



Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

Christmas in Babinda 2012: A fabulous night was had by all. Thank you to Paula Spokes, Frances Alley, Tanya Tuttle and Kitty Anning for organising the event and Babinda Community Bank for it's continued support both financially and in-kind. Congratulations to Cathryn Spertino for taking out the main prize of the night. See January's issue for winners of the shop dockets prizes.

Australia Day in Babinda 2013: Date Claimer: See advert page 10. Keep an eye out in January's issue for more info.

User Pays for SOB Hall/Venue bookings: As of January 2013 a fee will be charged to all users of the SOB Hall and other available office space including the computer room. This decision has been made based on increased costs in all aspects of our services. As a bit of background, when the SOB hall was originally donated after cyclone Larry, it came with limited funding in place. This funding dried up several years ago and continued free use by non for profit organisations or very cheap use by community members has been offered as an act of goodwill within our community. However with the service fee increase on the electricity bills and other CPI increases we are without alternative but to charge for use of the hall and other venues available within the Taskforce. If you have any opinions you wish to share on this committee decision and are a member, please contact me.

2012 Babinda phone books are available from the Taskforce. \$2 per copy.

Please note: Next meeting Monday, 17 December 9:30am, Babinda Taskforce Office. Everyone welcome. We currently have 121 members.

Merry Christmas and a happy & safe New Year,
Rachel

Rainfall for NOVEMBER 2012

Babinda Rainfall - 81.0 mm

Year to date - 3977.6 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 179.0 mm

Year To Date - 6690.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 82.0 mm

Year to date—4012.6 mm

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POLICE NEWS

November was another busy month. We held a two day traffic operation, assisted by staff from Innisfail Traffic Branch and staff from Innisfail Station. This resulted in 39 drivers being issued with tickets for speeding offences. Sixteen other traffic offences were dealt with by tickets. One drink driver and one unlicensed driver were taken off the road and we conducted a total of 666 random breath tests.

Since this operation we have continued in our attempts make our roads safer, and have dealt with unregistered, uninsured vehicles as well as unlicensed drivers. All of these offences can result in cars being impounded, and can result in cars being taken from the driver permanently.

We have caught an additional two drink drivers this months. Drink driving is dangerous and stupid. Don't do it! You will be caught, and it may cost you or someone else their life.

Can I add that Munro Street has a 50KPH speed limit. For everyone's safety, please stick to it, and be mindful of vehicles exiting the centre parks. I would like to remind you that it is an offence to reverse out of a centre park. It is dangerous, please don't do it.

Six drug search warrants were executed this month, resulting in 5 people being charged with 9 offences relating to illicit drugs. If you have any information relating to illegal drug use, you can contact the station on 40671120, or Crime Stoppers on 1800333000. Remember that drug information is completely confidential.

Please be mindful of the upcoming wet season. Be prepared and have supplies that you may need in a water tight container. Pack non- perishable food, batteries, torches, a radio, just in case. It would be better to have it ready than to need something in an emergency and not have it. The wet weather may be later this year, but we all know it will come, and there will be some flooding and severe weather, so let's be prepared.

I hope we all have a peaceful, joyous Christmas with loved ones, family and friends. Be safe, be sensible and enjoy this festive period.

Regards

Doug GODDEN

Sergeant

Officer in Charge

Babinda Police

AMBULANCE NEWS

Hot, hot, hot - that is how everyone feels at the moment whilst we wait for the monsoon rains which will cool everything down. I was just sent to an elderly lady in Gordonvale who was very dehydrated and poorly - like many people she does not drink much water. The very young and old need to keep their fluid intake up in this dry weather. If you are not sweating when you are active outside at the moment your body does not have enough water inside. Sweating partly is a cooling mechanism of our body. It works by air moving over the wet area and you cool down a bit. Another sure sign of dehydration is bright or strong smelling urine.

I have spoken about snake bite treatment of late with all the primary school kids from Eubenangee to Fishery Falls up on their treatment. Since our last column there have been 2 incidents that I am aware of in our local area - be careful in the usual areas. Rest, cover the bite, apply a bandage over the site and up the limb and immobilise the arm/leg and finally call 000. Brian James who is listed in the phone book does demonstrations around our area on snakes free of charge, he brings along some non venomous snakes to his talks.

Finally thankyou to all the hospital staff as well as police, fire, SES and members of the public who have helped the ambulance in the course of our duties over the past year - your assistance is very much appreciated. Have a safe and happy Christmas from the Babinda LAC as well Peter and I.

Until next time, Keep safe

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I cannot believe the end of the year has rolled around so quickly. Time flies when you are having fun and representing Babinda in Local Government this year has been fantastic. Seeing the likes of the RV park toilet block and Community Hall that is holding the Mill Memorabilia come to conclusion was an honour. Working with Council, the Babinda Taskforce and MSF Sugar on the rezoning of the Mill site and future possibilities remains a focus for me into the New Year.

With 2013 approaching fast it is Babinda's turn to host the Australia Day Southern festivities. The event coordinators from the Taskforce have run me through the plans for the day. The theme is 'families' and the agenda for Australia looks amazing. A lot of work has already been done with some left to do. I hope all community organisations get behind it and make the day a fabulous one. I just hope I don't get auctioned the highest and cop a pie in the face.

2013 also sees the 50th Anniversary of the Harvest Festival. The good news is that Festival Patron, Mr Angel Mustafa approached the Mayor Bob Manning last week after the Babinda Ordinary Council meeting and the Mayor has pledged the funds to get the open area of the Showgrounds covered for the 50th Festival. This is great news and the Council aims to have it complete in April 2013. I was chuffed with the result and well done Angel for his diplomatic performance to get the community a vital improvement they need.

To all those who have helped me find my feet in the position and gently ease me into the inner workings of Babinda, I appreciate your support and honesty.

Merry Christmas to one and all, enjoy your New Year and hope to see you happy and healthy in 2013.

Regards,
Steve

**Merry Christmas and thank you from
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The Abbeyfield Babinda Committee wishes the Babinda community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We would like to thank all of the businesses, community groups and residents who have generously supported us throughout the year. It is through your continued generosity and community spirit that we can provide affordable, homely accommodation for the elderly in our community. On behalf of those who will be touched by your generosity, we extend their appreciation.

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2012: A Memorable Year In State Politics

To say that 2012 has been an eventful year would be an understatement, but since the election in March the Labor Opposition has been focused on listening to Queenslanders and rebuilding the party. In the nine months since the election, we have visited many parts of regional Queensland, listening to the concerns of industry, stakeholders and the community, undertaking the process of reconnecting and rebuilding the Labor party in our State. I look forward to the task ahead in 2013, when we will continue to keep up our presence in regional Queensland and form positive alternative policies to challenge the Brisbane-centric LNP Government.

In such a short period of time the LNP Government has disappointed so many Queenslanders with their broken promises, arrogant nature, shambolic in-fighting and lack of leadership. For most, there has been too much change, too soon.

Using the politically biased Costello Audit as justification, the LNP Government set about breaking election commitments straight away by cutting frontline services and sacking 14,000 government workers. The Budget revealed that all of this was to pay for more than \$4 billion of poorly costed and unfunded election promises.

The arrogant way in which the Newman Government engaged in this process further disappointed Queenslanders and the LNP's own backbench. This disappointed led to the disunity and disaffection within the LNP, which resulted in three LNP members quitting the party, along with the LNP largest donor Clive Palmer. The LNP Government showed their inexperience and arrogance by disregarding proper processes surrounding lobbyists' contacts with Ministerial offices. This ultimately resulted in the demise of Housing Minister Bruce Flegg and the ongoing investigation by the Crime and Misconduct Commission of a handpicked Director-General, who has been stood-aside on full pay.

At the end of the year, we see the LNP Government in an absolute shambles with the supposed leadership team of Premier Campbell Newman, Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney and Treasurer Tim Nicholls. However, in reality no-one is leading or governing Queensland, as those in charge are too busy fighting themselves.

Locally, a highlight for me was working with the Harvest Festival Princesses to raise funds for both the Ride for Isabel and Abbeyfield with our fundraising morning tea. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Babinda Taskforce for their excellent work in the community and urge people to be careful on the roads and stay safe. There have been too many lives lost on our roads this year already. Before you get behind the wheel of your car, remember your loved ones who want you to be here for life. From my family to yours, I wish you a happy and memorable festive season.

Curtis Pitt MP
State Member for Mulgrave

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Pictured: Riannon Bettini aka Miss Charity 2012 has been acknowledged by Good Council College Innisfail by receiving the major Year 12 award. Recognised for her many years of diligence and dedication, we too commend and congratulate Riannon. The Award for Contribution to Sport at the College also went to Riannon Bettini.

Good luck and all the best for your future.

Hello from the members of the Babinda Arts & Craft co-op, We would like to firstly wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas time. The shop has had a bit of a face lift on the back wall, with a paint job, a picture rail put up, and some hanging space. It's looking great now, with new stock coming in all the time, so come on down and have a look, and possibly find a few last minute pressies! We will be open over Christmas, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Emergency Generators.

Now is the time to dig out/find your emergency generator and not only check its fuel, water etc but to make sure it actually works! many that are not used for a year or so can have contaminated fuel (algi in diesels and stale petrol in petrol ones).

Get them out, check them over and start them - batteries not used for a year may have 'sulphated' plates and although they may have 12+ volts they can be very low on cranking amps.

After you have started them and warmed up put an electrical load on them - for my 4kva unit I plug in a frypan and a fan heater - check the rating plates and try to equal about 3/4 of the generators rating. Run them for a good 1/2 hr.

After the testing fill a diesel generator fuel tank to the top to minimise condensation and algi, and with a petrol generator - turn the fuel tap 'off' while it is running, switch off any electrical load, and then let it run out of fuel and stop. This will ensure fresh petrol when you next need to start it.

Babinda Golf Club

Although the golf club has only a hand full of members, 2012 has been a very successful year. The weather has been extremely good and not many playing days have been lost. Thanks to Bob Giddens and Matt Lock for running the social games on Wednesday and Friday. David Biancotti has done a tremendous job of the Saturday competitions.

The Championships were held and Chris Hannam took out the club champion and the A grade.. Harry Anning B grade , George Atkinson C grade. Well done fellows. As you can see no ladies took part as numbers are very few.

Medal of medals winners were David Biancotti and Helen McLellen

A few of the seniors travel on a Tuesday to play in the Veterans golf on courses around the north, and bring home the spoils quite often.

The club has held some successful social days thanks to the sponsors.

President Wal Anthony has held the club together and his band of hard working volunteers have done wonders keeping the course in excellent condition, one of the best in North Queensland. A big thank you to these people.

If you would like to try the great game of golf, wonder down and have a go at Babinda's friendliest club as we would love to have more members, and you will be welcomed.

Social days Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m. Saturday 1230. in winter and 1 p.m. in summer

Feline Facts...

Cats average 16 hours of sleep a day, more than any other mammal...

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Farewell to Jenny

Jenny joined us on secondment from Bendigo Bank 12 months ago. Sadly Jenny is leaving banking to pursue other options. In this picture she is supporting one of many charitable organisations which she and other staff members did very enthusiastically and successfully. We wish her every success in her future new direction and hope she will come and visit us sometimes.

AGM and Sponsorship Evening a Huge success

Over 40 shareholders and community members attended the sixth AGM of the Babinda **Community Bank ®** Branch, held on 27 November at the Babinda State Hotel. Many sponsorship recipients young and older, spoke of how our **Community Bank ®** had helped them in their endeavours. Bodo Rose spoke of the financial outlook for the future. The meeting was followed by drinks and nibbles.



The Babinda Menshed Inc. would like to thank Babinda Bakery, Jodie and Selena McMurray for the sausage sizzle held last month which netted us almost \$500. This donation could not have come at a better time to help pay our Public Liability Insurance.

Sales of the mynah bird traps

are progressing nicely, the members are able to keep ahead of orders.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Thought of the day. Christmas is about laughter, love, friends and family. Don't get lost in greed, instead, be thankful for all the joy around you.

Nicole Lech

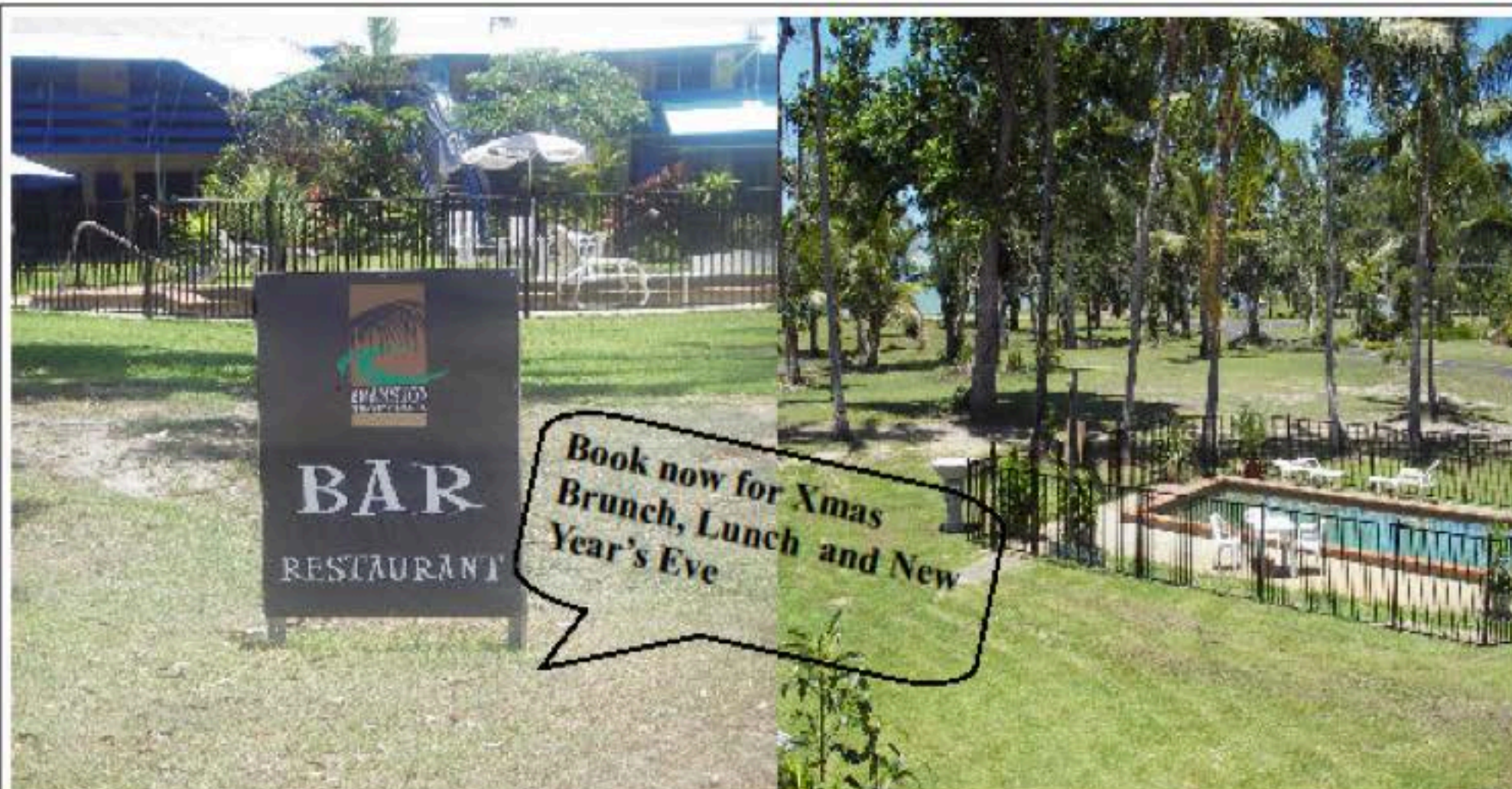


NOT JUST A PESTIE!

Happy to say that Babinda's local Pest Control Man, Mark Richards has volunteered his talents in photography and film-making toward the filming and production of the new promotional movie clip.... BABINDA TOWN. Judi Van Dycke's very popular, quirky song about our town will be used as the backing track for the movie when complete. Please SMILE FOR THE CAMERA if you wish to be part of the clip when you see us around the traps taking footage of this beautiful region and town; for we hope to use U-Tube, Munro Theatre, info centres, Tropical Tourism Australia and other media outlets when the filming is complete, so it will be seen locally, interstate and overseas, to attract greater tourism and renewed prosperity to this awesomely stunning part of North Queensland.

Christmas at the Library.

Christmas is coming and the bears are in the library. Yes, Babinda library has decorated for the occasion and is having a Very Beary Christmas to celebrate the end of the National Year Of Reading 2012. You also needn't despair of having nothing to read over the Christmas/New Year period as the library will only be closed on the 25th and 26th of December and the 1st of January. However, please be aware that we will be closing early at 1pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Everyone at Cairns Libraries would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you in the library sometime soon.



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Info Centre Illuminations

Well the hullabaloo about the Total Eclipse is over with the expected increase in road traffic hardly happening. It was certainly a spectacular event with many ooohs and aaahs along the way. People inform me that Bramston Beach was quite packed.

Thankfully visitor numbers have been up, together with spending over all our region. It is always interesting to hear feedback from our visitors. I asked a couple from the USA their favorite experience and with both faces absolutely lit up with joy, they replied "Scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef". Another couple from the Netherlands said their whole 3 month Australian Adventure was fantastic and couldn't pick one thing as a favorite. Then there was the 6 pack of Polish cyclist who started in Darwin and intend to cycle down the coast to Victoria and continue across the Nullabor to Perth – in the middle of an Australian summer. Very brave.

We have had an unusual number of visitors from the Netherlands of late - then I twigged, it's winter over there now and winter can be brutal. This was confirmed by several visitors.

Yuletide is almost upon us, so let me take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Until next time

Happy Trails

NEWS FROM MULGRAVE SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

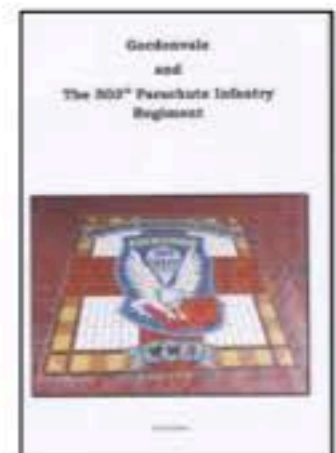
Our latest publication : *Gordonvale and the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment* has been printed and is ready for sale at \$ 25 a copy. The book is a compilation of Historical Society Bulletins which relate to the stay of the United States Paratroopers in the Mulgrave Valley in 1942/3 and the way in which they interacted with the people of the area.

The book will be launched at The Mulgrave Rambler Station in Gordonvale on Friday 14 December and a special guest will be Babinda's Mrs Edie Martinod who features in the book.

The book is available at the Settlers' Museum in Gordonvale and copies can also be obtained from Don and Pauline Lawie phone 40 671 577 while the Museum is closed for the end of year break from 14 December to 28 January 2013. Books can be posted for an extra \$ 8 to cover post and packing.

The Museum will feature some new displays in the New Year and there are plans to have a short showing of some of our most precious and light sensitive items such as printed and fabric items which are not usually shown. Details in next year's Babinda News.

Our Society wishes to express our appreciation to Babinda Task Force for giving us a monthly news spot through the year – Thank You.
Don Lawie



The A-Venue is an Arts Qld funded Program run by Cairns Regional Council's Creative Partnerships that targets musicians aged 15-30 years of age; the program aims to assist young emerging musicians to develop their skills and gain professional opportunities in the music industry.

The Queensland wide program has opened the door for many musicians and bands that have gone on to establish high profile careers in the music industry.

Photo:Junaid Mark

In the last week of school for the year 10s and 11s A Venue brought down one of the young bands 'Jimmy the One' who were performing a Tanks Arts Centre Show to perform at Babinda State School and the Gordonvale High School. On Fri 30 Nov 2012 A Venue then organised 'Roadtrip!' and provided a free bus for Babinda & Gordonvale youth to 'Life of the Party - For Josh' at Tanks Arts Centre featuring The Medics, Fozzy & Van C, The Young Art and Jimmy The One (a charity event raising awareness for Youth Suicide and The Declan Crouch Fund). The 14 participants from Babinda State school and Gordonvale High were provided a free sausage sizzle with some of the band members before watching the show and returning on the bus.. A great time was had by all and A Venue would like to thank Kasey Shaw & Noeline, Tanya Tuttle, Rachel Nicholas, Rebecca Edwards & Tanks Crew for their support making this youth event possible. A Venue looks forward to presenting music workshops in 2012 in the Babinda and Gordonvale Area. Fleur McMenamin - A Venue Coordinator, Creative Partnerships, CRC.

Jacob's Champagne Turkey

- 1 x Turkey breast with bone in
- 1 x onion chopped
- 1 x large celery stick chopped
- 1 x large carrot chopped
- 1 x 6" orange peel whole
- 1 x whole clove
- 1 x star anise
- 1 x cup champagne
- 2 x cups turkey or chicken stock



Heat oven to 170. Place chopped vegetables, orange peel, clove and star anise on bottom of roasting pan. Place Turkey breast on top of vege mixture. Pour stock and champagne over the Turkey breast. Cover dish with tin foil. Cook for 45 minutes. Check meat against bone, this takes the longest to cook. Meat is cooked when juice is clear. Remove breast from pan to rest. Remove peel, clove and star anise. Place pan on heat. Stir vege mix away from bottom, hand whiz till sauce thickens to personal taste. Pour over Turkey breast. Enjoy.

Try as an alternative to roasted chicken or ham for Christmas dinner.

Woman of Babinda

This month we feature one of the younger generations of our district, KERIN SMITH, born in Babinda.

Kerin grew up with the beauty of this area, and then spent 12 years in the Australian Navy at Nowra and other navy depots. She attained the rank of Petty Officer. She married a local fire brigade officer, Tony Smith. Kerin also has two sons now 20 year old. Kerin represents the Navy at our Anzac Parade in her sparkling white uniform. Kerin also does naval reserve work in her rank of Petty Officer.

She and her family are content with their life in our small town. They have a valuable contribution to our life here as a Fireman and in the education industry. Good one.....Kerin Smith

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To those of you who continue your studies at higher Learning levels "Keep at it" it will be worthwhile.

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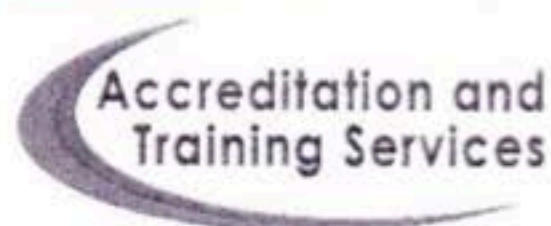


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Eliminate Dengue research field trial update

December 2012

As 2012 draws to an end, I would like to thank the Babinda community for their support of the Eliminate Dengue project throughout the year. The information we are gathering from this trial is helping us greatly in our planning for further field trials in Cairns and Vietnam in 2013. With the continued support from residents we will monitor the mosquitoes in Babinda over the wet season through our traps (pictured) to see if *Wolbachia* is establishing in wild *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes (the dengue carrying mosquito).

We hope to share these results with you in March through a community presentation and will advise the details of that in the February edition of this publication. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Professor Scott O'Neill, Program Leader & Lead Scientist



For more information about the Eliminate Dengue research program go to www.eliminatedengue.com or call the Cairns office on 1800 811 054 (free from a landline)

If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all... Once you post it online - it's there FOREVER



Shop Locally. Christmas shopping? Why not check out *Babinda Arts and Crafts* display in Munro Street. The shop is full of exquisite "hand made" gifts for Christmas. Seeing them is believing! All done by our clever and talented locals. Merry Christmas.

Good on Ya, RSL Babinda.

The entrance to our Anzac Park in Munro Street looks good with its "Lest We Forget" sign.

I believe the Babinda RSL have plans for further improvements in the future, which we look forward to.

The Babinda Anzac Park is a valuable small but important part of our past, and a tribute to those who fought for this country.

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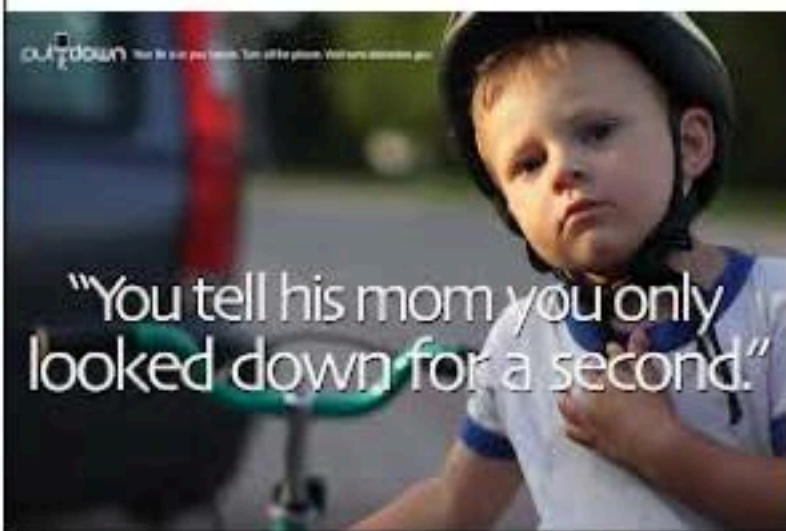
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They say...

'The more I know of man, the more I like my dog' - Mark Twain

"While it is always best to believe in oneself, a little help from others can be a great blessing." – Iroh

Abbeyfield House Winners List

Christmas Hams: Beryl Ball, Kristine Erwood, Bruce Johanson, Trudy Montague.

Christmas Porks: Makayla Norman, Tracy Cairns, Gwen Pollard

Christmas Turkeys: Cindy Sinclair, Gwen Pollard, Gayle Yum Yums

Thank you for supporting and Congratulations!

SNAKE REMOVALS

For problematic snake relocations please phone Brian James on my mobile 0400 752 977 or my home phone 4067 1581.

While I do this voluntary there are times when I am not available due to the fact that I am out of the area.

This is a free service and I am happy for it to remain so, but unfortunately I have had a couple of incidents that may cause that to change if it continues.

One of these incidents involved me driving a round trip of 24klms only to be told on arrival by the caller, "it doesn't matter now, I got a friend to relocate it".

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- **sourcing sponsorship**
- **fundraising activities**
- **stalls and grounds set-up**
- **compilation of material for historical display**
- **organising entertainment / activities / food.**

To lend a much needed hand please phone 4067 5389 or email mcdonnellcreekcentenary@gmail.com.

With your help we can make this once in a lifetime occasion a really memorable day for all of our community.

Sam Symes on behalf of the P&C
Principal

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Russell Landcare & Catchment Group (RLCG) are holding their AGM at 430pm on Wednesday 16th January 2013 at the Spirit Hall of Babinda. Please come along and show your support for landcare activities. A new website <http://russellriver.org/> has been launched this year that showcases great photos of the coastal areas around Bramston Beach and Eubenangee Swamp. Lots of other technical information is available on the website so have a look sometime....

Also, Terrain is continuing to research environmental sand extraction from Babinda Creek, with the first corner being surveyed as having 40,000 cubic metres of sand that have accumulated in the past 100 years. We are holding a Community Workshop on the details of the project at 1pm - 5pm on Friday 1st March 2013 at the Spirit Hall. At this workshop, PhD student Marcus Bulstrode from JCU Cairns will outline his study on Singapore Daisy as well. Nibbles and refreshments will be supplied afterwards. Don't forget, the Terrain/RLCG office is open to the public every Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am - 2pm if you need to make contact.

Happy Christmas to all.

Daryl Killin

Russell River Catchment Coordinator

Terrain NRM

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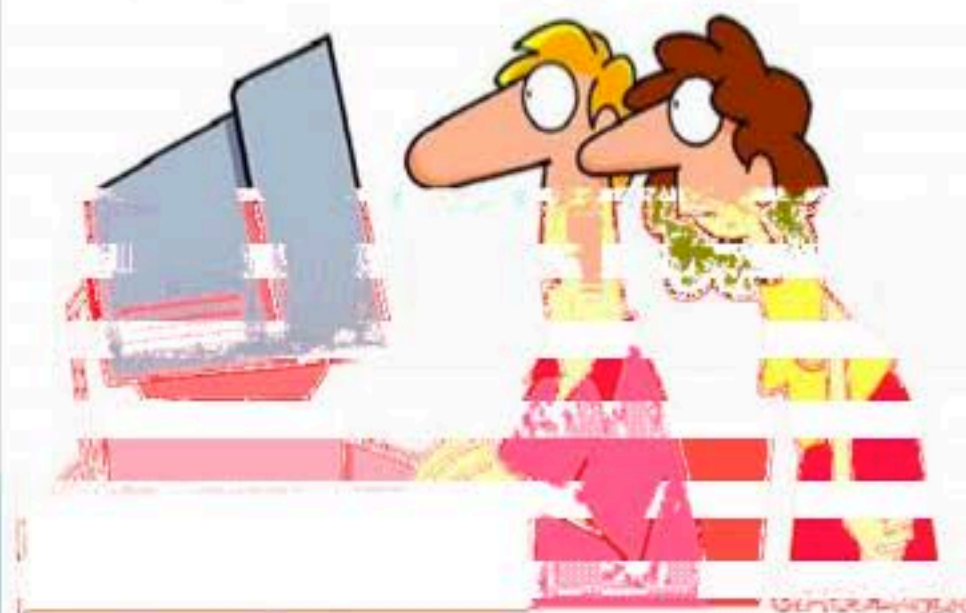
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Festive greetings to all!

Acknowledgements go to Dennis Kaye (MSF Sugar) for his continued tireless support concluding in a formal letter giving legitimate custodianship of the Mill memorabilia to the MMP committee. Thanks to Brett Spenser Cairns Regional Council supplying the MMP committee with keys, the excess of MMP objects and photos are now safely stored at Harvest Fest Hall at the Babinda showground. Liaisons with Bronwyn Mc Burnie James Cook University (JCU) library are continuing with the aim of having the MMP records collection archived in the Heritage and Archives section at JCU. The general public will then be able to phone the JCU library and make an appointment to view the special collection.

Permission was sought and gained from Ted Pointing and Susan Alley to use their narratives and photos in the MMP report. Thank you Ted and Susan for sharing your memories! Very big thanks also to Kay Jago who has kindly been using her advanced Microsoft Word 2010 skills in proof-reading the final draft of the MMP Report before it is submitted to the MMP committee this month. And cheers to Rachael Nicolas at the Babinda Taskforce for handling the Building Rural Communities Grant. The Grant Acquittal form has now been completed and submitted to the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) bringing to an end the grant funded stage of the MMP. Thanks DEEDI! The MMP committee was able to offer a formal thank you to Babinda Community Bank at their AGM Sponsorship evening in November. With all due credit to the Babinda Community Bank®, the MMP committee was one of many to receive much appreciated funding support to be used in the preservation of the photograph collection. And last but not least – thanks for the spirited support the Babinda community in general extended towards the MMP. All support is acknowledged in the MMP report that will be available for viewing at the Babinda Information Centre and online. More about that in the New Year!

As stated in the last MMP article – in the New Year 2013 the MMP committee will continue and the memorabilia display at the Babinda Information Centre will be upgraded. On behalf of the MMP committee I ho-ho-ho-hope you all have a safe and jolly festive season J

Lee Bain

If you wish contribute to the MMP, notify Patsy and Lorraine at the **Babinda Information Centre** (founders of the MPP), post photos or comments on the '**Babinda Sugar Mill**' Facebook site or contact **Project Manager** Lee Bain; Ph. 07 40672284 lee.bain@bigpond.com

Animal Antics...

Starfish do not have brains - Giraffes cannot swim - Ostriches eat pebbles - Pigs get sun burnt

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ST RITA'S
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2103 has been a wonderful year for St Rita's with the positive momentum continuing to grow. The school is looking great and is now equipped with the latest tools in technology for digital learning. Parents have worked hard all year and have worked in true partnership with the staff for the betterment of the students. It really is a wonderful, safe and community minded school to be in.

I hand over the hat of Principal to Mrs Judy Billiau who is a very experienced educator and advocate for Catholic Education. As I experienced, I am sure the township of Babinda will welcome and support Judy. I would like to thank the Babinda community for all they have done to support myself and the St Rita's school in 2013. I wish you all well in the new year and ask that God's blessings come upon you all. Gavin Rick - Principal



Excerpt from a Report from Innisfail Police

Recently, there have been drink drivers which have been detected the morning after they've been drinking. Remember, the only thing that will reduce your blood alcohol concentration level is **TIME**. It takes your liver about **one hour** to process the alcohol in one standard drink. Therefore, after a heavy night's drinking it is quite possible to be over 0.05 the next morning. The common myths of coffee, cold showers, vomiting, or exercise will not reduce your blood alcohol concentration.

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Well, this is the last newsletter for the year. All the kids have made it through another one...alive! And so have the teachers. Being the last newsletter I want to take the opportunity to thank a few people for their terrific efforts and contributions to the kindy. To the staff, Lorinda and Sharleen for all their efforts this year and more recently with the QIP which saw the Babinda Kindy get one of the top ratings for kindy's in the state! Shirley Lewis and Marie Torrisi. To this year's Committee for all the work and support you have given to each other and me and the great success's we've had this year, particularly with grants. Special mention to Jenni Stone who works so tirelessly for the good of the kindy over the past four years. Thanks to Michael Falchetti for the hours of work in the garden that he gave. Thanks to the Mulgrave Growers, Mulgrave Mill and Grant from Babinda Automotive for all your battery donations. And finally thanks to all the parents and children of the kindy, without your support and help with all the organised activities we couldn't provide such a valuable early years experience for the kids of the town and district.

Regards.

Matt



Since the last newsletter, students have participated in a huge range of activities: Billy Slater League Tag in Innisfail; Brainiacs Challenge; Swimming Carnival; Presentation Night.

I thank all of our parents, students and staff for their valuable contributions to our school throughout 2012.

It has been another successful year and we wish you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends. School starts on Tuesday 29th January 2013 for ALL students.

Bus Service: Please note that a bus service is available from Mirriwinni to Babinda every afternoon. Contact the office for more information.

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Merry Christmas to all!



Taking Enrolments for 2013

PH: 40676240

Dear Babinda Community,
The end of the school year has arrived and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the school for their hard work over the year, thank you all for your ongoing support, you are the people who make our school a great one. This year our school set the goal of providing personalised attention for our students to make sure they are achieving their **highest academic potential**, that when our students leave at the end of grade 12 they leave with **real choices and a real life pathway**. In other words, we set out to ensure that when students attend Babinda P-12 their **education isn't being left to chance**. To make sure these goals could be achieved – this year we introduced goal setting and regular performance checks, we had a strong focus on explicit and direct instruction and through our new performance pact we provided focussed support and tuition to get kids back on track to success. This year has been a fantastic year with many great achievements and I am very much looking forward to returning next year to continue working with you all. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all. Yours in Schooling
Matt Thompson – Principal Babinda P-12 SS

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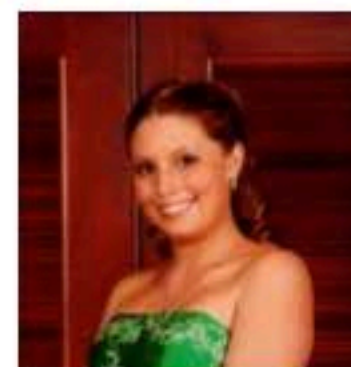


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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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- ☐ Torch (with spare batteries)
- ☐ Candles, lighter and waterproof matches
- ☐ First aid kit and manual
- ☐ Combination pocket knife
- ☐ Portable (gas) stove with fuel
- ☐ Cooking gear
- ☐ Water in sealed containers (10L per person)
- ☐ Medications - additional supplies
- ☐ Toiletry and sanitary supplies
- ☐ Change of clothes and strong shoes
- ☐ Non-perishable food (cans) – enough for 3-4 days (can opener and utensils)
- ☐ Special needs items for infants, the aged and people with disabilities
- ☐ Pet food, water and other animal needs
- ☐ Tent or tarpaulin, and blankets
- ☐ Other camping equipment
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Read the blog entry about Babinda on Helene Young 's website....

<http://www.heleneyoung.com/2012/11/babinda-magic/>

Excerpt from the blog about her recent talk at the library:

I head for the library which almost looks like a doll 's house, perched on the end of the main street. I ' m there to do my last talk as a 2012 National Year of Reading Champion. It 's been a wonderful experience chatting to readers in libraries all over the east coast of Australia. Babinda is great way to finish off with a packed room and a welcoming audience. Thanks to Holly and her team for hosting me and a very big thank you to the people who came along. Thanks also to Cairns Library for including me in their programme for the year. Writing can be so solitary so meeting readers is one of the joys of the job. The other joy has been discovering hidden treasures like Babinda, resting quietly up turnings off the main highway!

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BABINDA TASKFORCE MEETING - Monday 17 December 9:30am, Taskforce Office 40672900

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 - Phone 40671148

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY- 2nd Saturday of each month. Munro Street

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

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

BABINDA GOLF CLUB-Social days Wed and Fri 3pm Saturday 12.30 in winter and 1pm in summer. Ph 4067 1510

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

BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 7pm. Ph 40563271 or 40671438

BABINDA RSL - 1st Sunday 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

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Next General Meeting Thursday 17 January 5pm Kruckow Pavilion. Contact Jim Hillard 40672454

QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Sat of the month meeting 9.30am .4th Mon of the month - Hoy/Mini Cent Sale 1.30pm

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STORYTIME - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month, 10.30-11.30am, 40671112

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