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Babinda Taskforce

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

We at the Taskforce have started the 2014 year running!

The Babinda District 2014 Telephone Book has been finalized and being put together as I write this. Everything going according to plan we should have our new books by March. I will keep you informed.

We welcome Anne to the Taskforce on Mondays between 9am – 3pm. Anne is teaching the Literacy, Numeracy and Basic Computer classes. They are FREE, so please make the most of these classes while they are being offered. See advert. Due to these classes being run in our computer room, unfortunately we are unable to offer internet access to the general public until 3 pm on Mondays. We apologize for this inconvenience; however we still offer internet access Tuesday – Friday between 9am – 4pm.

Congratulations to Kasey Shaw for winning the St Valentines 100 Club, thank you to all those who purchased tickets.

We happily announce we are holding our 3rd annual International Women's Day Luncheon on Saturday 8th March at the Stag Tavern. We have organized music by Judi Van Dycke accompanied by Clare Kuolga, a fashion show by R-Lee Fashions - Ronda Bettini and time permitting, we may also be privileged to a poem or two by Julie Jones. Tickets are \$25 each, available from the Taskforce ONLY, RSVP Friday 28 February. Purchasing of tickets from the Taskforce before 28 Feb is ESSENTIAL for catering purposes, this means no on the day door tickets. See advert.

We are very pleased to inform the Community that the Taskforce are now agents for Greyhound Australia. This means you can book your Greyhound Bus travel tickets with us as well as your Queensland Rail travel tickets. See advert.

Please note: Next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27th February, 9am at the Taskforce.

Please put forward any agenda items to be discussed by Thursday 20th February at the latest.

All of our 116 members are welcome to attend.

Be kind to each other,

Rachel

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Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 7 March

(Distributed 18 March)

Friday 4 April

(Distributed 15 April)

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Babinda Police News

Once again it has come to our attention that items are being taken from unlocked and unattended vehicles. It is simple, if there is no opportunity then crimes like these just will not happen. We can all make a difference by taking away opportunity. Please lock up what is yours.

We have seen an increase in the number of unregistered and uninsured cars on our roads. It is an offence to use or permit the use of an unregistered or uninsured vehicle on a road. This can result in a fine, or a court appearance and can result in your car being impounded for 7 or 90 days. In repeated cases, the car will be forfeit to the state. If your car is not registered, then don't use it on the road. The fine and impound costs could be well in excess of the cost in registering your vehicle. This law relates to all motor vehicles, be it a car, a tractor, a motorbike or ride on lawn mower. If it is not registered, keep it off the road.

School is now back, and in full swing. Drivers need to be mindful especially around school times and zones. Children need to obey the rule rules of the road, watch for cars, and wear helmets when riding bikes.

The wet is definitely here, and I hope that with the threat of cyclones, everyone took responsibility and prepared their homes, yards and themselves. This recent spate of wet weather resulted in roads being cut at Clyde Road, Dickson Road, Woopen Creek Road and Waugh's Pocket Road, due to flooding. We must bear in mind that should the weather impact another area, supplies to the local shop may be affected. Stock up on non-perishable items to last a couple of days.

Be safe and watch out for each other.

The Babinda police team

Info Centre Illuminations

We have some interesting visitors to our little centre, When asked why she visited the Wet Tropics at this time of the year, an Adelaide lady being upon us.said "To get away from the heat." Spare a thought for our heat wave bound cousins. Other visitors from Canada informed us it was -53 degrees when they left home. Makes us look positively comfortable, despite the cyclone season.

At this time of the nyear it is not unusual for certain attractions to close due to weather, for example the Kuranda Train, various boating activities etc. At the time of writing all the beaches from Mission Beach to Port Douglas have been closed due to high winds. The Cairns Lagoon remains open.

Our total visitors for 2013 was 9,585 and interestingly we had 14,779 visitors to our web site. Someone made a terrific Australia Day floral arrangement at the Centre, thank you. Welcome to all those new Australians who were sworn in.

Until next time

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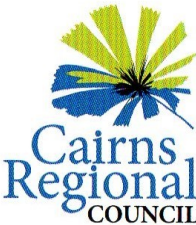
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A BIG THANK YOU!

On the 8th of November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated the central islands of the Philippines, leaving an estimated 14 million people homeless and vulnerable. Care Australia and partners have launched a 12 million dollar world-wide appeal. With relief funds raised so far, Care Australia has reached 88,600 survivors with temporary shelters, food baskets and water purification kits. We are happy to announce that our little area contributed to this life saving initiative by donating \$1,715.30. Two thirds of which was raised specifically in our town alone.

Thank you to Babinda Bowling Club, Babinda State School, St. Rita School, Trinity Auto Group Cairns and Rusty's Market for allowing us to station money boards at their premises. Roddo's Newsagency helped us get started by not only donating materials for money boards but also christened our first for us. In a single day we raised \$458 fundraising outside his door.

Thank you to everyone that gave. As family sized food basket cost as little as \$26, it is clear that every donation, no matter how small is significant. A very special thank you to Babinda Bakery, Mark Daish, Mario Cobavie and Noi Gardner for their generous donations. The lucky winners of our money boards are: Gwen Teippo, Mario Cobavie, Jean Neagle, Jo McTernan, & Ben Ambrum.

Unfortunately our town has become very familiar with the destruction cyclones can inflict. The response our community had to the tragedy in the Philippines denotes this understanding. On a personal note, we were overwhelmed by Babinda locals' willingness to donate. This is not often the case when fundraising. Thank you for everyone's attitude and empathy that was shown to us at the time. To those who say 'community spirit is dead' we say 'not in this town'.

If we missed you but you would still like to help, you can donate to Care Australia directly by calling toll free on 1800 020 046 and paying by credit card. Alternatively you can donate by mail by using donation forms that can be found on Care Australia's website.

Gladys De Vera

Robin Brown

Rosanna Brown

Babinda & District Amateur Fishing Club

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Babinda Fishing Club will be holding their AGM on the 22nd February 2014 at 10.00am – 2.00pm at the Clubhouse.

We are inviting members and welcoming any new members to attend this.

This will kick off with our AGM at 10.00am

followed by a BBQ Lunch and Presentation of Trophies.

We look forward to seeing you all there.





Photo Competition - FREE entry

This month's 'Beauty & Beast' photo competition winner goes to the beautiful Charlotte with her beastie mate Shadow. Congratulations to you both. Can a representative from Charlotte's family please come into the Taskforce to collect her prize for her.

All photos to be brought into the Taskforce, 51 Munro Street, Babinda or emailed to babindataskforce@bigpond.com. The winner's photo will be published in the next Newsletter and they will also receive a certificate and a small prize.

BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

FULFILMENT THROUGH WORK

Bellenden Ker State School is a small school with a lot to offer. It is built on the foundation of a strong community which supports and drives the school to achieve strong academic and sporting success. This year we are excited to have received some new additions to the school community and we encourage all local community members to help steer the school towards yet another successful year by joining us for school, interschool and community based events.

This year promises to be productive with the integration of more technology into the classroom. With the addition of new laptops, Ipads and computers every student will have access to these resources on a daily basis. This not only expands the learning opportunities in which we can offer our students but teaches independence and essential technological skills. Another big focus in the classroom is improving the reading and writing skills of our students through explicit direct instruction and inclusive and personalised learning plans.

We will continue to offer various extra-curricular activities for our students such as Instrumental Music, Specialist Music and HPE and regular afterschool fitness and health education sessions aimed at improving awareness of healthy living. We aim to live up to our reputation as one of the strongest sporting schools in our cluster and commence training for interschool carnivals as soon as possible.

We look forward to another busy yet rewarding year ahead. Please feel free to drop into the school or contact us for further details on this year's events or for interest in joining the school community.

Regards, Matt Brauer (Acting Principal)

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Special Achievement Award – Selena McMurray

Selena is an inspirational role model, helping to raise money and awareness for 13 charities and organisations, including "Legacy for Lily", which she founded in 2013. Selena delivers meals to elderly people and those with a disability and has an excellent record of service to the community through committees such as Abbeyfield Aged Care and the Babinda Chamber of Commerce and Taskforce. Selena was nominated last year for a Pride of Australia Award and Young Woman of the Year. She was also a Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Youth Leadership finalist and Achievement Award Winner.



"Today we stand together all around the world, joined in a common purpose to remake the planet a heaven of joy, and understanding, and goodness. No one should have to suffer, especially our children.

This time we must succeed."

Michael Jackson

(Super bowl 1993 Attendance: 100 000)



BABINDA TASKFORCE NEWSLETTER

**Curtis Pitt MP
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February 2014

Congratulations to local community organisations

I would like to congratulate all the Mulgrave community groups that have been successful in the latest round of the Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund.

\$63,560 has been allocated to 10 groups in the Mulgrave electorate under round 34, with the Babinda District Community Association allocated \$8,500 to install protective window awnings.

In recent years the Babinda Pony Club has been successful with numerous applications, along with Babinda Boxing Club, Babinda Bumblebees Playgroup and McDonnell Creek State School P&C.

The following Mulgrave organisations also received funding under round 34:

- Innisfail Golf Club, \$1,918 to purchase a trailer
- Innisfail and District Netball Association, \$4,000 to purchase canteen equipment
- Innisfail Brothers Junior Rugby League, \$5,074 to purchase portable shade structures
- Innisfail District Cricket Association, \$4,050 to purchase a bowling machine
- Southern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club, \$7,475 to purchase catering equipment
- Autism Queensland, \$11,100 to install a multisensory pathway
- Gordonvale District Guides, \$842 to purchase waterproof cameras
- Leichhardt Football Club, \$5,600 to purchase training equipment
- Yarrabah Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club, \$15,000 to construct a storage shed

Most of the people involved in these organisations volunteer hours of time, dedicated to providing a service for their community.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund is an important initiative that supports the work of these not-for-profit organisations and I urge all community groups to apply for these grants.

Grant allocations are announced quarterly and applications are accepted at any time.

Further information on grants is available on the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation website at www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants

To find out about other state and federal grants please contact my office on 5056 3175.

**Curtis Pitt MP
State Member for Mulgrave**

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*There are **limited places** available so contact us **ASAP** to secure your spot!*

Everyone is welcome!

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Hello my name is Kerry and I have joined the Babinda **Community Bank®** as Customer Relationship Manager. My role is to provide exceptional Customer Service & help with lending enquiries.

I have 9 years banking experience with personal loans & home loans, and really enjoy helping customers achieve their dreams.

I am a very budget conscience individual and am constantly looking for ways to save money and enjoy helping others do the same.



My name is Vay and I'm married with 2 children. I moved from Brisbane and have lived in Edmonton for about 4 years.

I like playing my guitar, fishing and motorbike riding in my spare time. I worked in a bank a few years ago and now enjoy working at Babinda **Community Bank®**.



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BABINDA'S ROCK AND WATER

Babinda's beautiful rocks and water drew me here so it is with great pleasure that I am proposing a Rock and Water experiential program, aimed at restoring health, resilience and well-being. **March 10th** is the commencement of a varied program including many modalities of self-healing at the **QCWA hall** on Mondays at 10am-11am, (\$12). Be prepared for some fun with rocklike strong stances, intuitive movement, artistic and musical expression.

Janice Prince 0423870721

WHEN THERES PEACE WITHIN THERE BECOMES PEACE WITHOUT!

MINDFULNESS is one of the oldest and most basic skills known to mankind. In its essence, its as simple as rediscovering the taste of fresh water or the vastness of the sky. It is learning or re-learning, how to be present, how to be in this moment. It can be like stepping out of a grey flat screen mode into a world which is vivid and three-dimensional. Mindfulness means becoming more aware of whats going on - right here, right now. We can appreciate our lives, instead of rushing through them, always trying to get somewhere else. Being mindful can also help us to be less swept away by our powerful, habitual currents of thought and emotion, which can manifest as stress, depression, negative thinking, anxiety, anger, resentment or self-doubt. Open your world to being more present, living fully in the NOW! We cant get back yesterday but we can begin to be more mindful in our daily living and learn to rediscover each day with gratitude and wonder and help create a more peaceful world.

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Free art, craft and computer workshops for children and young people Southside.

Join local artists Nicola Millen and Mark Edwards for fun after school workshops in Gordonvale and Babinda. Workshops offer a variety of activities ranging from mural painting to Minecraft server building. Participants are supported one on one as they learn new techniques and skills in a cooperative environment. Participants need to bring some painting clothes and afternoon tea for themselves. Students can also get involved from home by logging in to the Minecraft server and helping build a virtual world together while the workshops are running. The server address is: minecrafthosts.com.au:45305

Gordonvale - Thursdays 3pm to 5pm during school term - Gordonvale Community Hub 17-19 Cannon Street Gordonvale Babinda - Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm during school term - Babinda Task Force Munro Street Babinda For more information check the web-site www.FocusOnGordonvale.com or contact Mark Edwards on 4056 6712, 0457 789 236 or email m.edwards4@cairns.qld.gov.au.

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The Order of Australia Medal award is an unexpected highlight landmark of my life.

My thanks and appreciation goes to my nominee, who I may never find out, and especially to the Babinda Community as in this community one does not feel alone as a volunteer.

A truly humbling but yet a momentous status that brings honour not only to my family but also to The Babinda Community for its support as a caring community.

The Babinda and district township would have to rank in the top order of Australian towns for its volunteers per capita. This is underlined by the fact that Babinda now has 4 members that have been awarded this honour, a truly prestigious distinction for the Babinda

community with a population of just 2000.

Fred Lizzio

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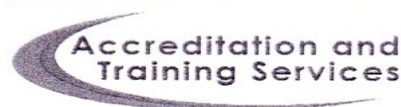
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Lines From The Library

Attention all Mums and Dads! This month we would like to remind you about a few of the terrific things your local public library has on offer for children.

Firstly, an update on our monthly Storytime and craft sessions - these will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:30am. Storytime is a great way to introduce your child to the library and to the wonderful world of reading. You can let us know you are coming by telephoning 40671112 or just turn up on the day.

For those with newborns and toddlers we have a special gift when you join them up to the library – a free copy of the board book *Baby Ways*. This is our little way of welcoming your baby and starting them on a lifelong reading adventure.

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On the subject of online resources, there are also lots of fun and educational websites available for children of all ages for FREE simply by logging in with their library card. They will love *10 Monkeys*, *Busy Things*, *TumbleBooks*, *Literacy Planet* and *SpineOut*, plus there is an online tutoring service called *Yourtutor* to help out with all those homework and assignment hassles. And if your child needs to use a computer or the internet, then the library has PCs that they can use along with free WIFI. Library membership is free, so if your child isn't a library member, why not drop in to the Babinda library and join your kids up today? See you in the library soon!

Cheers,
Holly

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Field Trial Update

February 2014

With lower than average rainfall in January, the number of mosquitoes in Babinda has been taking longer than usual to increase.

We continue to collect mosquitoes from our traps in Babinda to find out how many carry *Wolbachia*, and this number appears to be remaining high. However, we are waiting for mosquito numbers to rise before we give a further update on results.

Please note, if you host a trap and have any concerns about the trap due to severe weather, we ask you to contact us on 1800 811 054.

In other news, our former field trial manager Dr Andrew Turley has left the team in Cairns to work with Eliminate Dengue Indonesia. He will be supporting the team there as they begin similar field trials of the *Wolbachia* method. We look forward to introducing a new field trial manager in coming weeks.

Sarah Flenley, *Community Engagement Officer*, Eliminate Dengue, Cairns



For more information about the Eliminate Dengue re-

If a man speaks in the forest, and there is no woman there to hear...is he still wrong?

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.

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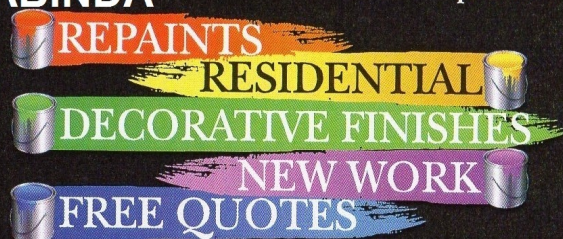
Just Joking....

Q. What goes up when the rain comes down?

**A. An umbrella (of course!)
(Thanks William)**

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R.S.L. NEWS

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Contact Tony Densmore 4067 6006

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2 Course Meal with Tea & Coffee

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Music by: *Judi Van Dycke & Klare Kuolga*

Lucky Door Prize, Raffle & 100 Board

Cost: \$25 per person

Tickets from Taskforce ONLY

RSVP: Friday 28/2/2013



“Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out. ”

HERE COMES THE BRIDE?

In the 1500's most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June! However when they were starting to smell later on brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married!



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not the speed limit sign; roads can become greasy and dangerous in wet weather.

Other tips for driving in wet conditions

TURN YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON: not only do they help you see, but they'll help other drivers see you – you are not the only one affected by poor visibility in wet weather.



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This year, St Rita's students will be challenged by many new teaching and learning experiences: the introduction of the new Geography curriculum, Information and Communication Technology lessons in our new computer lab, and the cooking and gardening skills and knowledge through the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* program. Every student in our senior class has also been assigned his or her own iPad to further extend the teaching and learning activity offered at St Rita's.

I hope everyone in the school communities of the Babinda district has a happy and successful year of learning and growth.

Judy Billiau

Principal



Photo

Mrs Jenni Stone, Jacob Bowen, Clifford Stone and Olivia Dickinson choosing recipes from the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program* cookbook.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE

DATE OF FESTIVAL

THEME OF FESTIVAL

CONTACT PETE CARNSEW

0418 198 959

Australian Pensioners Babinda Branch

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Survey -- Issues Impacting Pensioners /Seniors in QLD 2014

The following is a list of issues which commonly impact on Pensioners/
Seniors lives;

Housing and accommodation-- rental , mortgage & rates.

Health-- medical and dental.

Public Transport & costs.

Social Security--age pensions, disability pension, Carers payment

Cost of Living--food, power, telephone.

Social inclusion & isolation.

Are there any other issues that concern or effect you?

[A]

Are there any aspects regarding your local area that you feel may have
an impact on you and if so how?

e.g. Living standards, safety security cost of living , health.

[A]

Please tick the following:

Gender- Male Female

Pension Type; Aged____ Disability____ Carers____

Other [Please specify]_____

Age Group 60--65

65==70

70--75

75--80

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Other [Please specify]

We would appreciate if you could return this survey to the Taskforce or
Bee Smart Discounts for collection so we can forward to Brisbane for
collating.

This survey is completely anonymous and information collected will only
be used for the purpose of improving conditions for Pensioners/Seniors

The committee of the Babinda Pensioners thank you in anticipation of
your support

Graham Lynch

"Be selective with your battles. Sometimes peace is better than being right."



Community Advisory Committee for
Babinda Hospital &
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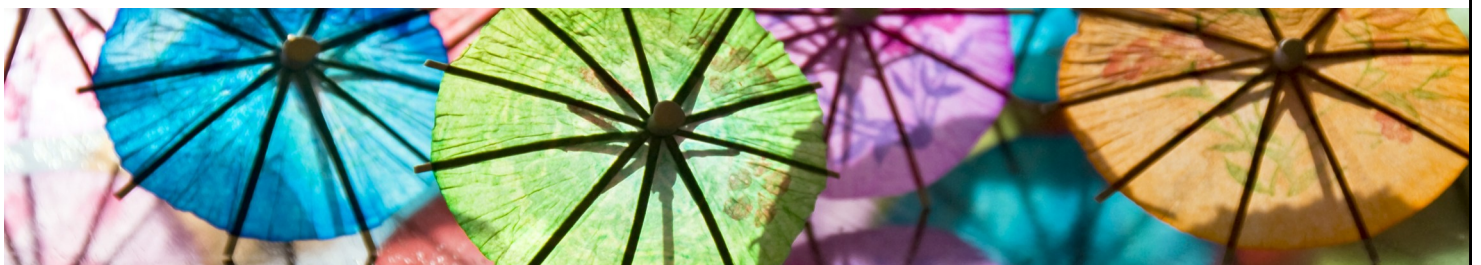
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What's Happening In Babinda

BABINDA TASKFORCE - Next meeting 27 February 9 am at the Taskforce. All members welcome.

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

AQUAROBICS - Town pool Saturdays at 9.30 am. For enquiries ring Kathryn : 0438 163 691 or the pool 4067 1211.

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

BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS - Open 9am-4pm daily, public holidays excepted. Meetings 2nd Wed of month @ 6pm

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. Barbecue Buffet Meals start 7th February 2014.

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

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

DATE CLAIMER: Babinda State School Centenary, 13th September, 2014 from 3pm till late.

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

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

TAI CHI - Wednesdays 9.30am -10.30am Spirit Of Babinda Hall, behind Taskforce, 51 Munro St, Babinda

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