

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone

Babinda & Mill Site Redevelopment: The Steering Group is meeting later this month.

2012 Babinda Harvest Festival, *Babinda gets Wet & Wild*: Sat 2 June. Princess Cabaret Sat 26 May.

International Women's Day Luncheon: Thank you to the 30 fabulous women who came, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Thank you to our Guest Speakers: Fleur McMenamin, Holly Goriss and Kate Atwell. Special thank you to the multi-talented Fleur McMenamin for singing a few of her original songs. Congratulations to Shirley Lewis for winning the lucky door prize, a dinner for two donated by Marettta from the Stag Tavern. Please enjoy the collage of photos inside this edition.

Farewell Cr Gregory: Last but no means least we say farewell to Paul Gregory after 12 meritorious years of dedication to Babinda and the Cairns Council. On behalf of the Babinda Taskforce, I thank you for all you have accomplished on our behalf. We are truly a better Community for having had you in our midst.

Please Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday** 18th April @ **9am** at the Taskforce. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 107members

Cheers,

Rachel

RAINFALL FOR MARCH 2012

Babinda Rainfall - 1886 mm

Year to date - 2757.6 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 2307.4 mm

Year to date - 3258.8 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 1954.4 mm

Year to date - 3017.0 mm

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 4 May

(Distributed Tues 15 May)

Friday 1 June

(Distributed Tues 12 June)

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AMBULANCE NEWS

Good news - Peter Carnsew is returning to work at Babinda ambulance starting Easter Monday. I know a lot of people will be glad to see his reassuring face. Peter has been on light duties in Cairns for the past several months. After suffering a nasty fractured leg all those moons ago he is fit for duty. People will probably have enjoyed the Easter break by the time this gets delivered, let's hope it is safe on our roads and in our swimming holes. It is also important to be careful of our dangerous wildlife around the place - the crocodiles are still hungry, the jellyfish are still about and the snakes will still be very active until winter. We have not had any incidents with wildlife but it plays to be safe and have a first aid kit handy. The major beaches stock vinegar for box jelly fish stings, I carry some in my car just in case some Pommy backpacker has used all the vinegar on their fish and chips. Enjoy the unusually dry April while you can, I am sure there will still be a bit of rain left before the start of the typical dry season.

Until next time,
Keep safe
Justin Cairns
OIC Babinda

Some important numbers to remember
Emergencies.....000
Ambulance.....13 12 33
Police.....14 14 44
SES.....13 25 00

97TH ANNIVERSARY

LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

BABINDA

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2012

ASSEMBLE AT R.S.L. HALL

DAWN PARADE 0400HRS

MORNING SERVICE 0950HRS

Russell Landcare and Catchment Group

It has been a very busy period for the Russell Landcare and Catchment Group (RLCG) with the submission of four Reef Rescue funding applications and if successful, will include some very interesting and innovating projects around the Babinda area and Russell river catchment.

RLCG have also submitted two Community Action Grants: one to selectively revegetate Corroboree Creek (which feeds into Frenchman's Creek), and a second project to engage a river hydrologist to assess environmental sand extraction opportunities in Babinda Creek. Also as part of our 5 year Babinda Creek Action Plan we have submitted 2 other funding applications to raise awareness of the impact of flooding, erosion and sedimentation in the catchment through multimedia, community workshops and the involvement of senior high school students in the field work.

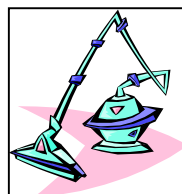
Thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way during this period.

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"Hi from Division 1.

It's election time again for Local Government across Queensland. The date was put back a month to allow Queenslanders to go to the polls to elect a new State Government, which was done and resulted in a landslide win for the opposition....the people certainly spoke with a loud voice. Congratulations to all successful candidates in our region; I know that governments of all ilk have a difficult job in these times, when external influences seem to rule our future. The global economy, the age of technology when overseas news is immediately available to us in our lounge rooms, and access to others is achieved via SMS, Twitter and Facebook all contribute to a "faster paced" way of life, and the job of representing the interests of constituents seems to get more difficult every year! So, good luck to the local candidates and recently elected State members.

Many will know that I am retiring from Council next month and will not contest the Council elections. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 12 years as the representative from Division 1 in 3 different Councils. The role has become more difficult since amalgamation with the old Douglas Council in 2008, and it is time for me to allow some new eyes and ideas to "look after our patch". It has been a privilege to serve some wonderful people from the best part of the best state in the best country in the World, and there have been many highlights during the last 12 years. I have been lucky enough to work with councillors and staff who do nothing more than serve their communities to the very best of their abilities; ratepayers can ask for no more.

There have been, of course, catastrophes and lows as well as the great times. The two cyclones, Larry and Yasi; the floods of 2000, when East Russell residents were isolated for 82 days of the year; the terrible flooding of parts of Gordonvale in 2008, not to mention 04-05 when we almost ran out of water because of the lack of rain.

Much has been delivered, but there is as always, more to do.

I wish the candidates for the elections all the best, and to the successful person, I hope you enjoy the role and the community you serve as much as I have.

I usually close this column with "Until next time", but this time, I cannot.

So God bless, and thank you.

Cheers Paul."

Grab your tools and head into Babinda Men's Shed at Kruckow Pavilion.

Doors are open Mondays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm until you demand more. The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th April at 5pm at Kruckow Pavilion. The agenda includes: construction of a throne for the Harvest Festival Queen. So come in with your skills and ideas and see what we can create for our community.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Babinda Community Bank for supporting our funding grant application that will enable us to purchase a 2.5m Sliding Base Torque Workstation, 2 industrial fans and first aid training for 4 members. It's a great start for a new shed and another example of the Bendigo Community Bank supporting local community initiatives.

A thank you is also extended to the Babinda Lions Club for their donation of the wooden tables and plastic chairs. Anyone wishing to hire extra tables and chairs for their functions please contact Jim on 40672454.

As a new community group starting out we would also like to acknowledge the support the Taskforce has given to the Shed. From creating the logo to raising awareness, support has been there. We are a fortunate community to have such a dedicated central hub.

Thought of the day at the Shed:

"A well-spent day brings happy sleep". - Leonardo da Vinci

Babinda District Arts & Craft Co-Op Ltd Ph: 40672044

Press Release

To celebrate the official opening of the Babinda District Arts & Craft Co-Op 13 years ago, we have decided to thank our customers over the years by initiating an "Appreciation" event which will be held every year on and around our birthday.

As our "official" birthday falls on the 17th April we will start off the celebration on the 14th April through to 17th April.

During this time lucky purchase prizes will be given out. The first customer to make a purchase on each day will be guaranteed a prize. Then for the rest of the 4 day celebration, there will be "lucky" purchase prizes. All prizes will be items made and donated by the members. So come on in to 13 Munro Street Babinda & see what we have to offer, help us celebrate, and you may be lucky enough to get yourself a bonus craft item.

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Mill Memorabilia Project – a community initiative

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Last month for the MMP I scanned some historic photographs from an unpublished resource authored by Seumas Andrewartha, dated 1992 and titled *Community Heritage Project, "1950 – The beginnings of Babinda" Babinda 1945-1955. How it looked - what people did.* It was a Babinda Schools Community Heritage Intuitive that was funded by a Good School Intuitive grant and has since been used as a Teachers Resource at Babinda State School – thanks for the loan Chris Farrington! Some of the photographs (all provided by locals) related to the Babinda Sugar Mill and cane farming within the district. Please let me know you have any more local historic photographs that we could copy for the MMP.

And while I am on the subject of photographs – congratulations to Linda Davidson on the provocative series of photographs she produced titled *Babinda Mill Photographic Record*. Linda has used her professional expertise to beautifully capture the character and essence of the Babinda Sugar Mill after it closed in 2011. Thanks to a grant provided by The Regional Arts Development Fund, Linda has been able to document a valuable part of the community's cultural heritage.

A reminder that there is going to be an open day at the Babinda Information Centre on Tuesday April 24th from 9.30am to 12.30pm to help identify mill memorabilia that we have limited information about. We need to be able to record the name and use of each historic object as part of the cataloging process. If you have any knowledge to share, please come along and join us for a cuppa and an chat!

If you wish contribute to the MMP, notify Patsy and Lorraine at the **Babinda Information Centre**, post photos or comments on the '**Babinda Sugar Mill**' Facebook site or contact

Project Manager Lee Bain; Ph. 07 40672284 lee.bain@bigpond.com

2012 Innisfail & District Junior Touch

Boys and Girls from Year 4 to 7

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Regards

Tanya Davey

Babinda

Junior Touch & Rugby league secretary/Treasurer



17th March, Babinda Colts U/12s, Babinda Showgrounds



17th March, Babinda Colts U/8s, Babinda Showgrounds

Photos by Natalie Sacchetti

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BABINDA SPEAKING GROUP

I'd like to let everyone in our community, especially young people, know about the value of joining their local speaking group here in Babinda.

Public speaking should be emphasised in schools as a part of weekly learning. If children learn how to share their point of view and their opinions strongly, it will help them later on in life. They will be able to get their point across powerfully and persuasively. The skills learnt from public speaking are obvious to everyone. Students who have practiced oration are able to speak with confidence and not only compose great talks but also speak with good pronunciation and grammar.

And public speaking is fun! It's always great to take a break from the usual classroom activities and students can work and learn without even noticing. Playing around with their pitch, the way they emphasise sentences and words in their speech will let children experiment with their presentation, letting them become great impromptu speakers as they will already know what sort of things they can say or do to get people interested in what they are putting forward.

So please consider encouraging your children or students to come along to our very own Babinda Speaking club, the first and third Mondays of each month, 7:00pm, at the Spirit of Babinda Hall to join like-minded, hesitant kids practising to speak in public with confidence!

Yours sincerely,

Lulu Dale (Grade 7, Mirriwinni State School)

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BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

FULFILMENT THROUGH WORK

As we begin our second Term for 2012, I would just like to welcome everyone back from school holidays. I hope all had an enjoyable and refreshing break. We had a busy end to Term 1 with our Year 7 students receiving their Student Leader Badges and senior shirts. The Leadership Parade was attended by Parents, staff and students and our Year 7's presented speeches on what their goals and commitments towards the school would be for the rest of the year. They are off to a great start, placing water and energy wise signs around the school to encourage other students to ensure that they turn off lights and taps when not in use. As student leaders they attended the Leadership Camp at the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre. This was a great opportunity for our them to participate in team building exercises, learn about the qualities of a leader and develop action plans for their school. Due to an increase in our school numbers in Term 1 we welcomed our new Prep to Year 3 teacher Mrs Stacey Green. Stacey is a welcome addition to our school. I would just like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in our Easter Raffle which was drawn on the 30th March 12. The lucky winner was Mr Les Nielsen Blue ticket A83. Mr Nielsen kindly donated the basket to the students of Bellenden Ker.

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

Regards Peter Begemann Principal



ST RITA'S

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ST RITA'S

CELEBRATE'S EASTER

WITH A BONANZA

The St Rita's School Parents and Friends and Staff, put on a morning of fun and Easter activities for the community on Friday 30 March. Students from the school as well as the Babinda Kindy enjoyed craft activities such as Easter bonnet and basket making, egg throwing competitions, face painting, cookie decorating as well as the big Easter egg hunt. Even the Easter Bunny heard about it and came along to give out eggs and hop about the place. A great sense of community spirit was evident as a number of parents joined in the fun as well.

St Rita's will be calling for enrolments for 2013 Prep soon after the Easter Holidays. To find out why you would want to become a part of the St Rita's school community, simply call the school on 40671467.

MIRRIWINNI STATE SCHOOL

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STATE SCHOOL**

Sandra Bardini

(Principal)

mirriwinss.eq.edu.au

Hello from staff, students and parents of Mirriwinni State School. This month we share with you some photos of artwork that our students have completed.

Here are some of the Papier Mache objects which were designed and made by our 5,6,7 students



Below are some 'GrassHeads' that our year 3,4 students made..



Thank you to everyone who bought ticket at our Election Day Raffle. Congratulations to winners Glen and Sue O'Malley .



Back to 1942

More about the American B-25 Mitchell Bomber that crashed on Mt Bartle Frere April 21st 1942 and that appeared in a recent Innisfail Advocate.

There exists in our Babinda Library a beautifully crafted model of the B-25 Mitchell Bomber No. 112455.

This Memorial along with a Thank You letter from the crews' families is also a piece of history.

It reads:

"In appreciation to the people of Australia who under difficult conditions, attempted a rescue and provided information to us on the event, we dedicate this memorial. Thank you from the Family Members of the crew. Clyde J. Stephenson."

71 years have passed by and this page of history has been opened again. Babinda, Good Deeds will never be forgotten.

On the website:

www.ozatwar.com/ozcrashes/qld119.htm

Believe it or not...

An ostrich 's eye is bigger than its brain.



It was great having **Bob Irwin** attend the school on Thurs 29th March for the official opening of

the Bob Irwin Frog Pond at Bartle Frere School. It has taken 12 months of planning, designing and making by students, parents and expert advice and we take this opportunity to thank everyone involved! Bob visited last year for Toad Day Out and suggested to the students to build a frog pond. I am very impressed with student involvement, not to mention that we already have some frogs that have come in from our surrounding environment!!

Toad Day Out was another success as the Cairn's community collected over 4,500 toads! Students enjoyed the toad races, patting crocodiles and pythons and of course seeing Bob again.

The School is running a **Robotics Program** from the 2nd week in Term 2 every Tuesday from 3:30-5pm. Students in Year 6-8 who are interested in computer programming, building robots and working in a great team environment are welcome to call the school on 40676240 for further information.

Bartle Frere's 90th Birthday is on Saturday 19th May from 10-2pm. Love to see you there!!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT McDONNELL CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Term 2 is already upon us. This term sees our virtual classroom up and running for all students from prep to grade 7. This valuable resource links what we do at school to home. All schools have access to a virtual classroom; check with your child's class to see if they have one that you can look at. Throughout this term we will be holding an information session on how to work within the classroom so that parents can get the most out of it. More details will be uploaded on our website (mcdonnellcreekss.eq.edu.au) shortly. We have invested a great deal into digital technology to give the most accurate and up to date tools for learning in a digital world.

Late last term we held our Cross Country. Congratulations to all that participated and placed. It was a rainy track; all enjoyed getting a little wet and a tad muddy. Students in yrs 5 and 6 go onto to represent our school at Babinda.

Council elections are due to be held on Saturday the 28th April. We are an official polling booth and will be holding a cake stall as well as a BBQ. Come along and support our small school.

Enrolments are always welcomed at McDonnell Creek, for an enrolment pack please see our website or pop on in to school, we'll be glad to help out.

Until we meet again Cheers, David Scott, Principal.



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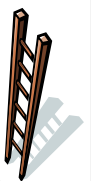
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..... Brilliant!

***SUCCESS
AGAIN!***

Our grade 12, **Kate Atwell**, has returned from the *Australian Track and Field Championships* in Sydney. She won an Australian Gold Medal for her under 16 years High Jump performance of 1.7 metres. The next day, Kate jumped in the under 20 years Women's High Jump with a massive personal best of 1.8 metres!

Kate is off to Spain to represent Australia at the *Junior World Titles* in June. She will also be a team member for the *Oceania Games* to be held in Cairns later this year.

Go for it Kate!

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 Burrows.
 Photo by Tammy Maitland

TRIVIA NITE:

The Rainbow Lorikeets Relay For Life Team take this opportunity to thank teams for their support at the Trivia Nite held in the Bowls Club on the 3rd March a great night was had by all. Congratulations to Birds of Paradise for taking out the trophies.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Thank you to all who purchased a ticket in our Easter Raffle drawn Wednesday 4th April:

1st Prize: Grocery Hamper:

Ticket No: Red C – 97 – ERINN WANNA

2nd Prize: \$50 Meat Tray:

Ticket No: Purple C – 73 – BERYL SPATATO

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Ticket No: Orange B – 41 – SONIA HEINEMAN

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National Experience – Local Passion

HISTORY

I am a former Army Officer with a twenty three year career which has seen me live and work in large cities and small towns in both Australia and the United States. My career has provided me with a diverse range of jobs working with Federal and State Government entities. My last position was as Commanding Officer of the 51st Battalion, The Far North Queensland Regiment.

This experience has provided me with not only a sense of community, but also an understanding of both large and small projects, which are essential to the progress of places like the Cairns region. I am married to Gordonvale local, Sharon and with two sons at school here, I have been able to take an active interest in the local community – fostering my passion for the local region.



STEVE BRAIN

INDEPENDENT for DIVISION 1

TODAY

To achieve positive growth in this area the people deserve representation that shares their views, vision and values. They also deserve leadership which is honest, effective, strong and portrays the wishes of the community.

I stand for all those things and as I am an INDEPENDENT, I am free of party politics with leaders who tell me what to think and do. Because of my background, I will be able to work in a constructive and collaborative way with other Councillors to achieve the best outcomes for the Cairns region. I will be vigilant in ensuring that rate payer funds are spent carefully and I will promote individuals and small business enterprises.

I will represent the people of Babinda utilising my National Experience and harnessing my Local Passion.

DRIVING FORWARD.

- I will fight to ensure that Cairns Regional Council stands up to both State and Federal Governments for the benefit of the region. This is why I am running as an Independent. I will not be told by major parties what to think and what to say.
- Babinda Mill site needs the ongoing support and commitment from the Cairns Regional Council. I have say in on Taskforce meetings and will ensure the next Council respects the promises of the last council.
- I will drive forward the Southern Access corridor construction from Edmonton South. This means not only increasing the lanes of the Bruce Highway but also linking the expansion to public transport and a second access into the city.
- I am against the Entertainment Precinct in its current format. I agree the Civic Theatre needs upgrading and even that the Convention Centre could use more facilities. However, the price tag is exorbitant and will cripple growth in all projects in the rest of Cairns. I will do my utmost to block the current scheme and work to produce the right sized and located facilities that will not automatically increase rates.
- I will strongly lobby Council to reduce bureaucratic red tape which strangles small business innovation. This expectation can be set from the council and direction passed to the CEO and managers. Babinda is not the CBD of Cairns and should not be treated the same.

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Bath eggs are fun to make with friends and children they make a beautiful gift to give someone for Easter. They can be placed into decorated egg cartoons a great idea for recycling. Have suggested a recipe but any mix of essential oils can be used. Bath eggs act as a giant effervescent tablet in the bath, creating many bubbles and releasing the perfume of your essential oils

Recipe-1 cup baking soda , ½ cup citric acid, 1/2 cup cornflour, ¼ cup Epson salts,
10 drops of food colouring, 4 drops lavender oil, 5 drops geranium oil, 5 drops lemon oil, Large bowl, Mist spray bottle

Mix the citric acid, baking soda and cornflour together. Then you can add the food colouring. Finally add your choice of essential oils. Form into shapes of eggs, pressed firmly together, and placed on greaseproof paper or into chosen silicon moulds. Using your mister with the mix of Epson, salts and water added begin to spray your eggs with just enough water so that they stay together but do not start fizzing

It is recommended doing this repeatedly about 2-3 times over a 10minutes period. Then place into the fridge for an hour. Store eggs in a dry place to allow to really dry up this may take up to four days depending on the size of your eggs and the weather. Once completely dry you are then able to package your eggs. Eggs can be place on top of shredded paper, placed into decorated egg cartoons a great idea for recycling, and enhances their appearance.

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Bruce Peever was our star for the season. In his favoured event, the Pole Vault, Bruce repeatedly bettered his own QLD record, finally setting a height of 12 ft. 9 ins. He also was a representative in the Australian Championships, winning the Vault with a splendid effort of 13 ft—the highest winning vault yet—and within three inches of the Empire Games standard. Bruce also starred in other roles—that of high jumper and half miler. In the former he won several inter-club A Grade competitions. There is a good chance that we may see Bruce vaulting for Australia at this year's Empire Games.

A later paper reported:

“BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES” Babinda Man Chosen—Appeal for Funds.

“The Far North is to have a representative at the British Empire Games to be held in July in Canada. Bruce Peever, of Babinda, one of the most brilliant pole vaulters Australia has known, is a member of the ten man team to represent QLD at the Games.”

The report went on to say that the Mulgrave Shire Council held a meeting in Babinda to form a public committee to raise the 520 pound needed for each athlete.

Newspaper clippings from Wanda Edmonds.

Info Centre Illuminations

Well it looks as though the Rain has finally disappeared, however whilst it was flooding, we had a few visitors enquire as to whether they could get to their destination. There are a few places you can find this information including but not exclusive to - <http://roadconditions.lbs.racq.com.au/static/report/highload.html>

<http://131940.qld.gov.au/Regions/FarNorth.aspx?regionid=109>

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/News+and+Alerts/Media+Releases/2009/01/Road+Closures+Northern+Region.htm>

Easter is upon us again along with the extended School Holidays and we expect to receive a marked increase in visitors to our region, especially in view of the full creeks and fine weather. Friends and I recently visited The Boulders (the first since Cyclone Yasi) and was pleasantly surprised just how beautiful it was. As I was leaving I spotted a Musky Rat Kangaroo the smallest and most primitive of the kangaroo family. These little creatures forage during the day so keep an eye out for them when you visit. My friends thought it was a bandicoot, an easy mistake until it starts hopping. We were also lucky enough to spot the Cassowary at the camping grounds.

The recent photo exhibition of Mill Memorabilia at the Spirit of Babinda Hall was well presented and attended, Including Councillor Gregory whom has done a sterling job and we wish him well in his “civilian” future. It was noted that it would be appreciated if anyone can come forward to identify the various articles and their uses.

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3. Hand in to our **Community Bank[®]** no later than **Monday 21 May 2012 with your name on the back.**

4. Entries must **feature some aspect of the Babinda Mill** and be high quality.

5. Only 2 entries per person.

6. Either email a high resolution copy to bcfsbabinda@impulse.net.au or give our bank staff a CD or memory stick containing your photo(s) (Put your name on this so it can be returned to you).

Twelve photographs will again be chosen for a fundraising 2013 Babinda **Community Bank [®] Branch** calendar.

BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL PRINCESS QUEST 2012

The Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. Committee is pleased to introduce the entrants in this year's Princess Quest. All entrants are enthusiastic to participate in community minded activities and are fundraising to benefit the community as well. Please support the entrants in any way you can.



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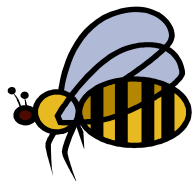
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Woman of Babinda

Our woman of Babinda for this issue, is probably one of our greatest assets.

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Married to Owen, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage, Shirley and Owen have 2 grown kids Arlene and Mark and much loved grand kids. Both Shirley and Owen are enjoying their retirement. Shirley is an Australian Music Association trained musician and is wonderfully generous with her talent at the piano. Wherever there is music being performed in this town, you can be assured that Shirley will be at the piano contributing to the occasion and doing it in superb style and with great enthusiasm. Shirley still contributes as a volunteer at our schools and is much loved and welcomed by the kids. She is an active member of her church and gives regular attendance and support. Husband Owen is a member of the Masonic Community and has been for many years. He is totally supportive of Shirley's music activities and enjoys being her off-sider. Babinda people—let us consider ourselves privileged and lucky that Shirley Lewis is the talented musician that she is, and that she is so generous with her time and contributions of her music, and that Shirley is for us a Woman of Babinda.

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A Reminder

Local Council Elections will be held Saturday
April 28th.

Babinda voting will be at the Memorial Hall.

Booth times 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Voting is compulsory.

JOKES...

I married Miss Right – I just didn't know her first name was always!

Dengue Field Trial Update

By Professor Scott O'Neill, 5 April 2012

Our last weekly release of *Wolbachia* mosquitoes will take place in Babinda on 11th April. Our current data tells us that 76% of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Babinda now have *Wolbachia*. We hope that number will continue to rise even after we stop releasing and that *Wolbachia* will stay in the mosquito population after the dry season.

We will continue to monitor the mosquitoes with our small ovitraps – pictured right – over the coming months. These allow us to collect the mosquito's eggs and check for the presence of *Wolbachia*. We will report the results to the community.



The trap is partially filled with tap water and a pellet of pet food. No chemicals are used.

Female mosquitoes are attracted to the trap and lay their eggs on the red cloth.



Contact us if you have any questions about the project
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Social worker	QH	weekly	Referral Nurse or GP
Child Health Nurse	QH	Fortnightly	Phone 40615496 for appointment
Psychologist	HGGW	Fortnightly	Referral Nurse or GP
Diabetes Education	HGGW	Monthly	GP referral
Respiratory Nurse	HGGW	Monthly	GP referral
Women's Health & well being	QH	Monthly	Ph 40678200 for appointment
Breast Screening	QH	2nd Yearly - 2012	self referral
HACC services	HACC		40615344 Initial referral
Incontinence nurse	HACC	as needed	Ph 40615444 for appointment
Domiciliary Nurse Visits	HACC	Mondays and Fridays	Ph 40678 200
Allied Health OT	HACC	as needed	ph 40615467 for appointment
Mental health services	QH		
Psychologist	QH	Monday and Tuesday	Ph 40615327 for appointment
Child & youth mental health	QH	as needed	Ph 40615327 for appointment
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other drugs	QH	as needed	Ph 40615637 for appointment
Other Allied Health	QH		
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Enquiries phone Bev Ambrum 40671094

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes

are extended to Member for Mulgrave Curtis Pitt, on his election for a further term in the recent State Elections.

Curtis Pitt has always been supportive of the Babinda Task Force which we have always appreciated.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Coconut French Toast With Vanilla Apricot Syrup

2 eggs

1 cup shredded coconut

80g butter

2 tbs caster sugar

4 thick slices vienna bread

Icing sugar to serve

Vanilla Apricot Syrup

1/2 cup white sugar

1 vanilla bean halved lengthways

1 cup dried apricots—roughly chopped

Make vanilla apricot syrup. Place 1 cup water, sugar, vanilla bean and apricots in a saucepan over a medium-high heat. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and cook for 10 to 15 minutes or until a syrup has formed.

Meanwhile, whisk eggs and sugar in a shallow dis. Place coconut in a separate shallow dish. Coat both sides of 2 bread slices in egg mixture, followed by coconut.

Melt half the butter in a frying pan over medium-low heat. Cook 2 slices of bread for 3 to 4 minutes each side or until golden. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining butter, bread, egg and coconut.

Cut French toast in half and place on plates. Spoon over vanilla apricot syrup. Dust with icing sugar and serve.

From the Home Economics Department

Babinda State School

Chamber of Commerce Market Day



2nd Saturday of the month

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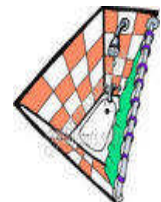
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AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE 2nd Thu of month at 9am SOB

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

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Weekly Bowls Tues 1pm Ladies, Wed 6pm Barefoot, Thur Canecutters Mixed Social 1.30pm; Sat & Sun 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-Comps-Wed Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm Fri-Social Holes 3pm Sat18 Hole1pm

BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St

BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 7pm , Spirit of Babinda Hall. Contact Owen Hitchings on 40563271 or Loretta Musumeci on 40671438 for further information.

BABINDA RSL - 1st Sundays of the month, 10am at RSL. Contact 4067 6162

BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school

BABINDA TASKFORCE -- Third Wednesday of the month. 9am, Taskforce 40672900

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

BRAMSTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOC—last Tues of the month at Fire Station 7:30pm 40674 215

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

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QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Sat of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting.

4th Mon of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1pm

QCWA DEERAL-2nd Wed of the month-09.00am Craft lessons-open to all. Meeting 1.30pm

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