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Babinda Taskforce

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas

Hi everyone,

The Babinda District 2014 Telephone Book has been sent to the printers. I will keep you informed of its progress.

The Literacy, Numeracy and Basic Computer classes are still going strong. 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, 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.

Being a part of the Taskforce is an absolute privilege. We all as a community are lucky to have the Taskforce and all it provides and services it offers. The majority of our customers are polite, friendly and I can't do enough for them. Sadly, in recent days I've had unfortunate circumstances whereby I've had to report both verbal and physical abuse to the Babinda Police and have begun legal proceedings. The person involved has been banned from using any of the facilities, services and I have been advised by the Police that if they step foot onto our premises I am to contact them straight away. Abuse of any kind within the Taskforce building will not be tolerated and will be dealt with instantly and severely.

Unfortunately due to these recent incidences we have had to place the following message on the windows of the Taskforce. *"Access and use of the facilities within this building are permitted only by permission by the Taskforce President and /or Committee. Access can be denied to anyone at any time for any reason"*

We have done this as we have a duty of care to ensure our customers / members and the general public's safety is assured.

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

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

All of our 117 members are welcome to attend.

Be kind to each other,

Rachel

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Contribution Closing Dates

Friday 4 April

(Distributed 15 April)

Friday 2 May

(Distributed 13 May)

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Hello Babinda. As the year forges ahead the wheels are spinning at a fast pace. Firstly, from the Council Department of Parks and Leisure: We want your views on the Babinda Boulders picnic areas and surrounding facilities. Council is developing a master plan for future improvements to the popular recreation area. We invite your feedback and ideas in the online discussion forums at <http://yoursay.cairns.qld.gov.au/babinda-boulders>. I have had this survey open until the end of this month so you all can have the opportunity to speak your mind on the Boulders. I would like to see them upgraded by way of facilities and safety, maintaining its natural beauty and availability to locals and tourists alike. The more we hear from you the more well-rounded our master plan can be.

I will be in Babinda at the Taskforce on Fridays when I can and I attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting most months. Unfortunately, I have found the job busy to a point where I cannot afford to sit at Babinda every Friday 'in case' someone wants to see me. I will try where I can to be there but if you want to see me please call. You can still go through the taskforce and speak to Rachel or call me directly.

I would like to congratulate the Leadership group selected by peers and teachers for the Babinda State High School. Special mention goes to Overall School Captains: Minjiluk Ambrum and Jaziah Ware and overall School Vice Captains: Brooke Burnett and Cody Morris.

Please pass these surveys on to as many people as you would like so we can receive plenty of feedback on the Boulders.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day for the 17 March.

Steven Brain | Elected Member - Div 1

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Babinda Pensioners

Firstly I would like to thank all those people who responded to our survey in the last newsletter. The response was excellent as were the options expressed. It was amazing to see that so many people had similar comments to other rural branches, which shows Babinda is not alone in Qld with similar issues. If you have not yet filled one out, it is not too late, as the survey doesn't close till the end of the month

Unfortunately the Government funding that has been provided to run the organisation {Australian Pensioners & Superannuants League} for the past 25 years has been discontinued but it is not the end of our organisation. It has made us more determined to keep up our fight for pensioner's rights and living standards.

What is needed more than ever now is new members as many of our current members are getting older so if you are interested or concerned about the way pensioner/ seniors are being treated then this is your opportunity to voice your concerns.

The Babinda branch meets at the spirit of Babinda hall behind the Taskforce 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am starting with a cuppa first then the meeting. You will be made welcome.

Regards Graham

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For existing JP's who have served for 25, 40, 50 or 60 years, you may be eligible for an award. To nominate, please contact my office and provide a copy of your original registration certificate.

Community Grants

I have recently set up a Facebook page detailing the various grants that are available to community organisations.

These grants can provide funding for equipment, infrastructure, training, and sign on days etc. and are another way to raise funds in addition to traditional cent sales, sausage sizzles and car-washes.

If you belong to an organisation or sporting club I urge you to visit the page to see what you may be eligible for.

<https://www.facebook.com/FNQCommunityGrantInformation>

The site is being constantly updated as we become aware of more grants. If you know of any grants not listed please contact my office on 4056 3175 so we can add the information.

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This month I feel I need to talk about Domestic Violence. This is a reality, and it happens too often in too many households, not only in Babinda, but throughout Australia. The impacts of DV are far reaching with not only the victims, but their children, and extended families, often being affected.

Babinda police attend a DV incident at least twice a week, and often more. This is a very disturbing figure. Domestic violence is not just physical violence, but can include acts such as intimidation or harassment, financial or emotional control, wilful damage or actual violence, when a domestic relationship exists between two people.

It can be reported to police by anyone. We will investigate and determine who is in most need of protection and then apply for a Domestic Violence Protection Order, through the court. The order can contain a variety of conditions, including being of good behaviour and the stipulation not to commit any further acts of domestic violence. We can remove the person responsible, and arrange emergency accommodation for the victim if required.

Not only is the direct victim of DV affected. Studies have shown that where children witness DV in the home, they can also display a range of emotional and behavioural issues and they often become involved in DV relationships themselves. This will have a flow on effect for their children, and their children's children. It is our job as a community to help those in DV relationships.

If you are a victim of DV, or know someone who is, let us know. We want to support families to get the help they need. We all know that every relationship has issues, but we want to enable the resolution of those issues peacefully, without resorting to domestic violence.

We have the facility to refer all parties involved in DV to relevant support agencies. Please contact us if you would like some information on

As with everything that Babinda Police do, we can't do it all on our own, we, the Babinda community all have a responsibility to help out those in need of protection.

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Certificate III in Business Administration will be run through flexible delivery. **Students work at their own pace** with ongoing support from the trainer.

You will need access to a computer with Microsoft Office and an internet connection with email.
All other resources will be supplied.

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

Everyone is welcome!

Contact Bryony on 0420 806 388

AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome to another month, sorry I missed last month column the workload here was crazy and I couldn't submit it on time. The big news for the ambulance is that we are in preparations to celebrate our 100 year anniversary. There is no definitive date on exactly when the first ambulance case was in Babinda (most transports in those days were on railcar or horse and tray) a bit different to the relative comfort of today.

We are scheduling to have a celebratory lunch on Saturday June 7th. I also intend to have an open day at the ambulance station and we will be providing a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) demonstration on the day – people can have a try and see the new changes to the recommended protocol. We now do CPR at the rate of 30 compressions to 2 breaths. Many people would have previously learnt to do 15 compressions to 2 breaths. All are welcome to attend and we are hopeful of getting as many ex Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) members and past staff of Babinda station to attend.

Further information will be placed around town in the near future.

Until next time,

Keep safe.

Justin Cairns

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Our Bank is raffling a \$500 money tree. The tickets are available at the Bank and will also be sold on the night of the Umbrella Ball. All the proceeds will go towards the purchase of an ultra sound machine which will be a great asset to our Hospital and community. As always your **Community Bank ®** is there to help.



We farewell Teresa.



Sadly Teresa's time here is finished and she will be returning to Innisfail branch. Many of you were delighted by her return. We were very pleased to have Teresa's assistance over the last three months and will miss her helpful attitude, knowledge and support. Thank you so much Teresa. We really appreciated your help.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

45 women attended our gathering and were treated with songs by Judi Van Dycke and Clare Kuolga. We were spoilt with a fashion show by *R-Lee fashions* - Ronda Bettini has stated 10% of all sales this month goes to Babinda's Multi Purpose Health Services to go towards the purchase a much needed ultrasound device. *R-Lee Fashions* may be contacted by ph: 0448962006, email: R-leefashions@hotmail.com or Facebook: *R-Lee Fashions*. 100 board raffles were won by Cheryl Ghidella and Julesy McMullen. The raffle of a handbag kindly donated by the Babinda Bargain Centre was won by Shay Castini. Pam Spokes won the lucky door prize donated by Christine Norman and Danette Gatti won the lucky door prize donated by Ronda Bettini.

A fabulous time was had by everyone and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



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All Emails - sharonrogers2011@gmail.com

The Babinda Presbyterian Church

has commenced Sunday School in the Church Hall at 8:45am on a Sunday. Come along and join in the activities. Looking at having another "Holiday Program" for kids during the last week of the June School Holidays.

Contact Miss Shirley on 4067 2261 for further information.


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Babinda Multipurpose Health Service

Charity Fund Raising Umbrella Ball

Babinda Hospital and MPHS is holding a fund raising ball in the RSL Memorial Hall on April 12.

Tickets are available from Babinda Pharmacy at \$40 each.

A reminder that seats are limited and that unless paid for, a place cannot be guaranteed.

The Umbrella Ball and associated fund raising is to assist in the purchase of a much needed portable ultrasound device to better provide care for the Babinda Community. Door prizes and a silent auction will be available. Dress is Cocktail or Smart Casual. Music is being provided by popular local band, Long Shadows.



Happy Feet!

Babinda MPHS has appointed a Podiatrist.

Kirsty Cummings is the new Podiatrist at Babinda MPHS. She is currently consulting with our aged care residents and is available one day per week. Kirsty will be assessing the podiatry needs in the Babinda area with a view to commencing appointments in the not too distant

future.

For further information on podiatry, or any other services from the MPHS team, telephone Daniel or Hayley on 40678206.



MPHS in the community

The Babinda MPHS continues to develop. Services to people at home are increasing.

Allied Health and Nursing are working with other health services, such as **Cassowary Area Community Health**, to meet the health needs of people in their own homes. Services include assessment of mobility, managing medicines, maintaining independence for older people or referral to other providers. Babinda MPHS does not replace any existing service, but endeavours to fill in gaps in service provision or to augment and work alongside other services.

If you want to know more, phone Hayley or Daniel on 40678206. You can refer yourself, or ask your doctor

The Babinda District Arts & Craft Shop is Turning 15 And We're Having A Party

There are many milestones being reached in Babinda this year with some of the more memorable being the centenary of the Babinda State School, the Babinda Ambulance and the Babinda Police.

The Babinda District Arts & Crafts Co-Operative's shop may be a "spring chicken" compared with those, but we have reached the fairly impressive milestone of being in the business of bringing quality hand-made craft items to the public for 15 years. Of course we have to celebrate this and naturally we are throwing a party and, yes, everyone is invited.

We wanted to rejoice in our achievements and how better than to share our success with everyone and hold a very public party on the 5th of April, 2014 at 13 Munro Street Babinda. Between the hours of 9am and 4pm on that day there will be lots of activities with a big focus on crafty things for kids, (of all ages), to do. From card and print making, to face painting, games and competitions, (kids, drop in to the shop to pick up your colouring competition entry form), to paper crafting and lots of other fun things to do throughout the day.

We have also arranged for our guest speaker to say a few words and cut our birthday cake in a small ceremony at around 10.30 am.

After that, if you are feeling peckish, we have arranged for the SES to hold a sausage sizzle near our store between 10.30am and 2pm so do come along and support them. Also coffee, tea and cake will be available at our store throughout the day.

So do remember the date: 5/4/14 and do come along and be a help us celebrate our 15th year in Babinda.

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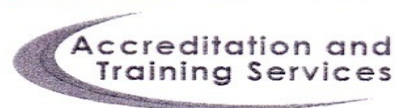
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All of our Year 4-7 students regularly participate in cooking, art and gardening lessons that promote positive attitudes towards food, develop knowledge about our environment, build English and Mathematical skills, and enrich teamwork competencies. This term they have cooked flat breads, dips and salads, built garden beds and began botanical drawings.

As you can see, the students are having a tremendous amount of fun participating in this program! *Sarah Hession APRE & Classroom Teacher*



Women Of Babinda

Holly Goriss

Born in 1955, Holly spent her formative years growing up in Babinda. She was educated at Babinda State Primary School, then located in Church Street, and went on to attend Babinda State High School to year 10. She furthered her education at Innisfail State High School where she completed her year 11 and 12 studies. After leaving school Holly held a number of jobs from School Laboratory Attendant to Pharmacy Assistant and Teacher Aid before becoming the Library Supervisor at Babinda Library in 1984. Her interests include reading, (her current author of choice being L.E. Modesitt, Jr), Ufology, craft, trivia quizzes, and a passion for the community in which she lives. Holly is keen, competent and friendly in her job and in her life and as such is an asset to our community.

This great little town is fortunate to have her.



2014 has started on a very positive note for our school with enrolments well and truly up on last year. We welcome the many new families to our school community.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2014. As this is the final year of year seven in the primary school setting we have vice-captains from year 6 on our leadership team as well.

School Captains Year 7:

Kel-sie Van Rees and Dylan Sacchetti

School Vice-Captains Year 6:

Jazmin Cross and Lulu Arraiza

Bramston Barras Captains: Acashia Van Rees & Josiah McEwan

BB Vice-Captains: Brayden Cavallaro & Angus Davey

Russell Rays Captains: Caleb Nicholson & Kane Lewis

RR Vice-Captains: Carly Venables & Cameron Wilkins

Student Council President: Molly Stager

Vice-President: Jayne Aitken

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Class Representatives: Prep, 1: Zaliah Gallagher Y2,3,4 Charlie Barton

Sandra Bardini

Principal

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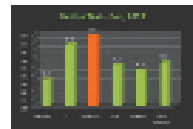
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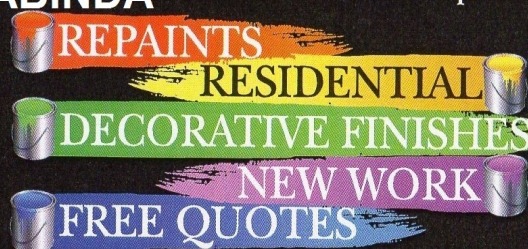


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Contact Tony Densmore 4067 6006

Lines From The Library

It is said that we are living in the Information Age. That being so, there are many of us who are learning to use the tools, (computers, laptops, tablets, pads, smartphones, etc), that we now need in this electronic age. Whether you are just a beginner or want to update your skills, the Babinda library can help you with your learning experience. Even if you don't own a computer, well, we can help with that too as there are public PCs available for use in all of our library branches.

So, how do you access this learning help? There are a couple of ways. For those who prefer hardcopy, (books), then there are manuals, guides and the like available for you to borrow. If you prefer to learn on line, then log on to www.cairnslibrary.com.au click the "Online" tab and go to "eResources" and then "eLearning". Here you will find "Online Training Courses", "The Computer School", "GCF Learn Free", "Mousing Around", Looking@2.0", and "Free Typing Games". You are certain to find something to fill your needs among the tutorials, training, games, tests, and self-guided learning to be found on these sites. These are all available for free from the library PCs or from your home computer. Just use your library membership card to gain access to the site you want.

So even if you have never used a computer, but would like to, your library has the resources to help you learn. Why not drop in to the Babinda library and have a chat to our friendly staff about what your library has available that will suit your needs

See you in the library sometime soon.

Cheers, Holly

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Bookkeeping and Employment Relations Service

The Babinda P-12 State School's Chaplaincy Committee

are holding a

Sausage Sizzle

and a

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When - Saturday March 29th

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Farmers around the Wet Tropics and Northern Gulf regions are encouraged to come along and make the most of a range of soil health experts at a two day soil health forum in April.

April 2nd is an all-day event in Babinda at the Babinda RSL Hall. Bring a friend; it's all free, including smoko, lunch and a BBQ. Buy your evening drinks from Babinda Lions on the bar.

Our Babinda line-up features internationally renowned soils ecologist **Dr Christine Jones**. Christine works with landholders to implement regenerative land management practices that enhance biodiversity, increase biological activity, sequester carbon, activate soil nutrient cycles, restore water balance, improve productivity and create new topsoil.

David Hardwick is an agricultural ecologist who specialises in soil fertility. He has developed the widely successful Landcare Soil Psychology course (dealing with your soil's issues!) and a Visual Soil Assessment activity.

Dr Chandra Iyer is a microbiologist and frequent speaker at field days and work-shops on topics such as soil biology, microbial ecology, and the role of human gut micro flora in health and diseases. Chandra is also the author of the children's book *The Amazing World of Bacteria*.

And many will know **Lawrence Di Bella**, sugar cane agronomist and manager of Herbert Cane Productivity Services Ltd in Ingham. In 2012 he was awarded the SRDC's Project Supporter Award for Grower Innovation in recognition for his passion and dedication to research, development and extension and his active support for grower group projects in the sugar-cane industry.

Registration is essential! Call Fiona 0488702203 or email fionag@terrain.org.au. For information about the Walkamin day, call Fiona, or see Terrain's website: <http://www.terrain.org.au/News-Resources/Latest-News/DIG-DEEPER-Free-Soil-Health-Forum-for-Farmers>

Babinda program:

8.00am-9.30am *Take a picture of your soil with chromatography—bring a fresh, DRIED sample of soil*

9.00am-9.30am *Chromatography demo* **Fiona George, Regional Landcare Facilitator**

9.30am-10.30am *Reducing inputs to activate biology* **Dr Christine Jones, soils ecologist**

10.30am-11.00am **Smoko**

11.00am-12.30pm *A day in the life of a soil interactive workshop* **David Hardwick, agricultural ecologist**

12.30pm-1.15pm **Lunch**

1.15pm-2.00pm *Mill by-products for improved cane productivity*

Lawrence Di Bella, sugar agronomist and manager, HCPSL

2.00pm-3.00pm *Visual Soil Assessment interactive workshop* **David Hardwick, agricultural ecologist**

3.00pm-3.30pm **Smoko**

3.30pm-4.15pm *Understanding biology products demo* **Dr Chandra Iyer, microbiologist**

4.15pm-5.15pm **Q and A with our panel of guests and experts**

5.15pm-6.45pm **BBQ followed by group chroma analysis** **Fiona George and David Hardwick**

Field Trial Update

March 2014

We are pleased to welcome our new field trial manager, Geoff Wilson, to the Cairns office. With a background in environmental health, Geoff brings a range of skills and experience to the project. Look out for Geoff as he's out and about with our team.

As the number of dengue cases across Cairns continues to rise, we remind residents to protect themselves from being bitten by mosquitoes. We are encouraged to see there has been no local dengue transmission in Babinda or other areas of Cairns where we have released *Wolbachia* mosquitoes, and we are continuing to monitor the situation closely. As we have released *Wolbachia* mosquitoes in limited areas, it is important to note that people can still catch dengue outside the field trial sites.

Our latest results show *Wolbachia* has remained in the Babinda mosquito population into the wet season, which we expect will reduce local dengue transmission. We will provide further updates as we obtain more results in coming months.

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



For more information about the Eliminate Dengue research program go to

www.eliminatedengue.com

or call the Cairns office on 1800 811 054

Info Centre Illuminations

It's autumn already, nearly Christmas. Our visitor numbers are up by 10% so far for this year, which is encouraging. There was certainly an increase in visitors from the Northern Hemisphere, probably due the intense winter conditions. It also appears that many European students are travelling to Australia for their "gap" year.

We had an interesting call from a tourist business to inform us they will no longer be using brochures because it is comparatively expensive and circumstances change fairly regularly. They are instead relying on social media and web based sites to promote their businesses. This reflects our increasing reliance on new technology. Speaking of which, I have been informed that the mill memorabilia site on our web site is getting many "hits", whilst our free camping site is 3rd on the list.

Speaking of changes, "to the best of my knowledge" is a good phrase, as reef trips etc. can be cancelled. At the time of writing, all of the nets at the various beaches in the region have been withdrawn because of the strong winds.

Until next time

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What's Happening In Babinda

TASKFORCE - Next meeting 27 March 9am at the Taskforce. All members welcome. 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, 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. Meetings 2nd Wed of month @ 6pm bring a chair

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

BABINDA BOXING CLUB Tuesday & Thursday 5.30—6.30pm, Warren Jensen Hall - Bill Wakeham Park . See advert.

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Phone 4067 1148. Barbecue Buffet Meals start 7th February 2014.

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

BABINDA CHOI KWANG DO - CWA Hall Mon & Thu 5.30 - 6.30pm. All ages welcome. Enquiries to 0413 386 942

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

MENSHER'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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Presbyterian Church Hall @ 8:45am. Contact Miss Shirley for further details on 4067 2261

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

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

TRIVIA NIGHT: Thursdays at the Stag Tavern at 7.30. Come alone or bring a team - casuals welcome. 4067 1111

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

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