

Babinda News

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March 2011



"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

In the last few months I've had the great privilege of meeting some pretty spectacular and unselfish locals who work very hard at keeping our community engaged and on the map. A few things to mention that have been going on in Babinda since the last Newsletter include the following.

The 48th Babinda Harvest Festival theme for 2011 is 'Australian Icons' and is on 4th June. Cheers Frances Alley for your enthusiasm and sheer determination in making this possible, yet again.

Men's Sheds is for men of all ages to meet and talk. For more information please contact Jim Hilliard – 40672454

Abbeyfield House– Independent Living is hosting exercise classes for the elderly on Thursdays 2pm. By all accounts this has been well received. It is sponsored by Healthier Great Green Way and is free of charge. Unfortunately these classes end April 21st so please make the most of this opportunity while we have it. Contact Maureen on 40619177 for further information.

Please Note: The next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th March, 9:30am at the Taskforce Office. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 99 members.

Cheers

Rachel

Rainfall for the Month of February

Babinda Rainfall - 1346.6 mm

Year to date - 2083.2mm

Bellenden Ker - Top Station - 2298.0 mm

Year to date - 3291.6 mm

Bellenden Ker -Bottom Station –1590.0mm

Year to date - 2319.6 mm

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POLICE NEWS

We have been receiving a number of complaints from our lolly pop ladies recently that drivers are not heeding the road rules around the schools. The main complaints is that motorists are not stopping when directed, are driving through the crossing before all persons have left the road and are parking in the no standing zones either side of the crossing. It appears that a lot of the offending vehicles are local and are often dropping their own children off. We are also receiving complaints that numerous cars are conducting U turns across the double white lines at the front of the school. I ask that all persons using the school zones before and after school please be extra vigilant and obey all road rules. Our children do behave in the same way adults do around traffic and I would hate to see an injury or even worse. Please make sure you obey the lolly pop ladies directions and wait till all person have left the crossing before driving through. Innisfail Traffic branch are aware of these complaints and will be making patrols over the coming weeks in their unmarked vehicle so please be warned.

We have also received a few complaints in relation to the use of motorised scooters around town. This mainly relates to them being driven at excessive speed on the footpaths, being parked in shop entrances and even being driven down the middle of the main street impeding the flow of traffic. If you own and use one of these scooters please be mindful of the above and considerate of pedestrians and other road users alike.

Until next month

Stay Safe

Gerard BRADY

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Police link-non urgent incidents.....131 444

Urgent Incidents.....000



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AMBULANCE NEWS

Most people would know that Peter Carnsew the other Paramedic stationed at Babinda has been off work since early December with a fractured leg. He is getting around well on his crutches and we look forward to his full recovery. Peter was brightening up the town by helping some friends put up some Christmas lights at the time when he had his accident. I think he has been with the Babinda ambulance for 23 years now - he will be starting to miss the place.

Cyclone Yasi has thankfully came and gone - Babinda did not need another big one, but unfortunately someone had to cop it. Cowley to Cardwell copped a hiding and our thoughts are with those that are still struggling in the aftermath. The local disaster response pre and post Yasi was excellent - all services worked together in our local area. I went to the RSL hall cyclone shelter on the afternoon/evening of Yasi and first thing in the morning - a wonderful asset with everyone there assisting each other. Luke Adams a Paramedic from Beenleigh was dropped into Babinda on the afternoon of the cyclone and stayed for 2 days to help me out, he was a great help and many people were grateful for his assistance in staying at the shelter on the night of Yasi incase anyone needed medical attention.

Finally to the men and women whom have lost their jobs in the mill or on the banana farms I hope the grass is greener on the other side.

Until next time,

Keep Safe.

Justin Cairns

OIC Babinda Ambulance

Contribution Closing Dates for Newsletter

Friday 1 April

(Distributed Tues 12 April)

Friday 6 May

(Distributed Tues 17 May)



CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

Ph: 40443044

Mob: 0427 755 141

"Hi from CRC.

Much has been said about Yasi and the response, so I'll leave that one alone and concentrate on Council's response to the announced and subsequent closure of Babinda Mill.

The closure was a commercial decision made by the factory's owners, and Council, like the community, has accepted that at face value and set about finding what can be done to provide the necessary pathways to help a "re-focus" rather than a "re-build", which is what we would have been facing had Yasi made landfall here.

Council can help at several levels. Firstly, the immediate community based response to help lift spirits and get residents thinking about a promising future; this is being addressed by the proposed public meeting run by Peter Kenyon for the 9th March. Peter was instrumental in the rebound about 13 years ago when the Taskforce was set up to provide impetus after a depressing period of time in the late 90's. Our community service officers, and the Taskforce will also be helping where they can in partnership with the State departments who will no doubt work hard to ensure residents can see a way forward. Special attention will of course be required for those who have felt the brunt of the loss of their job; immediate support is vital, as is the way to provide long term employment and a positive future.

Secondly, an economic audit will be completed by our Economic Development department to see what is in place already in the area, and what has the potential to expand and flourish. This will be done in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, who are obviously instrumental in the future economic well being of the town. This team will need to identify possible other opportunities for investment as well, a vital component in the total picture.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, a land use plan for the mill site needs to be developed as quickly as possible. Council has had negotiations with the mill owners who are very supportive, and have employed a consultant town planner to work with the community and the owners to ensure that the required land use areas (the old "zonings") are in place on the mill site to allow trouble and red tape free development opportunities to be available when a party wishes to invest in the town. Some of these uses that have been proposed are grey nomad facilities, industrial, commercial, special facilities (aged care for example), open space and residential to name a few. This process is underway already, and is essential for the well being of the town, and a speedy transition to a bright future.

I must take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors and all the staff who have very quickly supported my efforts to respond to this recent turn of events. It is fair to say that I am proud of the way that council has responded in a rapid and proactive way. As a community, we need to be positive and see some form of opportunity here to develop a broader base to the local economy. It will be a hard row to hoe, but one that must be tackled.

Until next time, chin up,

Paul."



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**Russell Landcare &
Catchment Group**



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Catchment Group**

Russell Landcare and Catchment Group: Winding up?

Important Notice:

Notice of General Meeting

Date: Thursday 31 March 2011

Time: 7pm

Place: RLCG office, Munro Street Babinda (next to Taskforce office)

Please join us for a general meeting of members to discuss the future of Russell Landcare and Catchment Group. The current executive would like to hand over to new office bearers or wind up the group, having been unable to secure replacements at the AGM in November last year. Whilst extremely committed to the group, the management committee have occupied the positions for some years now and do not wish to continue in their current roles.

RLCG is incorporated, financially sound, well-supported by Terrain NRM (our local regional NRM body), with assets including trailers, sprayers and a comprehensive local library.

If any community members are willing to take on the roles of president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer, then providing ALL current executive positions are filled, the group can continue. The current executive will remain in place until after this general meeting when a decision will be made to either hand over to a new executive appointed at the meeting, or to commence winding up the group in accordance with procedures laid down by the Office of Fair Trading.

Michele Dale
Secretary RLCG

We welcome any general enquiries via email to russell.landcare@gmail.com or pop in and see Daryl at 53 Munro St for information on the group and assistance with natural resource management issues in the Russell Catchment. The office will be open to the public from 9:30am to 4:30pm each Mon – Wed. Email daryl@terrain.org.au or phone 40672515.

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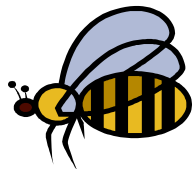
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Cootharinga is an iconic charity which plays a major role in North Queensland communities by supporting people who live with disabilities.

Cootharinga was founded in 1951 and provides Supported Accommodation Services in twelve locations 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

This year Cootharinga celebrates 60 years with continued commitment to building a better world with people of all abilities. Last year Cootharinga commenced early intervention services with children aged 0-7 years living with Autism.

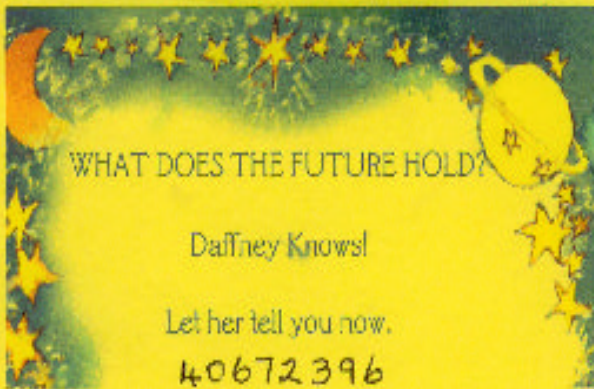
2010 also saw further progress of 3 supported accommodation facilities in Townsville, Cairns and Mackay, as well as commencing a new facility in Mareeba. Negotiations for new accommodation services in Townsville and Mossman are also under way.

The dedicated volunteers from the Babinda Bargain Centre will make their annual journey to Cootharinga's Head Office in Townsville later this year to join in with the celebrations.

The Babinda Bargain Centre continues to raise essential funds for Cootharinga and is always full of interesting knick knacks, household furniture and of course quality second hand clothing.

The Bargain Shop is open Monday to Saturday. For further inquiries please phone 40671533.

"Building a better world with people of all abilities"



Stamps Issue Helps Out

Australia's first Charity Stamps have been released to raise funds for QLD flood victims.

Featuring 5 images from the floods, the .60c stamps are available in a sheet of 10 for \$8, with \$2 donated to the QLD Premiers Disaster Relief Appeal.

Australia Post will print as many stamps as required to meet demand.

See your Post Office now.

Babinda Harvest Festival 4 June 2011

Theme - 'Australian Icons'

The Babinda Harvest Festival Committee are delighted to announce...

Princess Entrants for 2011.

Taylah Stewart - sponsored by Cairns Mulch
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 Cheyenne Morris - sponsored by Babinda Pharmacy
 Lucy Vicarioli - sponsored by Spar Babinda
 Christie Pearce - sponsored by Babinda Lions Club
 and Jimarie Suket - sponsored by Beautified Beauty Salon

Thankyou to the sponsors for supporting the Princess Quest.

We hope the community support these young ladies in their fundraising efforts.
 Entrants will be selling tickets in our Major Raffle Prize - an Everdue Argento BBQ Package,
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Welcome to 2011. The year, although having a troublesome start, is in full swing and we are very pleased to welcome all of our new students and their families to Bartle Frere. We look forward to more fun and fact finding this year as our children continue climbing to greater heights through teaching and learning.

The students have already held a Free Dress Day Fundraiser, with all money going to assist with the recovery of Tully State School since Cyclone Yasi hit on Feb. 3rd.

Coming up on Friday the 1st of April will be the Official Opening of our new school building which arrived late last year. Further details will be provided closer to the date and everyone is very welcome to attend. We take great pleasure in providing our facilities to all community members for 'out-of school' activities or meetings, so feel free to contact the school for a booking.

Bartle Frere State School continues to host their Free Family Play Group each Tuesday morning from 9-11am. A place where parents and carers can give their pre-schoolers the opportunity to interact and share in some fun and games with other children. The 'Play Group' is a very relaxed time and the kids enjoy painting, dressing-up, story time and other great activities. The school also houses great Library Facilities and a free Toy Lending Scheme.

For more information please phone Teaching/Principal Danielle Morris on 40 676 240.

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Their Crisis Support Service will provide support, counselling & related services for people in crisis.

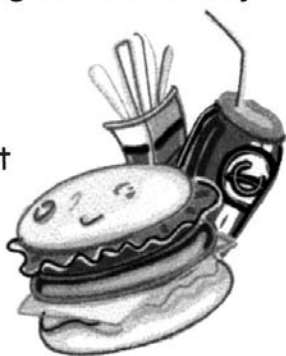
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Maurie & Tracey

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NEWS FROM BABINDA S E S

from Don Lawie

I missed the extended deadline for "Babinda News" last month – we were on generator power for some time after Yasi, and the bridge to East Russell was flooded for an extended period. Consequently, I was unable to participate in the SES contribution to the cyclone clean-up, but I have a report from our Local Controller Shirley:

Babinda SES had an emergency pre-cyclone meeting. All equipment was checked and ready and we were allotted a second "Troopie" which was stationed at Deputy Group Leader Zac Murphy's house. Zac, along with Shirley and Group Leader Phil Terranova were out patrolling the district at first light after the cyclone had passed and making notes for the most urgent jobs to be done. We were allotted a chainsaw team from Gordonvale SES and a mammoth job of clearing driveways and tarping damaged roofs ensued. Shirley reports that over 64 jobs were completed between Garradunga and Fishery Falls, with well in excess of 160 volunteer hours spent on the job. Dulcie and her team kept the workers fed and supplied, and our new members Jason and Stephen had a very vigorous introduction to SES work with all jobs requiring maximum physical effort in the high temperature and humidity and constant rain.

Shirley is very pleased with Babinda SES's response to the emergency and has asked me to pass on, through "Babinda News", her appreciation of the way that the Team operated.

My Mother & her Unforgettable Teachings!!

My Mother taught me Irony...

'Keep crying, & I'll give you something to cry about'

My Mother taught me about Behaviour Modification...

- 'Stop acting like your Father!'

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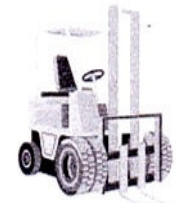
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Just joking....

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Big Congratulations

to our Member for Mulgrave – Curtis Pitt on his promotion to the QLD Cabinet.

We here at the Babinda TaskForce are always very appreciative of his support of our world here

Well done Curtis Pitt

In the wake of Cyclone Yasi, many cassowaries will have been displaced and lost their food and shelter.

We at project Cassowary are trying to keep track of what exactly is happening out there in the wake of such a large cyclone on the cassowary coast.

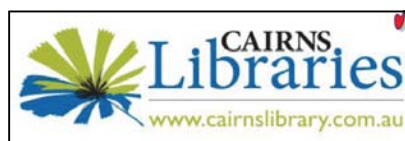
If you have any photos or information about your local birds please email me or post the information on the project cassowary website.

<http://wildobs.com/research/ProjectCassowary>

thanks for your support
Hamish

BABINDA LIBRARY NEWS

Babinda Library Phone: 40671 112



Celebrating International Women's Day

100 Years of Women's Achievements

Cairns Regional Council have had an enjoyable programme of celebration and we attended Babinda's activity, of "Women in the Business of Food" at the Babinda Library. We listened with great interest to **FIONA GEORGE** of **Broken Nose Vanilla** who along with husband Matt has established the only Vanilla Bean Farm in Queensland.

This was a fascinating view of their enterprise and very enjoyable.

Fiona's "**Broken Nose Vanilla**" products may be purchased at the Mirriwinni General Store.

Deb Wellington from Cairns Regional Council will talk about Cairns Heritage Plan - How this will affect you.

At the Babinda Library, Thursday, 14th April, 10:30am. Morning Tea will be provided. Bookings Essential. Ph: 40671 112

findmypast.co.au is now at Babinda Library along with ancestry.com For further information contact Babinda Library.

Hello from Mission Beach from an Ex-Babinda resident!!

Can you please print the following **thank you** to my wonderful friends from Babinda that come and helped me clear my back yard after Cyclone Yasi.

Bev Ambrum organized the "Babinda Brigade" that come to my house in Mission Beach on the 12th Feb and worked tirelessly to cut, rake and mow my back yard after Cyclone Yasi ripped through it.

The crew were - Bev Ambrum, Ike Ambrum, Mario & Laraine Cobavie, Paul & Annette Sganzerla, Louise Burrows & Kiri Wawatai.

My partner Adam and I are extremely grateful for them coming down and helping along with an array of yummy food as well.

They are my Angels –

Thank you so very much!!

I have enclosed a photo of us having smoko.

Regards

Janice Booth



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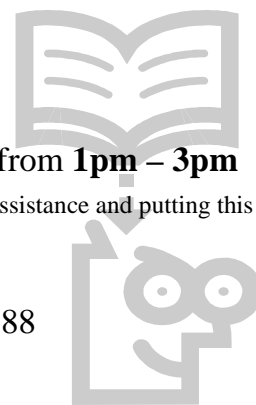
We are offering a **FREE** course in:

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The course runs every **Thursday** as of 17th March at **Babinda Taskforce** from **1pm – 3pm**

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Well, we certainly have kept our visiting tourists on their toes!! We are proud to be able to say that our centre has been open as usual, except for one or two days during and after Yasi. Before and following the cyclone, we had a large number of visitors looking for all sorts of information regarding road closures, places that were safe to visit, alternative routes etc. Many of our visitors had never experienced such a dramatic weather event, and were very grateful of any help we could give them. It was interesting to note that some international visitors were quite surprised to be told that their plans to visit Mission Beach would have to be put on hold. It is such a pleasure now, to be able to direct them to places such as Paronella Park and Mission Beach where owners have overcome such physical and mental trauma to such an extent that they are now open for business.

As are most Babinda residents, we are still reeling with the news of the Babinda Mill closure. We have such a lot of Babinda Mill memorabilia at the centre and are fully aware of its' value. My memories of growing up in Babinda are synonymous with the mill and its' seasons – sign-on day, the chimney gaily decorated at Christmas, Mill Row, the mill whistle sounding at noon and the constant layer of bagasse covering every surface in our home, much to my mother's distress.

Many changes are ahead of us, but we must not forget that tourists come from all over the world to enjoy all of other wonderful attractions Babinda has to offer.

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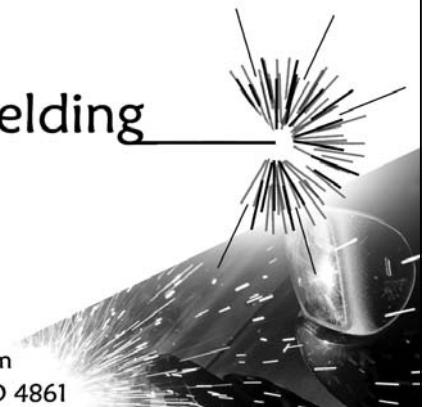
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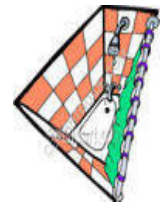
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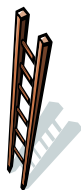
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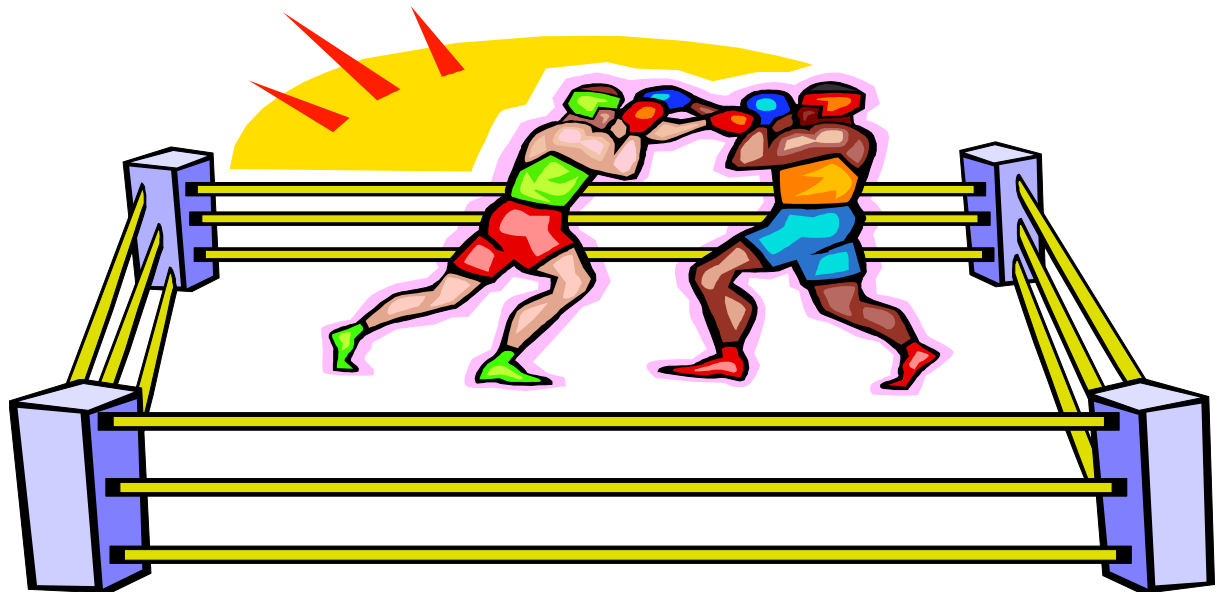
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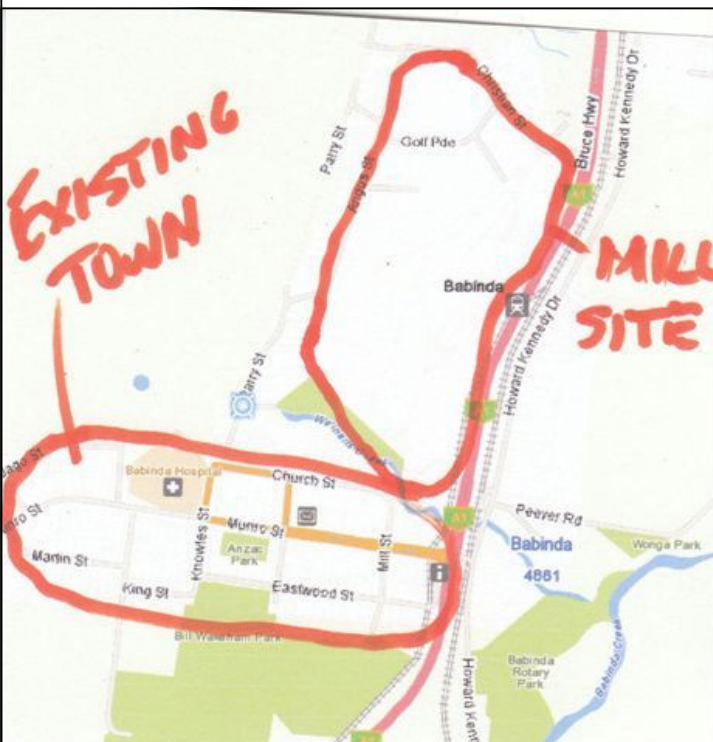
Babinda Chamber of Commerce

Since the historic day of the news of the Babinda mill closure the Babinda Chamber of Commerce has felt a huge weight on its shoulders. We have felt empathy for those who have lost jobs & in many cases this means totally changing their life plan. However to be of any help for the future the Chamber had to not dwell on the negative but look at what positive outcomes could come of this sad event.

The weight was very quickly lifted when it became evident that Cr. Paul Gregory with the backing of our Cairns Regional Council began working immediately with the owners of the mill site & professional members of their staff to allow for an exciting new phase to Babinda's future.

To put into perspective what potential the mill site has to offer, one needs to realize that the area is about the same as the existing precinct & there is a golden opportunity to compliment what we have with almost unrestrained diversity.

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The Committee of Abbeyfield House wish to publicly thank the family of recently deceased Margaret Houghton, who resided at Abbeyfield House until her death. The family have donated Margaret's furniture to Abbeyfield House

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

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

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

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

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 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 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

FNQ WILDLIFE CARERS Harry Potyondy and Rae Heywood 228 Price Rd., Bartle Frere
Tel: 4067-6054 (after 4pm & W/ends) Mob: 0428699246 (7.30am to 4.00pm Mon to Fri)

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

INFO CENTRE - Open 9 - 4 daily

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

L.E.T.S. Barter (Local Exchange Trading System) - Phone Lenore 0740 541 756

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

NEW AGE MOVIE THEATRETTE. Alt Tues 7:15pm. SOB Hall 40672604

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.

RELAXABOUT MASSAGE RETREAT - Ph Judi Van Dycke on 40672604 or 0400726245

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

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 — Wednesday s 5.30-7.00pm, Spirit of Babinda Hall. Ph Ingrid 4067 6330

Please contact Taskforce on 40672900 with any changes