



Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

The Babinda News Newsletter: I was recently asked to run a personal half page advertisement in the Newsletter for free. Our position remains firm on this issue and I must reinforce that contrary to popular belief, we are not a benevolent society. We are a self funded organization managed by a Committee of volunteers/members responsible for meeting all costs that running a business dictate. We would love to offer our services for free especially to those that have served our Community on a volunteer basis, however, the majority of volunteers serve with no expectation of any kind of remuneration. Our trade off of this is to offer members discount rates where the Committee deem we can afford. All inclusions within the Newsletter remain at the discretion of the Editor and/or Committee Executive. If you have any queries please join us at one of our monthly meetings.

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Taskforce hours of Business: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. On occasion and without warning we will close at 3pm.

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Next meeting Thursday, 18 April 9:30am, Babinda Taskforce Office.
 We currently have 129 members.

Cheers,
 Rachel

Rainfall for MARCH 2013

Babinda Rainfall - 531.6 mm

Year to Date - 1319.2 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 413.0 mm

Year to Date - 2296.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 575.2 mm

Year to Date - 1705.2 mm

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 3 May

(Distributed Tues 14 May)

Friday 7 June

(Distributed Tues 18 June)

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Babinda Police News

We unfortunately saw the results of speeding during this month, where a young Innisfail man lost his life, due to crashing at speed. This crash, and the resultant trauma to those involved and their families could have been avoided by simply obeying the speed limits.

We also responded to a number of minor crashes this month, which were as a direct result of driver error. If we pay attention to what is around us, such as speed signs and road conditions, most crashes can be avoided.

Babinda police coordinated another rescue at the Josephine Falls. A young person became trapped on the far side of the creek as a result of fast raising water. With the help of the Babinda Fire Service and the swift water team, and supported by QAS Babinda, the person was rescued using an inflatable boat and ropes. This is the second such rescue in two months. Please urge to caution to those who you know use the falls, as they are unpredictable and dangerous.

I would like to thank the community for their support in assisting us solve the majority of offences reported in the Babinda area. Without your support, we cannot do our job. This was very evident when Munchies was broken into and ice creams stolen. Community assistance enabled us to identify those involved. This has resulted in four young people being dealt with in terms of the Youth Justice Act. Hopefully they will learn from this and it will serve as a caution to those intent on causing trouble in the town.

Doug GODDEN

Sergeant

Officer in Charge

Babinda Police Station

**"Do not regret growing older.
It is a privilege denied to many."**

AMBULANCE NEWS

There have been some major accidents in the past month on our local roads. It seems lately we are going back to the bad old days of Babinda when we were notorious for being an area where we had many accidents. The highway particularly between here and Innisfail is a lot safer to drive on than 5 years ago as it is wider and in much better condition. Sadly the condition of the roads is only one factor that will help prevent accidents.

You would have seen our new 4WD ambulance driving around town. It is an essential piece of equipment with our local topography. Fortunately it has the large modular on the back which gives us plenty of room to work out of. The smaller 4WD ambulances are very poky once you are in the back.

Finally Amy Craike has finished her relief stint in Babinda. Peter and I would like to thank her for her efforts over her time in the Umbrella town. After we told her how wet it would be in February/March it was the driest summer

I can remember in a long time.

Until next time,

Keep safe

Justin Cairns OIC Babinda

PRE ANZAC DAY SERVICE 17TH APRIL 2013

Invitation

The freemasons of Babinda Extend to you a cordial invitations to attend an open " ANZAC SERVICE" at our Masonic Hall, Munro Street, Babinda On Wednesday 17th April 2013 commencing at 7:30pm Conducted by members of the Lodge The dress for the meeting will be "neat casual" we hope you can be our guest for this occasion.

If you can attend please advice please advise Owen Lewis on 40672261

To assist us in arranging for refreshments.



This ANZAC Day the 98th will follow a similar pattern to previous commemorations, I would like to emphasize that we do not celebrate the occasion but commemorate it in respect to our past & present Service bearing in mind the number of our young Australians that are presently serving overseas, both in active service and humanitarian roles. ANZAC Day this year falls on the Thursday 25 April.

Dawn Parade Fall in 0420Hrs.

Morning Service assemble at the front of the Memorial Hall at 0950Hrs

Shirley Lewis together with the Coral Trout's will be assisting us this year

year with the Hymns and the National Anthem. All are welcome to commemorate this occasion with us and to join us afterwards at the Memorial Hall where one of the Harvest Festival entrants will be providing light meals and soft drinks will be available free to all of the Schools who are assisting us.

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Info Centre Illuminations

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Because we are having more visits and enquiries from Cairns locals about our attractions, we are currently developing a "Weekend in Babinda" brochure, listing all places of interest in our area. If you think your business should be included, please contact us.

Remember the Harvest Fest is fast approaching, and as usual, we are organising the Sugar Bowl competition. Flyers with necessary details will be distributed to the schools after the holidays, and will also be displayed in the town. Start thinking outside the square and let's make this the best collection of sugar bowls ever. You are never too old or too young to enter.

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Our Woman of Babinda

This month we feature CHRISTINE NORMAN born and lived in Babinda, Christine answers to the affectionate name of “Chrissie”. Chrissie went to school here at St Rita’s Babinda and Babinda State High. She enjoyed working locally at our Babinda Hospital and also worked at the Pacific International Hotel in Cairns. Her reputation and work ethic at all these places was excellent. Chrissie currently is employed at Abbeyfield as chief cook. Married to Eric Norman, the pair have a son Bradley and daughter Antoinette. Both kids have had a good education and hold down responsible jobs: On Groote Island. And in the Catholic education system. Chrissie Norman is very involved in Babinda life and is captain of the Babinda Team for Relay for life functions. Her role in Babinda, can only be described as one to be proud of. May it always be so!

Thank you Chrissie Norman.



The Abbeyfield Committee wish to thank the outgoing Executives, Wanda Edmonds and Caitlin Stager for their invaluable work to our community.

We welcome the 2013/2014 Executives:

Tony Densmore— President

Fred Lizzio—Vice President

Deborah Tuttle—Secretary

Janis Lauridsen—Treasurer

The Babinda Aquatic Centre Opening Hours

The Babinda Aquatic Centre boasts a 50m Olympic sized swimming pool with a 10 x 5m children’s pool and a playground. The children’s pool and half of the 50m pool are covered with shade sails.

1st September to 30th April 2013

Monday to Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm

Sunday closed

The Babinda Aquatic Centre pools are not heated because of this we limit opening hours during the colder months.

1st May to 31st August 2013

Monday to Friday 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

FAREWELL FROM MUNCHIES

Munchies closed its doors on March 24. Sadly our lease expired and we were unable to accept the changes in rent and conditions proposed in the new lease. **We would like to thank all our customers for their support over the past year who made it a successful business.** It is amazing how many people in the short time we have closed have told how they miss our food and reminisce over the times they spent in Munchies over the past 25 years.

A big thanks also has to go to Jessica Chandler who worked in the shop and Jodie Nielsen who helped out.

We also have available for hire: **Slush Machine, Hot & Cold Bain Maree, Pizza Oven.**

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1st Prize is the Quintrex Busta 420 boat including 30 HP Yamaha outboard motor, trailer, safety equipment, boating accessories, GPS and XXXX Gold merchandise from Rising Sun Marine valued at \$22,000. Proudly supported by the Commonwealth Bank branches around Townsville.

2nd Prize is a Weekend away to Cairns including a reef trip for 2 with Great Adventures on their Green Island Eco Cruise, dinner for 2 and 2 nights' accommodation with a combined value of \$2,500

3rd Prize is a Gift Vouchers to the value of \$500

Harvest Festival Costumes.

Looking for a costume for the Harvest Festival Street Parade? We have dozens of costumes to choose from that may support your float or idea. Lots of sparkles, Gold and Silver. Come in and have a look.....you never know what you might find.

Have a good day.

Kylie Luce

Babinda Bargain Centre

The vision for the Mens Shed is to:

Provide support to men in need of help from mental illness or any other debilitating illness. Ease of transition from full-time employment to other activities in retirement. Provide an additional link between the primary health network and the many men who have no regular contact with that network. Establish a place for men that enable social interaction and activities to maintain the health and well being Build a culture in the shed where all men are welcome and where mutual respect and trust are paramount.

The Babinda Mens Shed to become a focal point in the community for the identification of men's health issues and actions to resolve these issues.

Cheers for now. Merv Thompson (President)



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5 April 2013

JCU Dental Clinic worth the trip

Recently I had the opportunity to visit the James Cook University (JCU) Dental Clinic and speak to students and teachers alike.

Since it opened in February 2012, the feedback from clients visiting the Clinic has been overwhelmingly positive, with staff regularly being told by clients how impressed they are with the modern and spacious premises.

But more importantly locals are impressed by the ability to get an appointment (and quickly), many of whom had been on a waiting list for some time. The 99 chair dental clinic also provides low-cost/high-quality care to service the high demand for dental care right across the Far North. In 2012, third, fourth and fifth year JCU dental students provided:



- over 17,742 dental appointments
- over 42,000 treatments
- over 5,000 oral exams and nearly 3,500 removals of calculus
- 1,909 extractions and 173 surgical procedures
- over 500 dentures made (either in the onsite laboratory or at external labs)

The school of dentistry at the Cairns campus of JCU was built with \$49.5 million of federal funding and was of course necessary due to the general shortage of dentists in Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas.

The JCU program is the only dentistry course in northern Australia and aims to provide a dental workforce for tropical Australia and address the serious shortage of dentists in regional Australia.

That's why the former Labor Government committed \$45 million over four years in the 2010-11 State Budget towards training facilities for this JCU program which is going a long way towards assisting in attracting and retaining dental staff in Cairns.

The initiative means hundreds of Far North Queenslanders will also benefit directly from dental services provided through JCU's Clinical Outreach Program, which provides infrastructure and resources for the clinical training of JCU's dentistry students in remote localities.

Eligible patients incur no charge for approved procedures and JCU Dental is open to the public and appointments can be made Monday to Friday by calling 1800 050 763.

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'Putting the Far North First'

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you all were able to have a few days' peace and spent time with loved ones over the Easter period. There is finally action on the ground at the Mill site. Up until now work has been behind the scenes, but MSF have contracted a demolition company and the slow process of tearing down the iconic buildings has begun. Demolitions are due to finish by the end of the year. Council has been working closely with MSF and Babinda community groups to ensure the rezoning development application is robust and will see positive growth for the town of Babinda into the future. The consultation period is complete and I expect the application to come to Council either this month or at next month's meeting. All objections were minor and able to have worked out a compromise.

The new roof at Bill Wakeham Park is progressing. Council has decided to include underground drainage. This has meant cost and time has blown out a little. Cost will be borne by Council and we anticipate it starting soon and complete by early May – three weeks at least before the Harvest Festival. This year's 50th Anniversary looks to be a bumper long weekend full of fun and frivolity. Keep the weekend 7, 8, 9 June free.

I am working with Council and the Babinda Golf Club to get some of the drains formally recognised as easements as they take town water from the showgrounds and such, through the Golf course and out into the creek. This will mean the council has responsibility to maintain the easements free of weeds and silt build up. Keep an eye on this one.

In all, a quiet month but with the cyclone season drawing to a close (touch wood) the quiet weather will continue.

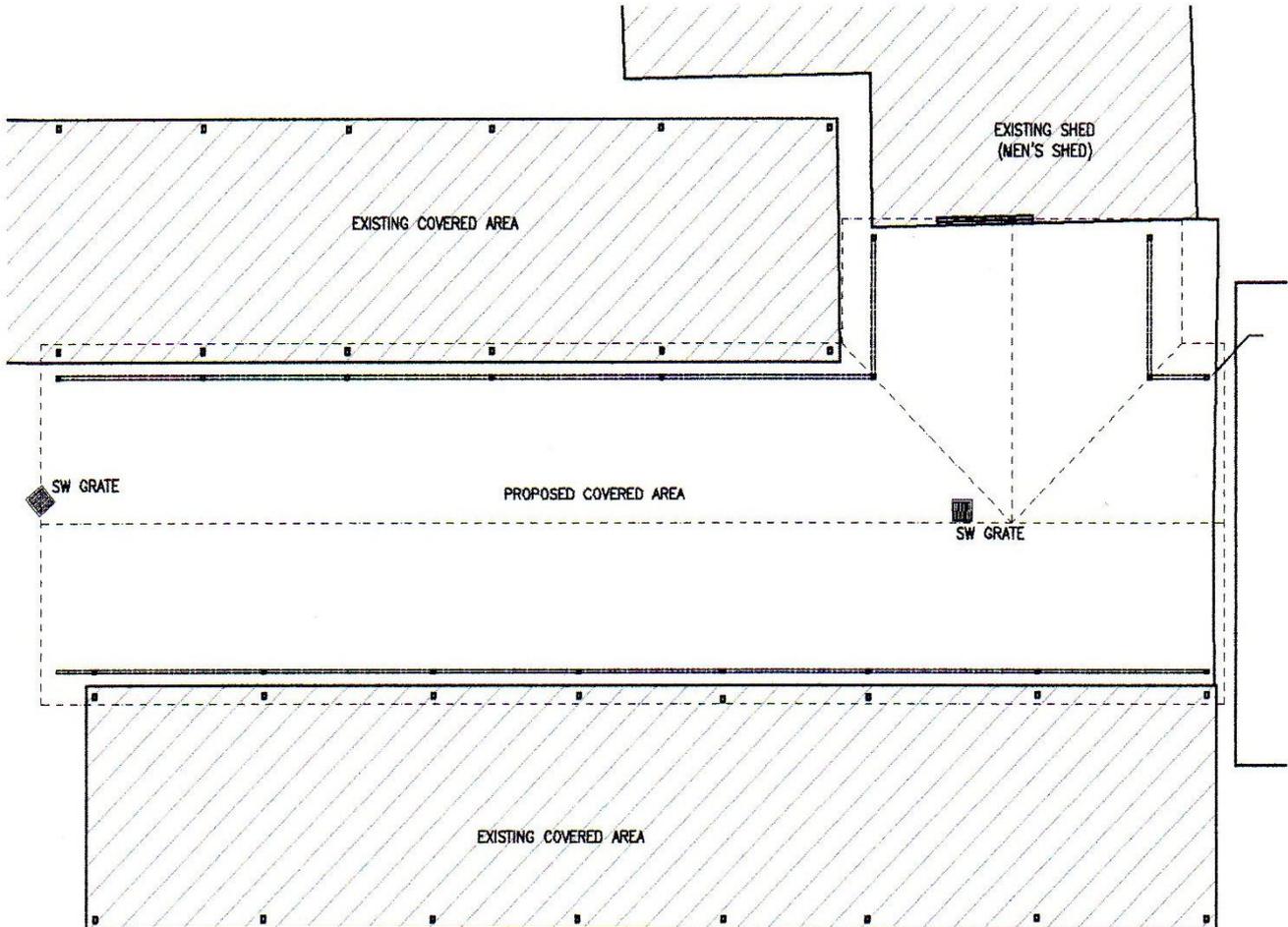
I still come down to Babinda each Friday. Call me or see Rachel at the Task Force for an appointment.

Cheers

Cr Steve

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Plans for Proposed Covered Area at Bill Wakeham Park below:



Jordan Schmidt Babinda Harvest Festival Entrant

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For the little library users, this month our story time session will be about cats and kittens, so we will see you all at the library at 10.30am on Wednesday the 17th of April.

For bookings please phone 40671112.

See you in the library sometime soon.

Cheers, Holly

The Gordonvale Community Hub will be taking its popular Mural Workshops to Babinda next term from the 17th of April until the 5th of June. Nicola Millen will teach young people the finer points of mural design and application. Techniques include stencils, sponging and fine brush work. Workshops are on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm behind the Babinda Task Force building and are free of charge. The murals will be painted on to the blue bins that are used in the town centre. The bins will be cleaned and primed ready for painting. The first 2 bins will be a butterfly scene and a cane train scene. Please bring some painting clothes.

Computers will also be available under the supervision of Mark Edwards. Young people without a computer at home will have time to catch up on their homework or just have some fun with the other young people playing network games like Minecraft. Social media will not be permitted during the workshop times.

The workshops are designed for ages 10 and up however if there is a younger sibling aged 8 – 10 then can come along also. Parents are invited to attend and help out.

They Say...

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. ”

- Mark Twain

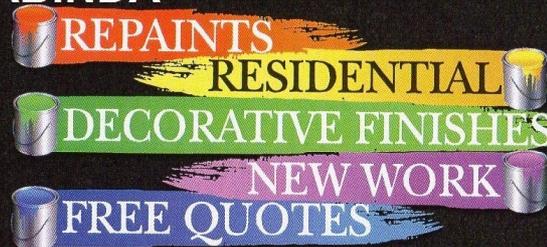


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You are probably wondering where all this is leading. Well, we at the Babinda Arts and Crafts Co-Op would like to introduce you to the product of our member Rebecca's talent. She produces unique candles of unusual and exotic scents, artfully packaged in protective glass. Take it from us they smell divine. So next time you are in town, why not give your nose a treat and call in to our shop at 13 Munro Street, Babinda. Take some time to look around and see what all of our members have been making.

They Say...

**There comes a point in your life when you realize:
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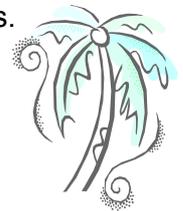


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Happy Birthday to us!

The Babinda District Arts & Craft Co-op turns 14 this year! So we are celebrating by holding a Birthday Weekend on the 20th & 21st of April, and giving our customers the presents. Yes, that's right, anyone who makes a purchase in our store on our birthday weekend will have a chance of a "lucky spot" prize.

This is our way of saying thank you to our supporters and customers for helping us keep the doors open for the past 14 years and therefore keeping alive the tradition of hand crafts in which we immensely enjoy doing.

So we hope to see you in our store to help us celebrate and perhaps leave with a pressie from US!!
 Happy crafting, BDA&C

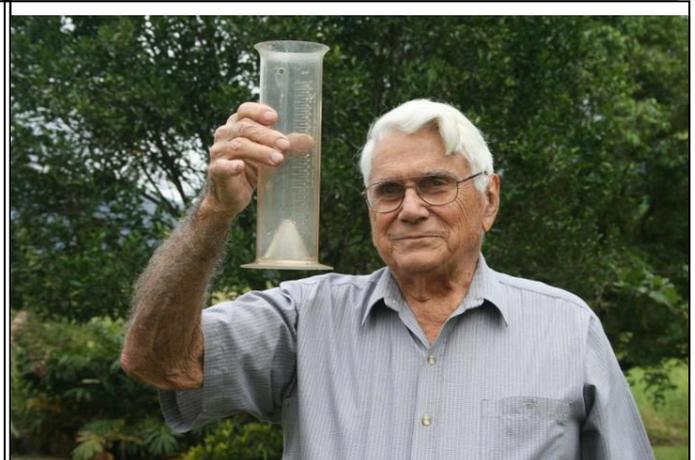


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A very special birthday message goes out to Babinda local, Bruno Zanoletti who turned 90 on the 7th April

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AROMATHERAPY- Which Chamomile is which?

German Chamomile- is used in skin care products for sensitive skins. German Chamomile is similar in appearance to Roman Chamomile; except that German Chamomile grows taller have smaller flowers and fewer petals. Leaves are sharper and the stem is round and hollow. This oil is helpful where there is mental and physical tension, or over stimulation. The essential oil should be blue in Colour if brown in Colour it has been overheated during distillation, diminishing its healing and anti-inflammatory properties.

Roman chamomile - Chosen for use with children, especially children with nervous sleep patterns or insomnia. It is soothing and calming emotionally and physically. Roman chamomile is also one of many essential oils used to assist with symptoms of Arthritis, muscular aches, anxious temperaments, stress, and nervous tension. This particular Chamomile is also what tea is made from also used in hair products. It is soothing and calming.

Moroccan chamomile- is a member of the Tansy botanical family like German chamomile the essential oil is also a deep, ink-blue colour. Out of the two varieties, Moroccan chamomile has the highest levels of chamazulene; True Moroccan Chamomile is blue in colour.

Caution-Roman Chamomile may cause dermatitis in some individuals. Aromatherapy warns against the use of **Blue Tansy, Moroccan Chamomile, or German Chamomile Essential Oil** during pregnancy due to its high azuline. Which can have abortive effects?

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COMBINED SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 2013

Congratulations to all students who represented Saint Rita's at the *Combined Schools Cross Country* competition held on 25th March. The effort and commitment our students displayed in training, and on the day, was commendable. The grounds were incredibly soggy from the weekend rain, which made the races more fun for all the competitors. Our students worked hard and persisted throughout their races to achieve their personal bests.

St Rita's had three place getters in the competition: *Darrah Stager* (2000), who ran 3kms, came first in his division; *Clifford Stone* also running 3 kms came fourth in the 2001 year old boys division; and *Molly Stager* (2002) finished third when running with the eleven years girls. These students will now go through to represent the Combined Schools team at the Mulgrave District Cross Country. We wish them all the best! Congratulations also to *Isha Crane*, *Nicholas Blonner* and *Corwin Hillard* who completed the St Rita's team and who achieved PBs on the day.

Our CS team coaches were Mrs Maryjane Masina and Mrs Debbie Kurucz. Without their training, preparation and organisation, the event would not have been such a success for our students. We also would like to thank St Rita's parents for their support of Cross County training held each morning. The help of those parents who assisted with supervision at the event was much appreciated.

Have a relaxing school holiday! Judy Billiau Principal



Mirriwinni State School

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to every student who participated in the District Cross Country. Girls born 2003: Jayne Aitken – 2nd; Carly Venables – 4th; Lulu Arraiza -9th Boys born 2003: Angus Davey – 1st; Seth Maurer – 2nd; Tidal Van Rees – 3rd; Venables – 13th

Girls born 2002: Acashia Van Rees – 1st; Kel-sie Van Rees -8th

Boys born 2002: Dylan Sacchetti – 5th; Russell Anderson -8th ; Josiah McEwan-9th; Kane Lewis 10th; Simon Brianese -12th;

Girls born 2001: Sophie Kalkowski-Pope -6th; Mia Livingstone – 11th

Boys born 2001: Callum Galea – 3rd; Patrick Davey -7th

A big thank you to Mr Brauer for his organisation of the event. We wish the students who placed in the top five all the best at Mulgrave trials after the holidays.

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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April Ladies

Hello to lovely April ladies,
There is no ifs or buts or maybes,
That March 20 to April 20 babies,
Grow up with an independent nature,
And as a strong determined creature,
Each with their own special feature,

There is some lovely local Aries ladies,
Who this year will turn 50,
One of them is Debbie Quabba DQ,
Who was the boss of Taskforce HQ,
Early in the picture after ' Larry ',
This caring compassion Arians carry,

Some Aries are from the old school,
And never anyones fool,
Like Beryl B born on April 1,
You're a great old girl, well known,
All have been known to be tough birds,
Who like to be heard,

There is in them the quiet lamb,
But they are always there when you're
in a jam,
One of those ,is my friend Rose,
You know who you are ladies of the
Ram,
So energetic and enthusiastic,
Courageous and dynamic,

Then as Aries ends along comes Taurus
the Bull,
Venus's child so free yet so faithful,
I know one who is also turning 50,
She is patient and able and thrifty,
That is Rachel who heads Taskforce
nowadays ,
So to Aries and Taurus Happy
Birthdays,

Wether of the Bull or the Ram,
You know who I am,
I am a Leo woman and I respect you,
So April ladies here's to you,
To the young or the old,
You are eternally beautiful and bold.

From Julie Jones

Life Lesson # 17

We could learn a lot from crayons.
Some are sharp, some are pretty
and some are dull. Some have weird
names and all are differ-
ent colors, but they all have to
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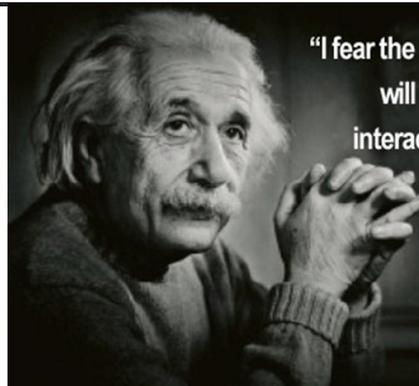
Photo sent in from Cindy Sinclair

Abbeyfield Resident Cath Wilson turned 95 on Monday 8 April. Seen here with friends from left to right: Wanda Edmonds, Sue Martin, Angela Nucifora, Cath sitting with her cake made by Wanda Edmonds Christine Norman, (son) – Richard Wilson and Dian Lock.

They Say...

Life is one big road with lots of signs. So when you're riding through the ruts, don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts, put your vision to reality. Wake up and live! ”

-Bob Marley



**“I fear the day that technology
will surpass our human
interaction. The world will
have a generation
of idiots.”**

Albert Einstein



The Committee are pleased to introduce 7 entrants in our Princess Quest this year.

- Entrant 1 - Shanae Montague Sponsored by Babinda Post Office
 Entrant 2 - Danielle Zanoletti Sponsored by Zanoletti Holdings
 Entrant 3 - Kate Atwell Sponsored by Babinda Lions Club
 Entrant 4 - Kimberley Hoad Sponsored by Babinda Chinese Restaurant
 Entrant 5 - Claudia Galea Sponsored by The Hair Barracks
 Entrant 6 - Cody Morris Sponsored by Babinda Munro Theatre
 Entrant 7 - Jordan Schmidt Sponsored by Yum Yum's Cafe

These young ladies are taking time out of their personal lives to fundraise for our Festival and Community.

Please support them in their endeavours if you can.

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Outside Broadcast

ABC Radio- Friday 7th June 8:30-11:00am

Front of Fantoni's Supermarket

Interviewing Babinda and District residents

Festival members

Primary produces

1st Festival Queen (1962)

Ex Babinda Mill workers (where are they now)

Bendigo Bank (celebrating 7 years in Babinda today)

Grey Nomads

Business Owners etc etc

Sugar Bowl Competition

Be a part of this year's Harvest Festival and enter the sugar bowl competition. Make a sugar bowl out of anything you can find-papier mâché, wool, wood, felt, recycled objects, let your imagination run wild! The theme for the Harvest Festival and sugar bowl is "That's Gold". Categories are Open and 12 years and under with great prizes to be won.

Entries due 4pm, Wednesday 5th June. Collect and entry form from the Information Centre, Babinda

Official Date Claimers for 50th Harvest Festival "*That's Gold*" Theme

Tuesday 4 June, St Rita's Trivia Night

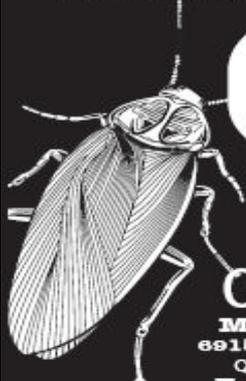
Friday 7 June, Anniversary Ball

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Babinda Golf Club

A voluntary Effort

Babinda Golf club is looking forward to another successful year in 2013. The club has managed to survive and indeed prosper in spite of many pressures and setbacks such as low membership numbers and difficult and destructive weather events.

The key to survival and the successful functioning of the club is the fact that the club operates totally on the efforts of volunteers. The entire operation of the club's maintenance to catering and the many other things that need to be done.

The work of these volunteers means that the club is able to offer membership and playing fees which are very reasonable and the golf course itself is always in a playable condition except perhaps immediately after a serious weather event.

During 2012 the greens were given a very successful upgrade and are now in excellent condition. The course generally, is maintained to a high standard with mowing, spraying, whipper-snipping and drain work performed on a weekly basis.

The club members are always on the lookout for new players and would welcome any new or renewing members to join them on the course. Junior coaching is also a feature of the club and sessions for juniors, boys and girls 10 years or older, will begin for 2013 on Monday, March 4th and continue every Monday at 3:30pm.

Club competition of 18 holes are held every Saturday with a 1:00pm tee off time social golf of 9 holes is conducted on Wednesday and Fridays from 3:00pm. Visitors are welcome to all these events and are also welcome to all these events and are also welcome to play on the course at anytime.

Babinda Golf Club is very much a community assets and is a popular venue for joggers, walkers and people exercising their dogs. The club encourages such community use of the golf course and welcomes these groups. In order for the club to continue, however, as an asset for the community more playing and paying members are very important.

The management committee and the members of the club would love to have a larger membership group and encourage anyone to come to the course and try the game. The exercises, the friendly competition and the fellowship make it a very worthwhile pursuit.

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Class 2	Best 4 sticks	Q186	
3	“ “	Q200	
4	“ “	Q229	
5	“ “	Q183	
6	“ “	Q208	
7	“ “	Any other approved variety	

Prizes for classes 2 to 7 to be announced

For further information contact Bill Brand 0428774922 or Angle Mustafa 0427671347

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Would you support a second trial in Babinda?

April 2013

Thank you very much to the Babinda residents who attended our community meeting on Thursday 21st March 2013. It was great to meet members of the Babinda community for a chat about our research and 2012 field trial results.

We were unsuccessful in getting *Wolbachia* (wMelPop) to establish in the wild *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations in Babinda however we did learn a great deal of information about this *Wolbachia* mosquito strain, which will inform how we do field releases in other countries.

We would like to propose another release in Babinda using a different strain of *Wolbachia*, wMel. This strain was released in Yorkeys Knob and Gordonvale in 2011 and our latest monitoring shows over 95% of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes still carry the *Wolbachia*. Further trials will only proceed with community support and government approval.

Please call us on 1800 811 054 or email cairns@eliminatedengue.com to let us know if:

YES you would support a second release of *Wolbachia* mosquitoes in Babinda, or

NO you would not support a second release of *Wolbachia* mosquitoes in Babinda.

Andrew Turley, Field Trial Manager



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)

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

HISTORY MADE, 59 YEARS AGO—1954

Hereunder are particulars of the Sick and Injured Benefits Scheme to be put in operation from the first pay day in June 1954 in the Babinda Central Mill to assist sick and injured employees of the Company. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Scheme may do so by signing their name below, thus giving your consent to have one shilling per week taken from your pay, which will entitle you to draw 4 pounds per week for 15 weeks if injured or off sick for that long, and on producing a Dr's Certificate. His word to be final. There will also be a Committee of 5 to handle all Finance and Business, which will consist of 3 Employees of the Mill and 2 Mill Officials. All money paid to the Scheme will be collected at the Mill Office. No unfinancial members will be entitled to any Benefits from the Scheme.

Signed by CJA Patrick AWU Representative, Babinda. (Who was a valuable advocate of the Scheme.)

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3	Water Filled Bocce Set	Green A 5	Robert 0427 889 631
4	Bottle Wine	Green E 24	Dian Lock
5	Sponge Cake	Black B 9	E Rostata 4031 6702
6	Easter Egg	Green B 1	Charmaine 0437 592 836
7	10 Pack Soft Drink	Green A 75	Eric Norman
8	QLD Rugby Football	Green C 23	Christine Owens
9	Set Tumblers/Juice	Purple B 44	Tanya Barbara c/ Hospital
10	6 x pack XXXX Stubbies	Blue B 49	Barry Perrot
11	Easter Egg	Green D 9	Dewis Family – Tammy
12	Body Board	Green E 39	Carmen Vicaroli
13	Heavy Duty Torch + Batteries	Blue B 18	Roy Anderson
14	Planter Coffee Cup – Easter Egg	Black B 39	Sasha Fisher
15	Bottle Yellow Glen NV	Green E 70	Kerin Smith
16	Easter Egg	Green D 5	Dewis Family – Tammy
17	Bottle Wine / Wine glasses	Green A 24	Shane Thomas
18	Easter Egg	Purple B 27	Tracey Simcock
19	4 Litre Drink Cooler	Red E 50	Maureen Raddatz
20	6 x pack XXXX Stubbies	Green D 61	Dewis Family – Tammy
21	Easter Egg	Green B 73	Janis – Tavern
22	Salon Style Hair Straightener	Green D 43	Dewis Family – Tammy
23	Easter Egg	Green B 97	Maxine Richards
24	Heineken Stubbies	Green A 71	A Robinson
25	Frog with Pot + Easter Eggs	Blue B 97	Gloria Peever
26	Easter Egg	Green E 69	Kerin Smith
27	Sleeping Bag	Red E 96	Hayden /Chloe/Makayala
28	Bottle Wine	Blue B 79	Bev Mayers
29	Photo Print Beach Towel	Red E 39	Cindy Sinclair
30	6 x pack XXXX Stubbies	Green F 45	NIP
31	Biscotti Wafer Sticks	Green E 99	Rachel Nicholas
32	Barbeque Block + Utensils	Green B 32	Eric Norman
33	10 Pack Soft Drink	Green B 90	Deb
34	Easter Egg	Red E 90	Chloe, Hayden, Michaela
35	Sponge Cake	Green B 86	Deb
36	Box Chocolates	Green C 88	Carmen Vicaroli
37	6 pack Crown Lager Stubbies	Red E 41	Jill Yeoman
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42	6 pack Strongbow Cider	Green C 40	Leonie
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44	6 pack XXXX Gold Stubbies	Red E 37	Cindy Sinclair
45	2 x Dozen Oysters	Green D 42	Dewis Family – Tammy
46	1 kg Scallops	Purple B 59	Holly Goriss
47	1 kg Prawns	Black A 39	David DE Andrea
48	1 kg Morton Bay Bugs	Purple B 19	Beryl Ball
49	Whole Coral Trout	Black D 81	Chloe, Hayden, Michaela
50	Crayfish	Green E 27	Dian Lock

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What's Happening In Babinda

- BABINDA TASKFORCE MEETING** - Thursday 18 April, 9:30am, Taskforce Office 4067 2900
- ABBEYFIELD HOUSE** - HOY / Mini Cent Sale 3rd Monday of the month 4067 1197
- ABBEYFIELD HOUSE** - Meeting 1st Monday of the month, 7.30pm, Taskforce Office.
- AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE** 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am SOB
- BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS** - 2nd Wednesday every month - 6pm at the shop, bring a chair
- BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE (COOTHARINGA NQ)** - HOY 2nd Mon of the month. SOB Hall Ph 4067 1533
- BABINDA BOXING CLUB** Tuesday & Thursday 6-7pm @ the Warren Jensen Hall - Bill Wakeham Park
- BABINDA BOWLS CLUB** - Phone 4067 1148.
- 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Anniversary Ball Fri 7 June, Festival Sun 9 June, contact Frances 40671438
- BABINDA LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St
- BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP** - 1st Monday of month, 7pm, SOB Ph: 4067 1438 Loretta Musumeci
- BABINDA RAINY DAYS BOOKCLUB** - Meets every last Tuesday @ 10am @ Stag Tavern—Call Sue 4067 2640
- 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
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- PLAYGROUP BABINDA BUMBLEBEES:** Tuesdays 9am-11am, Community Hall, Church St, Julie 0438 033 989
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- QCWA DEERAL**-2nd Wed of the month-09.00am Craft lessons-open to all. Meeting 1.30pm
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