

# Babinda News

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## "The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Thank goodness for the school holidays. This gives the teachers, staff and students well earned time to rest and recharge energy levels for the new term. It also gives parents valuable time to catch up with their children.

We are now past the half way mark of 2011 and what a busy year it has been here at the Taskforce.

The Babinda & Mill Site Redevelopment Steering Committee had its second meeting on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June. Read more on page 9 of this Newsletter.

**Please Note:** Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21st July, 9:30am at the Taskforce Office.

Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 84 members

Cheers,  
Rachel

### Rainfall for the Month of June

**Babinda Rainfall** - 215.4 mm

**Year to date** - 3913.8 mm

### Bellenden Ker

**Top Station** - 211.2 mm

**Year to date** - 6049.06 mm

### Bellenden Ker

**Bottom Station** - 256.2 mm

**Year to date** - 4040.08 mm

### **Contribution Closing Dates For Newsletters**

**Friday 5 August**  
(Distributed Tues 16 Aug)

**Friday 2 September**  
(Distributed Tues 13 Sept)

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#### **Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

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**Lunch 12.00 – 12.45**

## **Babinda Chamber of Commerce**

### **Off street parking**

The Chamber would like to thank Paul Gregory & the Cairns City Council for responding to a request for off street parking in Babinda.

The parking area is situated between the State Hotel & the Canegrowers building & has just had the asphalt treatment. & can be accessed either from Munro Street or Eastwood Street.

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### CURTIS PITT MP

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1 July 2010

#### Contracts for Babinda businesses to continue

Small businesses everywhere are doing it tough right now and they need every bit of help we can give them. So I was deeply concerned when I discovered that existing suppliers from Babinda were overlooked in the awarding of contracts to supply goods and services to Babinda hospital.

I was informed that the Babinda suppliers missed the boat because Queensland Health failed to notify local businesses that contracts were being let. Although not intentional, this was obviously not good enough, and after speaking with the local business operators I took my concerns to Health Minister Geoff Wilson.

By that time, the tendering process had been finalised and the contracts awarded to suppliers out of the local area. But then the most amazing thing happened. I was pleased to learn that during discussions all four of the larger suppliers who had successfully won the contract were sympathetic to the recent adverse impacts on the Babinda community in the wake of Cyclone Yasi and closure of the Babinda Mill.

The result? The large suppliers withdrew their offers of supplying the Babinda Hospital of their produce, to allow local babinda-based suppliers to maintain economy within the community.

Under the rules, Queensland Health does not need to re-tender the food contracts for the hospital due to the low value of each contract - purchase orders have now been released to the Babinda vendors and this arrangement will continue until September 2013.

Local businesses need all the support we can give them. I am grateful to Tootie and Wendy Nucifora, Helen Fantoni and other local residents who raised this issue with me and for enabling me to get involved on their behalf. But I'm especially grateful to the four suppliers who agreed to withdraw their offers in acknowledgement of the tough times currently being experienced. It goes to show that we live in a pretty great part of the world with pretty generous people.

**Curtis Pitt MP**

**State Member for Mulgrave**

On behalf of **Babinda Hospital**, Julie Minogue would like to express with sincerity, thanks to **Babinda Meals on Wheels** for their donation of a DVD recorder.

This equipment will be invaluable in meeting the training and professional development of nursing as well as operational & medical staff. Many training sessions and programs from Queensland Health and the Rural Health

Education Foundation are only available via satellite and video conference and while every effort is made to allow staff to attend, this is not always possible. Being able to record these sessions will allow all staff flexible access to the training.

Babinda Hospital encourages staff development and this donation will ensure that hospital staff do not miss an opportunity for education.

Once again, thank you

Julie Minogue

Director of Nursing/Facility Manager.





Russell Landcare & Catchment Group Phone 07 40672515 located at 53 Munro Street, Babinda.... Hello !!

Everybody has been very busy at RLCG as RR4 applications have been targeted to increase the potential value of investment into Babinda Creek. RLCG is also looking at other projects that are a benefit to Babinda Community.

Great work was done by the team from CVA (Conservation Volunteers Australia) in Pond Apple control recently. Well done.

This week an assessment will be done by the Cassowary Response Unit to place temporary warning signs at the corner of Jago and Wilkie Street. So be aware of our residential cassowaries. Especially on this corner, as they come down from the water tower and simply cross the road without looking. So slow down and be cautious.

If you have any sightings of cassowaries please register this information by sending an email with as much information as you can to [cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au) or

email [Russell.landcare@gmail.com.au](mailto:Russell.landcare@gmail.com.au) and I will register the information for you. Or you can phone QPWS Innisfail on 07 40483719. RLCG have provided Babinda Taskforce with an animal register if you see any feral or native animals that you may be concerned about please add them to this register and RLCG will follow up your concern.

Congratulations and Thankyou to all our new members. Your support of RLCG has not gone unnoticed so look out for our new members pack coming to you shortly in the mail.

If you are interested in Babinda Creek and RLCG management plans email Selena on the above email and I will email you "The Babinda Creek Action Plan 2011 - 2015" for your perusal.

Here are some important dates & events to add to your calendar.

BCAP PUBLIC FORUM 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM AT 'THE SPIRIT OF BABINDA HALL'

PHOTO COMPETITION CLOSES 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER AT MIDNIGHT

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Selena Nelson (RLCG Secretary)

A new bed for Palliative Care was donated by Babinda Lions to Blue Care.

This is a 83265 Electric bed that assists the nurses handle patients being treated in their own homes. Diane Green is the Director of Blue Care in Innisfail and their area extends from Deeral to Cardwell. This bed will be used in the Babinda area hence the Lions did this as part of our community care programme.



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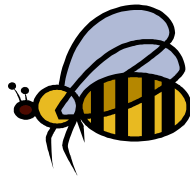
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## NEWS FROM THE BBC

(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

With the cost of living still on the increase and shrinking pay packets or redundancies, visiting our Bargain Shop can be well worth the trip. Sometimes it can become a fabulous treasure hunt, where you may find bargains galore, other times it can be a lesson in weird and wonderful things. But rest assured there are great bargains to be had and the best thing is knowing that all the money raised through the Babinda Bargain Centre goes to assist 'Cootharinga' in providing accommodation and support services to those living with disabilities throughout Townsville, Cairns, Mackay and regions in between.

So far the winter season is certainly proving to be a good one. Be sure to check out our racks of winter clothing in store. Stock is arriving daily so feel free to pop in and browse. We may have just what you are looking for

Many thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers at the Babinda Bargain Centre who are dedicated people believing in ALL work and NO pay!! And certainly abide by the famous quote by Sir Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, **but we make a life by what we give.**" Thank you for giving your time to help build a better life for those less able.

Anyone interested in supporting Cootharinga or assisting with voluntary work at the Bargain Shop can call in and see one of our team members. You would be most welcome. So see you soon at the Babinda Bargain Centre. For further inquiries please phone 40671533.

The Bargain Shop is open Monday to Saturday. Hope to see you there soon!

***"Building a better world with people of all abilities"***



# BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

## FULFILMENT THROUGH WORK

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*Well we have come to the end of the term and the students have worked very hard finishing off their assessments. This term we have been looking at the effects of rubbish on our environment. The students have conducted a science experiment burying different types of rubbish to replicate a rubbish tip. These items will be dug up in a month's time and be reviewed on their different stages of decomposition. In May this year our school held the small schools sports day. Competing against McDonnell Creek and Bartle Frere State Schools, our students did our school proud with 5 age champions and taking out all three trophies on the day. We also participated in the Babinda Harvest Festival and I would just like to say what a great time the students had and they looked fantastic as surf life savers. We look forward to our participation again next year. I would just like to thank all the parents, staff and families for their support for our school in the "Shop for Cairns Kids" promotion and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break.*

*With our large school grounds, great resources and committed staff, Bellenden Ker State School provides a unique supportive learning environment that caters for the individual students needs. Also available for use is the schools fully lit Tennis Court. If you would like to utilise the tennis court or visit our school, please contact us here at the school on (07) 40675292 between 9.00am and 3.00pm. We are located on Harvey Creek Road Bellenden Ker and a school prospectus is available upon request.*

Regards

Peter Begemann

Principal

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# Babinda P - 12 State School

## BABINDA STATE SCHOOL NAIDOC—2011

This year's NAIDOC day went really well - it's our chance to show off our culture and to say, "Yes we are very proud."

This year's theme was "Change: The Next Step Is Ours." This year we decided to do something different and ask the community to get involved.

The support from the Babinda community was excellent and a blessing.

Thank you to the following:-

Babinda Hardware; Babinda Heritage Blessing; Babinda Bakery; Babinda Taskforce; Maureen Raddatz; Scraptherapy; Mamu; Babinda Munro Theatre; Retravisation; Babinda Meat Mart; Spar; Peter from PASS; NFSA; ISSU; Mike from Babinda Christian Bookstore who offered his time to approach the town businesses.

The day included Sani on the didge, Aunty Annie Wonga's official welcome and much needed presence, Principal and Captain's speeches and Kassie Makings opening in prayer. Everything ran smoothly.

Activities included boomerang and spear throwing, paperbark painting, headband making, jewellery making, dhari making and screenings of Black Screen short films. A tarp surrounded a makeshift theatre complete with comfy highjump mats (sorry Mr Lizzio) that we used for free NAIDOC screening from National Film and Sound Archive.

Thank you to the Principal, Mrs Moore, Lynette Massey (Indigenous Teachers' Aide), Denise, Tracey, all teachers, children, elders and parents for making our day special.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Gillian Raddatz (Year 10 SOSE teacher) who had her class do displays, speeches and video presentations on "Road to Reconciliation." These videos included: 'Tent Embassy'; 'Stolen Wages' and 'Right to Vote' to name a few. If only such truths were taught decades ago.

We all had a big feed and the day ended with a sports afternoon with teams named after local aboriginal animal names. By the end of the day we were all exhausted but the kids had happy faces complete with painted flags/animals. One child even said that he wished he could be aboriginal, to which we replied, "Today we are all aboriginal". Finally all the hard work was worth it.

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## **Bartle Frere News**



**Wow!** Amidst much doom and gloom in the world, it is awe-inspiring when a small community continues to pull off such a great event like the Babinda Harvest Festival. Congratulations to the many faithful volunteers who do a remarkable job to put on such a community-spirited occasion.

**Our** students were very excited to be apart of the Grand Parade and absolutely thrilled to win the Children's Float Award. It was good to see so much participation from local business owners and various others who put a lot of effort into creating another memorable, fun family affair.

**F**undraising can be quite daunting and without the support of willing sponsors it can be almost impossible. Many thanks to the **Babinda Lions Club** for assisting our P & C this year with the use of their BBQ. We were also very encouraged by the generosity of Marty & Renee from **HindQuarter Quality Meat** in Gordonvale, and **Piccone's Iga** in Edmonton, as well as everyone who supported our Sausage Sizzle at the Harvest Festival. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

**Last** term our Student Council held a very successful auction raising over \$300 which they donated to the Australian Red Cross.

**We** were also delighted to welcome students from various schools who took part in our weekly 'Robotics Club'. With in depth learning and highly engaging computer interactions, this course will commence again in the new term and is open to students in years 5,6 & 7. Please contact the school for further details.

**We** look forward to seeing you again after the school holidays and remember to join us every Tuesday between 9-11am for some relaxing time and a coffee while the 'littlies' enjoy playtime during our Free Family Play Group. For more information please phone Teaching/Principal Danielle Morris on 40 676240.

***" BARTLE FRERE—CLIMBING TO GREATER HEIGHTS"***



You're Welcome at St Rita's...

**PO Box 363, Babinda, Ph: 40671467**

In the coming weeks I have the pleasure of conducting interviews for Prep Students for 2012. This is a highlight of my job as Principal as I get to meet the eager faces of the children who cant wait to come to the 'big school'. I invite any parents in the community to come in and have a 'no obligation' chat if you are considering a holistic Christian based education for your child. Simply call Julie in the office to arrange a time. Enrolments are also being taken for all other year levels.

The parents of St Rita's all went back to school and learned all about 'Reading' in recent weeks. The school hosted two sessions where parents were able to come along and explore the importance of reading at home, how children read and what resources and help there is out there for them. Feedback from the sessions was very positive and the children are now benefiting from having better equipped and informed parents. This was a great display of the

positive parent partnerships we have at St Rita's.

Our Year 5-7 class enjoyed camp in the last week of school at Daradgee Environmental Centre. The students engaged in a variety of interesting and challenging activities, teaching them team work, resilience, persistence and getting along skills. One of the highlights was succeeding at co-operating as a team to construct a tower of crates 18 high with 2 team members on it - they did it!!!! Scarey stories around the camp fire was also a great bonding time for students and staff.

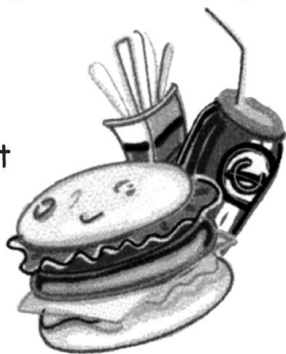
Other great news for the school is that I have been permanently appointed as Principal of St Rita's. I was thrilled to be offered the position and look forward to continuing to work with the staff and parents to revision and renew the school.

Gavin Rick - Principal

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Another exciting event is our soon to be released Calender Girls (& boys) perpetual or birthday calendar. Those participating in the photo shoot had a great deal of fun. The photography was done by our member Linda of Babinda Kayaks.

So look out for the Calendars release, but we will keep you posted.

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## COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

**Mob: 0427 755 141**



Hi from CRC.

Council has brought down the 2011-12 budget, and once again the process was long and much laboured over. This time, there are some underlying, background circumstances that seem to be affecting our community that makes trying to balance sound fiscal decisions and community expectations particularly difficult.

Currently, our region is struggling financially; the lingering effects of the Global Financial Crisis, the disastrous La Nina event with associated flooding and cyclones (that have impacted on agriculture and tourism), and most importantly, the fact that we do not gain the positives of the resources boom enjoyed by communities further to our south like Townsville and Mackay. Families are seriously feeling the pinch, with rising power costs being symptomatic of the escalating cost of living; another impact will be insurance costs after this summers events.

Council is aware of this, and has tried to frame a budget that does not totally transfer these increasing costs onto ratepayers. The rate rise has been kept to a realistic minimum, although complete equity in rises has been confounded by the recent property valuations that have delivered a mixed bag of rises and falls to individual properties. For the first time the total unimproved values for our region have fallen; this creates the problem for council of striking a rate in the dollar that captures the increased costs for council to provide the basic services, while at the same time recognising that the unimproved value of individual properties may have fallen. This fact alone has created enormous debate and many different rating models put before councillors to discuss, trying to find a way that does not negatively impact on as many residents as possible. This has proven to be an almost impossible task, and there will be winners and losers in the rating department again this budget. Council has decided to shoulder a lot of the burden itself, carrying an unbalanced budget forward, with a manageable deficit the result of many negotiations among councillors with the Queensland Treasury Corporation providing advice along the way.

In this issue, the update on the mill closure is reported in depth, and a good initiative stemming from this is the publishing of the Frequently Asked Questions report. This information will be provided to the community on an ongoing basis; please feel free to contact me for further discussion if you feel the need.

Until next time,

Paul

## Babinda Sugar Mill Site Redevelopment

### Most Frequently Asked Questions

#### Question

Chimney - Can we keep it?

What do Main Roads say about another road access?

Mill houses, will they be retained or will they go?

Is the site contaminated?

How were the suggestions from the Peter Kenyon workshop used?

Will the existing toilets be refurbished?

How long will it take to get the existing building demolished?

#### Answer

No, due to safety and structural reasons. However there may be an opportunity to keep the top half and move it to a suitable location within the town or integrate it within the site redevelopment.

Option currently being investigated with Main Roads. Initial discussions indicate positive response to access the site.

The houses are an asset on the site and have value and will be retained.

Drillers are currently engaged to run bore hole testing. Anticipates that remediation will not be found to be significant-testing will identify issues to determine extent of remediation required.

The list of suggestions at the workshop will be directly referred to in the development of proposals for the site. The group will be carefully testing the feasibility of all proposals for the site.

Not in the short term due to operation of the Mill crush.

This is a long process that will take up to two years.

## SETTLERS' MUSEUM ITEM OF THE MONTH

from Don Lawie

When Dr Charlton BDS retired from his dental practice many years ago he donated his equipment to the Mulgrave Settlers' Museum. It is now set up to display a genuine dental surgery of the 1950's,

complete with chair, equipment, and a selection of extracted teeth. This display is very popular with visiting school groups. Today's students have no fear of modern gentle, painless dentists and they love to queue to sit, with big smiles, in the chair.

Those of us who remember the pedal-powered drill of the school dentist have different emotions when we see the display and for one am not keen to sit in The Chair. Visitors to the museum are welcome to discuss their emotions when they view this item.

Our illustration shows a Prominent Babinda Citizen, in the chair, remembering the joys of childhood. Do you know who it is?



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## Women of Babinda

This month we acknowledge the active and successful life of a lady well-known by most people of Babinda: DOT

LOCKE or DOTTIE LOCKE of Jago St, Babinda. Dottie was born in Townsville, grew up and worked in Malanda Butter Factory and also in Brisbane. Met the handsome Ivan Locke and married in 1961. The following years appeared the wonderful family of Deb, Graham, Arthur, Kevin, Marie and Bev.

The family returned to Babinda in 1963 when Ivan was employed by Babinda Mill. Dotti worked at the then active Prawn Factory and started a career in Home Help and later Oz Care. Dotti Locke was always welcome in clients homes. Her positive voice, cheerfulness and optimism worked well in providing comfort to the aged and the sick. Her family were not neglected either kids were members of Air Cadets and Sea Cadets to name a few. Their Dad Ivan passed away in 1993. Dotti continued her career in Oz Care and Home Help and always enjoyed her work. Now retired, Dotti still 'fills in' at Oz Care when needd. Her family now consists of 15 Grand Children and 9 Great Grand Kids.

This is a story of family and love and of a woman's devotion to that family, and devotion to a career of caring for the old and the sick.

Dotti Locke – you have left a satisfying and indelible mark on life in our small town of Babinda.

May you continue, although officially retired, to contribute to life in Babinda for many years to come.

## Chamber of Commerce

### Market Day

**2nd Saturday of the month**

### We're counting Cassowaries again

For Cassowary Sightings—contact one of the following:  
cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au

1300 130 172

Or come into the Taskforce to report

### " Babinda Community Bank

celebrated their fifth birthday by holding a sausage sizzle in front of the Bank as part of the Harvest Festival. All proceeds were donated to Babinda SES as one of the town's "icons".

**Babinda SES** would like to express their appreciation for the \$ 159 boost to funds and will put this welcome sum towards new navigation equipment. " **Don Lawie**

## **NEWS FROM BABINDA S E S**

from Don Lawie

Safety is one item that permeates all of our training; an injured volunteer is of no use and requires time and personnel to evacuate. The SES manual has "doctrines" that we have to follow in all circumstances to minimise danger to ourselves and to other people involved in our activities.

Following our two cyclones early this year our teams first performed investigative checks as a follow-up to Requests for Assistance. Degree of urgency of each job was calculated and appropriate teams were activated. Householders may have thought that the first visit from SES was unproductive, but it is all part of the procedure to ensure that we perform the most urgent jobs quickly, efficiently and with a minimum of risk to everybody involved.

A "Doctrine Imperative" is that no SES personnel are to go onto or in a roof space unless the electricity has been switched off. If this cannot be done we have to refer the job to other authorities such as Ergon – who are already flat out. We are also required to have protective gloves, helmets, harness and a safety line to the ground. All SES personnel who work on roofs must have a current Certificate of Competency which has to be renewed by refresher courses at set intervals.

Fallen trees are always a complication of cyclone damage – they can cause powerlines to fall on wet roads or house roofs. Live lines are deadly and we have a "doctrine" for dealing with all fallen lines until we are assured by Ergon or the police that they are safe. Chainsaw operators also have to have a current Certificate, renewed at set intervals. Babinda SES is in the process of organising a chainsaw weekend for this purpose so don't be alarmed if you see us industriously cutting trees and branches – it's just practise to ensure we are ready for the next cyclone season.

All of the above is an explanation for what may seem at first glance a slow response to a call for assistance : we follow the Doctrines which ensure that people in need are cared for with a maximum of safety and efficiency.



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1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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Web: [www.babinda.info](http://www.babinda.info)

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Postal Address: (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

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You only need to buy the Weekend Australian June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and read the priceless and wonderful article that will tell you how successful the whole idea has been.

Babinda's MEN'S SHED is on its way ladies, and we should applaud loudly, if we are to believe the success of the whole idea in other areas.

Get on with it fellas.

For further information contact Jim Hillard on 4067 2454

Staff at Cairns Libraries have compiled an e-cookbook! This is the libraries first attempt to publish an e-book. In line with Cairns Regional Council's policy on sustainability the e-book is available for you to view at Cairns Libraries website [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au). Unless you wish to you don't have to print it. Entitled Table 125 the cookbook holds 125 favourite family recipes from library staff from Babinda to Port Douglas. Check it out and we hope you enjoy reading and experimenting with our recipes as much as we enjoyed compiling the book.

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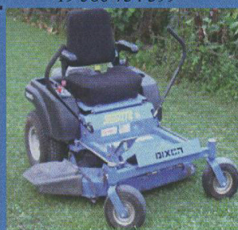
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All women of this area should be immensely thankful and proud of Liz Plummer, who headed a 5 year campaign to make sure that the facility was situated in Cairns.

It is fitting that the Centre be named the LIZ PLUMMER CANCER CARE CENTRE as her extraordinary legacy and used with great pride by cancer patients of this North Queensland area.

22/February/2011.

*My love letter to Mike Gardner*

*To my darling Mike, My dear husband,*

*my best friend and my teacher.*

*On this day the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010, at 2: 30pm you've left me on this beautiful earth of ours.*

*Dear lords may you please show him the way home ,  
May he find you lords.*

*May you find peace, joy in your heart  
and not to be angry with yourself.*

*Go through that gate my darling, there is a  
heaven on the other side,*

*I hope you will find the way to get there. First of all  
you'll find the lords.*

*Thank you for being in my heart lords,*

*THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY PRAYERS.*

*My darling Mike thank you for staying and for  
being my husband. Thank you for our two wonderful  
children, Al and Jen.*

*Thank you for the wonderful 33 years together.*

*Wish you were here with me.*

*I miss you every day.*

*I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE, AND ALWAYS*

*Your wife NOI*

### Crispies

#### Ingredients:

1 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup rolled oats, ½ cup coconut, 1 cup cornflakes,  
1 tablespoon golden syrup, ½ teaspoon carbonate of soda (dissolved in a little milk)  
1 ½ cups self-raising flour.

#### Method:

Beat butter and sugar; add egg and beat, then add oats, coconut, cornflakes, golden syrup, soda and flour. Mix well, place small portions in a cold greased tray and bake until golden brown.

Thanks Holly

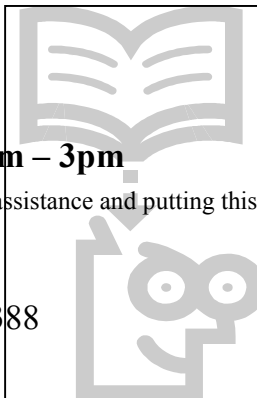
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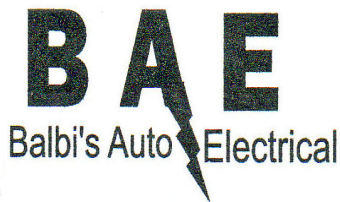
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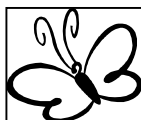
- Do NOT leave your bag, purse or property unattended
- **Be alert** – know where you are.
- At night walk in well-lit areas and not alone. Avoid isolated areas
- Ensure someone knows where you are going and when you will be back
- Don't carry large amounts of cash in public or in full view
- Do not accept rides from stranger and **do not** hitchhike

### Riding a Bike

- The traffic rules for riding a bike are the same as a car
- You **MUST** wear a helmet when riding a bike
- Lock your bike at all times
- Make sure you observe all signs

### Just Joking...

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### Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

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### Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food are fried these day in vegetable oil. In fact, they permeated by it. How could getting more vegetable be bad for you?!?

### Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming good for your figure, explain whale to me..

Gold bracelet found outside  
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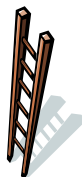
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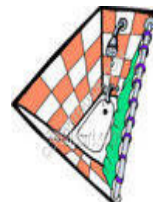
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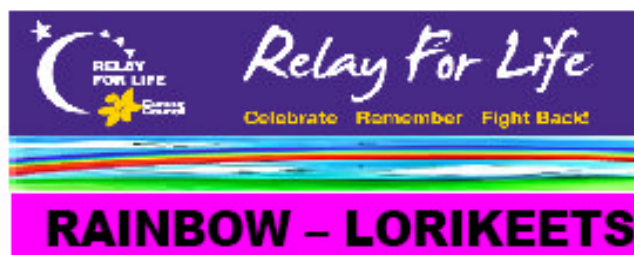
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*We are pleased to say that the team braved the cold weather and enjoyed the relay on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Barlow Park Cairns, much to our delight we won second prize for our campsite we entered a item in the Lip sync competition where the 5 boys in the team performed Michael Jacksons – I Want You Back – not only did they steal the show with their Costume and Dance routine but won the trophy for the competition along with a \$50 Burnings Warehouse Voucher each & yes - Michael slept with the trophy during his sleep break.*

*Our team is proud of their efforts for such a great cause we raised a total of \$5861 from four fundraisers not a bad effort from our little town – congratulations & well done team.*

*Once again thank you one and all – without your support this would not have been possible.*

*Team Captain – Rainbow Lorikeets  
Christine Norman*

*“Flying for a Cure – Remember-Fight Back”*



*"Enhancing the Community"*

Our **Community Bank®** celebrated its fifth birthday by delivering lamington cakes (maroon and yellow) to all businesses in town on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

This was followed up with a sausage sizzle on the morning of the Harvest Festival. The money made was donated to SES and Don commented that this would purchase a GPS for them.



**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Milestones.** During these five years **your** Branch has:

Spent over \$85,000.00 to support Babinda local businesses,

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Contributed over \$90,000.00 in donations and sponsorships to Babinda clubs and organisations,

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And it all started with **You** the **Babinda Community.** The more profits we make, the more our community benefits- thank you Babinda and district for making this possible.

## What's Happening In Babinda

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

**AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu of month at 9am SOB

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

**BABINDA BOWLS CLUB** - Weekly Bowls Tuesday 1pm Ladies ;Wednesday 6pm Barefoot ;Thursday Canecutters Mixed Social 1.30pm; Saturday & Sunday 1pm Social - Phone 40671148

**BABINDA BOXING CLUB** - Hoy at Spirit of Babinda Hall 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 1.30pm

**BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY**- 2nd Saturday of each month. Main street.

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

**BABINDA GOLF CLUB** - 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

**BABINDA TASKFORCE** -- Third Thursday of the month. 9:30am, Taskforce 40672900

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

**BRAMSTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**—Monthly meetings, last Tuesday of the month held at the Fire Station 7:30pm. Contact 07 40674 215

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - 5.30pm - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's

**CHILD HEALTH CLINIC** - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital. Ph 40615388

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

**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

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

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

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