

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

International Women's Day Luncheon: Come and celebrate being a women with us at the Stag Tavern on Saturday 23 March from 12 midday. We will be having a fashion show by Carol of 'Bee Smart' as well as some Poetry written and read by Babinda's very own Julie Jones. We will again be having a lucky door prize as well as a few lucky seat prizes throughout the afternoon. This is the second year we hold this and hope to make it better each year. For more information please contact us here at the Taskforce. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Taskforce. Please RSVP by Friday 22 March, this is necessary for catering purposes.

Welcome: A very warm welcome to Jeanette Murgha who has joined the Taskforce Staff.

Babinda's 50th Harvest Festival Date Claimers: Anniversary Ball Friday 7th June. Festival Sunday 9th June. Contact Frances Alley at the Babinda Pharmacy for further information. Ph 4067 1438

2012 Babinda phone books available from the Taskforce. \$2 per copy. We will not be publishing a 2013 phone book due to having over four hundred 2012 copies still remaining.

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Centrelink hours of Business: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm. We are Centrelink Agents only. We offer access to the phone, computer and fax machine.

Please note: Next meeting Thursday, 21 March 9:30am, Babinda Taskforce Office. Everyone welcome. We currently have 129 members.

Cheers,
Rachel

Rainfall for FEBRUARY 2013

Babinda Rainfall - 199 mm

Year to Date - 787.6 mm

Bellenden Ker

Top Station - 1298.0 mm

Year to Date - 1883.0 mm

Bellenden Ker

Bottom Station - 282.4 mm

Year to Date - 1130.0 mm

Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 5 April

(Distributed Tues 16 April)

Friday 3 May

(Distributed Tues 14 May)

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Babinda Police Report

Crime

Some one has entered the Stag Hotel whilst it was closed and stolen a number of items including food and alcohol, this occurred between 1830 and 0100 on...

If anyone has any information please call, the station.

Munchies ice cream bar was broken into and ice creams were stolen, the offenders have then gone to Munchies and smeared the ice cream all over the shop window. This occurred between 17:00 on and 0900 on, If anyone has any information please call, the station.

There were a number of tractor batteries stolen from a farm in our area, Babinda police along with The Stock and Rural Crime squad were able to identify the offenders and charge them, and the batteries were returned. Please be mindful that leaving your possessions unattended gives opportunities to those dishonest people amongst us, don't leave things lying around.

A number of drug warrants were executed in February with a number of offenders being charged with drug related offences.

Traffic

There are a lot of road works around and we have already attended a number of crashes in and around these sights, please be vigilant obey the traffic controllers and the sign and signals and especially speed limits.

Sergeant Doug GODDEN

OIC Babinda Station

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Lines From The Library

Calling all Mums and Dads! Want to know a great way to introduce your child to books? Why not bring your little one along to Storytime At The Library. Every month our wonderful storytellers will treat your child to fabulous tales and fun activities. And it's all free! Last month we had stories about pirates and in March there will be dragon tales and crafts. So make a date with the Babinda library for Storytime at 10.30am on the third Wednesday of every month. To book your child in for the next storytime session on the 20th of March, just telephone the Babinda library on 40671112 or just pop in and see our friendly staff. While you are at the library, why not have a look at our great selection of children's books. From easy reading to youth fiction we cater for all tastes and ages. See you in the library sometime soon.

Holly Goriss | Library Supervisor - Babinda Libraries & Com Develop | Cairns Regional Council

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THE BEST WAY TO START THE DAY

On waking up in the morning:

Let us be grateful for being alive for yet another day

On coming to work:

Welcome your colleagues by saying Good Morning

This is a sign of Friendship

Wish each one of all the best

This is a sign of Sincerity

Prepare your programme for the day

This is a sign of planning

Now with your programme for the day you can start your work

This is a sign of Action

In the event of challenges believe that all will work out well

This is a sign of Faith

Always do all that you have to do happily

This is a sign of Enthusiasm

Always give the best of yourself

This is a sign of Perfection

Never be afraid to help those who run into difficulties

This is a sign of Generosity

Accept that we are all not quite as capable

This is a sign of Tolerance

Receive praise for your work gracefully

This is a sign of Humility

The creator will always be within you

This is a sign of Love

Have a Great Day!!

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Norina Santacatterina celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday the 23rd February with 120 of her relatives and close friends who travelled from far and wide.

Her children organised a party for her at a venue in Cairns. Relatives and friends travelled from Perth, New South Wales and Victoria and Southern Queensland, Mossman and of course Babinda to help in the celebration.

Many of the guests had not been in contact with each other for many years so the celebration was also a great reunion and Norina agreed that although they were a very noisy lot she had a great time with them all. She was very happy to see her grandchildren and great grandchildren who also were able to attend. Norina had such a good time at the party that it took a couple of days of sleeping in to get over it.

All the guests agreed that they would all be in attendance for her 100th birthday.

This letter has been sent by her Daughter Linda

Dengue and Us

It is time to start becoming serious about our mosquito problem in this little town and in this area.

Dengue is around and will make us really sick! 77 people in the Cairns area are now affected and we are considered to be in that area.

It is time to try to eradicate the mosquito and more importantly, to protect ourselves and families from being bitten by these dangerous mosquitoes.

Dengue Fever is in this area and is carried by mosquitoes. Let's try to get rid of all wet puddles around, the puddles are the breeding areas. Empty all vessels containing water, even small amounts of water are used as breeding grounds.

Then use deterrent spray and mosquito coils to finish them off.

LET'S GET RID OF THE BLIGHTERS !!

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MULGRAVE SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From Don Lawie

The Electoral Office of Member for Mulgrave Curtis Pitt is situated in Norman Street, Gordonvale in the T.J.Ryan Building which has a shopfront type display window. Our Society has for a number of years set up various displays in this window by kind courtesy of Curtis, and before him Warren Pitt, to publicise our Society and our Museum in Gordon Street. We commenced this calendar year with a new display representing Schools of Yesteryear. Pauline and her helpers installed an old, genuine two pupil school desk and Pauline made up a "pupil" wearing our son's St Rita's Babinda uniform of many years ago. She then put in some additions: an old "ging" made from car tube and guava branch fork in his hip pocket, some marbles in his shirt pocket, and although our boy appears to be diligently studying his School Atlas he has a lurid comic inserted in it, visible to viewers from the footpath but not to a tall "Sir" who stands in front of the blackboard with a dreaded cane ready to administer justice. A number of other education artefacts complement the display which will be in place for the next few months.

It was good fun devising and setting up this display. History is not all dry facts and dates and our members gain enjoyment as well as education and inspiration in presenting the history of our old Mulgrave Shire to residents and visitors. Sincere thanks to Curtis Pitt for continuing to allow us to use his window. p.s. our latest book "Gordonvale and the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment" continues to sell well, and is available from the Settlers' Museum for \$25. Phone 4056 1810

A BIT EXTRA FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Don Lawie

When we were setting up our display in Curtis Pitt's window we were invited to help ourselves to tea/coffee in the meeting room by Electoral Officer Andrew. I noticed on the wall an Honour Board of Life Members of the Labor Party Branch which will be of interest to Babinda readers:

First Life Member of the branch was Babinda resident of many years Les Tobler who joined the branch on 16 November 1930 and was awarded Life Membership on 9 June 1997.

The newest Life Member is Les's daughter Mrs Beryl Ball, who joined on 4 August 1982 and became a Life Member on 16 September 2012.

These entries represent two generations of loyal service to our Nation and, regardless of one's politics, one must congratulate Les (now deceased) and Beryl for their unswerving loyalty. Well Done !!

Love ya Mum!

My mother taught me LOGIC

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me!!!!

My mother taught me FORESIGHT

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident!!!!

Can the following 2 people (or their parents) please pick up their trophies from the Babinda Taskforce anytime from Monday-Friday (9am-3pm)

Cade Ronlund for 1st place in the 3 legged race 3 -5 age group

Josh Elliott for 3rd place in the Hot Chilli Pie Eating Competition

Enrolments welcome...

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The Mule—Morning Post Cairns Sat. 2 September 1899

Mr. D.R. Lewis, the well-known Mount Graham coffee grower and manufacturer, has a mule which works his machinery until he can get his gas-engine in working order. The other

evening Mr Lewis had an idle hour on his hands which he devoted to training his mule. So much success attended his efforts that he decided to continue the education of the animal, with the result that after a week's tuition the mule now performs some astonishing feats when Mr Lewis gives the word of command in Welsh. The really wonderful tricks performed by the animal could hardly be believed by any not seeing them, but the most surprising circumstance about the whole affair is that the mule should have learned the Welsh language in the short space of a week. However, on reflection, we think that we might also perform some surprising feats if a man screwed up his face at us and yelled *Llgwynllth ynnallyborach seywnarog-wallg*. In fact, after mature consideration there is nothing wonderful at all about the mule doing what Mr Lewis wants it to do. We have also concluded that the intense, yearning look in the mule's eyes whenever Mr Lewis yells in Welsh at him, is less attributable to a desire to learn than longing for the presence of an inspector of cruelty to animals. Mr Lewis intends to exhibit this mule at the forth coming show.

He Says...

"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."

Albert Einstein

She Says...

"When you know better, You do better."

Maya Angelou

Feng Shui and Fish

Many Chinese Restaurants have an aquarium placed at their front door, because it is believed to bring positive Feng Shui in wealth and prosperity.

We can try it too.

Have 8 gold fish and 1 black fish—8 is a lucky number and black will absorb negative energy.

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AN INVITATION - We would like to say thank you March 2013

All Babinda residents are invited to attend an informal community meeting hosted by Professor Scott O'Neill, Eliminate Dengue Lead Scientist and Program Leader (pictured right), from Monash University, Melbourne. Scott will discuss the Babinda field trial outcomes and how this work will inform other research in Australia and overseas. Your questions about the Eliminate Dengue research project are also encouraged.

Please join Scott and members of the Cairns Team

On: Thursday 21 March, 2013 between 6.00-7.30pm

At: The Spirit of Babinda Hall (behind the Taskforce Office)

51 Munro St, Babinda.

Light refreshments will be provided. RSVPs to 1800 811 054 or cairns@eliminatedengue.com by Tuesday 19 March are appreciated.



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)

Woman of Babinda

Murrai—Annie Wonga

Story Teller, Clan Totem JARRAGA

Annie's family are the Wongas—Jimmy, Jack, Fred, Nancy and Annie.

Annie has proud Family History as descendants of the Russell River Tribe—the Wanyurr Majay.

Their mother died when Jimmy was born and their Aunty Nellie looked after the kids and their Dad.

For the first time full time schooling was available to the Wonga family and enabled them to take place in Community Life.

The Babinda community regards this Wonga Family as one of their own and with a great deal of pride.

This poem hangs on the wall of the Babinda Hospital and was written by Nancy on the eve of her death.

"No matter where you roam

Babinda will be your home

It will have a special place in you heart

And comfort you when your family and friends are apart."

and so say all of us.

Just Joking...

Teacher: If I lay one egg here and another there, how many eggs will there be?

Pupil: None! **Teacher:** Why not?

Pupil: Because you can't lay eggs.

Did You Know...

11% of people are left handed.

August has the highest percentage of births.

No 2 cornflakes look the same.

Greetings from the Babinda Bargain Centre,
At the time of this going to print, we have a couple of fabulous specials!

We have three **QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS'S** in Average condition - \$25.00each. Great for guests or the weekend beach house!

We also have one **PRINCESS CHAIR**. This is a specialised chair designed specifically for individuals with a disability or for someone with limited mobility and body strength - \$25.00.

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Please call in to the store to view these items.

Kylie Luce

Store Manager—Babinda Bargain Centre

Ph: 07 4067 1533

Congratulations to local identity Pauline Lawie on a new publication 'From Plain Camp to Gordonvale' compiled under the auspices of Mulgrave Historical Society. The publication is a comprehensive record of history of the Gordonvale area and features interesting facts and photographs. Available at the Museum @\$25 per copy, phone 4056 1810.

The Rainbow Lorikeets –
Relay for Life Team

Congratulate Wanda Edmonds for winning the team raffle of 2 x Nites - 2 x Bedroom Villa for 4 x persons at the Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort.

Drawn 13 February 2013, black ticket A89.

Info Centre Illuminations

March already – where does the time go? Recently heard over ABC Local Radio was how successful Babinda and Mareeba RV friendly towns have been. So much so that Cooktown has decided to try to emulate us and go RV friendly as well. It was said that RV campers on average spend around \$800- per week in our towns. This has been corroborated by several campers I have spoken with utilising our facilities.

Our Manager and Personnel Manager recently attended the QICA (Queensland Information Centres Association) Meeting held this year at Mission Beach. There was discussion about the future of information centres and tourism in general. They inform me they have come away with lots of new ideas to be revealed. On the way to the conference, Babinda Info Centre had 32 delegates from all over Queensland drop in. We provided Water Farms bottles of Babinda water, along with bananas, pawpaws, dragon fruit and various other fruits donated by local growers – THANK YOU. Delegates stated they loved both our building AND the fruit.

There is a new caretaker at Bramston Beach Council Caravan Park. Her name is Anne Male and we wish her well in her new position.

until next time

Happy Trails



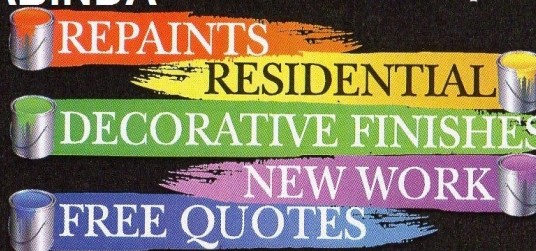
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Buttermilk-Blueberry Breakfast Cake

½ cup unsalted butter, room temperature
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1 tsp. vanilla essence
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 punnets fresh blueberries
½ cup buttermilk

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Cream butter with lemon zest and sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Add the egg and vanilla and beat until combined. Meanwhile, toss the blueberries with ¼ cup of flour, then whisk together the remaining flour, baking powder and salt.
3. Add the flour mixture to the batter a little at a time, alternating with the buttermilk. Fold in the blueberries.
4. Grease a suitable baking pan with butter or coat with non-stick spray. Spread batter into pan. Sprinkle batter with a tablespoon of sugar. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes. Check with a toothpick. Let cool at least 15 minutes before serving.
5. Enjoy.

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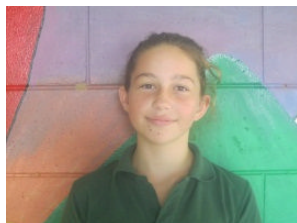
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The term has kicked off well, and we at Bartle Frere have a strong commitment to student improvement. With the introduction of History as part of the Australian Curriculum I am finding that it is similar to what we have taught here over the past seven years. Our Prep-2 group are learning about their families and the people in our community who help us. Year 3/4 students are working on learning about Indigenous Cultures and the First Fleet, while our senior group are excited about what archaeologist and historians do in their respective fields.

I would like to congratulate Madison West (pictured) who is our School Captain for 2013. Madison has shown some great leadership qualities in the school already and I look forward to working with her over the coming year.

Regards,

Danielle Weirman



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The most exciting event in 100 years is upon our doors and hence the community is calling for any and all participants in the preparation and information sharing of the schools' rich history.

Please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss further how you could be of assistance and for your involvement in the celebrations.

Phone: 07 4067 5389

Email: the.principal@mcdonnellcreekss.eq.edu.au

YOUR HELP WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Sam Symes

PRINCIPAL

Beware Ladies: -The Latest Fashion

High Heels- Stiletto's are back in! Spending long times in them can involve severe back problems. Heels through the centre of gravity forward causing the wearer to lean backwards!!!

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House Captains: Russell Rays: Sophie Kalkowski-Pope & Mia Livingstone
Student Council: President – Dylan Sacchetti, Treasurer – Caleb Nicolson, Secretary – Kane Lewis
Class Representatives: Prep,1 – Annelise Azzopardi; Y2,3,4 – Brendon Sacchetti



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Bus Service: Please note that a bus service is available from Mirriwinni to Babinda every afternoon.

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Sandra Bardini Principal Phone: 40676183 Fax: 40676269

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Dear Babinda Community

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It is with great pleasure that I'm able to report that our school has recently been recognised amongst a list of 40 schools from across the state, whose students' improvement is significantly greater than the state's average. This means that our school is improving students learning further and faster than the vast majority of schools in the state. In addition to this, last year across a range of senior performance areas, our school's achievement levels were at the top or near the top of all schools in Far North Queensland. Particularly pleasing to see was that we were one of only 4 schools in the region who had 100% of our OP eligible students achieve between OP 1-15 last year. This is an important measure as this is the standard which provides students with easy entry to university placements.

With many, many other exciting things always happening at school, I encourage you to keep up to date by liking us on Facebook. You can find us at www.facebook.com/BabindaP12StateSchool.

Yours in Schooling

Matt Thompson – Principal Babinda P-12 State School

St Rita's School

On Wednesday, 20th February, St Rita's was well represented at the 'Just Leadership Caritas Day'. It was an opportunity for our Year 6/7 leaders to join with seventy-five other Caritas leaders from the Diocese, and be involved in a variety of activities to learn more of the work of Caritas in Australia and in areas of need around the world. They learnt about, responded to, and participated in learning about the stories of children around the world where Caritas is making a difference. The students have been motivated into investigating ways of involving St Rita's in fundraising for Project Compassion and informing others about those who need help. Although St Rita's is a small school with a big spirit, we **will 'make a difference'**.



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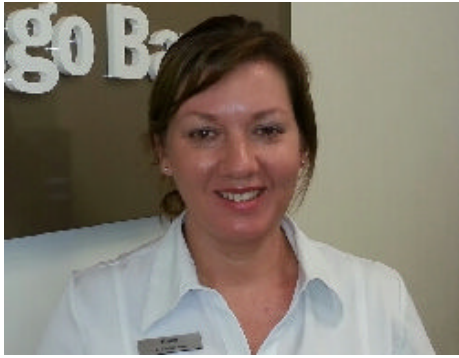
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Even near the water's edge the slope of the ground, slippery surface or currents can cause a person to lose their footing. Everyone should stay three meters back from the waterline.

Keep a close eye on children.

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Naming the beast

The practice of naming cyclones, first introduced by the colourful Queensland Government Meteorologist Clement Wragge in the late 19th Century, lapsed with his retirement in 1902, but re-introduced by the Bureau of Meteorology in 1963. For this reason the first few

cyclones described in this section, which occurred prior to the 1960's, had no name.

Initially, cyclones were given female names, but in keeping with the spirit of 'equal

opportunity' that emerged in the 1970s, Australian cyclones were allocated both male and female names from 1975. Source BOM



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- ☐ Combination pocket knife
- ☐ Portable (gas) stove with fuel
- ☐ Cooking gear
- ☐ Water in sealed containers (10L per person)
- ☐ Medications - additional supplies
- ☐ Toiletry and sanitary supplies
- ☐ Change of clothes and strong shoes
- ☐ Non-perishable food (cans) – enough for 3-4 days (can opener and utensils)
- ☐ Special needs items for infants, the aged and people with disabilities
- ☐ Pet food, water and other animal needs
- ☐ Tent or tarpaulin, and blankets
- ☐ Other camping equipment
- ☐ Cash money (ATMs may not be available)
- ☐ Personal documents (insurance certificates, photographs etc)
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

MIRRIWINNI NOTES article from The Cairns Post Friday 26 November 1954
PERSONAL

Visitors to Maureen Kruckow's (now Raddatz) 21st birthday party were from Babinda: Misses A. O'Brien, J. Greenwood, S. Martin, R. Sermon, T. Sermon, M. Patrick (now Maisie Smith), S. Sewell, Mrs J. Gaylor, Mrs Bell, M. Lock (now Morine Kruckow), Mrs C. Newman, Messrs. S. Dillon, B. O'Brien, C. Kenney, G. Quinlan from Innisfail, Miss Ailsa Shang (now Ailsa Tinning)

COMING OF AGE.

A party given by Mr. and Mrs. F. Kruckow in honour of their eldest daughter Maureen, was held in the Mirriwinni Hall at 8 pm on November 20. Guests came from Cairns, Babinda and Innisfail. Maureen received her guests wearing a white nylon frock with strapless, beaded bodice, forming a peak on each side, and added a coloured spray in pink and blue. The voluminous skirt was ballerina length. To complete her toilette she added white sandals, diamante chandelier earrings and diamante bracelet. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. F. Kruckow, who wore a grey silk organza over pink satin, the bodice of which was fitting with a wide roll collar of broderie anglaise on to a full skirt. Diamante brooch, pearls and pearl earrings finished the effect of the ensemble.

Dancing to the strains of the Black and White Orchestra from Cairns was enjoyed. At 10 pm the 90 guests sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by Mrs. G. Gaylor, of Babinda. The tables with their white cloths and blue trimmings were decked with vases of zinnias, asters, dahlias, gerberas, orchids and fern.

Pride of place on the well laden tables was the two-tiered birthday cake made by her mother and beautifully iced in white with blue trellis design and roses, with two iced keys tied with blue ribbon bows, silver cashews and was topped by a good luck ladder and horseshoe by Mrs. Gaylor.

Mr. J. Magriplis was chairman and the first toast was the loyal toast. This was followed by a toast in champagne to the guest of honour and was supported by R. Musumeci on behalf of the Mirriwinni Junior Farmers, other speeches were made by Miss Ann O'Brien (captain of the Babinda Basketball team), Mrs H. Griffiths (ladies).

Maureen suitably responded.

Mr. B. Brand proposed the toast to the parents, which was responded to by Mr. F. Kruckow. As the cake was cut the guests all sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," "Happy Birthday" and "I'm Twenty-one To-day." She was then presented with a polished key suitably inscribed for the occasion by her father and was later autographed by all.

A special presentation was made by Mr. B. Parkinson on behalf of Messrs. H. Griffiths, R. Collins and himself. Mr J. Mellick (Babinda) delighted with two violin solos, "Jealousy" and "Stardust."

Mrs. F. Collins gave a vocal rendition of "Tour the Only Star in My Blue Heaven" and "From the Vine Came the Grape." Mr. B. Brand gave a monologue. After supper dancing continued until midnight.



What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE MEETING - Thursday 21 March, 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. AGM 8th April

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

BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS - 2nd Wednesday every month - 6pm at the shop, bring a chair

BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE (COOTHARINGA NQ) - HOY 2nd Monday of the month. Ph 4067 1533

BABINDA BOXING CLUB Tuesday & Thursday 6-7pm @ the Warren Jensen Hall - Bill Wakeham Park

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Phone 4067 1148

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY- 2nd Saturday of each month. Munro Street

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - 5.30pm - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's News

BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Club House

BABINDA GOLF CLUB-Social days Wed and Fri 3pm Saturday 12.30 in winter and 1pm in summer. Ph 4067 1510

BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL - Anniversary Ball Fri 7 June, Festival Sun 9 June, contact Frances 40671438

BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St

BABINDA PUBLIC SPEAKING GROUP - 1st Monday of month, 7pm, SOB, next session Feb 4th. Ph: 4067 1438

BABINDA RSL - 1st Sunday of the month, 10am at RSL. Contact 4067 6162

BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school

BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL - Family Day Group Tuesday 9am—11am 4067 6240

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PLAYGROUP BABINDA BUMBLEBEES: Tuesdays 9am-11am, Community Hall, Church St, Julie 0438 033 989

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

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

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