

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Babinda Steering Group Committee: To be held at the end of August, will email out any new information to all those that have given me their email addresses.

Newsletters: To those who receive a newsletter in their post boxes and throw them in the bin outside the PO, if you do not wish to receive a newsletter, please advise Dot or Trudy.

Best Wishes: Our lovely Lesley Lock, long time member / volunteer is currently convalescing from an operation. We miss you wish you a speedy recovery.

Be sure to keep an eye on the back page of each Newsletter to keep in touch with What 's Happening in Babinda.

Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 16 August, 9.30** at the Taskforce.

TASKFORCE AGM THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 104 members.

Cheers,

Rachel

RAINFALL FOR JULY 2012

Babinda Rainfall - 158 mm

Year to date -3677.2 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station 610 - mm

Year To Date— 5884.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 170.2 mm

Year to date -3620.0 mm

Contribution

Closing Dates

Friday 7 September

(Distributed 18 September)

Friday 5 October

(Distributed 16 October)

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POLICE NEWS

August 2012

During July Police executed a number of search warrants on premises within Babinda area, as a result 9 persons were charged with 12 offences relating to illicit drugs. Illicit drug are illegal because of the permanent damage that they do to people's health and mental state. Those who use such drugs often have to revert to other forms of crime to support their habits. It is not something we want in our community. We encourage anyone with information relating to illicit drugs, to contact Babinda Station on 40671120 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

There have been a number of small thefts reported to police over the last month, particularly around the Howard Kennedy Drive area, remember there is always someone who will take an opportunity to steal from you given the chance. Make sure you lock your vehicles and houses, to help prevent becoming a victim.

Police attended a high speed crash on the Bruce Highway near to Fishery Falls, where a vehicle with 7 people on board which was travelling north, suffered a tyre blow out. This vehicle lost control and struck a vehicle heading south. The driver heading south saw what was happening, and was able to slow to a stop prior to the other vehicle hitting him. Two person were transported to hospital with minor injuries as a result of this crash however if the driver had not been looking ahead, anticipating potentially dangerous situations. I can assure you that we would have been dealing with at least one fatality. We should all take something from this, and employ defensive driving techniques, like looking far ahead and anticipating what other road users may do. This driver saved lives, so can you. We can all make our roads safer.

I would like to remind you, that police officers at Babinda are always available for urgent jobs, however if you have a non urgent matter to report, think Police Link and call 131444, or the station on 40671120, "000" is for emergencies only.

Regards

Doug GODDEN

Officer in Charge

Babinda Police Station

"Going Places" wins Workforce Innovation Award

Congratulations to Natalie and her Team!

Natalie Musumeci (Wilkins), the Service Manager of Mission Australia's Cairns homeless service – achieving ground-breaking results with Indigenous people experiencing chronic homelessness – has been recognised at Queensland's 2012 Health and Community Services Workforce Innovation Awards in Brisbane.


Going Places was awarded the prestigious Michael Kirby Award. "Going Places" is a program that is changing people's lives." The service is aimed at providing people who are living rough in the Cairns community or experiencing chronic homelessness – including long-term couch surfing – with the support and assistance they need to find secure accommodation and to make the positive changes in their lives that will allow them to stay off the streets.

"In most cases, the circumstances that have led to their homelessness are complex and people need a range of support services to help them address issues including unemployment, poverty, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse and family breakdown.

Natalie said "These results demonstrate what can be achieved when you provide wrap-around support to people in need, and put a strong team in place to deliver those services."

The advertisement for Stella florist and gift gallery features a background of blue hydrangea flowers. The text is in white and includes the business name in a mix of script and sans-serif fonts, a phone number, a delivery availability statement, and a website URL.

Stella
florist and gift gallery
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www.stellaflorist.com.au

The advertisement for Sweet Mountain Soul features a background image of a mountain range under a cloudy sky. The text is in black and includes the group name in a stylized font, their performance schedule, and contact information.

SWEET MOUNTAIN SOUL
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BABINDA TASKFORCE NEWSLETTER

**Curtis Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave**

**Leader of Opposition Business
Shadow Treasurer
Shadow Minister for Trade,
Energy and Water Supply,
Main Roads, Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Island Partnerships,
Sport and Recreation**

www.curtispitt.com.au
www.facebook.com/curtis.pitt

August 2012

Ride for Isabel

I would like to thank the people of Babinda for their kind support for the third annual Ride for Isabel which raises awareness and funds for Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support (SANDS) Queensland.



Starting as a one day 85 kilometre ride in 2010, the ride has grown to a three day 293 kilometre cycling event in 2012 and honours the memory of my baby daughter Isabel who was stillborn at 41 weeks in 2008.

The three day ride from Smithfield to Gordonvale included overnight stops in Malanda and Innisfail and a feature of the race was when more than 40 riders dropped in the Abbeyfield for a special morning tea arranged by the Babinda Harvest Festival Committee, Abbeyfield Committee and Yum Yum's Cafe - with the proceeds split between Abbeyfield and SANDS.

Since its inception in 2010 the ride has raised more than \$11,000 for SANDS Queensland and I welcome adding to the amount once this years ride has been finalised.

There are no words to describe the pain of losing Isabel. SANDS was there for us every step of the way. Kerry and I vowed to do whatever we could to raise funds to provide much-needed counselling and support services for families and those affected by the sudden death of an infant or through reproductive loss.

Bereaved parents often find the need to talk to someone who has had an experience similar to their own. SANDS offers 24-hour support services via telephone and email as well as regular support meetings.

All the proceeds from the Ride for Isabel will go to SANDS Queensland and will support counselling and bereavement services, as well as events like the 'Walk to Remember' here in Cairns. For more information on SANDS go to www.sandsqld.com or phone 1300 072 637.



**Curtis Pitt MP
State Member for Mulgrave**

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'Putting the Far North First'

Babinda Menshed Inc.

What a hive of activity it is at the shed. Have you been in lately?

The men have been busy setting up work benches so projects can get underway. The Torque Workstation is set in place as is 2 wood lathes that have been donated by Lance Fennell and Wilson Irvin. Lance will be conducting wood working demonstrations each Friday from 10am to 12md during August so come on in.

Need a minor bird trap? The Cairns Menshed is supporting Babinda members to make the traps. Cairns have been overwhelmed with orders so it is hoped that the venture will be as engaging and profitable for Babinda also.

You may be aware that our Treasurer Kevin Robinson has been unwell. Thankfully Kevin is now on the road to recovery but he will need some support in the treasurer position for a time. If you are interested in supporting Kevin, let us know.

An AGM is scheduled for Thursday 30th August at 5pm at the shed. Come along and be part of the tremendous work that is being done.

Menshed Australia has recently had a revamp with repositioning operations and re-staffing the organisation. Support will now be focused on sustainable sheds that are able to:

- Build strong local support networks within their community
- Operate a range of programs of value to the community and members
- Build an independent revenue stream and capital base

Develop a range of men's health activities for members and the community.

Have a look at the website www.mensheds.org.au

Thought from the shed:

"An Aussie man's pride can be measured by his shed – its size, what he stores in it and what he can fix in it".

Mark Thomson 1995 "Blokes and Sheds"



Women of Babinda

We pay a tribute this month to a Woman of Babinda, without whose business – most of we females “would leave town”!

Her name is WENDY WILSON and she is our very competent & busy HAIR DRESSER and Associated Services Business Owner “The Hair Barracks”

Wendy is a walking advertisement for her business, with her own beautiful well cut & healthy hair. She is always smiling and welcoming to her customers male and female and is a “Bad Hair Day” Specialist.

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Babinda acknowledges your efforts and talent and says “Thank You” as a Woman of Babinda, for your contribution to our good life here in this town.



Shane Wiles

Manager—QGAP

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GETTING STARTED - for Type 2 Diabetes

Healthier Great Green Way will be running a Type 2 Diabetes Management course in Babinda in September.

The Getting Started course will teach participants what to do and how to stay healthy with Type 2 Diabetes.

People with Type 2 Diabetes can prevent or minimise a number of health problems. Eye complications, heart, kidney and other health problems can be better managed or avoided with the right information and support.

The course will cover many topics including: understanding diabetes, safe blood sugar levels, stress management, what to eat, effect of physical activity on diabetes, diabetes self-care tips, risk reduction, annual cycle of care, and your diabetes self-care team.

The course begins Tuesday, September 4, from 1:00pm -4:00pm and runs for three consecutive Tuesdays.

This free course will provide you with information as well as support and skills to help you live a healthier life.

For further information or to register: phone Healthier Great Green Way - Ph 4061 9177, speak to your doctor or contact your local Health Centre.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Babinda Kayak Hire is seeking the services of an outstanding "PEOPLE PERSON". The position requires someone with an outgoing personality, a 'can do' attitude and a degree of physical fitness. The tasks are varied and ranging from,

- ✓ Office duties.
- ✓ Putting kayaks at the water's edge.
- ✓ Collecting customers and kayaks.
- ✓ Cleaning office, vehicles and equipment.

Initially the position is casual, as required. It will develop into full time as the business grows.

Please send your application and resume by the close of business, Friday 31st August 2012 to

hire@babindakayakhire.com.au.

Further information and enquiries can be made by contacting Garry on 4067 2678.



Keep up your step Babinda and win weekly prizes!



Cassowary Coast Challenge
Encouraging Active Communities

Team with most steps for the week wins attractive prizes!

For more information please contact Justin on 40615313.

www.10000steps.org.au



Seatbelts

The road rules regarding seatbelts were amended and came into effect in October 2009.

As a **driver** you are **responsible for ensuring that any adult passenger wears a seatbelt**, and that children are appropriately restrained in your vehicle.

Question: What are the new seatbelt rules?

The driver and all passengers must wear seatbelts.

Previously, a passenger aged 16 years or older was solely responsible for wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt.

Now, the driver of the vehicle is also responsible for ensuring that all passengers regardless of age are wearing a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt.

Drive with a passenger of any age without a seatbelt or approved child restraint and you risk being fined \$300 and three demerit points.

Drivers will receive an additional penalty of \$300 and three demerit points for each unrestrained or incorrectly restrained passenger.

The driver is responsible for ensuring that all passengers are appropriately restrained, including children under 16 years of age. If the passenger is under seven years of age, the driver is responsible for ensuring that they are secured in an approved child restraint.

Put simply:

The **passenger** can be issued with a traffic infringement for "Passenger 16 years old or older failing to wear seatbelt" which is a \$300 fine and 3 demerit points
and

The **driver** can be issued with traffic infringement notice for "Driver drive with unrestrained passenger 16 years old or older" which is a \$300 fine and 3 demerit points.

Info Centre Illuminations

Visitor numbers are continuing to climb with both the free camping areas as well as commercial caravan parks full to near full. The shower block at Rotary Park is now scheduled to open this month (August). With the weather being so glorious it is perfect for visiting the many and varied venues that surround our district. Many visitors have commented on how rugged up the locals are, whereas they feel like it is summer weather.

Our visitors have expressed how much they appreciate the facilities and friendliness of the locals. Some comments from our Visitor Book:

Most helpful – above average

Great little town –very friendly, Boulders beautiful

Most helpful and very friendly staff

Excellent facility and help

We love this area and want to stay to live

Delightful – staff extremely helpful & knowledgeable

I always stop here when I'm passing – staff are so friendly and welcoming

Local businesses and farmers please note that the Information Centre now has a "Volunteering and Casual Work Board" where you can list your need for workers. The board lives in our store room.

A big **THANK YOU** to Frank Antoni for our wonderful new black bean Table.

Until next time

Happy Trails

The Wonder of the Olympic Games

Love them or hate them – there's nothing else in the world to match the spectacle that appears on our T.V. sets!

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EXCITING NEW ACCOMODATION NEWS:

If you are expecting family or friends to
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accommodate them, well the problem is
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choice of a studio appt, 2brm or even a 3
brm appt for holiday rental. Minimum of 2
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centre of town. Prices start at \$120p/night
or weekly rates are available.

Know your library.

Many of you would have noticed a comfortable seat
situated at the front of the Babinda library. Some of
you may have also read the attached plaque and may
have wondered at its significance. Well, let me take
the opportunity to enlighten you. The seat is "Tom
Carr's Seat of Knowledge". Originally situated
outside Caligaris Public Accountants in Munro
Street, Babinda, (where "Bee Smart Discounts" is
today) the seat was used by Mr Carr, an employee
of the business for more than 50 years. Mr Carr
would sit in front of the office and talk to everyone
who passed. He would dispense information,
knowledge, wisdom, trade jokes and tell stories to
locals and tourists alike. In November 1981 Mr
Tom Carr, was honoured by the Babinda Chamber
of Commerce with the installation of a plaque to
what had become Tom's "Seat of Knowledge" in
recognition of his assistance to Babinda and
District.

The seat was later moved to its present
location in front of the Babinda Library, and
you might say that it has become a Seat of
Knowledge at a repository of
knowledge. So, next time you visit the
library, take a moment to sit on this seat and
contemplate its history.

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Mirriwinni State School

OPEN DAY

15 August

9-3pm.

Visit our school on this day!



Mulgrave Track and Field Results

What a fantastic result on Friday for our Combined School competitors winning the overall points trophy against much larger teams such as Bentley Park and Hambledon State Schools. All athletes involved showed outstanding athleticism, commitment, focus and sportsmanship. Many of these students have been selected to compete at the Peninsula Trials.

For Mirriwinni, those students are: Acashia Van Rees ; Dylan Sacchetti ; Patrick Davey and Adam Ghidella.

Well done also to Sophie Kalkowski-Pope who just missed out on a place when she came third in 11 year girl's long jump. It was a pleasure to be involved in the management of this team and I urge all schools to congratulate and acknowledge the students involved in this event. [Mr Brauer – Cluster HPE Teacher]

University of New South Wales

Results are in for the UNSW Computer Skills Competition.

Congratulations to those students who entered and especially to:

Lulu Dale Yr 7 – DISTINCTION; Chloe Atkins Yr 6 –

CREDIT; Sophie Kalkowski-Pope Yr 6 – CREDIT

Sandra Bardini Principal

Phone: 40676183

Fax: 40676269

<https://www.facebook.com/MirriwinniStateSchool>

<https://mirriwinns.eq.edu.au>

Teddy Bear's Picnic

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Tuesday 4th September

9 am—11 am

Bartle Frere State School

Price Road, Bartle Frere

Ph: 40 676 240

**You are especially invited to our
“Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic.”**

A fun morning for young and old.

**Games, Singing, Painting, Story Telling and
Teddy Bear biscuit making!**

**Remember to bring along
your favourite Teddy and morning tea!!**

**For more information
Contact the school on 40 676 240**

Please R.S.V.P

By 31st August

40 676 240

The year is flying by and we are getting down to the business end of the school year, particularly for our students in 10, 11 & 12. An important event in our upper secondary calendar is fast approaching, our **Senior Student Information** evening (Tues 21st August 6pm – 7pm). This event will provide information about the pathways of senior schooling and the other initiatives that continue to drive our pursuit for all of our students reaching their academic potential. Some noteworthy facts about senior schooling at Babinda P-12 ;

Babinda P-12 SS Service Commitment Data 2012

Eligible for	Babinda -Year 11	Babinda - Year 12	FNQ Region
Qld Certificate of Education /QCIA	100%	100%	90%
VET Qualification	64%	73%	60%
OP Eligible	45%	32%	*
School Based Apprenticeship	18%	14%	-

**The region does not have whole cohort OP or SBA data targets but these results are very good for like schools.*

Yours in schooling, Matt Thompson , Principal

Enrolments Welcome for 2013 Please call: Principal Sam Symes Ph: 07 4067 5389 or email

the.principal@mcdoceess.eq.edu.au

McDonnell Creek State School is a school on the move! With the continual growth of enrolment in early Semester Two, we welcome a number of new families to the community. One of the new families adding to the 'bustling' number of residence in Babinda includes Sam Symes and his young family. That's right; McDonnell Creek has a new Principal! A welcome addition to the community, Sam brings with him his wife Bec, son and soon to be, second child. Having moved from Brisbane, Sam brings extensive knowledge of education and leadership and will no doubt add significant value to the strong legacy of McDonnell Creek State School. A very social and warming family, please say hello when you see them around town! 100 years, sounds like a long-time... Well that's what we're preparing to celebrate at McDonnell Creek. In 2013 we will be celebrating all the things that made our school so great over the past century and you will have the opportunity to be involved in the celebrations.....Watch this space.

To celebrate 100 years with the wonderful staff, students and families of McDonnell Creek why not give us a call to chat about what fantastic educational programs we will be running for your child in 2013. Enrolments now very welcome!

We look forward to learning with you!

The staff, students and families of McDonnell Creek

ST RITA'S GROWS BIGGER AND STRONGER

St Rita's Community recently gathered to officially open and bless the new facilities made possible through the Australian Government's 'Building the Education Revolution'



stimulus funding. Bishop James Foley blessed the new Multi-purpose court, Senior Playground and Library Extension and spoke personally of his love of Libraries and books. Dr Bill Sultmann, Executive Director of Catholic Education, read a letter from the Federal Minister and invited the School Captains, Darragh Stager and Shylah Montague forward to unveil the plaque. "The facilities being opened here today are more than just bricks and mortar to us. While they are certainly impressive and have added value to our plant, they have enhanced the 'life' of the school. What these facilities have enabled by way of teaching and learning is to be celebrated. It is so nice to be able to show visitors and new families around the school and be proud of the facilities and the Library is a place that I can do this. The possibilities for learning and community building enabled by this project are noteworthy and we are extremely grateful." (excerpt from Principal Speech by Mr Gavin Rick) The highlight of the ceremony was when the students of St Rita's filled the air with sweet sounds as they sang – very proud moments all round. St Rita's is now enrolling for 2013... (photo L-R Mayor Bob Manning, Mr Gavin Rick, Darragh Stager, Bishop James Foley, Shylah Montague, Dr Bill Sultmann, Fr Bill Grundy)

Babinda Community Kindergarten

24 Church St, Babinda
PO Box 238
Babinda QLD 4861



Ph: (07) 4067 1294

The kindy kids have had an action packed start to Term 3 with NAIDOC week celebrations including lots of art and craft and dreamtime stories. The long anticipated beans reached maturity and were cooked and eagerly consumed by the ravenous hoards. Its shame they aren't as eager when they're dished up at home. "The Three Little Pigs" has been the big book enjoyed for the past couple of weeks. Big thanks to Miss Shirley who has been donating her time so generously to come in on a Friday for music. Miss Shirley's been bringing the house down, belting out the timeless classics "Dinosaurs didn't wear sandshoes" and "Doctor Knickerbocker".

The Open Day was held on 14 July 2012 with a reasonable attendance. The few kids that came along enjoyed the opportunity to experience kindergarten and fill up on sausage rolls and sandwiches. There will be another open day in Term 4 for any parents that were unable to make it to the last.

A final reminder that applications for positions next year are now available. Positions are already filling so don't leave it too late.

Regards.

Matt



We are offering **FREE** courses in:

Basic Computer - Literacy - Numeracy

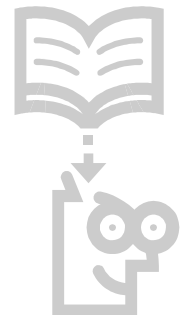
Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutoring

Courses are run every **Thursday** at **Babinda Taskforce**
Basic Computer Course and/or Literacy & Numeracy Course

run from 9.00am – 12 noon

The Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutoring course runs from 1.00 – 3.00 pm

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Come and dine with the Mayor, enjoy a delicious roast lunch thanks to Coral Coast Catering, whilst listening to the sounds of Neil Diamond courtesy of local entertainer Tony St George.
Bookings are essential.

When: Friday 24 August, 12.00pm

Where: Eastern Lawn, The Esplanade, Cairns

Bookings: 4044 3019

Cost: Free

RSVP: 17 August

Service for Babinda Residents

A 24 seater bus will depart from Babinda Library at 10.30am and will leave the Esplanade for the return journey to Babinda at 2.00pm.

Book your seat on the bus when you RSVP to attend the luncheon.

Places are filling fast so book as soon as possible.

Courtesy of Cairns Regional Council.

Babinda Medical Practice

Ph 40678201

Big Surprise

"Surprise!" was the word for long term Mirriwinni residents, Betty and Jim Johansen as they called at the Babinda Bowls Club last Saturday night, to be greeted by their kids, grandkids and great grandkids and many friends singing "Surprise", "Surprise". Happy 60th wedding anniversary Betty and Jim!

Also present was their bridesmaid Maureen Raddatz who spoke of a vivid memory of the wedding day 60 years ago and then proposed a toast to the next milestone, the 70th anniversary!

It was a wonderful wander "Down Memory Lane".

The Gift

Each day is a gift. As the flower opens and dances with the breeze, so should we dance and breathe the freshness of the land – for we each have the joyous gift of life.

Laugh Dance and Celebrate each day.

Judi Van Dycke

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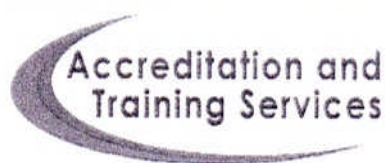
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Dengue Field Trial Update

By Professor Scott O'Neill, 3 August 2012

Mosquito numbers low – Due to the cool temperatures of the dry season and little rainfall we are seeing few mosquitoes in the 'BG' traps (pictured right) that have been positioned around Babinda. Those mosquitoes we are collecting tell us that *Wolbachia* is still present but we need to gather larger numbers to get accurate estimates. We will do this over the coming months and report those results to you when they become available.

Further Cairns trials – While we continue the monitoring in Babinda, Machans Beach, Gordonvale and Yorkeys Knob we have also begun to talk to residents in Parramatta Park, Whitfield, Edge Hill, Cairns North, Manunda and Westcourt about our project. With community support we hope to begin additional trials of the *Wolbachia* dengue control method in these Cairns suburbs towards the end of this year.



Contact us if you have any questions about the project
Call the Cairns office (free from a landline) on **1800 811 054**
Or go to **www.eliminatedengue.com** for more information

Bruce Highway, south of Cairns Reconstruction Works

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start reconstruction works the Bruce Highway, south of Cairns, from **30 July 2012**.

The works will repair flood-damaged sections at Mt Sophia, Bellenden Ker, Babinda and El Arish Range. A repair method called foam stabilisation will be used to strengthen the pavement and improve its resilience to future wet weather.

The works may generate noise and dust in the area of the construction works.

Works will continue Monday to Saturday, 6 am to 6 pm, until early 2013.

Single lane closures, traffic controllers, traffic signals and reduced speed limits will be in place during construction for the safety of roadworkers and motorists.

LDI Constructions Pty Ltd will deliver the works on behalf of the department.

The program of works is being delivered under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative. Under these arrangements, the Federal Government provides 75 %, with the State Government contributing 25 %.

Your patience and cooperation is appreciated while these works are underway.

For more information, please contact 1800 184 317* or email reconstruct_cairns@tmr.qld.gov.au

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Overflow Grand Parade and Fireworks....Sat 18th August 5.30pm @ The Cairns Esplanade.

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We look forward to seeing you all.

Beetroot Spread / Relish

900 grams cooked beetroot, 600 grams onions, 3/4 cup vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon mixed spice, a pinch of cayenne pepper, 1 tablespoon cornflour, 1 tablespoon vinegar (extra)

Peel and finely dice the beetroot and onions. Cover with first measure of vinegar, salt, sugar, spice and pepper. Boil for 30 minutes. Mix cornflour with the extra vinegar. Stir into beetroot mix.

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The Qld. GREATS AWARD acknowledges individuals and institutions whose long-term or lifetime achievements played a significant role in the history and development of Qld.

Congratulations to all involved

Well done to all the wonderful volunteers of Babinda M.O.W. You can all take pride in this award. Thanks also must go to the terrific Cooks and staff at Babinda Hospital, without you there would be no Meals on Wheels.

Without the tireless hard work by people such as yourself it would not be possible for over 10,000 Queenslanders to receive the services and support that Meals on Wheels provides.

AGM : We will be holding our AGM on Aug. 20th. @ 2PM in the hospital conference room. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please feel free to attend.

Every day a friendly smile, a chat about the weather, a nutritious meal and knowing someone will drop by to say hello, changes the lives of many Australians. And it's not just the clients who value this contact, ask any of the 15,000 QLD volunteers and they will tell you reaching out and making a difference in somebody else's day, makes their day.

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The Mighty Colts **are Back and Going** **Strong**

What had started as an annual fundraiser for Babinda JRL soon got people thinking that with so much local talent we should have our own team. So with the help of Gordonvale Southern Suburbs, Babinda Colts were reborn to play in the C-grade competition. Suburbs generously allowed Babinda Colts to play under their CDJRL's affiliation but wear their own jerseys and be called Babinda.

For the past two football seasons some of our local lads have been proudly wearing the good old, red and green for Babinda Colts. The team are kindly sponsored by **Balbi's Auto** for jerseys and fees however also fundraise to cover team costs.

Don't be fooled into thinking this is a fun, muck around game of footy - it's bursting with hard hits that will make you cringe, amazing tries, black eyes, corked thighs and the local rivalry between the Colts and the Leprechauns is still going strong.

You might find yourself reminiscing about the glory days of the 80's with names such as Zappala, Kubala, Day, Tieppo, Camilleri and Kruckow taking to the field. You will also be familiar with these local names, Hanson, Satini, Calcagno, Alley, and Briggs. There is even the Yarrie connection with Yeatman and Murgha.

Nothing brings a town together and builds community spirit like supporting your local footy team. So get behind the mighty Colts and let's stampede all the way to the grand final.

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For more information contact David Day on 40671134

Written on behalf of the Babinda Colts

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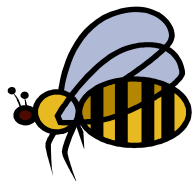
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4 cups cornflakes

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½ teaspoon salt

4 tablespoons of butter

¾ cup of sugar

1 egg

Teaspoon grated lemon rind

1 cup coconut

¾ cup raisins

¼ cherries

Crush cornflakes into fine crumbs. Sift flour and salt. Mix with corn flakes.

Blend butter and sugar until light and fluffy, stir in egg and lemon rind.

Add dry ingredients, and mix well. Stir in coconut, raisins & cherries.

Drop by teaspoon onto greased tray.

Bake in moderate oven (180) for 15 minutes.

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST !



THESE MEN COULD REALLY WORK

The latter day canecutters came from all lands. This group was at Babinda in the 'fifties'. From left to right we see Ron Logue (from Londonderry), Maxie Ray (Tasmania), Danny Sheehan (Killarney), Abbo Shepherd (Babinda farmer, shot through the jaw at Tobruk), Bill Fella farmhand (Mirriwinni), Mike Dowd (Eire). Alan Donaghy and Laurie Coffey, both from Londonderry, not in the photo.

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A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck.

One pot had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his home.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream... "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I

planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots.

But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You must take each person for what they are, and look for the good in each one.

For that reason I say Blessings to all my crackpot friends.

What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE -- Third Thursday of the month. 9.30am, Taskforce 40672900
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Contact Archie 0435152053 or 0423191127
ABBEYFIELD HOUSE Mini Cent Sale & Hoy: 3rd Monday of the month. Ph 4067 1197
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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY- 2nd Saturday of each month. Main street.
BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - 5.30pm - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's
BABINDA COMMUNITY BANK - Meeting for Not-for-profit organizations Tues 18 Sept, 5.30, SOB
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 Sat 18 Hole 1pm
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
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
CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital. Ph 40615388
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