

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone

Babinda & Mill Site Redevelopment: Thank you to all those who attended the Community Information Session last Monday 27 Feb in the SOB Hall. Please read full update in this edition.

Expressions of Interest: We are seeking numbers of those interested in learning Social Media namely Facebook Flickr and Twitter, free of charge. Please register at the Taskforce your name, contact details and participation availability, no later than Friday 30 March. If we get a good number we will go ahead and organise a class for April.

Thank You: to Christine Norman, her family and her team for putting on a fabulous fundraising evening of Trivial Pursuit on Sat 3 March for and on behalf of Relay for Life. Relay for Life raises much needed funds for QLD Cancer foundation. See photos and read more in next months edition.

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

Please Note: Next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 March 9:30am at the Taskforce. Everyone welcome, see you there.

We currently have 107members

Cheers

Rachel

RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY

Babinda Rainfall - 500.6 mm

Year to date - 871.6 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 639.8 mm

Year to date - 951.4 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 603.6 mm

Year to date - 1062.6

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 6 April

(Distributed Tues 17 April)

Friday 4 May

(Distributed Tues 15 May)

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AMBULANCE NEWS

Time flies between the months hope you have had a good one. A few weeks back when it was very hot and dry (unlike a normal February) the ambulance was called out to multiple elderly people in those very hot days. Most of these people were dehydrated which in turn affects any underlying other medical condition they may have. It is very important for the elderly and the young and the rest of us in-between to keep up your fluids - particularly water. If you are sitting in a hot, stuffy house with no air conditioning and limited water intake your internal body balance is out of sync. If you have an elderly friend or relative with you please ensure when it is extremely hot that they stay hydrated. On a further note we are still finding it difficult particularly with multiple relief staff working here in Peters absence to locate houses - particularly at night. If you do not have a well marked number at the front of your place we will have difficulty locating you and there will be a delay. If your number is placed on your house and there are bushes in front of those numbers we can't see them particularly on a wet, dark night. Consider placing a number on your letter box or at a location easy to see. It makes it a lot less stressful for us trying to locate you and means you can get some help a bit quicker. Until next time.

Keep safe.
Justin Cairns
OIC Babinda

A Babinda Story

The story begins with CARDIAC ARREST DEVICES. For short they are called A.E.D.'s – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEVICE DEFIBRILLATORS.
There are 3 A.E.D.'s in Babinda located at Fantoni's Spar Supermarket, the 2nd at Babinda Bowls Club and the 3rd is at the Bramston Beach Store.
The 3 Defibrillators were installed in 2009 and have not had to be used as yet.

The story of their installation is truly an inspiring one. Many Babinda residents will know and remember a quiet lady living in Council Lane, named IDA PRANDOLINI, and her son BERT ALLUM. When Ida died, in 1996 it was discovered that she had bequeathed her 2 houses and one block of land in Council Lane, to the Boulders Court Housing Association of Babinda, with the proviso that her son Bert live in one house for the rest of his life. Ida requested that the proceeds from the sale of her assets be used in some way to benefit the ELDERLY of Babinda. She had spent the last years of her life in a Boulders Court Unit and valued the existence of the association and its Aged Care Facilities.

The Boulders Court Housing Committee sold the homes and land. The proceeds are invested and hence 3 Life Saving Devices (A.E.D.'s) have been installed to aid the elderly of needed.

The Committee have also purchased furniture for the Hospital Sun Room, our Ambulance has had equipment supplied for their work, some new TV's have been purchased for the Hospital.

The Boulders Court Committee have been diligent in keeping Ida Prandolini's bequest true to the letter and should be congratulated. The Estate is still active and financial.

BABINDA says a belated THANK YOU to a thoughtful and gracious lady named IDA PRANDOLINI.

Your generosity will live on and be appreciated by Babinda people for many years to come. Rest in Peace.



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CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR PAUL GREGORY

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Future Babinda Project

Compass Research was commissioned by the Babinda Taskforce with the support from the Cairns Regional Council and MSF Sugar Ltd to carry out a survey of businesses in the Babinda area to gather views about what needed to be done to help identify ways forward following the closure of the mill. The survey and associated report builds upon previous work undertaken in the area as well as analysis of the area's economic structure.

It was identified in the report that:

- 1. There are opportunities for Babinda to develop additional activity in base industries, especially through tourism and non-sugar agricultural activities
- 2. There were identified prospects of better servicing the substantial volume of road traffic passing along the Bruce Highway.
- 3. There are prospects of developing service activities that serve markets beyond the immediate district.

The report is expected to be finalised in the coming weeks and a copy will be available from the Babinda Taskforce.

Development Application

MSF Sugar submitted their development application on Friday 24 February 2012.

The application identified a number of precincts that include:

Commercial

Industry

Tourist

Visitor Information Centre

Parkland

Village Industry - The proposed village industry precinct will consist of residential dwellings and small scale commercial uses (i.e. home based businesses).

The development application will be referred to the:

- Department of Transport and Main roads
- Department Environment and Resource Management
- Department of Local Government and Planning

The development application will be on public notification for 30 business days. The notification period will commence once MSF Sugar have responded to any requests for information from both Council and State government agencies. The application will be made available on Council website www.cairns.qld.gov.au and a copy will be available at the Babinda Taskforce during the public notification period. It is expected that notification will start over the coming months.

Finally, we appreciate the attendance of the 40 or so Community members that came to the meeting held on Monday 27 Feb in the Spirit of Babinda Hall.

If you have any queries please contact the Babinda Taskforce on 40672900.

Mulgrave Settlers Museum

By Julie Amadio

Australia Day 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Mulgrave Settlers' Museum, which is located opposite the Mill in Gordon Street, Gordonvale. The Museum represents the early history of Mulgrave Shire, which included Babinda and district, and which is now part of Cairns Regional Council.

The idea of having a purpose built museum alongside the already successful Mill-operated Mulgrave Rambler Tourist Train was put forward by the then Mulgrave Shire Council in the early 90s. It was then taken to a meeting of the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society and a sub committee was formed to design the building. The Mulgrave Mill supplied the land adjacent to the Rambler.

The Mulgrave Shire Historical Society decided they would base the theme of the Museum on the "Packers". These were the men who would pack their horses and mules with supplies and traverse the very narrow and steep Robson's Track, up to the tin and gold fields on the tableland, returning laden with the produce of the mines. Today the Gillies Highway follows part of the Robson's Track route.

Each of the static displays within the museum depicts what the miners would have seen as they travelled around. From the replica of the Receiving Store where the miners would get their basic supplies, the Chinese market gardeners, blacksmith shop, bush timber camp, aboriginal camp, miners' camp and what a typical household would look like in the early 1900s.

Major fundraising drives, generous donations from the Gordonvale Lions Club, local businesses and the Gordonvale community, made it possible to fit out the Museum with display cases, lighting and air-conditioning. Many hours of volunteer labour, including a hand painted backdrop of a rainforest and stream by local artist Ivy Zappala, have all contributed to what the Museum is today. Most of the contents of the Museum were donated from local people of the area. The Museum also boasts First and Second World War memorabilia, early forms of communication, photographic equipment and much more.



The Museum is always looking to hear from people who lived in the old Mulgrave Shire. If you have stories, photographs or objects worth saving for future generations please contact us. The Museum is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday till Saturday. Volunteers are always needed at the Museum, so if you can spare four hours a fortnight, please call Julie on 4056 5739 or Travis on 4056 1761 for more information. Become a member of the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society. Call the museum for details 4056 1810.

Opening Day 1992



Shane Wiles

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Thank you Judi Van Dycke. Judi recently was responsible for some excellent publicity in 'Take Five' magazine – 2 full pages on 'MY TOWN BABINDA' the articles were very comprehensive in formation and the photos of its beauty spot were good quality. Well done Judi and thank you for your initiative to publicise our 'beaut town'

Everyone is a genius. However, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its entire life thinking it is an idiot.

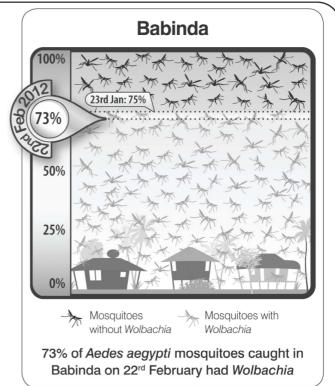
- Albert Einstein

Dengue Field Trial Update

By Professor Scott O'Neill, 2 March 2012

The second read from our monitoring traps in Babinda tells us that the presence of *Wolbachia* in *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes remains high at 73%. This is a very encouraging result.

We will continue with the weekly releases of mosquitoes and review the *Wolbachia* read again in a month's time. It is our goal for all *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Babinda to have *Wolbachia* and once we stop releasing for the *Wolbachia* to stay in the population. We will continue to monitor the mosquitoes in Babinda to determine this.





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

WOMAN OF BABINDA

This month we feature Pauline Lawie. Pauline came to Babinda in 1970 when she and Don moved down from PNG, and doesn't look like ever leaving. She was born at Randwick, Sydney, grew up in the Blue Mountains and spent several years in London, working there in winter and travelling the Continent in Summertime.

Pauline earned a living as a top-level Steno typiste, returned to Sydney for a while then moved to a Government job in Port Moresby. Her aim was to snare a Great White Hunter but she got the booby prize when Don wooed and won her. With a son born in Port Moresby and more kids planned, they moved to Don's home town of Babinda to run the Chemists at 51 Munro St – where the Taskforce office is now.

Pauline became a full-time Mum, giving birth to three daughters in Babinda Hospital during the '70's. The family moved to East Russell in 1976 where Pauline learned many new skills such as operating the diesel power unit then the hydro-electric scheme as well as growing a large kitchen garden and milking a house cow. The kids grew and prospered.

Pauline always had time for Civic Duties, taking executive positions in Kindy, P & F, then P & C Committees and is a devout member of St.Rita's Parish, spending several years teaching Religious Education at schools in the area.

An acknowledged expert on Native orchids, Pauline was leader of the Indigenous Orchid Study Group for many years as a member of the Society for Growing Australian Plants. She is also Deputy-Coordinator of the Mulgrave Settlers' Museum and relief secretary for the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society.

A Woman of Babinda indeed – by choice if not by birth.

PEPPERMINT OIL

(mentha piperata)

Hello again, this month I would like to share with you some amazing properties of peppermint oil. This fresh cool scented essential oil is known for its ability to affect the brains satiety center; the part of our brain that makes us feel full after we have eaten. Also being an antispasmodic makes it great oil for relieving pain bought on by digestive upsets such as vomiting, indigestion, and diahoroea.

(Apply 2 drops to a tsp. of cold pressed oil and massage clock wise into the stomach.)

Besides its cooling sensation, peppermint is known to relax and ease tension headaches. This is achieved by massaging the oil into the back of the neck or forehead and then applying a cool face washer. (Apply 2drp to tsp. sorbolene.) This oil is quite stimulating so it may interfere with sleep also not to be used undiluted.

Because of peppermints high percentage of Menthol this oil has the ability to trick receptors in the brain into thinking that the body is cooler than it really is. Making it a great remedy for Increased body temperatures bought on by warm weather or even high temps during menopause

(Into a 4oz clean new spray bottle with fine mister add water and 15drps peppermint oil allow to blend then apply to the body avoiding contact with the eyes.) If by chance some should get into the eyes, flush immediately with milk until removed. Available soon in Babinda for appointments and Aromatherapy products.

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watering cream buns, coffee rolls & slices.

Fresh local Tableland potatoes, Sweet Potatoes & onions

Saturday morning is fresh market day for all fruit & veges!

Red Papaya, Cavendish Bananas just \$4kg-Lady Finger Bananas \$5kg 'Happy Tomatoes' from Tolga you won't taste sweeter Lettuce, Cucumber, Capsicums, Sweet Chilli's, Snow Peas, Carrots, Celery & Shallots.

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Barrel Fever – Sickness produced by immoderate drinking

Consumption – Tuberculosis

Dropsy of the Brain – Encephalitis

Falling Sickness – Epilepsy

Galloping Consumption – Pulmonary Tuberculosis

2012 Feast of the Senses

10th Festival is on again in Innisfail from March 10th to March 25th with the huge Market Day in Edith Street on Sunday March 25th. Art Exhibition, Cooking and Photography Contests are also featured in the 14 day programme. It's worth a visit.



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WOW! A good customer of our Supermarket "Spar" in Munro Street has won a "Win a Car for Xmas" Promotion and it couldn't happen to a better Supermarket. "A" for effort The Fantonis! Winner was local Mum Kallie Quabba—couldn't happen to a more deserving Mum!! GOOD ONE SPAR!!







Babinda Menshed Inc.

Babinda Menshed Inc. are opening the doors to Kruckow Pavilion every Monday and Friday from 10am to 3pm for all members to come along and help get the shed buzzing with activities.

Membership application forms are available at the shed and the Taskforce.

Come along, bring a mate and lets start working side-by-side to get some projects underway.

Info Centre Illuminations

Well, the weather had to break and we are now experiencing a somewhat late "wet". I am sure we are all can relate to our southern neighbours who have been affected by the floods and wish them a swift recovery.

There has been recent reports of crocodiles been seen in the Lower Mulgrave River, Behana Creek and Harvey Creek area. We all need to be aware of the dangers of living in croc country, not just our visitors, so I would like to remind you that the Centre has brochures "Crocwise in croc country" and "Estuarine crocodiles in Queensland" both developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. Please feel free to visit your Information Centre to see what other FREE information we offer.

Cairns and surrounds is gearing up for the expected increase of visitors because of the total solar eclipse expected on November 14. Hopefully the gods will be friendly and provide good weather for the occasion. Info representatives attended a meeting regarding the Mill Memorabilia held on the 27th February and will offer input at further meetings.

Finally, you may have noticed the Cairns Regional Council agreed to the Centre's request and we have had a lick of exterior paint to refresh the building's appearance. Take care until next time.

Happy Trails

BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOO

FULFILMENT THROUGH WORK

As we head towards the second half of term 1, our students are working hard on their English, Maths and Science units. Due to an increase in our numbers we will be welcoming a second teacher to our school in March. This is great news for our students and will not only provide them with high quality support but enable them to work at their own level and pace.

Earlier this term we received a visit from representatives from the Northern Pride, Cowboys and our local NRL club. The players spent time with the students talking to them about good nutrition, physical activity, reading programs, school attendance and the game of Junior Rugby League. It was a real thrill to meet the players and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

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

KIDSPACE

CAITLIN KRUCKOW:

Great start to Prep school,

we are proud of you!

Mama, Daddy and Pipsqueak



Welcome to the launch of KIDSPACE

We invite local children to submit their best stories, poems, drawing or jokes for publication

Perhaps you would like to wish your child 'Happy Birthday' or to share their sporting or academic achievements? If you have a great photo we would like to publish it for you.

So Mum's and Dad's go through your holiday snaps and kids, lets get creative!

All submissions to be made directly to the Taskforce via babindataskforce@bigpond.com

Email please. This is a free Community service. Whilst every effort will be made to publish all items, priority will go to those submitted early.

MIRRIWINNI STATE SCHOOL





School Captains

Mirriwinni Student Leaders received their badges at a special ceremony on Tuesday 28 February.

Thank you to the Babinda P-12

School Captains for addressing our school community.

Please visit our website https://miriwinnss.eq.edu.au and 'Like' us on Facebook https://on.fb.me/mirri

to keep up-to-date with what's happening or call in and visit!





House Captains Student Council

Sandra Bardini [Principal]

BABINDA COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN



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Welcome back to all the kids and parents for another great year at the Babinda Community Kindergarten.

A big welcome to the new director- Lorinda Jago, who with Sharleen organised and ran a great Teddy Bears Picnic for the first function and lead into the AGM. All the kids brought their favourite teddy's and dolls. Some of the more notable teddy's were the Kevin-teddy that looked like its best days were behind it with lots of holes in its back, most of its stuffing spilling out on the floor but more of a concern were the pins stuck in its eyes. The BobBrown-Teddy was very cute but the warning label was bigger than it was- Keep away from open flames, water, economic policy, financial decisions, farmers, Prime Ministers, the mainland, etc- it just went on and on. But by far the cutest was the Katter-Teddy. He looked like he was well loved in his home and when you squeezed his tummy he talked; the only problem was, to stop him talking you had to take the batteries out.

Enrolments are still available for the year. Pre-preps and 3 year olds most welcome.

For all the information you need, contact Lorinda Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Regards.

Matt

Babinda P-12 State School

Babinda P-12SS - School Improvement Agenda

Recently at the parents and citizens association we presented about the school's improvement agenda for the year. At this meeting, we talked about the school's willingness to work together with parents, to individually tailor our support programs, so that we can get the best outcomes we can for our kids. With this in mind, in the coming weeks we will be undertaking some goal setting with students to develop a "stretch" for them, to ensure we are pushing and motivating students to achieve the highest performance levels they can. We have invited parents to be part of this process and an invitation will be going home to provide an opportunity for parents to be part of these important meetings.

I hope to continue to keep parents informed about our improvements and the outstanding performance and improvement of our kids. Recently, Cheyenne Morris one of our senior students put simply the attitude that we want to have permeate our school and our community. She said

"At Babinda unlike other schools, students have a name...they're not just a number to the teachers."

I think you would agree that kind of attitude in education is critical to student success.

Yours in Schooling

Matt Thompson



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT McDONNELL CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Well isn't the term rolling by quickly we are already half way through!

As the year speeds by, we will be getting ready to celebrate our school's 100th birthday in 2013. If you have any stories or memorabilia about McDonnell Creek that you would like to share or donate please let us know. Our contact details 07) 40675389 or david.scott@eq.edu.au.

Our new website is up and running with all the latest newsletters and community happenings, feel free to have a look at www.mcdonnellcreekss.eq.edu.au.

Our virtual classroom is well on the way to being open for students. We use a virtual classroom to link between home and school and give parents the opportunity to see what we have been up to in class.

We have been busily practicing (between the rain drops) our ball skills and our cross country skills ready to tackle this year's sporting events. It all starts on the 16th of March for the McDonnell Creek Cross Country.

Enrolments are always welcomed, 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.

90th Anniversary

Saturday 19th May 2012 10am-2pm

Bartle Frere State School

Price Road, Bartle Frere

You are especially invited to

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For more information

Contact the school on 40 676 240

Please R.S.V.P

By Thursday 10th May 2012

Ph. 40 676 240

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ABBEYFIELD Babinda

Annual General Meeting

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MAMU

- 1. Board of Directors and the Senior Management Team of Mamu Health Service Limited will holding a community meeting at the Mamu Babinda Outreach Clinic, 91 Munro Street Babinda from 10.00am on Saturday 17th March 2012. With the purpose of where we are at 6 months on and to gain interest of the current vacant director seat for the Babinda area.
- 2. Flu Vaccination Month, a date in mid March will be advertised for any members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to be immunized.
- 3. Mamu Babinda Outreach Clinic, 91 Munro Street Babinda operates from Tuesday to Thursday being 9.00am to 4.30pm with the doctor visiting every Thursday. Please call reception to make appointments on 40615180 during these business hours and note that transport is available.

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NEWS FROM THE **BBC**

(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

We extend our congratulations to one of our members, Vicky Dewis. She exhibits dedication and such a committed, generous spirit not only as a volunteer at the Bargain Shop, but Vicky and her husband Michael, has recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

How remarkable is that!? What an inspiration to the many young couples today who seem to be in a mindset of wanting instant gratification and instant happiness, and if they don't get that, they think they have to look someplace else. Congratulations to the both of you! May your example encourage others to enjoy a lifelong marriage like yours.

Well, the Bargain Shop was buzzing with eager shoppers recently with our \$10 'fill-a-bag' sale. Thank you to everyone for your support. Isn't it amazing how much you can fit into a shopping bag! Especially when you roll everything up so tightly, you can re-stock your wardrobe with just one bag!

Once again we appeal to anyone looking to meet new people and lend a helping hand by joining our team of volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part of assisting the Babinda Bargain Centre to raise the much needed funds to support people living with disabilities. Any men who have some 'fix-it' skills are urgently sought after and would be greatly welcomed to spend time tinkering in our shed! Also we require a driver who can make deliveries and 'pick-ups' in our small truck. If you can spare one day a week or even a few hours please come and see Maisie or Vicky.

Remember: "Charity is twice blessed – it blesses the one who gives and the one who receives." And finally: "Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service and character."

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Curtis Pitt MP Member for Mulgrave

March 2012

Three years ago I put up my hand to be the Member for Mulgrave because I could see what was around the corner. I could see the amazing opportunity to play a part to shape the future of Mulgrave and the rest of Far North Queensland.

In Babinda, I worked hard to increase the number of doctors in town from one to three and ensure the continuation of the local GP practice. I was there to support mill-workers when the company announced the closure, and I'm pleased to see the positive work being done to plan for Babinda's future.

But there have been other battles that had to be fought.

I stepped in to work with the Rail, Tram and Bus Union to save the jobs of two QR track workers from Innisfail that had been deemed 'surplus to requirements.'

I stopped the closure of small schools at Bartle Frere and Bellenden Ker - and forced the 'mothballing' policy to be scrapped.

I even managed to help find the missing 'R' in Mirriwinni that locals had been trying to restore for years.

I've made it my mission to bring forward the timeframe to widen Wrights Creek Bridge, one of the most infamous sections of road south of Cairns. This was not only brought forward, but I've secured the \$11M in funding from the federal government to do it - and work will start in the second half of this year.

I'm still lobbying to get lights at the Munro Street intersection with the Bruce Highway and I want to support our local SES with improved facilities and equipment.

As a first term MP I've worked hard to show people what I'm made of - to show people what my work ethic is like. I'm pleased to say that I've delivered on each of my funded election commitments this term and more.

Regardless of what may be happening in other parts of Far North Queensland - regardless of what's happening around the state - if people choose a local representative who's actually a part of the community - then chances are we'll get the right answer across Queensland.

In short I've got lot of unfinished business and I'm asking for your support to continue getting on with the job.

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SUE BERTUCH DIVISION 1

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

APRIL 28TH 2012

Bob Manning is a Born and bred Cairns resident, married to a Cairns girl, Claire. They have two grown children, Mark and Belinda. Bob is a Vietnam Veteran, has a Bachelor of Business to his credit and has been the CEO of Hermes Airports Ltd (Cyprus) and Cairns Ports North as well as a Director of NQEA and their General Manager. He was named the Cairns Citizen of the Year in 2002 and awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2004.

Sue Bertuch lives in Division 1 and calls Gordonvale home. Sue is married to Phil and between them they have 7 adult children and 9 grandchildren. Sue holds a Masters in Education, ran her own Sweets Shop in Victoria and ran the family business, Truck and Us P/l, in the Cairns Region. Sue's background in small business and teaching has enabled her to adapt quickly to various situations, is a good listener and acts in a professional and quiet manner to get the job done.

Both Bob and Sue have business backgrounds and understand the way North Queensland works, the problems that are encountered and they appreciate the pressures placed on small business and families due to the economic downturn.

If elected to Office on the 28th April 2012, <u>UNITY 2012</u> will support the construction of a new Performing Arts facility in Cairns, appropriately costed, sized and sited - but not on the proposed "strategic port land" site. We will ensure that all Council funds are managed in a fair and equitable manner, without favouring one or two divisions. We will continue to lobby to secure from both the Federal and State Government the funds required to initiate and finalise projects which will enhance and aid the wider Community.

Sue can be contacted on; 0412703041, fb susanjbertuch or email s_bertuch@hotmail.com

Bob can be contacted on;0418773044, fb bobmanning or email bobmanning45@bigpond.com

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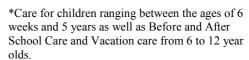
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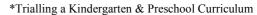
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Don Lawie

Don, one of our newest board members was born in NSW and grew up on the family cane farm at Fig Tree Creek. He attended primary and secondary school in Bellenden Ker and Herberton.

A pharmacist for 55 years with his own pharmacy in Babinda for 10 years, he then worked at the Mill and State School. He and Pauline have lived at East Russell since 1976 and raised their four children there.

Don's amazingly varied and extensive community involvement includes: Apex, CMF soldier in Australia /PNG, the Society for Growing Australian Plants, Babinda SES, presenter at Mulgrave Settlers' Museum, Battalion Piper, and Justice of the Peace (Qual) for about thirty years.

Bendigo Bank named Business Bank of the Year

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Mill Memorabilia Project – a community initiative

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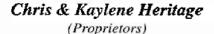
In February I began in earnest cataloguing the MMP items so that we have a detailed record of the state of our community's collection. To assist in the cataloging, the MMP committee is having an open meeting at the Information Centre from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tue 24thApril for people interested in assisting in the correct identifying items and there use. We also to wish to create a list of people interested in providing oral narratives about the mill memorabilia. Come and have a cuppa with us if you can help!

Also last month, the MMP Committee met with Dr Jo Wilms the new Museum Development officer for the North who has offered her expertise for the project. There was also a meeting with Dennis Kay, the General Manager of property for MSF Sugar to discuss a plan for retrieval of any other memorabilia from the mill site that may be gifted to the community. Thanks for your support Jo and Denise!

And whilst I am giving out heartfelt accolades from the MMP Committee, in the last newsletter I overlooked giving thanks to the Russel Landcare and Catchment Group for allowing us to put a display in there shop front in December 2011... Thank you! Many thanks also goes to Trevor and Pam Vicarioli for allowing us to temporarily store mill memorabilia on your property and to Julie Minogue our local Director of Nursing for providing a controlled environment for storing the ledgers and books that make up the collection. Acknowledgments also to MSF for allowing us to use the name 'Babinda Sugar Mill' for our community Facebook page launched by the Babinda Information Centre as part of the MMP... Please look up the 'Babinda Sugar Mill' Facebook site and add any photos, yarns or information of interest.

For any further information or if you wish to become involved in the project, please contact Project Manager Lee Bain – ph40672284 lee.bain@bigpond.com

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Dietician	HGGW	Monthly Thursday	GP referral
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
Womens 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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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chocolate Fruit Cake (no eggs)

600mls carton chocolate milk,

1 kg mixed fruit,

2 cups SR flour

Soak the fruit in the chocolate milk overnight in the fridge. Next morning, preheat the oven (slow oven) and prepare the cake tin. Add the flour to chocolate fruit mix and pour into prepared tin.

Bake 1 ½ hours.

From Miss Shirley in the Family Cook Book produced by Babinda P-12 State School Copies of the Recipe book may be purchased at Babinda State School and from Tooties Meat Mart. Monies raised will be put towards an undercover area at the School.

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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 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 Thursday of the month. 9:30am, 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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PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES -Mon. 9.am - 11am St. Rita's School 4067-2397

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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