. They are the proud grandparents of a number of offspring, who are Babinda citizens and valuable members of our community.

Vicki sets a wonderful example as a citizen. She is currently a stalwart of the Cootharinga Society and its Bargain Centre. Vicki is Vice President and is a Life Member of the organisation. Her contribution to Cootharinga is typical of her efforts throughout the community. Vicki attends most community meetings and is a volunteer we can truly be proud of.

The Babinda News features this story with a great deal of pride. We count ourselves very lucky that Vicki Dewis did not return to Thursday Island and instead became "a Woman of Babinda".

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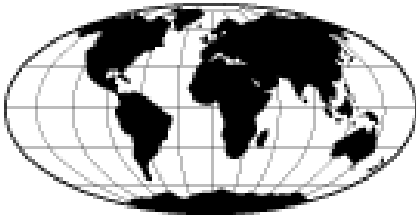
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Getting involved. Volunteers are always needed at the Babinda Bargain Centre for all manner of odd jobs and shop duties. Please call in and see Marg. You too may get addicted to the volunteer life-style.

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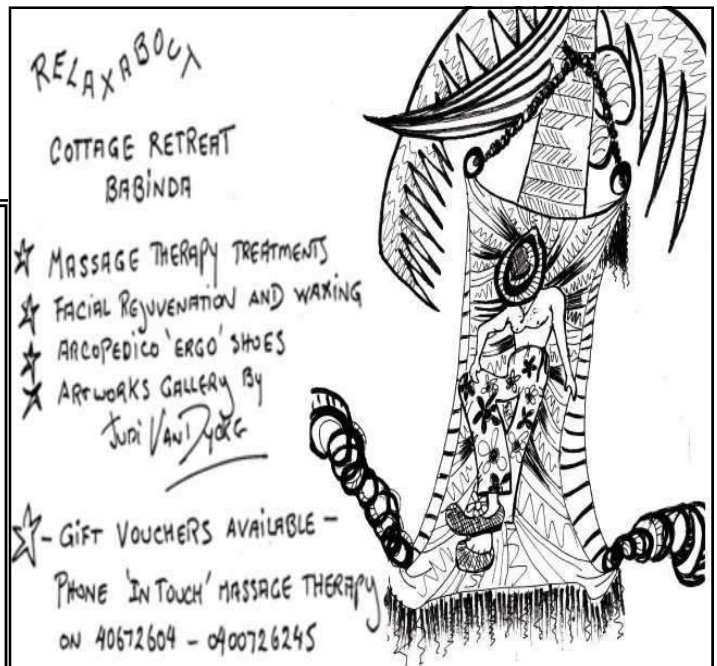
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HELP OUR CASSOWARIES

A new website has been launched to try to uncover the behaviour of one of the world's most elusive birds, the Cassowary. University of Queensland researcher Dr Hamish Campbell said the website would provide much needed scientific data on Cassowary movement patterns. "The website will enable us to develop a large database on the population and habitat of the Cassowary."

To record your sightings visit www.uq.edu.au/eco-lab/cassowary.research

If you don't have a computer and wish to record a sighting of a cassowary, come into the Babinda Task-Force office and we will assist you.

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ISssh! There's something going on at the centre! There have been lots of secret meetings, working bees and whispered confidences. Of course, it has everything to do with the upcoming Harvest Festival, and our volunteers are as involved and enthusiastic as usual.

Once again, we are organizing the Junior Art Competition, as well as the Sugar Bowl Competition, on behalf of the Harvest Festival Committee. There are two categories in the Sugar Bowl Competition – 12 years and under and the Imaginative Sugar Bowl (open to all). Please inquire at your school for entry forms, or collect them from our centre. The sugar bowls will be on display at the centre prior to the festival, and I invite you visit us and enjoy seeing a wide range of the most fabulous bowls.

This comes fast on the heels of our Anzac Day display. Our many overseas visitors show great interest and are keen to learn about our unique day when we celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of our Australian Military Forces.

Finally, take heart! Even the most pessimistic of us would have to agree that we are soon to experience our spectacular winter climate! May the 1st. was officially the start of our dry season. Please celebrate this by joining in and thoroughly enjoying our fabulous festival.

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Place into a frying pan: 1 Tab olive oil, 1 Tab butter. Add: cooked rice, 125g flaked cooked fish of choice and heat through, white of a boiled egg or two, chopped coarsely. Season with lemon pepper and nutmeg, salt if fish not salty. Serve garnished with mashed egg yolk and parsley, with lemon wedges on the side.

The thermos trick also works with dried legumes and dried fruit. (I haven't tried it to boil eggs yet)

Vary with cooked chicken or pork instead of fish..Use up left over vegies.

This is so quick, unless you are well organised you won't have time for a pre-dinner tippie.

Pauline Lawie



GROWING OLDER

Three elderly ladies were discussing the trials of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich." The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or down." The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood." She raps her knuckles on the table, then says, "That must be the door, I'll get it." !!!!!

Warp Out Concert

Friday 28th May

Cost: Free

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Show: 6-10.30pm

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The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program aims to reduce these mortality rates by sending home-testing kits, the Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT), to men and women turning 50, 55 or 65 between 2008 and 2010. For those who receive a kit, you are encouraged to participate. And for those who are not yet eligible for the Program, it is important to look out for any symptoms and discuss any concerns you may have with your GP.

Participants who receive a positive result on the FOBT are referred for colonoscopy. Results of Program participants presenting to a Queensland Health facility show just over 50% have pre-cancerous cells detected and treated, and a significant 5% have bowel cancer detected and treated.

Interestingly, men, are 58% more likely to develop bowel cancer than women, yet are 1.2 times less likely to participate in the Program.

Prevention also has a huge part to play. Simple lifestyle behaviours like regular physical activity, eating healthy, reducing alcohol intake and quitting smoking can prevent up to 75% of bowel cancers.

For more information about bowel cancer or bowel cancer screening phone your local Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program team on 1300 766 927 or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/bowelcancer.



Keep the Music Here in Babinda

Come One, Come All

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Where: Spirit of Babinda Hall

When: Thursday 27th May 2010

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

(Funds raised go to the Taskforce)



More Information:

The Babinda District Community Association applied for and received funding from the Regional Arts and Development Fund. Local, National musician has undertaken the role of tutor to local musicians and musical talent to present a once only performance to the local community. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the outcomes of this fabulous project.



The Regional Arts and Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Cairns Regional Council Partnership to support local arts and culture.



CHAPPY WEEK16th – 22nd May 2010

Chappy Week is an annual event run by SU (Scripture Union) Qld to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains and to raise funds to support school chaplains. SU Qld is officially endorsed by Education Queensland as an accredited employing authority for school chaplains. Their vision is to bring hope to a young generation. They fulfil this vision by running camps, programs for 'at risk youth', chaplaincy and providing training for youth workers. **Your SU Qld school chaplain at Babinda P-12 SS is Kassie Makings. Curly Lauridsen has also been in the school for many years volunteering his time as a chaplain.**

Interview with Kassie:

How long have you been a school chaplain at Babinda?

I started at Babinda on the first day of school last year. So I've been there a year and a bit.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I live in Innisfail. I'm married and I have a dog called Tiger. I love travelling, baking, shopping, reading and being outdoors.

What do you do as a school chaplain?

- care for the school community and build relationships with staff and students
- support students, staff & parents through situations and issues that arise
- participate in the general life of the school – sports days, camps, classroom visits
- support Christian staff and students
- be a positive adult role model for students
- answer questions about religion or spiritual matters
- network with local churches and youth organizations
- Promote and take students to positive youth events and camps outside of school

Why are you a school chaplain?

I long to help young people live out their potential and live a fulfilling, successful life. I personally have found in my own life, that living a fulfilling life comes through being a Christian – having a relationship with Jesus. However I am not here to push that view on anyone. My role is to help guide students through life and offer practical, emotional, mental and spiritual support should they seek it.

What are you doing to promote chaplaincy at Babinda P-12 SS during Chappy Week?

On Tuesday and Thursday we are having "chappy challenges" for both the primary and secondary students. Students will verse me or Curly in games such as "Blindfolded Banana Feed" and "Egg Blowing." Should be heaps of fun.

Students and teachers at Babinda P-12 SS were asked "What's so good about having a school chaplain?" Here are some of their answers:

You take us on camps! **Year 9 student**

You make us feel good about ourselves. **Year 8 student**

You're there for us and we have someone to talk to. We're more inclined to talk to someone who's younger and who can relate to what's relevant to us. **Year 11 student**

It's great to have an adult, other than a teacher, around for the students to talk to. **Secondary Teacher**

They take us to fun stuff outside of school. Eg Youth Alive. **Year 10 student**

You can easily talk to them and get things off your chest if you want to. She's awesome! **Year 9 student**

They make up fun activities and programs like CIA. **Year 4 student**

They cheer you up! **Year 6 student**

They answer our questions about God. **Year 6 student**

I like that they get involved. **Year 6 student**

I like having Kassie as a chaplain in our school because she provides a positive adult role model but is someone who is different from a teacher. The students know that Kassie is someone they can talk to about anything. Our school chaplain is an integral element in our student support network. **Adrian Hooper - HOD**

If anyone wishes to be involved in the Local Chaplaincy Committee or donate to chaplaincy at Babinda contact Adrian Hooper at Babinda P-12 SS or Shirley Lewis on 40672261.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2010

MAY 22-29

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN IS ON LOOK OUT FOR THESE FESTIVAL EVENTS:

Saturday, May 22, Harvest Cabaret at the RSL Hall, tickets \$25 from the Babinda Pharmacy until sold out.

Tuesday, May 25, 7pm Trivia Night at St Rita's School – \$10 adults, \$5 children. Contact Julie on 40671467.

Munro St Traders' Week: check out the fun and games all week in the Munro St shops – best dressed window and best dressed staff sponsored by *Miriwinni Lime*

Saturday, May 29:

Bundaberg Sugar PARADE Assemble 2pm at Abbeyfield House for 2.30pm departure

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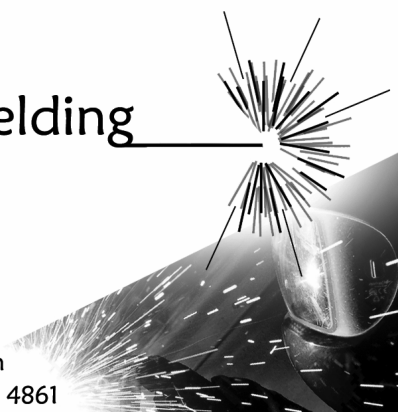
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What's Happening In Babinda

AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE - 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am at the Spirit of Babinda Hall.

BABINDA STREET MARKET— 2nd Saturday of each month Munro Street

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

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 - Monday 12.30pm Mill RDO Bowls - Tuesday 1pm Ladies Wednesday 6pm Barefoot - Thursday, 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 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 STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school

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 - 2nd Monday of every month 1.30pm to 4pm in the Spirit of Babinda 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

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

PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES - meets every Mon. 9.30am - 11.30am 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

QCWA DEERAL—2nd Wednesday of the month—09.00am Craft lessons (Teacher) - open to all.
Meeting 1.30pm—New members welcome.

RUSSELL LANDCARE & CATCHMENT GROUP - see article in this issue for upcoming events or phone 40672515

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

TAI CHI - Every Saturday at the Babinda Golf Club from 8.30am to 9.30am

Ring 4067-1762 for more information. Every Wednesday 9.30-10.30 Spirit of Babinda Hall

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