

# Babinda News

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## "The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

We are pleased to announce that a Steering Group has been established with the Babinda Community to discuss Redevelopment of the old Sugar Mill site and a local business Expansion and Retention Program. The Steering group includes: Representatives from Maryborough Sugar Factory (MSF - the Mill Site Owners), Babinda Chambers of Commerce, Babinda Taskforce and Cairns Regional Council.

Further to these Plans a M.O.U. (Memorandum Of Understanding) has been signed on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 between Cairns Regional Council and the Maryborough Sugar Factory to support a Partnership approach to the redevelopment. The M.O.U. was signed by Mayor Val Schier and Maryborough Sugar's Mike Barry at a morning tea at the Babinda Taskforce.

Procedure for putting ideas forward will be as follows:

Business ideas may be taken to a Chambers of Commerce meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month, 5.30pm at Roddos)

Community ideas may be taken to a Taskforce meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of each month, 9.30am at Taskforce)

Notification of attendance is necessary. If someone wants to attend regularly then membership would be preferable.

The Steering Committee will meet approx every 3 weeks. Rod Edwards and myself will be the direct contacts.

Anyone wanting to keep updated with progress will need to give us their email address.

**Please Note:** Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19th May 9:30am at the Taskforce Office. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 101 members.

Cheers

Rachel

### Rainfall for the Month of April

**Babinda Rainfall** - 663mm

**Year to date** - 3570.4 mm

### Bellenden Ker

**Top Station** - 1105 mm

**Year to date** - 5549.2 mm

### Bellenden Ker

**Bottom Station** - 501.8 mm

**Year to date** - 3678.8 mm

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

**Friday 3 June**

(Distributed Tues 14 June)

**Friday 1 July**

(Distributed Tues 12 July)

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## POLICE NEWS

Well finally the sun is shining and the weather is cooling down, a lovely change and time to dry out the house the dogs and the kids. I have had the past three weeks off on leave over Easter whilst Senior Constable Bob TRAINOR from South Johnstone relieved my position. It seems that the staff at the station didn't get much of a rest over the Easter break which was quite busy for us. I was dismayed to see another rescue at Josephine falls on the news whilst on leave this time involving the rescue helicopter. After requesting ideas from the public over recent months I have had some great suggestions for tackling this never ending problem at the falls. I am currently involved in a project, 'survive the dive' with QFRS swift water rescue and DERM looking at strategies to try to reduce the number of rescues and associated fatalities. I can say that we are making some headway at implementing some of the strategies which will for the most part be implemented in time for the next wet season.

I have conducted research into the falls as part of the project and 2010 was an absolute horror year for rescues and deaths at the falls, the likes of which has not been seen for many years. The last thing the local community needs is to have Josephine Falls closed so if you use the area please be aware of the surroundings and maybe give some helpful advice to tourists if you see some danger. Furthermore if anyone has any suggestions to reduce these incidents please give me a ring at the station and let me know.

Until next month

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### **DEERAL Q.C.W.A. BRANCH MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

Drawn Friday 6<sup>th</sup> by Wayne of Deeral BP Service Station

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Basket of Mother's Day gifts (including Voucher for Brunch at Hambledon Hotel for 2 and Devonshire Teas for 2 at Gordonvale Florist.)

**Winner:** Renae Martinod (blue F31)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$50 Voucher

**Winner:** Jane Porta (green D16)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Iced Fruit Cake

**Winner:** Kay from Cairns (green D23)

Thank you for your support.

**M** is for the million things she gives me,

**O** means only that she is soft to hold,

**T** is for the things she tries to teach me,

**H** is for her heart of pure gold,

**E** is for her eyes with love brightly shining

**R** means right and right she'll always be.

### **Church of England Holy Cross**

#### **Mothers Day Raffle**

Won by Paula Spokes.

Thank you for your support.

### **WORK AVAILABLE**

#### **Cyclone Yasi Assistance**

Clean up work available for displaced workers due to Cyclone.

Ring **132523** for further information.



## MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE

### CURTIS PITT MP

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6 May 2010

#### Take the test – prevent kidney disease

Early intervention and prevention is the best way to combat Kidney Disease.

Kidney Health Week will be held from 22-29 May 2011 and is a great opportunity for you to find out if you are at risk of kidney disease.

Kidney disease is one of Queensland's major health challenges, with one in three of us at risk of developing chronic kidney disease.

There are some things that can increase your likelihood of developing chronic kidney disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, family history and smoking.

I encourage all residents to have a test. If you are at risk, you can act early to prevent it.

The number of people in Queensland with chronic kidney disease needing dialysis or kidney transplantation is growing by about six per cent a year.

The annual cost of dialysis and organ transplantation for people with chronic kidney disease in Queensland is forecast to rise to more than \$200 million by 2017.

That's a certainty if people don't take responsibility for the state of their health with regular physical activity, controlling blood pressure, reducing overweight and obesity, or quitting smoking.

The good news is that chronic kidney disease can be prevented.

Without better prevention and personal management of chronic disease, it's estimated demand for renal dialysis and transplant services in Queensland will increase by 70 per cent over the next decade.

If you think you might be at risk, or you know someone who could be, see a doctor and have a blood pressure, blood and urine test to check kidney function. Early intervention is vital.

For more information about Kidney disease and prevention, visit the Queensland Government website:

[www.healthier.qld.gov.au/conditions-treatments](http://www.healthier.qld.gov.au/conditions-treatments)

## CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

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Queensland  
Government

A Women's Health Clinic is soon being held at the Innisfail Hospital.

This clinic is part of a Well Women's Health Training Course  
for Registered Nurses/Health Workers who work in isolated areas.

It will be conducted by the Mobile Women's Health Nurse.

Services that will be provided at the Clinic include:

PAP SMEARS EDUCATION ON BREAST HEALTH (not mammograms)

INFO / ADVICE ON OTHER WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

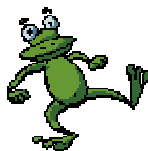
The clinic dates are: Wednesday 25 May, Thursday 26 May and Friday 27 May

Please phone 4226 3053 to make an appointment

**THE CLINIC IS FREE**



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### **WATCH THIS SPACE !!**

RLCG is a non-profit, independent community driven organisation made up of a volunteer executive and members of the community. Please, feel welcome to become a member. There are many benefits and it's free membership. Participate in projects. Learn about our extraordinary flora and fauna. Do your part in building a better Babinda. We encourage all members of the community to become members.

**WELCOME!!** To the new executive volunteers, President Ray Jones, Vice President Leo Bonso, Treasurer Garry Davison, Technical Support Sam Parisi and Secretary / Communications Selena Nelson. A **BIG** thankyou to the previous executive volunteers, who have given so much to the RLCG and the Babinda community. We are eagerly anticipating future bushwalks and look forward to a continuing relationship.

This is a very exciting time for RLCG as we prepare to start work on Stagers Corner, Babinda Creek. Stagers Corner is one of many badly eroded and degraded parts of our catchment system. LIKE our facebook page, and stay updated on the progress of the Russell catchment system. Share your ideas & knowledge, pictures and meet other people in our community. Lets be a progressive town and show your support!

Everybody is welcome to attend a workshop for Bramston Beach Community on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 9am to 3pm. This comprehensive workshop is about our \$16 500 Community Action Grant. Topics include weed identification, natural values of Eubanangee & Wyvuri Swamps, weed control (Pond Apple and Hymenachne) and feral animal control. Attendance is free.

Registration is required, phone Daryl Killin RLCG coordinator on **0419019010** or email [daryl@terrain.org.au](mailto:daryl@terrain.org.au)

We have new enquiry forms in our office at 53 Munro St, Babinda. Please come in and fill out an enquiry form, all queries will be followed up. RLCG encourages *all* peoples, from *all* backgrounds to become members for the betterment of our community. Look out for more news on RLCG and be informed.

RLCG Secretary/Communications,

Selena Nelson

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### **Check this out**

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Dean Reilly, son of Donna Tuttle, has been successful in being one of the finalists in the Sir John Sulman Prize exhibition for 2011.

This exhibition is held annually for the best subject/genre painting and/or murals/mural project, held at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney.

Dean grew up in Mirriwinni, and has made a name in the art world.

**Congratulations!**

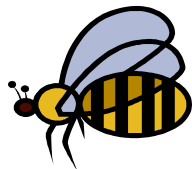
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## **Info Centre Illuminations**

**It's** great to be able to report that visitor numbers are on the increase once again. Of course, it's not a secret that our weather at this time of the year is fabulous, and the envy of those in the south. Many of our visitors have made a conscious decision to holiday up this way, in order to support those in the tourist industry adversely affected by Cyclone Yasi. To them, we say "Thank you" and "Well done"!

**Our** centre has celebrated Anzac Day in its usual fashion, by assembling an interesting and unique display of Anzac memorabilia. Visitors from overseas are quite fascinated by it. Nothing stays the same, however, and lots of energy and thought is going into the forthcoming Harvest Festival. Babinda may no longer have its beloved mill, but it is still a wonderfully fertile area, producing not only sugar, but also a wide range of exotic products because of a combination of high rainfall and tropical temperatures.

**On** the home front, many hardworking elves are busy putting the final touches to our revamped foyer. I wasn't (but should have been) aware that we have so many talented people in Babinda. It is really very important that very high standards are maintained, and that our visitors are aware that we have the cutest and most "livable" town in the north. Babinda looks fantastic! Let's keep it that way.

*Happy Trails*

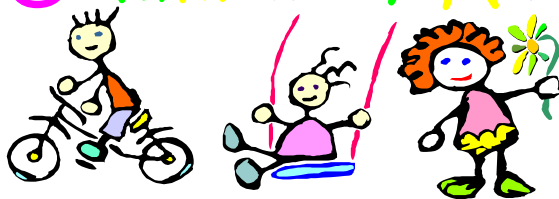
### **Artsy Crafty**

We would like to thank all people who supported our Easter Hamper raffle. The winner was Jean McAlloan. Our Babinda and District Arts and Craft Co-op would like to advise our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at the QCWA building, commencing at 6.30 pm followed by a BBQ. All members, family and friends are welcome.

We would like to say a welcome to the Caravanning travellers and other visiting tourists who have come to enjoy our (at the time of writing) lovely weather.

# Babinda Community Kindergarten

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Welcome back to term 2 for all the kindy kids, staff and parents.

The kids kicked off this seasons Autumn Fashion with the unveiling of their Easter inspired bonnet collection to rave reviews from the parents. The young designers dazzled the gallery with bright tropical colours, pom-poms and scrunched up paper balls being the seasonal theme. Top young designer Caitlin Kruckow (3¾) continues to challenge convention in the daily dress up with her wedding/fairy/princess combinations to continual applause.

In other news an emergency medical clinic has been set up on the couches after a recent spike in cases of hypochondria among the kindy kid population. Kindy paramedic, Georgi Stone (4) said that although there have been no recorded deaths from hypochondria, patients exhibit an infinite range of symptoms. Miss Stone reminds the general kid population to limit their daily intake of sand, paint, coloured water and the stuff at the bottom of their bags. She also reminds kids that hypochondria symptoms will only have a limited effect on parental sympathy.

Regards

Matt Hession

## Easter Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Raffle and thanks to all the members of the community who supported the kindy with their generosity.

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Frank Azzopardi**  
2<sup>nd</sup> **Marcia McMenamin**  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Rhonda Stone**

## Harvest Festival

The Babinda Kindergarten will be running a stall at the Harvest Festival.

We'll be selling **showbags**, **glow sticks** and other products as well as doing **face painting** for the kids (and adults if that's your fancy).

Please come down and support the Kindy with all proceeds going to help with the wonderful running of the kindy program.

## Time for Grandparents.....

Grandparents who are the primary carers of grandchildren can get information and support by phoning 1300 135 500. and to talk about activities that may be available in your area.

## Chamber of Commerce Market Day 2nd Saturday of the month

Lost ... Misplaced ...

Can't find ... Borrowed ?

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## **Bartle Frere News**



Firstly, we would like to wish Mr Comonos a speedy recovery after recently being ill. Mr Comonos is a well know resident of Bartle Frere and recently attended the school for the official opening of our new classroom.

All schools are gearing up for our Combined and Interschool Sports Day and once again we are looking forward to this. Also the up and coming Babinda Harvest Festival will be on this term and our school is currently organising a float around the theme "Australia." I am sure we will see a great parade once again and of course plenty of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!!!

We would like to thank the community for supporting our Easter Raffle and congratulate Barbara Tomlinson for winning a fantastic Easter basket of goodies!!! Look out for the next fundraiser!!

Regards,

Bartle Frere Community

Danielle Morris (Principal)

## **BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL**

### **FULFILMENT THROUGH WORK**

*It is lovely to see the sun after so much rain over the past few weeks. Our school fared quite well through the Cyclone with only minor damage to some of our shade covers and quite a bit to our lovely trees located in and around the school grounds. Our thoughts go out to those schools that suffered extreme damage and we hope they will all be up and running again very soon. Our students enjoyed the Easter Break and this term we are going to be looking at the school's waste production, water usage and power consumption.*

*As usual our school has been busy, with a visit from the local football development group who discussed "Healthy Choices, we also held a free dress day to support the Red Cross, competed in the Cross Country at Babinda, welcomed our new School Captain Dylan Foenander Yr 7 and participated in the ANZAC day ceremony . Big congratulations to Mitchell Quabba Yr 6 for getting through to the Mulgrave Cross Country.*

*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

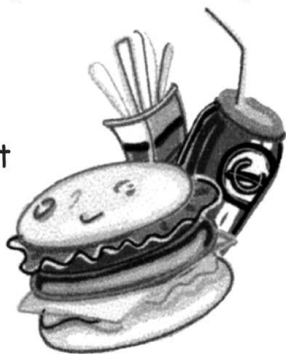
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# Babinda **Community Bank**® Branch News

*"Enhancing the Community"*

## **Kids Club T-Shirts**

The Kids Club members were very excited when they received T-shirts and sporting equipment from our Babinda **Community Bank**®. The volunteers who run this club do a wonderful service for our kids and therefore our community.



## **Photo Competition for Harvest Festival**

Keep your entries coming in to our Babinda **Community Bank**®- remember there's over \$200 in prize money and a chance to be published in our fund-raising calendar. **Entries close 19<sup>th</sup> May.** Extra entry forms can be obtained from the Bank.

Our Bank also contributes \$100.00 each to the Harvest Queen, Miss Personality and Miss Charity and this year will also be sponsoring the sugar bowl competition run by the Information Centre with \$250 of prize money.

## **Sally has relocated to Cairns**

Before moving to Cairns 6 months ago, Sally notified us that she would be leaving. She has now tendered her resignation. We thank her for her contribution to the Babinda **Community Bank**® and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Until the new Manager's position is filled, Lindy Gill, a Business Banking Officer known to many in town and with many years of banking experience, has stepped in to oversee the running of the branch. Please drop in and say hello.

## **Community Forum**

The Board of the Babinda **Community Bank**® is still assessing the items identified at the Community Forum and we hope to work with community groups to make some of these items a reality.

## **The Babinda Mill is Closing!**

### **(part 2)**

There is so much going for us, there's no need for sad despair.

We've been here for over a century and we not going to go elsewhere!

Let's dream a bold new vision. Let's build future soon.

Could we be in aerospace and launching missions to the moon?

Could we become a theme park? Recycling centre, or V8 motor track?

Could we launch an umbrella above our existing chimney stack?

Could our future be in culture, museums, tourism and the like?

Could we become an industrial centre, where blacksmiths once did strike?

Could we be an IT storage or telecommunications hub?

Could we build on eco-tourism within our patch of scrub?

Could we have a centre of excellence in youth then aging before our final rest?

Could we put tropical biology and hydrology to a university test?

Could we specialize in aquaculture, dive in movies and feature water slides?

Could we engineer a new cable car or feature thrilling rides?

Could we become a health retreat with aquatic treatment spas?

Could we brew and distil spirits and regain the "longest bar" ?

Could we have a Sound Stream music festival featuring our legendary boulders?

Where we could "rock" a week away, far north of winters colder!

Could we become a living museum with sugar milling as the theme?

Could we build a network of loco rides around our local streams?

Could we incorporate our habitats into a specific breeding zoo?

We already farm pure rain water. Could we bottle liquid sunshine too?

Could we build a reef and rainforest, tropical movie set?

Whatever we may come up with, we are far from finished yet!

Let's pool our flood of ideas not even silly ones to shirk.

Then focus all our energies to put at least one of them to work!

**Howard Kennedy 25.03.2011**

## **Invitation for workplaces to take action**

### **Bowel Cancer Awareness Week, June 5-11.**

Bowel cancer is a major health problem contributing to the burden of disease in Australia, with 1 in 22 Australians likely to develop bowel cancer before the age of 85. This equates to 80 Australians dying every week from a disease that is up to 75% preventable through protective lifestyle factors! Screening for bowel cancer also has the potential to save lives. This involves testing for bowel cancer in people who do not have any obvious signs and symptoms of the disease. The aim is to find any polyps, or to find cancer early when it is easier to treat and cure.

There are some very quick and simple things your workplace can do to be involved in Bowel Cancer Awareness Week

- 1) Send a promotional email to staff
- 2) Add a message on pay slips
- 3) Install a screensaver on all computers
- 4) Host a bowel cancer display
- 5) Book an information session for your employees

For assistance in coordinating any of the above activities, please contact your local Health Promotion Officer on 4226 6385 or email

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### **LIFELINE—IN ACTION**

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

from Don Lawie

Cyclones Tasha and Yasi continue to have an effect in our area, even though we were spared the destruction wreaked further south. Babinda SES Local Controller Shirley and Group Leader Phil have been attending a series of "Wash-Up" seminars at which engineering and climate experts have divulged preliminary findings relevant to the year's cyclones. JCU experts have analysed the damage which occurred to various types and ages of buildings, and a good piece of news is that homes built since 1980 – to new engineering standards – suffered much less than older houses.

There are also indications that taping areas of glass may not be effective, and the standard procedure of opening a window on the opposite side to the current prevailing gusts may contribute to roof losses. It is hoped that all results will be made public well before the next cyclone "season" just ended. I celebrated May Day by removing the heavy chains from my shed, which I installed before Tasha and which I believe held the Larry-damaged building together this year.

We are looking forward to our Community's celebration of the Harvest on June 4. Babinda SES will man the gate and install road barriers and carry out traffic control as usual at the Harvest Festival big day. Pause and say Hulloo to us as you come through the gate – the entry fee remains at only \$ 2 as it has for many years – best entertainment value in Australia!! We also plan to have a presence in the Festival Procession along with our sister Emergency Service organisations, and I hear a whisper that Cairns SES may have a highly visible (and noisy) entry in the parade...

Till then, our training continues and our A Team is on standby 24/7.



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### **Babinda District Amateur Fishing Club**

At the AGM held on 2 April, the following people were elected to executive positions for 2011.

President Doug Spoor  
Vice-President: Julie Ward  
Treasurer: Jennal Detourbet  
Secretary: Heather Saylor  
River Captain: Dean Wood  
Providore: Harry Anning



Thank you to the 2010 committee for their work and contribution to the Fishing Club.

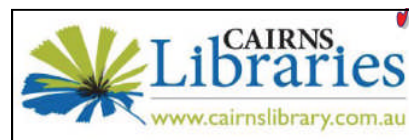
We welcome the public to join our club. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

For Fishing Club members, fishing competitions are held the weekend after each meeting. From 5pm Friday to 11am Sunday. Weigh in at the Babinda Clubhouse at noon on Sunday. Fishing area includes: Russell & Mulgrave River, Bramston Beach and reef fishing.

Night fishing competitions for members are held every Wednesday night 5pm to 9pm. Weigh in at 9pm Bellenden Ker landing. River fishing only.

For more information contact Doug on 4067 1451 or Dean 4067 1315.

### **BABINDA LIBRARY NEWS**



**Babinda Library Phone: 40671 112**

Babinda Library will be one library around the country participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime 2011:

**National Simultaneous Storytime** is happening again this year on May 25th at 11am at Babinda Library. Now in its 11th successful year, this colourful, vibrant and fun annual national event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy by encouraging children all over the country to participate in a Storytime on the same day, at the same time, reading the same Australian children's book. The title selected this year is "Feathers for Phoebe" by Rod Clement, a wonderful Australian tale about self-esteem, self-acceptance and learning that appearances aren't everything.

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## NEWS FROM THE BBC

(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

“High Tea” seemed a little grand at Jupiter’s Casino in Townsville recently, however the volunteers from the Babinda Bargain Centre took great pleasure in such luxury. It was the Celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cootharinga (formerly Society for Crippled Children).

President of the Babinda Bargain Centre, Mrs. Marge Moller was very proud to present a cheque for \$110 thousand dollars to further assist Cootharinga with their commitment to building a better world with people of all abilities.

It is an outstanding achievement for the small community of Babinda. Due to the tremendous support we receive from locals and various visitors who continue to shop at the Babinda Bargain Centre, as well as those who donate their quality goods. Thank you for your on-going commitment which allows us to generate the funds necessary to assist such a worthwhile cause and those less fortunate in our region. Thank You!

During the celebrations, Life Membership was awarded to three of our long serving volunteers, Mrs. Coral Ballarino, Mrs. Edie Martinod and Mrs. Shirley Harwood.

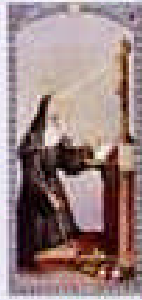
The Babinda Bargain Centre has gained a reputation in the region as a place worth shopping for a bargain with quality goods sourced throughout North Qld.

If your workplace, or farm shed requires cleaning rags, we also have large ‘Bags of Rags’ on hand. Please call in and see us. The Bargain Shop is open Monday to Saturday. For further inquiries please phone 40671533.

*“Building a better world with people of all abilities”*



# FEAST OF SAINT RITA



**BABINDA  
SUNDAY 29TH MAY**

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

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

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

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## Congratulations Matthew Gartrell

He has qualified to compete at the World junior 8  
Ball Championships in London in June. Matt made  
The Australian team in January after an intense  
weeklong competition in Darwin and finished 4<sup>th</sup>  
overall. The top five players were selected to  
represent Australia in June in the Junior World  
Championships.

Good luck Matty, enjoy the experience.  
Matt would like to thank all the locals who have  
supported him with good wishes and financial  
support.

## Everything old is new again !!!

The Settlers Museum in Gordonvale has an  
Exhibition until the end of June of Exquisite  
"Milk Jug Covers". These are all hand done,  
just like those when we were kids, with their  
mosquito netting, crocheting and pretty beads  
dangling.

Handcraft from another era now enjoying a  
resurgence of life and beauty in our modern  
world and reservedly so !!

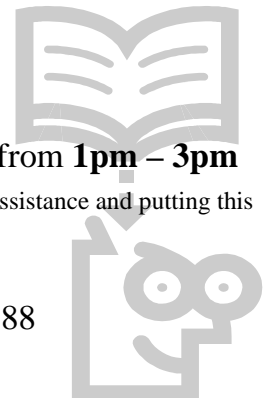
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## SETTLERS' MUSEUM ITEM OF THE MONTH

From Don Lawie

Do you remember when, if you had a medical problem, you went to the Ambulance Station at any time, day or night and rang the bell? Today we ring Triple 0 and they are at our door in next to no time. The Settlers' Museum has a poignant reminder of days gone by. Mr Jack Johnston was Q.A.T.B. Superintendent in both Babinda and Gordonvale for some time just after the Great War. He was the first Gordonvale Superintendent and this is a photo of the Night Bell which hung outside the Ambulance Station door. Ring the bell – any time – and Mr Johnston was there for you. When Mr Johnston retired he passed the bell to Mr Tom Briggs, who used it for the following 21 years. By then, modern communications had appeared and there was a push-button night bell – remember the sign outside Babinda QATB? “Ring Bell for Service”.

The bell is small – only about 20 cm long and the mouth is 10cm wide, the handle is wooden and the bell brass. One can hold this bell in the hand and imagine all the times it was used – worried parents, vehicle accidents, scalds, burns, cuts – all were answered promptly and compassionate and effective aid administered, or if a serious problem, the patient was taken to hospital. Queensland was far ahead of the rest of Australia with its Ambulance Service and our modern Paramedics continue this proud service.

When Mr Briggs retired he retained the bell and his widow donated it to the Settlers' Museum as a tangible reminder of Days Gone By.



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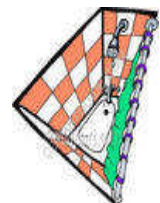
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## **2011 BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL - 4 June**

Come along to a great family and community event on Saturday 4 June.

Watch the parade along Munro Street at 2.30pm then go to the showgrounds for the official opening of the festival at 4pm.

There will be plenty of fun for the kids with amusements, jumping castles, glow sticks, and food and drink. Don't miss the fabulous helicopter lolly drop and enjoy a live band and licensed bar until midnight.

### **STREET PARADE, BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL**

To all clubs, groups, businesses, schools, emergency services,  
Community services and residents.

This year's Babinda Harvest Festival theme is Australian icons and all things Australiana - people, places, animals, food, inventions, and clothing.

Join in the grand parade at 2.30pm on Saturday June 4, grab your Akubra, blue singlet and push your Victa lawn mower down Munro Street to the tune of "I'm a happy little vegemite".

Grab a Ute or trailer, walk or cycle, and put together a float for the parade. This is cheap advertising for your business or club!

Pick up a registration form from the Babinda Taskforce

### **BUSINESSES JOIN HARVEST FESTIVAL**

As an integral part of the community, all businesses are invited to decorate their business premises – May 30 to June 3 – for the Harvest Festival. The theme of this year's Harvest Festival will be Australian Icons and all things Australiana - people, places, animals, food, inventions, and clothing. Start sizing up your display windows to see if you can fit your pet cockatoo in the window. How many lamingtons will you need to cover your counter top? Will your hills hoist fit inside the shop?

This is a great opportunity to promote your business.

### **SUGAR BOWL COMPETITION**

Be a part of this year's Harvest Festival and enter the sugar bowl competition. Make a sugar bowl out of anything you can find – paper mache, wool, wood, felt, recycled objects, let your imagination run wild! The theme for the Harvest Festival and sugar bowls is "Australian Icons". Categories are Open and 12yrs and under with \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize for Open and \$50 1<sup>st</sup> prize for 12 years and under plus 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

**Entries due 4pm, Wednesday 1 June.** Collect an entry form from the Information Centre, Babinda Taskforce, Babinda Pharmacy and schools in the district.

## **“Princess Quest 2011”**

**The Babinda Harvest Festival Princess Quest is a popular affair with entrants vying for the titles of Harvest Queen, Miss Personality and Miss Charity. Entrants take part in community events leading up to the festival and also participate in fundraising activities that benefit the community. The Harvest Festival Princess Quest is not a ‘beauty contest’ - the focus is on young ladies wanting to boost their self-esteem and confidence, gain valuable skills in community leadership and experience in representing their sponsors.**

**The Babinda Harvest Festival Committee sincerely thank the sponsors of the Princess Entrants and Retravision Babinda who sponsor the Major Raffle Prize.**

### “Bowling Afternoon”

Princess Coordinators (Paula Spokes and Frances Alley), Current Miss Charity (Maria Dobson) and Entrants enjoyed an afternoon at Innisfail Sugarbowl lanes recently. Entrants got to know each other a little better through the experience and displayed another side to their personalities while in a fun and social environment. A great time was had by all and entrants received gifts to remember the day.

### Giving something back to the community....

Entrants will share afternoon tea with patients and staff of Babinda Hospital on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 in recognition of Mothers Day. A key element within the quest is for the entrants to learn about community spirit. The Harvest Festival committee wish to thank the Babinda Hospital staff for allowing the entrants to provide and share afternoon tea at the hospital as this will help entrants improve their communication skills, learn about the lives of their fellow neighbours and give them a sense of pride in being able to give something back to the community in which they live.

Back Row – Selena McMurray, Cheyenne Morris, Jimarie Suket, Lucy Vicarioli, Siobhan Trezise

Front Row – Christie Pearce, Maria Dobson (2010 Miss Charity) Taylah Stewart





## What's Happening In Babinda

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

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

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

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL CABARET.....Saturday May 28th 2011**

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