

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Babinda & Mill Site Redevelopment Steering Committee

The first meeting was held at the Taskforce on Fri 27 May. As soon as the minutes have been approved I will forward them out to all those interested. If you wish to be updated with progress reports, please give us your email details and we will add you to the list.

2011/2012 Membership renewals/applications

Taskforce membership is in line with the financial year (July 1st – June 30th) Membership is now due. Current members will have received their renewal form via the post. For those wanting to join there is a application form in this Newsletter and forms are available from the Taskforce.

48th Babinda Harvest Festival 2011

A huge thank you goes out to the many people who put in such an enormous effort to make the Festival the huge success it was.

Thank you to the 2011 Committee for their generosity of spirit, endless energy and dogged determination to give the Babinda Community a great show. Well done.

Please Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th June, 9:30am at the Taskforce Office.

Everyone welcome, see you there.

Current membership 22

Cheers

Rachel

Rainfall for the Month of May

Babinda Rainfall - 128 mm

Year to date - 3,698.4 mm

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Top Station - 279.8 mm

Year to date - 5,829.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 105.8 mm

Year to date - 3,784.6 mm

Contribution Closing Dates For Newsletters

Friday 1 July

(Distributed Tues 12 July)

Friday 5 August

(Distributed Tues 16 Aug)

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POLICE NEWS

The last month here at the station has been a very busy one for us with everything from a very serious stabbing at Bramston Beach to a lone cow reported running up Munro Street. Constable PARKER has just returned from Brisbane after completing the advanced Forensic crash investigators course. This course is provided to select members and provides them with the necessary skills and qualifications to conduct detailed forensic mapping, and investigations of serious traffic crashes. We also pray that he is not called to utilise these skills anytime soon.

I had the privilege of attending the Disaster Management support officer's conference in Brisbane also over the past month and listened to numerous guest speakers involved in the Brisbane, Grantham, Mackay and Rockhampton floods. We also had our Innisfail District Officer Inspector Tucker and Sergeant Greg Batt present a case study on Cyclone Yasi. The conference allowed the QPS as an organisation to get together share our experiences and learn where we can improve for future events. From all accounts it is the belief of the weather bureau that we can expect to see more of these extreme weather events than ever before in the future and it is something that we as a community need to be prepared for.

Lastly we are receiving a spike in complaints about hooning around our town. Whilst this is good to see people reporting these matters the more information you can give the better. If it is a repeat offender note the times and dates of the incidents and report it to us. It is a common misconception that police have to see the event for the person to be prosecuted. Often the best witnesses are the public themselves so please let us know who the problem children (or adults) are and we will follow it up.

Until next month

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AMBULANCE NEWS

It's been nice and nippy at night lately - I love a cold snap at night with sunny days. It reminds you that it doesn't rain all year and why you choose to live here. It's not that cold that people go putting electric blankets on or have fire places, oil burners so there is no real need to talk about safety regarding them. Having said that safety on our roads and in the home should be everyone's priority. As I write this the state has had its worse day of accidents in a long, long time - 8 fatalities in a day. That's a lot of broken families and friends all over Queensland. It also has a lot of effect on Paramedics, Fire-fighters, Hospital and Police - it's a hard job when ambos have to tell a family a loved one has passed on when we are called to incidents at peoples houses, it must be even harder for the police to knock on someone's door at 2 am with the worst news they will ever hear - especially when someone is in the prime of their life. Local accidents in our area have dropped right off in the past 18 months. 3,4,5 years ago we were getting a lot more accidents both small and medium with a lot of fatalities for a town that services around

2 000 + people. As well as the 2 000 odd people that live in the Babinda catchment area there are twice that many vehicles travelling on the Bruce Highway through town each day.

Peter is getting around town well now and we hope to have him back at work sooner rather later. He has been away from the station a long time now and might need an orientation. He is still doing his normal activities around town supporting the community. I'm looking forward to the Harvest Festival coming up, should be a great weekend for everyone. A lot of effort has gone into it with the organisers, fundraisers and supporters.

Until next time keep safe,

Justin Cairns

OIC Babinda

WORK AVAILABLE

Cyclone Yasi Assistance

Clean up work available for displaced workers due to Cyclone.

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\$35,095 boost for Babinda Golf Club

I am pleased to announce that Babinda Golf Club will receive \$35,095 from the Bligh Government's Sports Flood Fight Back Plan to repair their flood-damaged golf course. Sport and recreation clubs are doing it tough at the moment and many clubs have sustained varying degrees of damage as a result of the cyclone and the floods.

These funds couldn't have come at a better time with our recovery mode in full swing.

Sport and recreation clubs such as the Babinda Golf Club are the hub of local community life. They're a place to relax and unwind, socialise and get a bit of fitness in the bargain. With these funds, the Babinda Golf Club will be able to get the course back into shape. A round of golf at the Babinda Golf Club is a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle and enjoy our great outdoors.

I have just returned to work after taking two weeks off to be with my wife Kerry following the birth of our third child - Layla Kayannie Pitt, born Thursday 19 May at 12.55pm (four weeks early). All of our children have had an Aboriginal word for their middle name. Kayannie means 'water' which is appropriate given the natural disasters this year.

I've treasured the time out, being able to spend precious moments with Kerry, our brand new baby and our two-year-old son Tristan. Thank you for your kind thoughts and well wishes on the birth of our new arrival.

Kind regards

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

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Hi from CRC.

The Babinda Harvest Festival has once again been and gone, and what a fantastic couple of weeks were enjoyed by the community. The cabaret two weeks ago, which included the judging of the Harvest Princess, was a great night in the wonderful venue of the new hall. To top that off, last weekends festivities including the parade and the crowning of the winners was conducted in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd in perfect weather.....almost to a written script! Congratulations to the entrants in the quest, as they are absolute credits to their families and the community. It was a great pleasure to be able to meet and interact with the girls, and a special mention must be made about the organisers this year, Frances and Paula. They did an excellent job making the whole event run like clockwork.

Roadworks have been completed in Eastwood Street under the old "Suburban Enhancement Program", which was instigated about 8 years ago by the old pre-amalgamation (with Douglas) council. These works do a couple of things; of course the access and appearance of a streetscape is improved, but more importantly in the long run, the assets within the street (the road surface, kerb and channeling etc) are renewed, and will therefore last much longer. This improves council's depreciation register, and helps financially in the future. Hopefully, little maintenance work will be required there for some years to come.

Also, Council is upgrading the off street parking in Munro Street, including the disabled parking bays that are provided within the area between the Hotel and the Canegrowers buildings. There have been some conflicting views about where people should park and for how long, in the main street. The provision of these new parks, right in the middle of town, should ensure that needs are met for quite a while now.

The steering committee for the town, formed in response to the mill closure, has met again and some real progress is being made. There is an air of cooperation around the table that if continued, will overcome any issues that may get thrown up. The pressing need is to get some land assigned for the grey nomads, and an in-principle agreement has been reached between the site owners (MSF) and council, so the paperwork to get this to happen is underway.

Until next time,

Cheers Paul."



Hope you had an enjoyable Harvest Festival. If you missed us at the pavilions keep reading and learn more about what Russell LandCare and Catchment Group have been doing lately.

There has been some concern for two Cassowaries that have been visiting residents on Jago Street. Please do not feed the Cassowaries or approach them. Be aware that they are crossing the road and slow down when driving to prevent any fatalities. QPWS have been notified. Take care of our Natural Assets, Cassowaries are endangered and their habitats are declining as urbanisation grows. If you see an animal that may be endangered or you haven't seen before in your area please visit The Taskforce and fill in a Sightings Register or email Selena. This data will be recorded and used for further studies to better understand our unique fauna.

Rlcg have recently employed Jason Birch as our Operations Assistant and he is targeting Reef Rescue 4 funding applications. Welcome to the team Jason Birch.

On Monday 30th May Rlcg Project Coordinator Daryl Killin and Jason Birch were out on the field in a kayak using the GPS to record areas of degradation and erosion along Babinda Creek. This data will be used to prioritise work and funding. The result will impact on a Babinda Creek that can better manage the high water levels during the wet season.

All peoples with an interest in Babinda Creek are invited to attend Rlcg Babinda Creek Action Plan Public Forum from 3 pm to 6 pm at The Spirit of Babinda Hall in Babinda, 24th July 2011. This forum is to give Rlcg feedback on "The Babinda Creek Action Plan". Copies of the plan are being circulated in the community and can be viewed at our office, 53 Munro Street Babinda. If you would like to attend please email Selena at Russell.landcare@gmail.com.

Participate in our Photo Competition and win \$650. It's simple like our facebook page for details. Look up f/b Rlcg.

If you are not already a member come and visit us, we will keep you updated on important events that you can participate in, learn something new about your natural environment, take an interest in environmental projects / causes, share your views, photos, stories. Learn together and help to protect our natural values, such as native fish in the creek and much more.

Cheers RLCG.

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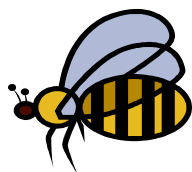
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Info Centre Illuminations

By the time you read this, the Harvest Festival will be only a happy memory. However, at the time of writing, the town is agog with preparations and anticipation for a great weekend. The Babinda Harvest Festival committee has worked tirelessly to make the festival a success, and they have our heartfelt thanks. Without their efforts and the generosity of the sponsors, the festival would simply not happen. Also, on behalf of the VIC, I would like to say a very big thank-you to one of our wonderful volunteers, Kaye Omodei. Kaye has done a wonderful job, as usual, to organize the Sugar Bowl Competition. It is very time consuming, and Kaye makes every effort to ensure that the competition is run very fairly and squarely. The students from St Rita's Primary School have made a special effort this year to create wonderful sugar bowls to enter into the competition. As it often is, "the more the merrier", and we thank them sincerely for their efforts.

While I am at the centre on Sunday mornings, the tilt train passes on its way south, at about ten thirty. On two occasions recently, the trains have been decorated with the most wonderful Aboriginal art. It is really a magnificent sight to see it go past. Our overseas visitors must surely be impressed. What a wonderful way to promote that very special part of our heritage.

From the 6th to the 9th of June, our centre was closed for painting. This was a necessary step to comply with Workplace Health and Safety regulations. I hope that you are now suitably impressed as you walk or drive past!

Visitor numbers are rapidly increasing, and, as usual, are very impressed with our town. We certainly must be doing something right.

Happy Trails

A JOB WELL DONE!!!

To

Steve Maurer & Chris Babinda Carpentry.

For the excellent work you both have done on my Munchies Building, I will not hesitate recommending you both to other people for future work.

THANKS A MILLION

Noi Gardner.

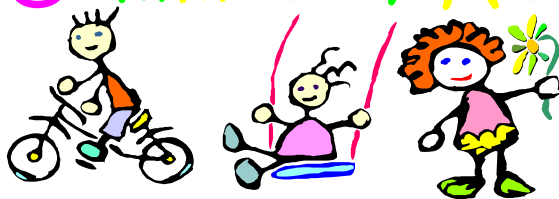
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Well it's been a big month at the kindy with lots of activities to keep the kids entertained and enlightened. The wildlife education program, Zoo to You visited the kindy with plenty of animals to show off. The croc and turtle and Curlew were favourites. Happy to see everyone came away with ten fingers and ten toes.

The kindy kids also walked across to join the bigger kids at St.Rita's for the national simultaneous story-time. "Feathers for Phoebe" by Rod Clement, was the story chosen this year for the 140,000 estimated children nationally that participated.

The kids also put on a Mother's Day morning tea for all the hardworking and invaluable mums.

In other news the hypochondria epidemic has been brought under control in the kindy hospital. However, the hospital has had to double as a maternity ward after a recent spate of instant babies. Obstetricians Dr. Noah and Dr. Sienna have been busy with instant babies being delivered on a daily basis. Dr. Noah said that all deliveries have been trouble free and that the mums have made better than expected recoveries to be back the next day for another delivery. Grandparents must be stoked.

Regards. Matt Hession

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival came and went with great success and assistance. The "Kindy Kritters" showed up really well in their small people adaption's of some of the countries icon animals.



Thanks to the parents and staff who helped out at the parade and stall throughout the afternoon and the evening. We managed to sell out of most of the items which was great. Just wish we had of ordered more of the bubble guns.

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Babinda P - 12 State School

The Babinda Primary School Choir participated in the Innisfail Young Performers Competition on Wednesday 1st June, 2011. We have 19 students in the choir from Years 4 to 7, conducted by Mrs Lynne Rees and accompanied by Mrs Shirley Lewis. We meet each Tuesday afternoon for rehearsals and perform at the Prep to Year 12 and Prep to Year 7 parades each week. We worked hard to perfect our performance of "Rhythm of Life" and were ecstatic to win in the *Primary Choir – Unison* section of the competition, competing against six other worthy choirs! This is the first time we have entered the competition and we are looking forward to entering again in 2012. A very special thank you goes to our accompanist Shirley – we could not have done it without you! Congratulations to the choir, Mrs Rees and Mrs Shirley Lewis. Well done.

Congratulations to our upper secondary Chemistry team of Robert Thompson, Cheyenne Morris and Kate Atwell who took out 3rd place in the 2011 James Cook University Titration Competition. Titration is an experiment that uses a precise colour change to determine when the reaction is complete. They use a known concentration of a substance to determine the concentration of an unknown reactant. The students were a credit to the school.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY was supposed to be on the Friday 20 May but we held our day on Friday 27 May because of the Primary Interschool Athletics Day. A number of students, teachers and some parents enjoyed the beautiful sunny walk to school.

The **PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY** ended up being a fine day. Students participated competitively well. Babinda won the overall trophy, the Track and Field trophies. Congratulations to Ben Dimarco, 12 year old age champion; Reese Reddicliffe, 9 year old age champion and Maranda Detourbet, 11 year age champion. 10, 11 and 12 year olds contested the next level of athletics to win a place in the Peninsula team. Maranda won the 11 year old discus; Ben won the 12 year old long jump and Katisha Skeene won the 12 year old shot put. Well done!

Last Friday, 27 May, the Year 10 students acquired plenty of information from the participating employers and further education institutions when they attended the **CAIRNS CAREERS DAY**.

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Bartle Frere News



HIGH ACHIEVERS-CLIMBING TO THE TOP!!!!

We would like to thank students for working so hard at our recent Sports Day at Babinda. Special mention to Cheyanne Best for coming second in Discus and Ruby Birch for coming 2nd in the 100 metre Sprint. Both students went off to Mulgrave Sports and did their best. Cheyanne now will attend Peninsula Sport and compete in the discus event.

The Babinda Harvest is shaping up to be another great success and Bartle Frere students are looking forward to participating in the Parade and generally having lots of fun. We would like to thank everyone in the community for continuing to make this community event highly successful!

ST RITA'S SHINES

Since my first drive to Babinda 6 weeks ago to assume the position of Principal of St Rita's, I have been reminded many times of the natural beauty of the area. I have also been extremely impressed by the welcome I have received from the beautiful students, staff and parents.

So much has happened in the school recently. We started off the term with a special dress up day for the Royal Wedding. The school transformed into a wedding hall full of brides, bridesmaids, princes and grooms. We even paraded up and down the main street to the tune of the Bridal Waltz.

We love and value our mothers and so St Rita's transformed into a Salon and Spa for Mother's Day. Mum and Grandmas came to be pampered with nail painting, massages, photos and refreshments. Not a dry eye was in the room when the children sang a special song to the ladies.

St Rita's students are very active and have achieved highly in the recent Athletics Carnivals. Three of our talented students were chosen to compete in the Gordonvale District Carnival, one achieving first place in the High Jump.

Dance Fever has hit St Rita's and the students have been learning Tango, Jive, and Hip Hop, Circle Dances, Merangae and fun dances such as "Hey Baby" and "Grease Lightening". There will be a parent concert for the students to show off their new grooves and moves.

St Rita's is in full Harvest Festival Spirit with our Parents getting into the spirit by working with the staff to prepare the float for the parade. The children have been making gorgeous sugar bowls in Art lessons as well as busy painting decorations for the float. We hosted the annual Trivia Night which was very successful and a great time was had by all.

Reading is one of the most important skills parents can teach their children... in supporting parents with this, St Rita's is hosting Parent Survival Guide to Reading Workshops in the coming weeks.

Our doors are always open to parents who may wish to find out more about the school and the great educational programs we have to offer in a supportive Christian environment. I will be conducting enrolment interviews for students who are eligible for Prep in 2012 after the holidays.

For more information visit www2.stritasbabinda.qld.edu.au or call Julie at the office on 40671467.

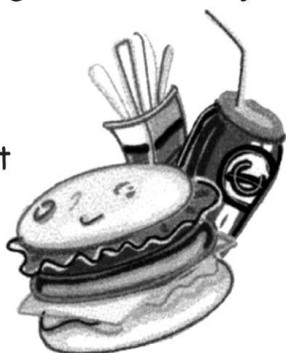
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Information about new student fee free accounts was included and we encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity to save.

Amanda joins our Bank

Amanda Della Ricca is joining our staff in our Babinda Community Bank® Branch as a Senior Customer Service Officer. Amanda will be well known to many of you as she has grown up in our district. She has significant Bendigo Bank experience and will be an asset to our Branch. We will welcome her warmly when she starts on 22nd June.

Teresa finishes at our Bank

Teresa Mann will be completing her 6 months with us. Teresa did a wonderful job up skilling our staff. We thank her most sincerely and wish her all the best in her new position.

Ratings upgrade for Bendigo Bank

Fitch Ratings Agency upgraded Bendigo Bank's credit rating from BBB+ to A- This reflects the efforts of all staff in ensuring this bank is profitable, managed efficiently, and with low levels of risk for customers.

The announcement means that Bendigo Bank is the first Australian bank – and one of the very few banks in the world – to receive such an upgrade since the GFC.

The new rating positions the Bank for future growth and should give customers, partners and investors even more confidence in doing business with the bank. The **Community Bank**® network has played a vital role in this outcome.

Babinda Lady Bowlers hosted our annual Money Day on 21st May. We were blessed with brilliant weather and the green was filled with 56 bowlers who came from as far away as Mareeba and Tully.

Prizes were taken out by P. Allsop's team from Marlin Coast; L. Quabba's team from Gordonvale; A. Andrews' team from Babinda and S. Steffenson's team from Edmonton.

Many thanks go to Spar Supermarket, our Sponsor for 3 years and to Babinda Bakery who came on board this year. We greatly appreciate the interest shown by the businesses for the local sporting bodies such as ours. Thanks also go to the many Babinda Lady Bowlers whose hard work made this day the success it was.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't so kind on President's Day. With over 60 lady bowlers, some coming from Mossman and the Tablelands, travelling to Babinda, alternative entertainment was provided and despite the inclement weather, a great day was enjoyed by all.

Any lady who would like to come along to enjoy the fun, companionship and sport of Lawn Bowls is asked, (encouraged), to contact our President Glennis Buttigieg on 40671666 or Edna Atkinson on 40671510.

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Women of Babinda

One of our Finest

LUCIANA BERTOLANI commonly called "Luchie" was born in Italy in 1927 and migrated with her mother DONATA to Babinda.

Their Father was already here and the Family celebrated Xmas together. The year was 1927.

Her Sister Carmen (now Vicarioli) was born in 1928.

Luciana lost her hearing as a Baby, but it was no great deterrent to her talking to anyone and everyone in Babinda.

Luciana was extremely well known to most people in this area and is a keen Bronco Fan, but enjoys all football codes.

Luciana is a familiar sight riding her BIKE, even at the great age of 86 years.

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR HER MOTORISTS!

She deserves your respect!

She is the lady on the ancient bike with the tin safety helmet and the wooden carrier box which she made herself.

Luchie has been like one of the Family at Babinda Meat Mart and was always competent in her work.

She has enjoyed a good deal of travel with Sister Carmen, around Australia and New Zealand. Carmen always enjoyed taking her.

We acknowledge the contribution of the good life of this migrant Luchie.

Well done,

Luchie, may you have many more years of happiness with us here in Babinda.

Chamber of Commerce

Market Day

2nd Saturday of the month

We're counting Cassowaries again

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NEWS FROM BABINDA S E S

from Don Lawie

One of the most frequent operations we are requested to perform during extreme wet weather is sandbagging. Water ingress to homes and businesses can often occur due to blocked drains or overflowing gutters and can be prevented by a carefully laid wall of sandbags. Bags are usually made of coarse hessian or pvc, both of which have a limited life in our wet tropical climate. Sandbags can be filled with sand, dirt, gravel or any available bulking material and are not in themselves waterproof. An occluding membrane of black plastic is inserted between courses of bags and the wall is then strong and watertight. Bags are filled to 2/3 full to allow for interlocking overlays and weigh about 18 Kg, more when the filling is wet.

A very large number of bags is required if a sandbag wall is to be built; a wall thirty metres long and 900mm high requires three thousand four hundred bags, and so the decision to make a sandbag wall is a serious one involving much basic material, many bags, and much hard work. At Babinda SES we keep a stock of bags on hand and are glad to issue them to interested members of the public who may wish to protect their own premises. We also have a heap of clean sand supplied by the Council, also available free on application.

Calls on bags can be excessive and we are very grateful to the King family of Miriwinni who have come up with an innovative substitute: they have donated a large number of clean empty chook-food bags to us. These are strong plastic stuff and will be first class for use next time we have a call for sandbags. This is the type of assistance from the public which we really appreciate.

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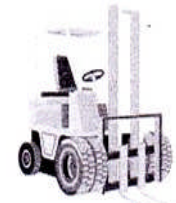
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1st July 2011 – 30th June 2012

Membership Application/Renewal Form

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Meetings every 3rd Thu of month 9.30am, Taskforce

Meeting minutes available from Taskforce



Family/Business Name _____

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Chocolate Almond Biscuits

Ingredients:

9 ozs flour,

4 ozs butter,

1 egg,

3 ozs chocolate - melted and cooled,

4 ozs almonds – blanched and cut up coarsely.

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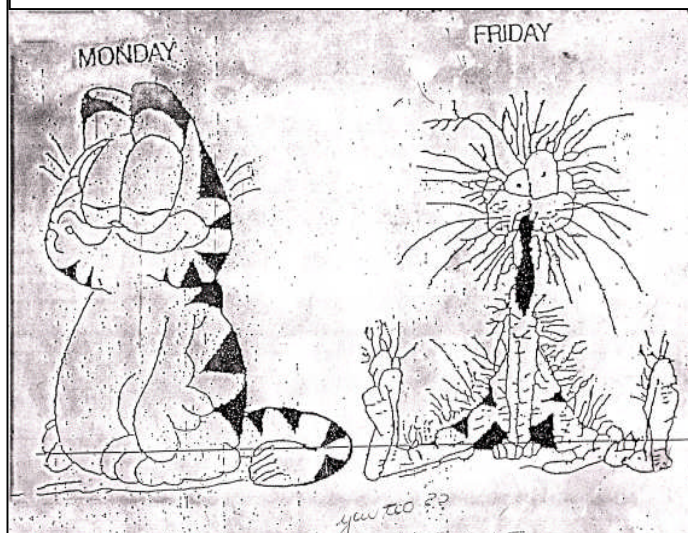
Cream butter and sugar until fluffy, add unbeaten egg and beat until well mixed. Quickly add the cooled, melted chocolate, then the almonds and fold in the sifted flour. Blend well, roll up in greaseproof paper and chill overnight or longer. Roll out and cut into desired shapes. Bake on greased trays in moderately hot oven at 170c (350f) for 15 minutes.

Thanks Holly

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From Don Lawie

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Lessons from Geese

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Lesson

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Lesson

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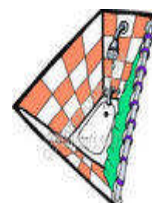
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3 rd Place	\$20 Ultimate Everyday Account	George Atkinson



What's Happening In Babinda

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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

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

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

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

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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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