

# Babinda News

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## "The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

**The 50th Babinda Harvest Festival & Grand Parade** . Three cheers to the community for a spectacular 50th Anniversary. The Festival Committee AGM will be held in October whereupon all positions will become vacant. Please let the current Committee take a well earned break by taking on a role and doing your part for the community. AGM date to be advised.

**Welcome:** Deborah Oliveri to our Taskforce family.

**Taskforce Memberships:** Due at the end of June, please come into the taskforce for application forms.

**Taskforce hours of business:** Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm.

**Next meeting** Thursday, 20 June 9:30am, Babinda Taskforce Office.

We end the 2012/2013 financial year with 129 members.

We begin the 2013/2014 financial year with 24 members.

We thank you for your continuing support.

All the best,  
Rachel

### Rainfall for MAY 2013

**Babinda Rainfall** 767 mm

Year to Date 2551.2 mm

#### Bellenden Ker

Top Station - No access (No reading for May)

Year to Date- 3656.0 mm (to end April)

#### Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 659.6 mm

Year to Date - 2760.8 mm

## Contribution Closing Dates

**Friday 5 July**

*(Distributed Tues 16 July)*

**Friday 2 August**

*(Distributed Tues 13 August)*

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## AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome to another month. First of all thanks to Cootharinga for dropping off some care bears/trauma teddies. They kindly donated a heap of care bears which we give out to some sick children. You hope that holding onto a soft toy can take their minds off their injury, even if just for a short time. Peter is currently working in Cairns for a while, Tarah Puller is relieving at the station. She last worked at Mossman and will be our main relief when Peter or I are away on leave or courses. She grew up on a cane farm near Maryborough so knows a bit about sugar industry.

Although not directly related to the ambulance the Boulders Court Housing Association with Royce Ryan, John Sheehan and Yvonne O'Leary (sorry if I left any members out) have continued to support the AED – Automatic External Defibrillators in our community. Recently Rescue 1 a first aid training organisation in Innisfail updated and replaced the machines at Bramston Beach Café, Babinda Spar and the Babinda Bowls Club. Fortunately they have never had to be used. Thanks again to Helen, Diane and everyone else for allowing this equipment in your premises. You won't find a town this size anywhere else in QLD with that many AED in their area. If you come across someone in cardiac arrest it is 30 compressions to 2 breaths. Try to keep going until further help arrives.

Until next time,

Keep safe

Justin Cairns OIC Babinda

## Our Woman of Babinda

The Babinda Pony Club celebrates 30 years of proud existence this year and still competing and going strong.

We acknowledge our "Woman of Babinda" this month as *LEONIE LEWIN*, who has been an enthusiastic Rider, Trainer and Horse Breeder for all of those 30 years, of the Babinda Pony Club.

It is the quality support of Leonie and Pony Club riders and families that should be congratulated, because it is remarkable for a small town like Babinda to be so rich and diverse in having a 30 year old Pony Club. Leonie has received Life Membership of the Babinda Pony Club and is still up there riding with the "best of them".

Well done Leonie and Babinda Pony Club.

## B.C.W.G

Winner of the Mother's Day \$150 Open Order on Spar  
Josie Saffiotti

## Police News May 2013

During the last month Babinda police became involved in yet another water related rescue. This time a bus full of pensioners tried to cross a flooded road, and became stuck when the buses engine went under water. Police and Queensland Fire and Rescue staff drove out to the stranded bus and had to enter the water to carry the elderly passengers from the bus to a police 4WD to get them to safety. As many of you know, there are a few crocodiles in our local waterways, and one police officer was deployed to keep watch for the wildlife whilst this rescue took place. This misjudged act stranded 16 people for over two hours and put their lives and the lives of their rescuers in danger, when it would have been easier to find an alternate route. Remember if it is flooded forget it, as it would appear that the wet is holding on just a little longer.

The town has again been the victim of graffiti you may have seen a number of spray painted logos on buildings around town. These "Tags" are usually associated with one person. We believe that these offences occur on Thursday evenings, so if anyone can assist us to identify the person responsible, contact us at the station or on the number below.

We continue to gather and act on information about those in our community who use and distribute dangerous drugs. Dangerous drugs have long lasting negative effects on health, wellbeing, finances, as well as family and friends. That is why they are illegal. If you have any information you can provide it to us confidentially on the numbers below.

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**The Club Always Under The Cloud**

June is shaping to be a busy month in Babinda. I can proudly announce that the new roof at Bill Wakeham Park is complete. It cost about \$140k and included some further underground drainage to ensure water runoff. It was completed on time too, which was a must to have it up before the Harvest Festival's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. I am glad it will provide protection from the rain and sun now for the foreseeable future. I am really looking forward to this year's harvest ball. I understand 27 former Queens are attending – that is an amazing feat and goes to show the spirit that is Babinda. Congratulations in advance to all the organising committee for a job well done.

On another note; the Mill rezoning was passed at Council's last Ordinary meeting. This means MSF Sugar are right to get on with attracting prospective buyers for their land. The approximate 26ha is zoned residential around the old mill houses with a special caveat for village industry. Some commercial and some light industry. The Council has placed some restrictions on any possible development to ensure the present structure and viability of the town are maintained and protected. In all it is great news and a key step forward in the town getting over the loss of the mill.

I have recently seen the new 'Babinda App' being launched in the region. I have assisted with ensuring Council progress the application to erect signage at the Boulders and Rotary Park. What a great incentive and well done to all the town for participating in getting the good reputation of the town out there.

My last congratulations goes to the residents. I have been inundated already with positive comments from Recreational Vehicle drivers about Rotary Park and how user friendly it is to stay there. They have then gone on the comment about the cleanliness of the town and how friendly everyone is.

Well done one and all, you should be proud of yourselves.

Regards,

**Steven Brain** | Elected Member - Div 1

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## A Job Well Done

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Mostly their duties were regular and routine to ensure an uninterrupted power supply and were carried out in sunshine and work irregular hours through heavy rain, high winds and in the immediate aftermath of storms and cyclones. Then they would finally come home, very wet, cold and to a meal well past its 'eat by' time.

When necessary they drove their truck over rough roads, through flooded creeks and rivers, travelled by boat, with cumbersome equipment, to reach downed power lines to restore power as promptly as possible. They worked from ladders – no bucket trucks in the early days.

On one occasion, during severe state wide power restrictions, with the Babinda Hospital with power, George organised for power to be diverted from Babinda Mill, thus saving the life of a critically ill baby.

For many years they were 'on call' 24/7. This system was later relaxed to a roster among all employees, thus allowing them some family and social time.

Occasionally, they were bitten by dogs, abused by disgruntled consumers, but mostly they were well liked and respected by the consumers of Babinda and District for their untiring efforts to keep the lights on and electricity flowing.

With the recent deaths of Merv (14/12/12) George (25/3/13) and Mick (22/4/13) an Era of Electricity supply to Babinda & District came to an end.



### BABINDA MURAL/COMPUTER WORKSHOP

Due to the popularity of its first term the Gordonvale Community Hub are currently seeking to extend their stay for at least another term and beautify more bins.

The three bins pictured took our children 8 weeks to finish, they are works of art and effort.

To those who are stubbing their cigarettes out on the new paint, please walk a few steps further to the butt receptacle and use it. Not all small communities have butt receptacles and not all small communities have hard working and dedicated young children that have consideration enough to commit their time for the community.

Congratulations to St Rita's for their Harvest Festival Trivia Night.

There was a great crowd of around 100 participants / workers. A delicious supper and great night was had by all.

### Results

1<sup>st</sup>- Stragglers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Guns n Roses, Laughing Jackasses,& Nutella (all 2nd equal) 3<sup>rd</sup>- Good as Gold



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## **We introduce the Pyramid Polo X Club, Redbank Road, Gordonvale.**

Our club members come from Babinda, Gordonvale, Silkwood, Townsville, Charters Towers and Mareeba.

At present we're the biggest club in our Far North Zone, with 4 teams participating in our next Home Carnival, at Redbank Gordonvale, on the week-end 3rd and 4th August 2013.

We'll be competing against clubs from Bowen, Giru, Townsville, Lower Burdekin and Marlin Coast.

The best players will be chosen to play at the State Zone Titles in Capella on the 6th and 7th July 2013.

Our Pyramid Polo X represents 4 generations of Riders of which we are very proud.

Go for it Polo X, you will all look back on these "Horse" days as the best time of your lives!

Pyramid Polo X Club news: "Their Townsville weekend."

The Pyramid Polocrosse Club have been triumphant at the Townsville Polo X Carnival, taking out the A-Grade, B-Grade and C-Grade Titles.

The weekend started out with sunny skies on Saturday but early showers on Sunday called for the cancellation of any more games. So it was an early start home, with most of the trophies and prizes going to the Pyramid Polo X Club.

This was the 1st carnival for our latest sub-junior player—7 year old Ryan Alley was thrilled to receive his prize for playing and following in his Great Grandfather's footsteps, as he is the 4th generation of the Alley family to play in this "Truly Australian Sport" of Polo X.

*Pictured: Ryan Alley*



## **Bartle Frere State School**

**Small Schools' Sports Day** was a great success at Bellenden Ker. Congratulations to all students who participated. Thank you to the Bellenden Ker P&C for providing a lovely tuckshop. Congratulations to Savannah Brett, Peter McArdle and Parice Hyland in winning their age champions in the field events. Well done to Bartle Frere students who won the ball games!

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** will be on next term to bring our littlies in the community to come and celebrate everything about teddy bears. Painting, cooking, singing and stories are just some of the activities on the day.

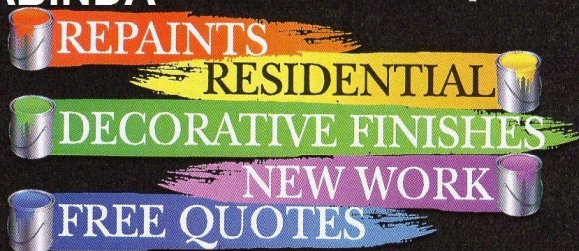
**Harvest Festival-** Students are looking forward to the parade and have been busy making and designing artworks for our float. The P&C will be selling Harvest Festival shirts for children to showcase the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this community event.

Danielle Weirman

Teaching Principal

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## Info Centre Illuminations

So the sun has finally come out again (briefly) and with it the cold (for us). Our visitor numbers are still marginally up with the increase primarily those trying to escape the cold down south. The effect of Cyclones Larry and Yasi on the decrease in visitor numbers appears to be over.

Fantastic news – the Community Wi-Fi Pilot Program is up and running on a 9 month trial basis through the Babinda Library. This is a tremendous boost to our community as well as for our visitors. Hours of access will be weekdays 8.45am to 4.45pm and Saturday 6.45am to 11.45am. Many of our visitors have been asking about this service and up to this point the closest was at Innisfail.

Last Saturday (25<sup>th</sup> May) Babinda and district were featured on the Queensland Weekender television program on Chanel 7 <http://www.queenslandweekender.com.au/>. Specifically Babinda Munro Picture Theatre and Mt Bartle Frere, together with various features on the Tablelands. Wonderful news to receive such positive exposure for the Far North.

Please be aware that the Taskforce Newsletter can now be accessed via the Babinda info website:

<http://www.babindainfocentre.com.au/newsletters/>

The second most popular page on the Info Centre website is “caravan & camping” under “where to stay” after our home page. This confirms again how popular the free camping areas are, although visitors inform me it doesn’t prevent them from staying at other caravan parks, rather keeps them in the district a little longer.

We recently held a workshop to supply costumes and props for the upcoming Harvest Fest which we are all looking forward to. As this is the 50<sup>th</sup> and such an achievement I am sure both the locals and visitors will embrace it.

*Until next time ..... Happy Trails*

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## **DENGUE**

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3 in Pt Douglas and 3 in Innisfail.

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## Babinda & District Amateur Fishing Club Fishing Competition Report 24-26<sup>th</sup> May 2013



"NO RAIN". The rain held off all weekend. We had 50 competitors nominated with over 80 fish weighed in. A good variety caught, including Queen Fish, Mangrove Jack, Trevally, Black Bream, Silver Bream, Grunter, Barracuda and some nice Blue Salmon. Unfortunately the temperature dropped a little and the Barra slept-in.

We saw plenty of new faces and lots of kids. Great for the future of our club.

Thank you to all who pitched in to organise and run this event. Background paperwork, finding sponsors, setup, clean-up, nominations and food/drinks.

Thank you to our supporters especially Tackle World Cairns, River & Reef Innisfail, Coastal Marine Inns, BP Deeral and Babinda Hardware.

**Winners Include:** Shane Pattrick – Heaviest Fish, Ron Dewis – Male Champion, Jennel Detourbet – Female Champion, Angus Buzzacott – Junior Male Champion, Maranda Detourbet – Junior Female Champion, Jackson Buzzacott – Sub-Junior Male Champion, Sara Van Geldren – Sub-Junior Female Champion.

Dewis Family, Detourbet Family and Luce Family won most of the other categories.

**\*SPECIAL NOTE\*** - 500 New Barra.

Thanks to John and Jennifer Mondora of Fish Stocking for the release of Barra fingerlings in the lower Babinda Creek on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the clubhouse 7.30pm. New Members welcomed.

Thank You

Andrew Luce

BDAFC President

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Martin Luther King Jr

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**A BLAST FROM THE PAST**

**The Catholic Press Thursday 16 June 1932**

Babinda.

A bazaar 'is 'being' 'organized to take place in August, in aid of church funds at Babinda. A capable committee has been selected, with Mr. C. Kendall as

president, and Mr. J. Murchison as hon. secretary and treasurer. A dance was held on May 27 to raise funds. During the last few months the Babinda

Catholics have been working zealously to improve their church buildings. About Christmas time a working-bee painted the school, and now the church itself has been painted by voluntary labour.

This excellent spirit is typical of the parishioners of the Vicarage.

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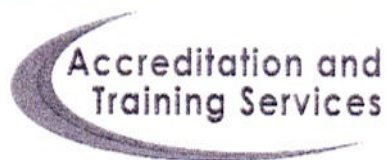


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**Claudia Galea**—Harvest Queen 2013

Sponsored by *The Hair Barracks*

**Kimberley Hoad**—Miss Personality 2013

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### Category "Grand Street Parade" Sponsored by FNQ Sugar Services Ltd

Champion Float

Best on Foot

Best Theme

Most Humorous

Best Children's Group (under 15 years)

Best Decorated Pushbike

Best Decorated Umbrella

### Category "Golden Scroll" Winners Sponsored by FNQ Sugar Services Ltd

Gavin Lansdown, Justine Clark, Mikee Owens,  
Jody Deal and Darren Massey.

### Category "Sugar Bowl" Sponsored by Babinda Community Bank

Open - First Place

Open - Second Place

Open - Third Place

Junior - First Place

Junior - Second Place

Junior - Third Place

### Winners

'GODS' Jodie McMurray, Selena McMurray,  
Gladys De Vera, Robin Brown and Holly Goriss.

Babinda Pony Club

'GODS' Jodie McMurray, Selena McMurray,  
Gladys De Vera, Robin Brown and Holly Goriss.

Babinda Information Centre

Miriwinni State School

'King Midas' Iesha Crane

'50' Philipa Jago

Jacob Bayer, Elaine Sues, Jane Magle,

**Winners** *Please note:* All Sugar bowls may be  
collected from the Information Centre

Lorraine Kruckow

Jody Oliveri

Joanne Zappala - (*Collect prize from Taskforce*)

Ryley Oliveri

Roisin Stager

Molly Stager

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Peoples Choice	Fantoni's Spar

**Category "Field Competitions"**

**Winners**

**Banana Toss -**

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Best Toss - Under 10 years	Bullamoo Wyaan
Worst Toss - Under 10 years	Julia H
Best Toss - 11 years +	Patrick
Worst Toss - 11 years +	Jessica

**Umbrella Toss -**

**Winners**

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Best Toss	Gene Kubala (40.100 metres)
Worst Toss	Jack Fisher

**Gumboot Toss -**

**Winners**

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Best Toss	Wynette Ambrum (15.945 metres)
Worst Toss	Bridgette Atkinson

*SPECIAL "Thank-You"*

*from the President: Frances Alley*

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*I personally would like to THANK my COMMITTEE MEMBERS who have ALL worked tirelessly to bring you this Golden 50th Anniversary Festival!!*

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## Mirriwinni State School

### Hello again from the students, staff and parents of Mirriwinni State School.

Our Interhouse Sports Day, Bramston Barras v Russell Rays,  
was held in May amidst lots of cheering and excitement.  
Russell Rays were the grand winners on the day.  
Medal winners were:

Mini-Minors: Linde Hohage and Ryan Lewis

Minors: Reagan Devaney and Hayden Wilkins

Juniors: Carly Venables, Jayne Aitken and Seth Maurer  
Seniors: Sophie-Kalkowski-Pope and Patrick  
Davey

This year we introduced the Chicken Run relay which was won by Russell Rays. The seniors versus parents Tunnel Ball game was taken out by our Bramston Barra parents. Thank you to our parents for your support and the delicious tuckshop food on the day.

Sandra Bardini Principal Phone: 40676183 Fax: 40676269

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### St. Rita's Babinda Celebrates Under 8's Day

Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> saw St. Rita's Babinda demonstrate their school spirit and connection to the local community through hosting an Under 8's Day morning of fun and learning. Early Childhood Australia's Under 8's Week runs all this week and is an event that has been embraced for 50 years throughout Queensland.

St. Rita's students, children from the local Babinda Kindergarten and younger siblings experienced many rich learning opportunities. Representatives from the local community including the police, ambulance and fire services supported the morning and treated the students to a hands on look at their trucks, cars and equipment.

Activities that the children participated in included physical games such as the obstacle course, sensory experiences like goo and sand, arts & crafts projects and technology based stations including the ipads, interactive whiteboards and computers.

Children, parents and staff thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Harry: "I liked Reading Eggs on the computers."

Isla: "I loved the face paints that people got."

Lila: "I had fun playing with the goo and the obstacle course."

Melina: "It was very fun because we got to do lots of things like goo, making kites and making necklaces."

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

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Dewis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Riley West
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Lawrence

12 years & under –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Savannah Brett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison West
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kate Aitken

They each win a Bank account or prizes.



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# Babinda Hospital and Multipurpose Health Service

It's an exciting time at Babinda Hospital. Many years of community consultation and planning have culminated in the commencement of operations of the Babinda Multipurpose Health Service (Babinda MPHS).

An MPHS provides services in small, rural districts across Australia. For aged care, a MPHS gives community members greater access to high quality services, with highly trained staff. Aged care can be provided in the local hospital or in people's own homes. The service is overseen by a Community Advisory Network.

*L to R:*

***Hayley Marano OT, Jan Beven AiN, Daniel Winters-McAppion Coordinator, Hannah Lawrence RN.***

Flexible aged care funding from the Commonwealth and Queensland governments allows Babinda MPHS to tailor care for individuals. Babinda MPHS will provide person centred care at home or in a home-like environment in the Hospital. Several key appointments have been made to expand staffing and provide specialised care. These include:



- **Hayley Marano** has joined us from Innisfail Hospital as the full time Occupational Therapist and Program Coordinator for the MPHS. She will be assessing resident's needs and commencing recreational activities and therapies to promote healthy ageing.
- **Julie Catton** has been appointed as the Physiotherapist for the MPHS. Julie is well known in Babinda, and has been the Physiotherapist at the hospital for many years.
- **Ursula Theissen** has been appointed as the Social Worker. She has been working in the Cairns region for over a decade and will be at the MPHS two days per fortnight.
- **Daniel Winters-McAppion** is the new MPHS Coordinator, responsible for the operations of the MPHS, and oversees the nursing care. Daniel's background includes management of aged care facilities in Western Australia.
- **Hannah Lawrence** has also joined the team. Hannah is an experienced community registered nurse from the United Kingdom.
- Several **Assistants in Nursing** have been recruited, who supplement existing Babinda Hospital nurses in providing basic care and therapies. Further nursing staff will be appointed as services develop.
- A **Podiatrist** is about to be appointed as a valuable addition to the MPHS team.



Residents are already benefiting from the changes with group activities and individual care plans already happening. Residents and families are giving positive feedback. Residents and families will continue to be consulted about all plans and changes in the coming weeks.

The MPHS will expand over coming months and address other health issues in the Babinda district such as diabetes, obesity and falls prevention.

*Newly appointed Babinda MPHS Social Worker, Ursula Thiessen.*

**Snippet time.....**Just a snip of the scissors, a stroke of the brush or even the click of the needles and it is update time again from the Babinda District Arts & Crafts Co-Op. Firstly we would like to welcome our new members Annette Rolston an all-round sewer and general crafts person and Allen Sloan, a painter. Keep your eyes on the windows of the shop to see their works featured in the upcoming weeks. Last week seen us launch the Co-Op into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, yes we are now on Facebook. Look for us at Babinda District Arts & Craft Co-Op Ltd. We will be uploading photos of items in store over the coming weeks and months. Any events, specials etc., will be uploaded as well so keep an eye out, OH and please LIKE US so the page grows, thanks. The AGM was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May at the CWA hall and a new committee where elected.

**Directors** Marian Wieland, Annette Rolston, Trish Sultana, Katrina Tweedie, Lee Wedel

The monthly meetings of the Co-Op is held on the second Wednesday evening of the month at the shop in Munro Street Babinda starting at 6 p.m. ALL are welcome to attend.

If you are new to the District and live between Silkwood and Gordonvale, feel you have a sellable Craft or Art piece feel free to come in and see us. Membership to the Co-Op single \$30, Family \$50 per year. The shop is open 7 days a week 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.

## 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 this Term involved in learning about the plant lifecycle. We have also started planting some wonderful things in our garden.

The children really enjoyed an excursion to St. Rita's for their Under Eights Day celebrations, and were highly enthused to have interacted with the fire truck, ambulance, and police car!

If you haven't driven past the Kindergarten lately, you might not have seen our two all-weather play shelters. We are very fortunate to have had a shelter built for our swing set, and one to cover our soon to be built play structure. We are very excited to have been given these grants to enhance 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.

Lorinda Jago  
Director/Teacher

## Dear Babinda Community, Showcase Award Winners – Babinda Performance Pact

It is with great pleasure I announce that Babinda P-12 SS won the Remserv - Innovation Leading to Outstanding Results category at the FNQ Regional Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recently. The Babinda Performance Pact is a signed agreement between parents, community and the school - to do whatever it takes to make sure students are reaching their highest academic and employment potential. We use regular performance checks, personalised learning plans, explicit instruction and tuition support as part of our Performance Pact to ensure that no child's learning is being left to chance. Hopefully, our school can bring home the state award later in the year!

## Crocs and Cudas Sports Carnival

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May was the Annual Crocs vs Cudas Athletics Day. The track was a little wet but that didn't stop everybody having a great day with plenty of good times and distances recorded. The Cuda's house reclaimed the Overall Points Trophy this year by just under 50 points from last year's winners the Crocs. Although it was all very close Cudas managed a clean sweep of all the major trophies. There was a good mix of both houses taking out boys and girls age champions. It was a great day and a huge thanks must go to everyone involved.

Mr Matt Thompson –  
Principal,  
Babinda P-12 State School.

## Expressions for women on high stress days

1. You-Off my planet
2. Not the brightest crayon in the box now, are we?
3. Well, this day was a total waste of makeup
4. Errors have been made. Others will be blamed.

## They Say...

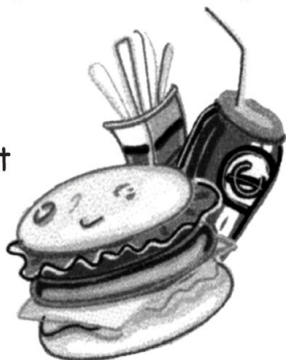
Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent.

Dalai Lama

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## Support strong for a new field trial

June 2013

Thank you to everyone in Babinda who has phoned or emailed us showing support for a new Eliminate Dengue field trial. To ensure that all residents are aware of the proposed trial we have been door-knocking in Babinda over the past couple of weeks.

We would like to start the new trial in early July and expect it to last for 3-4 months. For this trial we will be releasing adult mosquitoes and mosquito eggs. All released mosquitoes will carry the *Wolbachia* strain that successfully established in Yorkeys Knob and Gordonvale.

We have heard from residents that there are plenty of mosquitoes around at the moment. We have set traps in Babinda and observed high numbers of a variety of different mosquitoes species. We have not caught many *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, which is the mosquito that is capable of transmitting dengue. As a result, we would expect that we do not need to release large numbers of *Wolbachia* carrying *Aedes aegypti* to have *Wolbachia* establish in Babinda.

We encourage you to contact us if you would like to speak to us about the trial by calling 1800 811 054 or emailing [cairns@eliminatedengue.com](mailto:cairns@eliminatedengue.com). Also if you do not support another Eliminate Dengue trial please let us know.



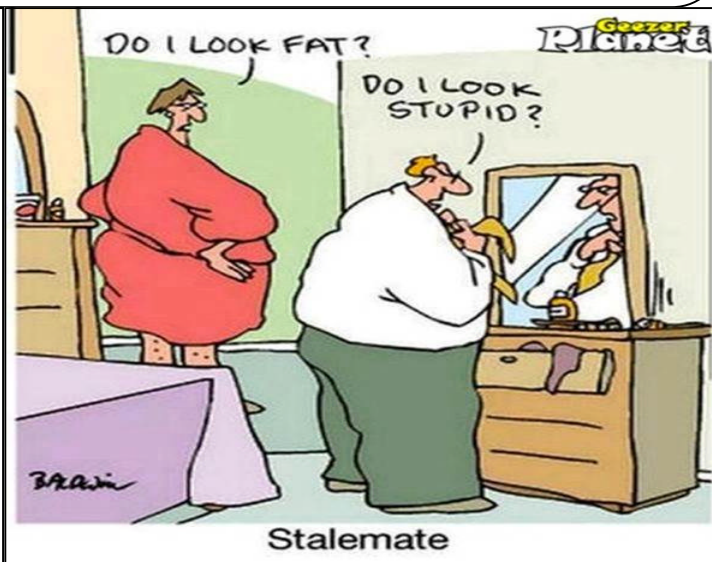
For more information about the Eliminate Dengue research program go to [www.eliminatedengue.com](http://www.eliminatedengue.com) or call the Cairns office on 1800 811 054 (free from a landline)

### For Our Readers

Herewith is our list, which puts names to the Babinda People who are with us on our street banners, helping to celebrate the 50th year of the Harvest Fest.

Thank You for participating.

Deb Quabba, Josh Hurst & Ben Ambrum, Mary Waia, Jennifer Harvey, Frank Arri, Pipe Band, Norm Withers, Kate Atwell, Alison Cheetham, Rebecca and Joanne Miller, Oreste Fantoni, Vito Musumeci, ACF Fertilisaurus—Best Float 1964, Jordan Hansen, Unknown man with clown and child.



### Don't drive into floodwater

Many people who drown or need rescuing have either deliberately driven into floodwater or taken their vehicles into a potentially dangerous situation. Drivers should be aware of causeways or storm water run-off areas. These areas should avoided.

**Never drive through floodwaters** - find an alternative route or wait until the water level drops.

**Water deeper than the bottom of your door is enough to float your vehicle away or splash the engine, causing it to stall.** Even gentle moving floodwater can wash away the road surface underneath. Speeding through water can cause loss of traction and aquaplaning. It will also increase the chance of stalling a vehicles engine.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL MINI CENT SALE - RESULTS

## 9TH JUNE

NO	PRIZE	TICKET	COLLECTED
1	SET OF BOWLS	364	YES
2	CANDLE SET	353	YES
3	CUP CAKE MAKER	322	YES
4	COFFE MUG & TRAY	265	
5	UMBRELLA	145	YES
6	PHOTO FRAME	169	
7	STRAIGHT LINE TAPE MEASURE	204	YES
8	QUEEN QUILT COVER SET	119	
9	DVD – THE FIRM	99	YES
10	SPIRAL ART SET	288	
11	DRINK COOLER ESKY BOTTLE	263	
12	PHOTO FRAME	188	YES
13	GIRLS PYJAMAS SET	266	
14	DVD – FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME	92	YES
15	SHOPPING BAG	186	YES
16	CHILDS CHAIR & BEACH UMBRELLA	160	YES
17	BATHROOM SET	38	YES
18	SET 4 COFFEE MUGS	87	YES
19	3D IMAGE FRAME	210	YES
20	TABLE LAMP	232	YES
21	GLASS JUG	289	
22	SALAD BOWEL & SERVING SPOON	176	YES
23	IRON BOARD COVER	212	YES
24	BATH SALTS GIFT SET	190	YES

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# HARVEST FEST - VOUCHER WHEEL - RESULTS

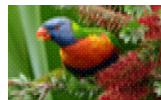
## 9TH JUNE 2013

SPIN	PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
1	\$30 Spar Voucher	97	K. Galow
2	\$30 Babinda Meat Mart Voucher	68	Mal Vass
3	\$30 Stag Tavern Voucher	49	K. Spertino
4	\$30 Babinda Bakery Voucher	63	Marlene Nugent
5	\$30 Babinda Hotel Voucher	96	Mandy Morris
6	\$30 Babinda Meat Mart Voucher	26	Brenden Ballerino

Thank you for your support

Relay for Life - Team

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### THE HISTORY OF 'APRONS'

Remember making an apron in Home Economics?

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used to carry eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal places for shy kids... and when the weather was cold Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her Grand-daughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron...but love.



### ***She Says...***

They say it is better to be poor and happy than rich and miserable, but how about a compromise like moderately rich and just moody?

Princess Diana

## 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 6-7pm @ the Warren Jensen Hall - Bill Wakeham Park

**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

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**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

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**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)

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