

# Babinda News

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## "The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

**Thank you:** To the very talented Baxter O'Brien aka the Wizard of Wood and his beautiful wife Jean for their generous gift to the Taskforce of a Red Cedar and Pine name plaque. We appreciate the time and effort gone into this gift and are very grateful to receive it, thank you.

**Senior's Week Mayor's Lunch:** Monday 26 August. This is a very popular event so please reserve your FREE ticket here at the Taskforce no later than 5 August to ensure your place on the FREE bus.

**Centrelink hours of Business:** Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm only.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, 18 July 9:30am, Babinda Taskforce Office.

**Annual General Meeting:** Thursday 19 September, SOB Hall. Everyone welcome. Financial members only have voting rights.

We currently have 87 members

We thank you for your continued support.

All the best,  
Rachel

### Rainfall for JUNE 2013

**Babinda Rainfall** - 102.0 mm

Year to Date 1653.2 mm

**Bellenden Ker**

Top Station - 1915.2 mm

Year to Date - 5571.0 mm

**Bellenden Ker**

Bottom Station - 73.2 mm

Year to Date - 2834.0 mm

## Contribution Closing Dates Friday 2 August

(Distributed Tues 13 August)

## Friday 6 September

(Distributed 17 September)

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When I started at Council in May last year, we were rushed to bring down a very quick budget. At the time we were \$6.6 mil in deficit. In forming the 2013/14 FY Budget, we have worked hard to make savings in the way we do business to ensure the public dollar is being spent wisely. We have lowered our spending on operations but aim to maintain frontline services to our community. I believe that these initiatives will result in a more focussed Council that is more responsive to community expectations, is positioned to maintain and improve its delivery of core services and is able to capitalise on future opportunities as they arise.

The Mayor has stated the overall mood and the business activity in the region are much better than anyone would have predicted a year ago. The commencement of direct flights from China and the announcement that Cairns had been chosen to host the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting next year has generated a heightened interest in our city and the region – not only as somewhere to visit, but as an attractive alternative for international investors, many of whom are emerging from China.

I would like to see Babinda harness this optimism when looking for investment into the old Mill site. Any Regional growth will promote flow-on strength for the industrial and commercial precincts within Babinda.

Regionally, Council will continue to financially support major events which deliver significant benefits to the local economy. These events include the Cairns Ironman, the Mountain Bike Championships and the 2014 Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

Our continued attention to promoting the region through these initiatives is critical to any sustained recovery in the local economy.

This Council recognises the financial pressures and the imposts on the cost of living now being experienced by the community. In response, we have limited rate increases to a minimum at 3.89%. This is less than raises to inflation and the CPI. Savings we have made have enabled us to balance our budget and for the first time in many years are no longer in deficit.

I think this is a strong position to be in and is positive for the growth of our region.

Steve

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There have been four drink drivers caught in our area, the highest reading being .202. This is four times the legal limit. It is very disappointing, that people still drink and drive despite knowing the devastating effects of crashes, never mind the financial consequences and the loss of driver license. If you drink drive, you will be caught.

We have had a report of a sneak-in theft, where a person entered a house whilst the owner was in their garden working, and stole from within the house. Please be mindful to lock up your possessions. Don't give thieves opportunities.

Babinda Police were called in relation to a climber on Mount Bartle Frere who failed to return with his group. Luckily the climber found his own way back. Groups should always stay together and account for each of their members before leaving. Remember you can register with National Parks to ensure someone knows when and where you are going and when you expect to return.

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Graham

## Leonard Snowball

He's one of our Babinda kids and he's on the way to football greatness!

He's as strong as an ox, as big as a house and one of the best teenage forward prospects in Aussie Rugby!

Snowball hails from Babinda. He's a member of the Indigenous Australian Rugby Union Under 18 side.

'Have a go Leonard' Enjoy!

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## Woman of Babinda JAN QUINN

Woman of Babinda for our July newsletter is a well known hardworking lady who is proprietor of A.A.TS of 72 Munro Street Babinda JAN QUINN has been in her business since 2004 in Eastwood Street and currently in 72 Munro Street .

Her business is training, training and training, in the construction industry load shifting, elevated cranes work platforms. These are some of the fascinating and amazing range of interesting activities, both for Male and Female. It takes place at lot 9 Bruce Highway here in Babinda.

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Our fiftieth Harvest Fest was very successful – even made the local television news. More importantly, the weather behaved itself beautifully, holding out until after the parade and presentations (almost) before raining. Congratulations to all participants, those active behind the scene and observers. Our Centre was presented with trophies for the Best Dressed Staff and for Most Humorous Float.

Please remember to collect your delightful sugar bowls from the Sugar Bowl Competition that are here at the Info Centre.

Our little centre has had one volunteer sadly leave after serving for 15 years, having moved to a new area. On a happier note, we have also welcomed a new volunteer.

Visitors continue to compliment the town for its friendliness and are so happy to take advantage of our free camping areas. They are also surprised that Babinda has a Picture Theatre whereas larger towns, like Innisfail do not. Thank you to the Lizzio family.

*Until next time .....*

*Happy Trails*

The Babinda Information Centre would like to request photos of the Falls up the left hand branch of the creek at the Boulders. These will be used to try to develop a walking track to the falls. If anyone has suitable photos please could they contact the Centre on 4067 1008.

**Abbeyfield House-**

**Game 2 State of Origin -**

**Wednesday 26th June 2013 -**

**Winner of Double - Wanda Edmonds.**

**Congratulations**

## **Well, - we've done it!**

The **Babinda Town Song** 5 minute movie clip is on line and ready to be enjoyed and assist promoting our great little town.

Thank you to Mark Richards who made my song come to life with extra wonderful footage about the town – its people and the region.

To view this little masterpiece Google:

**[www.vimeo.com/68975085](http://www.vimeo.com/68975085)**

We hope to launch the movie clip in August at the Munro Theatre with a new Australian film release.

**Please enjoy**



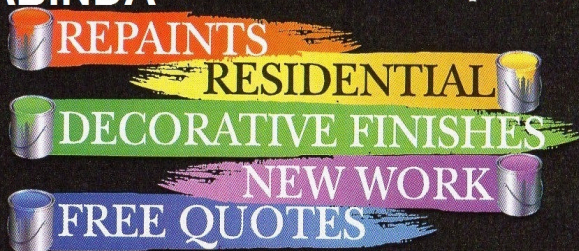
**The Mural Workshops** continue and are conducted on Wednesdays here at the Taskforce from 3 – 5pm. Some very attractive art work has resulted from this group causing lots of positive discussion within the community.

*Pictured:* The lovely Nicky, Mark and local Babinda artists singing for their supper: a healthy yet delicious afternoon tea put on to celebrate the completion of their first term together. Job well done guys!

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## Mirriwinni State School

Hello again from the students, staff and parents of Mirriwinni State School. Congratulations to our students who competed at the District Sports on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Angus, Dylan, Patrick and Sophie were medal winners on the day. Overall, we took out the Ball Game, highest overall and aggregate shields. What a fantastic effort – students train hard for these events and give up time before school and during lunch breaks for training. Your sportsmanship was a credit to you. Thanks also to our ever present parent supporters and to Mr Brauer and Babinda school for hosting the event.



Sandra Bardini Principal Phone: 40676183 Fax: 40676269

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**Babinda Sports Day** was a great day of seeing many students try their best. Congratulations to Andre Villari who will be competing at Mulgrave Athletics this term in discus.

**Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic** will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 9-11:45am. Entertainment, painting, cooking, singing and stories are just some of the activities on the day. This is a community event and we welcome you to come along and enjoy the day. Please RSVP by September 1<sup>st</sup> 40676240 for catering purposes.

**Harvest Festival Childrens' T-Shirts** are available for purchase from the school for \$10. These have been professionally made and are great keep sake for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary of the Babinda Harvest Festival 2013.

**Student of Term 2** Congratulations to Madison West who has earned Student of Term 2 for working hard and always helping others.

Danielle Weirman

Teaching Principal



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## New Era for Babinda Mill

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Earthworks on the site will then be back filled and generally levelled.

The clearing of the Mill brings with it opportunities to new business ideas, after 100 years and will create a new History for the town.

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Dengue is still with us and on the rise in some areas!  
Innisfail is now having an outbreak!

Babinda will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> trial of mosquito release in July.

The Dengue is a serious sickness and needs to be controlled.

Be vigilant.

If you are not feeling well go see your Doctor.

**They Say...**

"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific. "

- Lily Tomlin

## The crocodiles are in Trouble!

Up here and there is at last some official action. There has been the formation of a 12 person croc advisory group, with the visit of Environment minister Andrews Powell recently. The group intends to be productive by extending their management plans to include Ellis Beach and the Barron River, well known breeding grounds of the crocodiles,

The minister Powell recently claimed that it is unacceptable to have a crocodile breeding river smack bang in the middle of a population of 160,000 people.

The locals who care about our wildlife occupants, reckon "Let them Be" and maybe the crocs will return the favour!

I wouldn't BET on the results.



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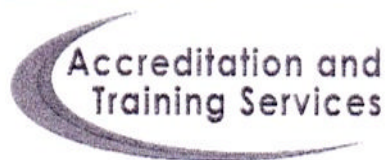


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### **Congratulations to Babinda special education teachers**

I was recently contacted by former Babinda student Tiame Oliveri who wanted to congratulate her special education teachers.

She told me she had been struggling at school and didn't think she would pass year 12, but the support and inspiration she received from her special education teachers showed her she could complete year 12 and more.



We decided that the best way to recognise her special education teachers would be to organise a special morning tea and present them with a plaque.

On 20 June Tiame and I presented the award to her teachers Barbara Braithwaite, Donna Lauridsen, Bernadette McCulloch, Michelle Messina, Karen Nixon and Lois Stewart.

I would like to thank her teachers and all the other teachers who reach out and give that extra bit of encouragement and inspiration – and I wish Tiame all the best for the future.

### **Funding benefits Babinda Pony Club**

The Babinda Pony Club is among 10 community organisations in Mulgrave to share in over \$142,000 of grant funding from the latest rounds of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund.

The Babinda Pony Club will receive \$35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to construct an amenities block that also includes toilet and shower facilities for people with a disability. Currently there are no facilities at all on the Club grounds.

Not only will these facilities benefit all club members and the wider community, it will also allow the club to progress with their partnership with the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). The club has already established an ongoing method to finance the RDA project through income earned from their recently installed solar photovoltaic inverter system which will continue to generate income indefinitely.

In a double funding boost, the Babinda Pony Club will also receive \$15,000 to purchase a tractor with funds from the Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund.

This is a much needed financial boost with club members having previously contributed countless hours in fundraising events such as pony rides at the Babinda Harvest Festival and Innisfail Show along with other activities such as the Gordonvale Pyramid Race weekend, sausage sizzles and numerous other fundraising events.



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## Field trial commences in Babinda

July 2013

Thanks to strong community support, the Eliminate Dengue research project began a new field trial on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

The goal of the field trial in Babinda is to establish *Wolbachia* in the local *Aedes aegypti* population, which we believe will reduce the chance of local dengue transmission. The field trial involves the release of *Wolbachia* mosquitoes on a weekly basis at properties around Babinda. Like in our previous trial, we will keep the community informed with the progress of the field trial via monthly updates in the Babinda Taskforce newsletter.

Despite the onset of the dry season, dengue is still being transmitted in and around Cairns this year, so we encourage people to continue to protect themselves from dengue and being bitten by mosquitoes through out the duration of the field trial.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the trial by calling 1800 811 054 or emailing [cairns@eliminatedengue.com](mailto:cairns@eliminatedengue.com)

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



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## Accessing aged care services in Babinda

Babinda Multipurpose Health Service (MPHS) now provides residential aged care at the Hospital. The MPHS can also provide services to people in their own homes.

Currently, Babinda MPHS can provide residential care, either high or low care, for 11 residents.

Accessing services in Babinda is relatively easy. "It is important to speak to your doctor about aged care options in the first instance" explains Daniel Winters-McAppion, the MPHS Coordinator. "General Practitioners are the key point of contact to access long term care. Your doctor can refer you to an ACAT team for an assessment to determine eligibility and the type of aged care you need."

When eligible to live in an aged care facility, older people and their families will need to contact up to 5 facilities including Babinda MPHS to discover if a room is available or to get onto a waiting list.

"Whilst Babinda MPHS has a prerequisite to be a resident of the Babinda district, there is not always a room available, so alternative accommodation outside of Babinda may need to be accessed" Daniel advises. "If you have been assessed for aged care accommodation, then phone me to make an appointment so you can get onto the Babinda MPHS waiting list".



*Babinda MPHS promotes healthy ageing for residents.  
Mrs Lydia Barbi joins in cooking activities with MPHS  
Physiotherapist, Julie Catton.*

The Babinda community has a number of organisations that provide aged care in the home. Organisations such as St John, Blue Care, HACC, Meals on Wheels and OzCare continue to provide high quality care to older people or people with disabilities. The types of services available from these organisations range from personal assistance with hygiene, to assistance with mobility, meals and house cleaning. More complex care is also provided such as wound care, continence management, medicine management and pain control. Babinda MPHS is now able to compliment existing services in Babinda and district for care in the home.

"Babinda MPHS is not replacing existing service providers" says Daniel. "We will coordinate with the other providers, and will fill in any gaps that may exist for care in the home". Daniel points out that again, your doctor is the key to accessing services. "Your doctor can refer you to be assessed by the Babinda MPHS team, to determine if we can offer you care" Daniel explains. He stresses however, that anyone can phone the Babinda MPHS Social Worker, Ursula Thiessen, to discuss options.

Additional nurses and other specialist staff continue to be recruited by Babinda MPHS to provide care to MPHS aged care residents and people in their own homes.

Daniel can be contacted on 4067 8206 between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm weekdays except for Thursdays, and Ursula is available on the same number each Wednesday.



## Babinda Community Kindergarten

24 Church St, Babinda  
PO Box 238  
Babinda QLD 4861

Ph: (07) 4067 1294



The children of Babinda Community Kindergarten have been very busy in the last month learning about dinosaurs and patterns. We have also continued to plant some lovely green vegetables as well as flowers in our garden. Gardening with children is such a great way to teach them about caring for the environment, and can also include elements of literacy and numeracy.

If you were at the Harvest Festival, you would have seen the children walking in the parade. We had such a great time dressing up as the fable "The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs".

Our beautiful new playground has been completed and is ready to use! We are so excited to have this all weather playground built for our Community Kindergarten.

Enrolments are still available for children between the ages of 3 and 5.

Please speak to Lorinda or Sharleen on 4067 1294.

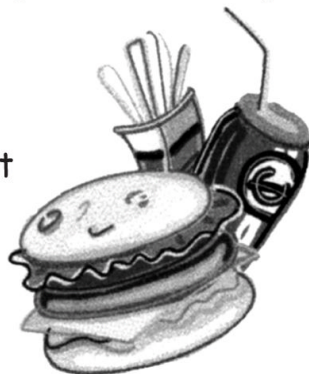
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## SEMESTER ONE AT ST RITA'S SCHOOL

The month of June was a particularly busy one for St Rita's School, and it was highlighted by the energy and enthusiasm of our extremely active parent community. For all school events held last month, it was the support and assistance of St Rita's parents which made their success possible. In our Babinda Harvest Festival activities, most notably the café stall and parade float, it was the help of parents which ensured their success. At our end of term "Dance Fever" dancing display, St Rita's parents joined us both as spectators and dancers. It was great fun for our students to have their parents dancing with them! So I believe it is timely to begin the next semester by conveying our thanks to all St Rita's parents and encouraging them to continue being an active part of our thriving school community.

Judy Billiau

Principal



*Pictured :St Rita's students and parents dancing*

There's a quaint little town  
called Babinda

Where it sometimes gets dry as  
a cinder

But don't risk any bets, it's as  
wet as it gets

There's no wetter town than  
Babinda.

## **Babinda Community Bank ® Branch Bendigo Bank**

### **Gold sponsors of the Babinda Harvest Festival**



#### **Our Bank's Float**

The Harvest Festival parade was well supported by an enthusiastic crowd. Our theme was Bendigo Gold. Piggy and the gold chocolate coins were great favourites with the children.

#### **Best decorated premises.**

Our Bank was transformed by the staff who worked very hard on the theme of Bendigo Gold to create alluvial gold mining and bags of gold. Desley is accepting our gold cane knife for best decorated premises from Rusty, with compeer Michele.



#### ***They Say...***

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel

Maya Angelou

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

Laugh Dance and Celebrate each day.

Judi Van Dycke

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## What's Happening In Babinda

**BABINDA TASKFORCE MEETING** - 3rd Thursday of the month, 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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** - 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

**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

**FITNESS CLASS:** Babinda State School Great Hall from 5.45pm to 6.45pm \$10 per night 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 Showground's Contact Merv 40618494 New Members Needed

**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 Wed of the month-09.00am Craft lessons-open to all. Meeting 1.30pm

**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

**ST RITAS SCHOOL**— Harvest Festival Trivia Night Tuesday 4 June, 7pm start.

**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. Ph Lou 0407 674 278

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