



Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Merry Christmas

Hi everyone,

Babinda District 2014 Telephone Book: Please check that we have your correct details by looking in the 2012 phone book. If you require any deletions/additions/changes they must be brought into the office by 24 January. 2012 phone book advertisers will be sent a 2014 advertisement package in January. If everything goes to plan we should have our new phone book by March.

Banners: Anyone who may have picked up one of the street banners please drop off into the Taskforce.

Cootharinga NQ/Babinda Bargain Centre: Congratulations to Kylie Luce and her team on the amazing transformation of the 'blue shop on the corner' both in and outside. Well done Kylie. Long may you grace our community with your innovative ideas and values.

Good news everyone: FREE courses in Literacy, Numeracy, Basic Computer & Cert III in Business Administration beginning January 2014 here at the Taskforce, read more information inside this issue.

November in the Taskforce Office: We accommodated 124 Centrelink customers, time ranging from an hello to 45 minutes. We booked ticket link and QLD Rail tickets, we helped people with computer/internet enquiries (and were taught a few things as well). We photocopied, laminated, saw the last Mural/computer workshop for 2013 (don't worry, they promise to come back for at least 1st term of 2014). Sold raffle tickets. Negotiated office and hall hire. Answered a myriad of general enquiries from bright eyed and bushy tailed travelers.

Taskforce Christmas Stocking Raffle: Last chance for tickets \$1 each, drawn Thu 19th Dec.

X-MAS Holiday: The office will be closed from Friday 20 Dec 12 midday and reopening Thursday 2 Jan at 9am.

Please Note: Next general meeting Thursday 19 December 9am here at the Taskforce Office.

We currently have 110 members.

The Taskforce thanks you for your support during 2013 and wishes you a safe and happy Christmas.

Rachel

Rainfall for NOVEMBER 2013

Babinda Rainfall - 361.00 mm

Year to Date 3497.2 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 467.0 mm

Year to Date - 7311.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 332.2 mm

Year to Date - 3663.6 mm

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 10 January

(Distributed 21 January)

Friday 7 February

(Distributed 18 February)

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Babinda Police Report

Well where has 2013 gone. Once again the Christmas holiday period is upon us and with that, it again becomes timely for police to remind everyone about a couple of steps we can all take to make the Christmas period a safe and memorable one where we protect both ourselves, the people around us and our homes and businesses.

If you are planning on going out and having a few drinks...great!!, but please also think ahead about how you are going to get home. Make sure you have someone sober who can legally drive.

If you are planning a trip away, plan for the increased traffic on the roads. Make sure the car is in good mechanical condition and you take plenty of rest stops along the way. As with all other years, the Queensland Police have a number of phased traffic operations running throughout the entire holiday period and there will be extra police on the roads during this period. Around the home, make sure everything is locked up and secured. It is the summer storm season so there is every chance a cyclone or storm could hit while you are away. If you can, let your neighbours or friends in the area know how long you plan on being away for and, if possible, have them collect the mail and keep an eye out on your home or business for you.

For those staying in this year and for all who are welcoming friends or family from other parts of the country to the area I hope you all have a great time. If you are planning a big night (or day) in, please be mindful of those living around you; especially including the elderly, those with young kids, and those unlucky enough to have to work through as they still all have to sleep.

It has been a pretty good year this year and on behalf of Babinda Police I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. See you again in 2014!!

Babinda Police.

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AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome to another month. Christmas safety – Christmas is a time when we can all let our guard down. This includes watching your sugar levels if you are a diabetic, not being extra alert on the roads with the increased traffic and carefree nature of kids who will be running around everywhere oblivious to life's dangers. It is also the wet/ cyclone season so you should all be prepared to have 3 days supplies of food, water, batteries, medications and pet supplies if the worst happens. Sadly it is a reflection on some parts of the Australian community that someone else will provide for you. In times of disaster you may be on your own – so act like a boy scout and 'be prepared.' If the worst does happen you will be glad you did.

My thanks to the volunteers in the community who make up the Babinda Local Ambulance Committee, the hospital staff, Police, Fire, SES and all those who have helped us perform our job over the past year. Have a very merry Christmas.

Until next year keep safe,

Justin Cairns

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BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is with great pleasure that the Babinda Harvest Fest Inc. announce that they have invested money back into a number of local projects.

\$42000 was injected back into the community. Some of the projects we were happy to financially assist this year included:

The improvement of "Kitchen Facilities" at Bill Wakeham Park to the value of \$15000 (Beneficiaries - Cairns Regional Council in partnership with Babinda Colts Junior Rugby League).

\$10 000 towards the Babinda Pony Club's project of constructing a "Toilet Block with Disabled Access"

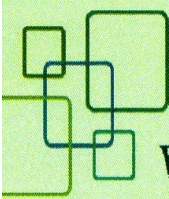
\$3000 towards improving facilities for residents at Abbeyfield Babinda

\$8000 to support the RSL Babinda Sub Branch improve amongst other things, the audio and lighting facilities at the RSL Hall in Babinda

and a further \$6000 was set aside to improve the sound system and audio facilities at Bill Wakeham Park

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The **Babinda Bargain Centre** will close for the Christmas break on Saturday the 21st December 2013 and will reopen for business on Monday the 6th January 2014.

Please assist us by holding any donations you may have until we return to work. We will then gladly accept all donations.

I would publically like to recognise and thank the amazing team of Volunteers here at the store. For every job you do and task you undertake, I sincerely thank you. Whether it is driving vehicles, collecting donations, working in the store, repairing furniture or simply running the vacuum over the carpets or the mower over the lawn, please know I am genuinely thankful to have your assistance every day.

From the staff and volunteers of the Babinda Bargain Centre to the members of our Community, we wish you a Happy Christmas, and we look forward to serving you in 2014.

For the 1st anniversary of local identity, Shirley Harwood's death, Ivy Zappala presented Shirley's daughter, Melissa Harwood, with a painting, in honour of her mum.

Shirley passed away on Remembrance Day 11th of November 2012 and this private memorial was held on Sunday 10th November 2013 at the Babinda Hospital.

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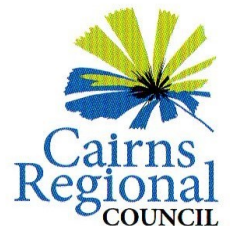
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A SATURDAY NIGHT TO REMEMBER



A Saturday night 9th November saw a group of about 26 people gather at the Stag Tavern to celebrate the 80th birthday of Jean "Lizzie" O'Brien wife of Baxter O'Brien. What a wonderful evening it was. The catering by Stag was superbly done. Tables were all beautifully presented with nicely folded napkins, candles, fingers bowls, and the service was second to none. So a big thank you to Sue and her very pleasant staff who did a marvellous job. Everyone commented on the well presented, delicious food, prepared by Angie and her helpers who did them selves proud.

Thank you all for making it such a memorable night for my darling Lizzie and thank you again Stag Tavern... Well done!
Baxter O'Brien

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As we hurtle towards Christmas once again, you may find that the 'spirit' of the celebrations have become a bit lost in the hustle and bustle of preparing everything. Don't try to do everything on your own - get everyone involved. Xmas is about being together. And if things aren't working out as planned don't work yourself into a sweat - just crank up your oil burner, water sprays get those oils out and Chill.

GUARANTEED FESTIVE BLEND-Frankincense, Cinnamon, Mandarin

RELAX- Lavender, Grapefruit and Ginger oils in equal proportions quickly dispels a Christmas panic attack and will put you back on track.

FOOT BREAK-

Shopping for that special presi or groceries in overcrowded stores can be exhausting. So come home get your feet soaking in a cooling refreshing blend 1 drop each Peppermint, Rosemary and Lavender.(for those not allergic to this oil.)

CHILDREN-

Children love Xmas and usually work themselves up for it long before the day arrives. **Frankincense** is perfect for a soothing and calming effect if the children are getting over-excited and chaos is breaking out all around you!

FOOD EXHAUSTION-

If things start flagging after too much Christmas pudding try 1 drop of Lemon oil soaked in a bowl of cool water squeezed out and then inhale to give everyone a reviving boost.

HANG OVER BLEND-

If you or your partner went a bit over the top with the alcohol the night before, try this reviving blend of life-saving oils in the bath or a vaporizer or spray bottle with creek or filtered water. 2 drop Juniper, 1 drop each of, Geranium, Grapefruit and Lavender.

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FNQ Volunteer Tutoring Inc. will be running literacy, numeracy, basic computer and certificate III in Business Administration courses in Babinda *free* of charge in 2014. The courses are open to all members of the community and all are *free*.

Sessions are *free* and will be held at the Taskforce Office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm beginning January 27th & 28th through to December 2014. Interested participants should email their name to melindastockwell@tpg.com.au or leave their details with Rachel at the Taskforce 51 Munro Street, Babinda 4067 2900.

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



BABINDA TASKFORCE NEWSLETTER

**Curtis Pitt MP
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December 2013

On 12 September I tabled in State Parliament a petition presented to my office by Mr David Anning expressing the views of 211 residents of the Babinda area for the establishment of a local dental clinic.

Poor dental health is closely associated with poor physical health generally and with elevated risk of bacterial infection. The people of Babinda have been without a dental service since the last private dentist left four years ago. There is no public outreach service from Cairns and the nearest private practice is in Innisfail.

Many residents are on low incomes without private health insurance and are unable to pay the high costs for travel and private dental treatment.

The James Cook University (JCU) Dental Clinic has the capacity to take patients from the wider Cairns region, providing free treatment for those with a health care card and fees for other patients at 50 per cent of those charged in private practice. Unfortunately, the Queensland Health Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme does not cover the cost of getting to the JCU Dental Clinic. Recent reductions to staff and services at the Cairns North Community Health Service, where the public dental clinic is located, have meant longer dental waiting lists and more limited services.

While the benefits of fluoridated water to prevent tooth decay is well documented in combination with good diet and regular dental hygiene, the people of Babinda need access to affordable dental treatment.

People in Far North Queensland are not unlike other communities in rural and regional Queensland where primary health care services, taken for granted in Brisbane and some large regional centres, are not available at all or are unaffordable for people on low incomes.

Both the Premier and the Minister for Health have stated clearly that they are not in the business of providing primary health care—a breathtaking admission of failure.

I will soon be meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service to discuss some options involving JCU Dental Clinic including transport to and from JCU, a dental chair at Babinda Hospital and a mobile dental unit.

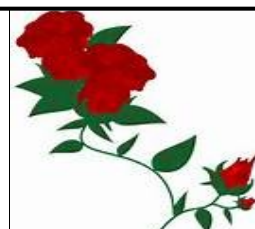
As we near the end of 2013 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Babinda Taskforce for their excellent work in the community and urge people to be careful on the roads and stay safe. There have been too many lives lost on our roads this year already. Before you get behind the wheel of your 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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On Behalf of the Late Marlene Stewart The Massey and Murgha Family sincerely like to thank Babinda Hospital & Staff, Blue Care, Blacks Funeral Services during and after our sad loss, And some of the local Business of Babinda for their generosity. We also like to thank Family and Friends who contributed to the wake in any way. Please accept this as our personal Thank you.





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Info Centre Illuminations

Another year nearly over, hard to believe, but there it is. November saw the Centre's AGM where all office bearers were stood down from their positions and new/old positions were elected. Rainfall for November was a paltry 62mm. So far this year, visitor numbers have been right up. Our free camping areas have proved very popular, not only with interstate visitors, but with visitors within our own region taking advantage of our beautiful attractions.

Management has resubmitted the Centre's application for a touch screen to be installed. Maybe a welcome Christmas present?

Please be careful when exploring our waterways. We recently had two tragedies that could, no doubt, have been avoided. Visitors should show caution, especially in unfamiliar territory.

Wishing all a very safe and happy Festive Season and looking forward to catching up next year.

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Well it was such great news to hear that The Babinda Town Song video which Mark Richards and I put together over the last few months, from when I first wrote and recorded the song 2 years ago; was chosen as Finalists, to attend the prestigious MusicOz 2013 Awards, Thursday the 7th November. What a night and how privileged were we to be up there with the best of them. There were 18 Awards given and our Babinda Town Song video entry was one of the 71 finalists in the video category amidst hundreds of other entries from all over Australia. How proud are we and hope that FNQ will back us up and play our video clip throughout all areas of Tourism. That was my initial incentive, to open the flood gates to FNQ, The Cassowary Coast and especially beautiful Babinda Town. Be proud FNQ and particularly Babinda, this little beauty of a video, has been highly recognised by MusicOz. Merry Christmas, Judi



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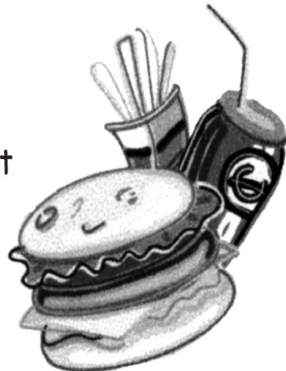
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AGM

The Board and Staff of the Babinda Community® Bank wish to thank you, our shareholders, for your support in attending our 2013 AGM. It was a great success.

Leonard Snowball is the 2013 Sportsperson of the Year for 2013.

Our Bank Manager Greg is presenting the Babinda **Community Bank®** Sportsperson of the Year award to Leonard. He represented Australia in the Under 18 Rugby Union team which toured Europe. Leonard was also in the Australian Indigenous Rugby Union team. Our congratulations to him on this wonderful achievement.

(Photo courtesy of Julie Ward)



THE STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS OF MIRRIWINNI STATE SCHOOL WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. We say farewell to our Year 7 students: Sophie Kalkowski-Pope, Callum Galea, Mia Livingstone, Kelana Arraiza and Patrick Davey.

'Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!'

We look forward to meeting our new families in 2014. I thank our school staff who each day plays their role and works collegially to make a positive difference to the learning and teaching here at Mirriwinni. I thank our parents and students for their valuable contributions to our school throughout 2013.

Since the last newsletter, students have participated in a huge range of activities: Billy Slater League Tag; Brainiacs Challenge; Swimming Carnival [Congratulations to our winners Bramston Barras.] and Presentation Night.

Billy Slater League Tag: On Wednesday 27th November our team of 3 girls, 9 boys and Mr Barrow went to Callendar Park for the Billy Slater League Tag Challenge. Our team won all of our games, however didn't get into the finals by 1 point. The team played hard but fair.

Sandra Bardini
Principal

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Merry Christmas to you all,

Love Judi

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

There is a wealth of evidence showing how children, even as young as newborns, can benefit from someone reading aloud to them. The team at Cairns Libraries couldn't agree more with the experts and it's for this very reason why we're encouraging all parents to sign up their babies to the library. What's at the library for babies you ask? Well it often surprises parents to know how many different types of resources we have just for bubs. Of course there are plenty of board books and picture books, but also multitude of music CDs with lullabies and nursery rhymes, DVDs of popular children's entertainers, alphabet teaching CD-ROMs and even web literacy programs beneficial for early and pre-talkers.

As an extra bonus, Cairns Libraries is also giving all new members under 2 years of age a free copy of the board book, Baby Ways, as a gift to help start them on their life-long learning and reading adventure. For parents, we have a short early literacy guide called Ready to Read, freely available on our website. This e-book contains tips on how to read, what to read, plus home activities that support literacy learning and lots more.

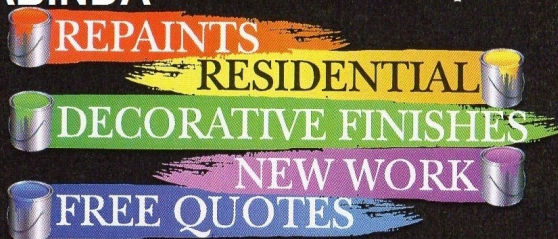
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Cheers, Holly

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ROISIN STAGER

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We need help to organise the 2014 Harvest Festival
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Please contact Peter Carnsew on

0418 198959

We will set a date in late January to form a new committee.

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- Scanning
- Information Service
- Internet Café....still \$2 per ½ hour
- Laminating A4 & A3
- Local Area Telephone Directory
- Monthly Newsletter
- Photocopying, b/w or colour...
- Queensland Rail Booking Agent
- Councillor visiting fortnightly
- Solicitors visiting with appointment

They Say...

"As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

-Nelson Mandela 18 July 1918 5 December 2013

Babinda Pensioners

Well another year draws to a close. On behalf of the Babinda Pensioners management committee and members we wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a safe and happy New Year.

The AP&SL is a lobby group of pensioners that campaigns both State and Federal Governments to improve living standards for Pensioners. They campaign for Pension increases, subsidies and benefits, and will continue to do so into the future. And with Governments wanting to cut spending it is more important than ever that we the Pensioners need to **UNITE TO FIGHT FOR PENSIONERS RIGHTS.**

You don't need to be a member of the APSL just come and discuss with us any concerns you may have and we will attempt to address them for you.

It is that time of the year, we should be preparing for adverse weather conditions that we could experience over the coming months. Now is the time to get your emergency plan and kits together, and get our homes and yards ready, and be prepared for what may come. It is too late after the fact.

I would also like to thank both Councillor Steve Brain and our local State Government representative Curtis Pitt for making time to discuss with us concerns some of our members have voiced to us at recent meetings Hopefully these matters can be addressed and make life a little easier for pensioners in our area.

Graham.



Dianne Nielsen and her father John Keily

Dianne was one of 10 lucky winners of Spar's Birthday Consumer Promotion.

Dianne won \$1000 worth of Spar Australia Gift Vouchers.

(picture courtesy of Helen Fantoni)

They Say...

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
- Theodore Roosevelt



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Field Trial Update

December 2013

As another year ends, we would like to thank the Babinda community for supporting our research in 2013, and we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

We have seen promising results since we last released *Wolbachia* mosquitoes just over two months ago. We are continuing to monitor mosquitoes to find out how many carry *Wolbachia*, but the mosquito population has stayed low during the dry season.

With the wet season bringing an increase in mosquito numbers, we expect to obtain more reliable results over the coming weeks. We will provide an update once these results are available.

Our office will be closed from 21 December – 1 January. If you have an urgent enquiry during this time, please call **1800 811 054** and leave a message and a member of our team will return your call.

Dr Andrew Turley, *Field Trial Manager*, Eliminate Dengue Project, Cairns



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)

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ST RITA'S SCHOOL

Traditionally, one of the highlights of the year at St Rita's is the Christmas Play. Last Thursday evening, every student at our school showcased his or her talents in this performance. We had major characters such as King Herod, acted by Jordan Lock, and Olivia Dickinson skillfully played the part of Mary. However, it was just as important for the youngest students to enjoy their roles too. The appreciative audience was entertained by panting dogs, dancing angels, gift bearers and scurrying sheep. Everyone had a part!

The Christmas Play was such a wonderful way for the whole school to come together to enjoy the talent and enthusiasm of all St Rita's children. We had every family of the school come to our Christmas Play this year. And most families also brought along members of their extended family, neighbours and family friends. As the play had a humorous overtone, laughter punctuated each act. It was a thoroughly entertaining presentation.

Special thanks must be conveyed to all staff members for contributing to the success of our Christmas Play, especially Mrs Lisa Calcagno who was the director and producer once again. Well done Mrs Calcagno, and BRAVO St Rita's students!

As we celebrate the close of another busy and exciting year at school, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the St Rita's Catholic School community for their support and generosity throughout 2013. We wish all our families and friends a safe and relaxing school holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

Judy Billiau



Pictured above: Charming Chace Michael Lock (9 days old at time of photo 22/10/2013) with 'BUDDY' the budgie waiting for him to wake up and play.

Photograph Competition

We found it impossible to choose just one winner from the 2 entrants we received during November. The only reasonable course of action to take is to congratulate all parties on their fabulous modelling techniques and award each participant equally. Would the proud parents of both Chace and Skylah please contact the Taskforce to collect your photos and receive a small prize. Thank you for entering our competition.

Pictured below: Stunning Skylah Belle (12 months old at time of photo) with her faithful dogs: 'FLICK' the kelpie and 'BUDDY' the collie



Babinda Multipurpose Health Service

Director of Nursing Julie Minogue and her staff at Babinda MPHS wish all of the Babinda community a very healthy and Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Babinda MPHS looks forward to continuing to expand and improve its services in 2014



Christmas Opening Hours Babinda GP Clinic

The Clinic will be closed for several days over the Christmas and New Year period.

**If you have a medical
emergency call 000**

If you need other medical treatment, the Babinda MPHS Emergency Department is always open for urgent cases.

Clinic Opening Hours

Tuesday 24/12/2013	8.30 am to 12.30 pm
Christmas Day 25/12/2013	CLOSED
Boxing Day 26/12/2013	CLOSED
Friday 27/12/2013	CLOSED
Saturday 28/12/2013	CLOSED
Sunday 29/12/2013	CLOSED
Monday 30/12/2013	OPEN
Tuesday 31/12/2013	OPEN
Wednesday 1/1/2014	CLOSED
Thursday 2/1/2014	OPEN
Friday 3/1/2014	OPEN

Needing to see a GP?



All three permanent doctors have returned from leave and are back on duty at the Babinda GP Clinic.

Our permanently appointed doctors are:

- **Dr H B Lo**
- **Dr Tanya Truong**
- **Dr Renee Cremen**

Appointments are required and can be arranged by telephoning **4067 8201**.



**MPHS Nursing, Allied Health, students,
Operational and Administrative staff on Cup Day**

Melbourne Cup Day

Aged Care Residents at Babinda MPHS along with some hospital patients cooked up a feast to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day last month.

MPHS staff assisted residents in the days prior to the running of the cup to cook some sweet and savoury offerings. Staff also brought in a plate. Together Babinda MPHS staff, residents and patients got into the Cup day spirit, and watched the big race on the new wide screen television in the MPHS sun lounge.

What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE - Next meeting 19 December, 9 am at the Taskforce.

ABBEYFIELD HOUSE - HOY / Mini Cent Sale 3rd Monday of the month 4067 1197

ABBEYFIELD HOUSE - Meeting 1st Monday of the month, 7.30pm, SOB Hall. Phone: Janis 4067 1406

AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am SOB Hall

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 5.30—6.30pm, Warren Jensen Hall - Bill Wakeham Park . See advert.

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Phone 4067 1148.

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 MONTHLY MARKET DAY- 2nd Saturday of each month. Contact Roger Castlehouse 4067 1363

BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 2nd Mon of month 7pm SOB Hall. 4067 1438 Loretta or 40674110 Rod

BABINDA RAINY DAYS BOOKCLUB - Meets every last Tuesday @ 10am @ Stag Tavern—Call Sue 4067 2640

BABINDA RSL - 1st Sunday of the month, 9:30 am 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

CARER'S SUPPORT NETWORK - Last Friday of month, Innisfail Hospital, Transport available ph: 40678200

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital. Ph 4061 5388

CHINATSU MEDITATION AND HEALING CENTRE every Friday morning from 9.15am. Enq Karen 4067 2474

COUNCILLOR STEVE BRAIN - By appointment 4044 3071, 0488 148 778 or s.brain@cairns.qld.gov.au

FITNESS CLASS: Postponed until further notice. For more information phone Laurel 4067 1378

INFO CENTRE - Open 9 - 4 daily

KIDS CLUB - Grade 1 to Grade 7 - Wednesday 5pm to 7.30pm CWA Hall, Babinda

MENSHED'S - Wed & Fri's 9am - 2pm @ Babinda's Showground contact Merv for further info: 40618494

PLAYGROUP BABINDA BUMBLEBEES: Tuesdays 9am-11am, Community Hall, Church St, Julie 0438 033 898

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

QCWA DEERAL-2nd Wednesday of the month— Meeting 9.30am Craft follows meeting. Deeral Hall

RELAXABOUT MASSAGE RETREAT - Ph Judi Van Dycke on 0400 726 245

RUSSELL LANDCARE & CATCHMENT GROUP - Contact 4067 2515

SOCIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL - Every Thursday night 7pm Bill Wakeham Park

SNAKE REMOVALIST - Brian James mobile 0400 752 977 or home phone 4067 1581

STORYTIME - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month, 10.30-11.30am, 4067 1112

TAI CHI - Wednesdays 9.30am -10.30am Spirit Of Babinda Hall

WILDLIFE CARERS (FNQ) 4067-6054 (after 4pm & W/ends) 0428 699 246 (7.30am to 4.00pm Mon to Fri)

YOGA - Wednesdays 5.30am - 7.00pm, Spirit of Babinda Hall.

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