



# Babinda News

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“Babinda the Umbrella Town “



## “The Presidents Notes “

Debra Quabba

Hello everyone,

Well Easter has come and gone, and I hope that everyone had a restful break. We are continuing to work towards expanding our services to ensure that we can continue to provide Babinda with the facilities we have become renowned for. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been assisting us working incredibly hard to ensure our future, I hope it is enough to ensure our longevity, but for now it is wait and see.

We are moving fast towards our Harvest Festival and it will be a fantastic day including the Boulders Burst. It is a function that I look forward to from the parade through to the entertainment and having a drink at the bar with friends. The Harvest Fest Committee has been working feverishly towards making this years event the best ever and I have no doubt that they will achieve their goal.

The wet season has finally arrived and it has been wonderful, it is fantastic to see our creeks running clean and fresh. Sometimes it can be a pain but for the most part we would not have this lovely green environment to live in. (And I don't mean the mildew).

Tidy Towns is also fast approaching only this year we will be defending our title, ‘the title’ of Tidiest Town north Queensland. It was an exciting win for us last year and as well as the honour of winning the title and the associated media we are entitled to host this years Regional Tidy Towns Awards. This means that other communities in the Far Northern region who enter this years event will send representatives along for the awards ceremony. We get to show off our community to Mayors, CEO's and other community organisations such as ourselves.

Stay safe, Deb

### IT IS RAINING

1. With the current weather it is important that all drivers consider the road conditions—slow down and increase the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front.
2. Do not enter flooded roads.
3. If you want information on road conditions on major roads contact 131940 or visit the website at <http://131940.qld.gov.au>
4. Stay away from flooded streams—they are not a playground.
5. If you need assistance from the State Emergency Service (SES) contact 132500 or <http://emergency.qld.gov.au/ses/>
6. If you come across a traffic crash sites are workplaces with emergency services in attendance - obey all instructions-traffic crash sites are workplaces and emergency services staff need to be kept safe in those places.
7. Courtesy of the QLD Police Service

### Rainfall for the Month of March

**Bellenden Ker - Top Station** - 2023mm  
Year to Date - 4280mm

**Bellenden Ker - Bottom Station** - 907.4mm  
Year to Date - 2625.2mm

**Babinda Rainfall** - 793.8 mm  
Year to Date: - 2298.4 mm

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## Police News

Unfortunately the past month has been another horrendous one for traffic crashes within the District. From myself and all the staff at the station we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr Norman WITHERS who was very obviously a highly regarded member of this community. Since taking up the position of Officer in Charge I have had the dreadful duty of attending and investigating two traffic crashes that have taken the lives of upstanding members of our community. Please take that extra moment when driving on our roads, think about what you are doing, think about what other people may unexpectedly do and ensure that you are driving to conditions. Furthermore if you see something that concerns you on our roads please pick up the telephone and let the police know. The past month has also seen two break and enters occur within the township. These particular offences are a scourge in a small town and one which needs to be stamped out. The Golf Club was broken into on or around the 15/03/2010 and a quantity of liquor stolen. In this instance a glass window was smashed and the offenders have gained entry to the bar area. Secondly a childs Pee wee 50 motorcycle was stolen from an open carport at Peever Street around the weekend of the 14/03/2010. The motorcycle is described as a CRF50 motorcycle red and white in colour in good condition. This motorcycle is quite small and should be easily recognised. If you have seen or heard anything suspicious in relation to either of these incidents please contact us here at the station. Remember information can be provided anonymously and confidentially. It is also a timely reminder for property safety. If you have valuable property around the house don't make yourself a target. Keep it out of view and locked away. Remember crime is everyone's responsibility and if you see something that you think is not right take the extra minute make a note of clothing, vehicles, and the appearance of the persons and let police know straight away. The quicker the matter can be acted upon the better the chance of a criminal being brought to justice.

Until next Month stay safe  
Gerard BRADY



## Contribution Closing Dates for Babinda News

5th May 2010

3rd June 2010

## BABINDA S E S NEWS

from Don Lawie

Our base on Howard Kennedy Drive is looking brand new thanks to lots of attention from Cairns Regional Council. We've had a full paint job done, and the long-standing Mynah bird infestation has been eliminated. Good surroundings make for more efficient workers – many thanks to Councillor Paul and the work team.

Our new stove, purchased with \$ 1620 fund-raising money has been installed, just in time for a big weekend on April 10 and 11 .We will host the SES Far Northern District Regional Challenge, in which SES Group teams compete to determine which is the best performer.

There will be no losers here since even the lowest scorers will still demonstrate a high level of skill in all aspects of our work. Tests will include proficiency in communications, casualty handling and first aid, flood boat, chainsaw and roof work, among others. We expect over 100 volunteers and our welfare team of Dulcie, Evelyn and Nildra will be calling on the rest of us to help them feed and supply the multitude.

We were proud to attend the official opening of Babinda RSL's magnificent new Memorial Hall on March 20 and to have a chat with our Mayor Val who we found very approachable.

Congrats to Debra and the team for such a successful operation.

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## Cairns Regional Council Notes By Paul Gregory

Hi From Cairns Regional Council

I hope everyone had a happy Easter break, and stayed safe on the roads during the wet weather. As usual, rain seems to have played a major part in the plans for the long weekend and many camping trips would have been cancelled, but it may have given us all a chance to be with family and friends and reflect on the real meaning of Easter (away from the chocolate eggs!). I hope those who attended enjoyed the dedication of the new hall on the 20th March, the fourth anniversary of cyclone Larry. I was disappointed that Terry Mackenroth couldn't attend. Those there would have heard me speak of his input into the provision of the new structure: quite simply, without his determination and ability to make things happen, the hall would not have been built. To everyone who did contribute, I can only say a heartfelt thank you, and I hope I was able to express my feelings adequately at the function in the hall. We now have a very special facility for the community to use for years to come, as a gift from the people of Australia.

The wet weather is starting to put regular maintenance and construction behind schedule. The construction of the Alice River bridge is slated to begin during April, but the ground is way too wet to move large machinery around on. As soon as it dries enough, the new bridge will begin to take shape on the upstream side of the old wooden structure. All being well, the new bridge will be in service before next wet season. Funding for this bridge is coming from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery stream, which is money collected from the fuel tax and directed straight to local government to spend on projects they see as being vital to the road network in the council's area. A previous project undertaken with this money in the Babinda area was the Boulder's Road upgrade to a two lane carriageway several years ago; the purpose of the funding stream is tied to roads that have significant value as an industry or tourism link, and vital to the well being of the community. The Alice River bridge certainly fits these requirements, and was indeed the highest priority job under this program for Cairns Regional Council.

Until next time,  
Cheers Paul.



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If you have trouble remembering when your library items are due back to Cairns Libraries, sign up for Library Elf, a third party library email notification service that alerts you to upcoming due dates and items ready for collection. To sign up visit Cairns Libraries website at [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au) and look for the Library Elf entry.

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# FEAST OF SAINT RITA



## BABINDA SUNDAY 30TH MAY

2 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Cairns, Bishop James Foley, Scalabrinian Priest, and other visiting Priests from the dioceses

3.30 pm The Cairns Municipal band will lead a solemn procession of the Statue and Relics of Saint Rita

4pm All are invited to a barbeque and mini fete which will be held at the Saint Rita's School grounds Followed by a Fireworks Display at 7pm

# ALL WELCOME

## AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome everyone. It's amazing there isn't a rush on tinea powder with the amount of rain falling lately. I only attended one accident over the Easter long weekend halfway between here and Innisfail, fortunately no injuries. Hopefully people drove to the conditions on our roads. When it is that wet it is better to stay at home instead of being on the roads where possible. Sad news with the passing of Norm, you would not meet a nicer fellow in your travels. Sincere regards to family and friends. It is when you come across a situation that involves someone being injured where you can recognise the benefits of learning first aid. Any assistance you can render may improve a persons recovery time or in fact save their life. People who learnt CPR or other skills 20 years ago still remember some things when they come across a situation. The QAS runs courses generally in Innisfail or Cairns. The contact # is 1300 369 003. There are also other private providers in Innisfail, Babinda and Cairns just look up the phone book or speak to Peter or myself if you see us.. In regards to baby capsule fitting I have been advised through the Brisbane office that Babinda is no longer a registered baby capsule fitting station. Innisfail or Cairns ambulance stations provide this service, call the same # listed for first aid courses. Most places like Silkwood, Babinda etc will now fall into this category. I hope to write in the column next month.

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## Kylie Ready to Trek Kokoda Trail!

Local resident and staff member of the Babinda **Community Bank**® Branch, Kylie Luce, is set to trek the Kokoda trail in Papua New Guinea! Kylie says despite the hardship of the trek she is very excited and just a little nervous about the expedition. "It is something I have wanted to do for a very long time and I can't wait to get out there and enjoy the experience".

As a member of the Army Reserve since she left school, Kylie has a solid military career behind her and a genuine appreciation of the significance of the journey. "I have previously travelled to Gallipoli and was very moved and humbled by the experience – I expect my trek along the Kokoda trail will be similarly sobering".

As part of her training regime, Kylie has been a regular at the local pool swimming laps in her lunch hour to improve her aerobic capacity and completing local walks and hikes in the area to increase leg strength and stamina. Despite all her training, she still worries it may not be enough. "I just intend to keep going and not give up despite how hot, wet or uncomfortable it might be."

As an added bonus for her efforts, Babinda **Community Bank**® Branch has been extremely supportive of Kylie's endeavours. The Babinda branch has donated coloured pencils, pencil cases and hats for Kylie to distribute to children in villages along the way. These days, the giving of gifts to the villages that support the trekkers is customary. Kylie's tour group will be distributing clothes with each trek member required to carry a bag of donated clothing. As a mother of two young children, Kylie also intends to focus on the children she will meet. "It is really wonderful my branch is offering these simple gifts for the kids – I can't wait to see the looks on their faces. Kylie's trek commences in May and runs for 10 days.

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Introducing...

**Ross Growcott** our new Regional Manager who has worked in the Banking and Finance Industry for 29 years including five years as a Financial Planner. For the past four years, Ross worked with **Community Bank®** branches in Brisbane as a Branch Manager and Area Manager.

Before working in Brisbane, Ross lived in Cairns for 17 years. He is keen to become involved again with Far Northern community organisations. His interests include fishing, scuba diving, and football, and he is an active member of the State Emergency Service.

**Andrew Portelli** our new Business and Agri-Business Banking Manager, has lived in Innisfail for seven years with his wife, Karen and son, Luke. Andrew has been involved in banking and finance for more than 25 years as a Branch Manager and in Business and Agri-Business management. He is currently President of the Fitzgerald Rotary Club in Innisfail and is active in Harvest Festival organisation and district soccer with his son.

To make an appointment with Andrew, call into our branch at 55 Munro Street, Babinda or call 07 4067 2934.

**PHOTO COMPETITION FOR BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL  
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## HARVEST FESTIVAL 2010, MAY 22-29

TICKETS FOR THE CABARET ON SALE SOON FROM BABINDA PHARMACY  
Saturday, May 22, Harvest Cabaret at the RSL Hall

Don't forget to register your interest for:

**PARADE** Assemble 2pm at Abbeyfield House for 2.30pm departure, Saturday May 29  
**FUN RUN** Babinda Boulders Burst Anzac Park to Boulders and back to showgrounds. Start

3.30pm. Entry fee: Adults \$2, Children free.

Distances: 11km, 5km, 3km

Categories:

3km: Under 12, 12-15, 16+

Prizes for overall male and female winner—voucher or gift or \$20 cash

5km: Under 19, 19-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Prizes for overall male and female winner—voucher or gift or \$20 cash

11km: Under 19, 19-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Prizes for overall male and female winner \$200 each. Vouchers/gifts for other categories

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In response to the interest shown by a number of landowners and land managers along Babinda Creek, Terrain NRM held a public meeting to collate landowners' views concerning the Creek and opportunities regarding rehabilitation and management on 4 March. The meeting was well attended and a subcommittee of the RLCG was formed to pursue further action.

As a result of recent discussions we have established an online discussion/information forum. Anyone can have their opinion heard; it is free and can be accessed any time from any computer (including free internet access at our local library).

### **Join in—the new online Message Board for Russell Landcare and Catchment Group.**

A message Board is just like a community noticeboard; you visit the website <http://au.groups.com/group/RLCGmembers/>, and read the messages from other members, the Terrain NRM Coordinator or the RLCG Management Committee. You can post anything you like (messages about upcoming events, discussions about the weather!). The Board does not generate any spam (rubbish emails) and is totally free (Yahoo just put their ads on the webpage). Visit the site, have a look around, and sign up (free—you can deregister anytime you like). Hope to see you on the Board! If you have any questions, please email [Russell.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:Russell.landcare@gmail.com) and I can assist you.

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We welcome any general enquiries via email to [Russell.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:Russell.landcare@gmail.com) or pop in and see Melanie, Catchment Coordinator, at 53 Munro St for information on the group and assistance with natural resource management issues in the Russell Catchment.

Sadly, Melanie has advised that she is leaving Babinda and will no longer be our Coordinator after May. Melanie has been a great friend and a fantastic support for our group and our activities in the Catchment, and I know the Management Committee and many local landowners will be sad to see her leave. Her position is currently being advertised so hopefully a new coordinator will be appointed shortly. We will be organizing a farewell BBQ for Mel so please email me if you would like an invitation to come along and wish her well, in case the next Taskforce News is too late for us to put details in

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*Michele Dale*

Secretary, Russell Catchment and Landcare Group Inc.





# Curtis Pitt MP Member for Mulgrave

## Imperative that solution is found to keep Taskforce operating

As readers would be aware, Babinda Taskforce president Debra Quabba recently announced that unless the organisation could increase funding the Taskforce faced closure. I was unable to make the community meeting held on 24 March as Parliament was sitting but I understand it was well attended. In the 11 years it has been operating the Taskforce has provided a tremendous service at a time when many rural towns have seen a continual decline in services provided.

To continue operating, the Taskforce requires an income stream which will allow the employment of fulltime staff. I'd encourage members of the community to become financial members of the Taskforce as a first step and get a good understanding of the services that may go by the wayside if operations at the Taskforce were to cease.

I'm also concerned that the local QGAP agency has not been operating in recent months, and given there are obvious synergies between the two operations, I've proposed to Smart Service Queensland that the Taskforce becomes the new QGAP agent in Babinda.

I am pleased to say that Smart Service Queensland has been holding discussions with the Taskforce to investigate and progress this proposal. This alone will not be enough to keep the doors open.

I appreciate the support of Division One Councillor Paul Gregory who has indicated he will put a case to Cairns Regional Council for some funding support.

A strong case can be argued, not only because Babinda is a busy town with an ageing population that requires a range of services, but from a community development point of view it is a must if Babinda is going to thrive as a township.

Partnership between local and state government on this issue is a key component to any workable solution. The scope of services that could be provided would encompass three levels of government, creating a one stop service centre—a model which has worked in many other rural towns.

When I recently attended a meeting of the Bramston Beach Progress Association, the association and the community more broadly are looking to form closer ties with like community-minded organisations like the Babinda Taskforce.

This is compliment paid to the good work undertaken by the Taskforce because it has become an essential part of the success of Babinda. It is imperative that a solution be found and I will continue to work to find one.

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### Working For You

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## Farewell Norm Withers

The Babinda Taskforce would like to add our sincere sympathies, along with the great majority of Babinda residents, to the family of Norm Withers on his death.

Norm was a familiar sight along Munro Street, doing his job as a valuable volunteer, for our neighbours The Babinda Bargain Centre.

We shall miss you in Munro Street, Norm.

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## Artsy Craftsy

This month we are pleased to announce the Craft Shop has signed up a Potter. Katrina is originally from Broken Hill, NSW. She and her husband spent many years moving around the southern states for his work. In 1996 they and their three children moved to Townsville where she worked in many diverse areas from Diversional Therapy in a nursing home, to working in a coffee shop.

They moved to Innisfail in 2009 when, as she put it, her husband had his mid life crisis and decided to change career. She always enjoyed working with her hands and exploring different crafts but never settled on one thing. Then about 5 years ago she took up pottery. She studied under Nick Dimitriou in Townsville. From the start she was hooked. She is now under the tutelage of Cor and Jan Deveth. They have shown her how to take her pottery into new directions and hone her skills.

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**T**hank you to all the community for supporting our Easter Raffle. We are always very impressed with the loyalty and generosity of our extended community members and appreciate your ongoing commitment to assisting us in achieving the best possible outcomes for our children and our school. The winner of our Easter Hamper was 'Bindi' from Bartle Frere. We're sure she enjoyed all the chocolates and the trip to the Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve.

**A** massive Thank You to Everyone who collected the Cairns Post Mastheads for us. I'm sure we put up a great fight, but our Congratulations go to Mt. Molloy School. What an achievement they made.

**J**ust a reminder our Family Play Group is meeting every Tuesday between 9am and 11am. So bring your little ones along for some social interaction, fun and games, and meet new parents or carers over a nice cuppa. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Babinda and District Amateur Fishing Club News

All members and interested public are invited to attend a presentation and information evening on the research results of Barramundi and Mackerel species to be held at the Babinda Fishing Club House in the showgrounds on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm.

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### JUDI VAN DYKE

*“Blue skies, lush rainforest and prestige Boulders nourish and inspire me and zest with the brush”*

Award winning artist, Judi Van Dyke also calls Babinda home.

Judi recently added the People’s Choice Award at Innisfail’s Feast of the Senses Art Exhibition, to the other awards she has won, in the past,, from around Australia.

Judi is thrilled with her most recent award. The fact that it was the popular choice of the people visiting one of Far North Queensland’s most popular festivals makes it even more special.

Judi described the award winning mixed media piece, “Fantasie Exotique”, as a “journey through the underworld”. Her larger than life works truly are an expression of her strong and vivacious personality.

Many locals attest to feeling totally rejuvenated after visiting Judi at her unique Beauty and Massage Retreat (see ad this page).

Judi has travelled extensively and moved to North Queensland from South Australia in 1988.

She has lived in four States of Australia; London and France, but for now proudly boasts that “Babinda is home”.

### Lou Van Rikxoort

*“The joy people receive when they see themselves through my art is my joy and motivation”.*

Lou moved to Babinda in 2009, and after a lifetime of being a gypsy, realised she had finally found home.

Lou is a portrait artist. She paints in fantasy style with chiaroscuro effect (always light coming out of darkness). All of her art seeks to express the unique glow of each individual or character she portrays. She is constantly inspired by the natural environment of Babinda.

Lou studied fine Arts at North Adelaide School of Art, Philosophy at Flinders University, and is a classically trained pianist. Lou has always been an artist at heart and learnt the importance of being creative in every endeavour largely from her Dutch grandmother. Her parents are massage therapists and she grew up in an environment filled with human anatomy. It was here that her love of the human form developed.

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## **NEWS FROM THE BBC**

(BABINDA BARGAIN CENTRE)

Firstly our love and prayers go out to the family and friends of Norm Withers who was a remarkable man giving his time generously to the Babinda Bargain Centre. He was a keen volunteer, being awarded Life Membership last year from Cootharinga North Qld. His passing is with such sadness. Normie will be remembered always and missed indefinitely.

I cannot stress how proud I am of all the volunteers from the Babinda Bargain Centre. To see them in action at the opening of the new RSL Hall, working as a team to provide afternoon tea for the community was quite remarkable and inspiring. And they did it willing to raise funds for the Disabled in Far North Qld.

It was a delicious afternoon tea with plenty of variety and although the event could have been better attended, I felt great pride in seeing our town's new and impressive venue officially opened.

Each day that I see these volunteers turn up for work at the Bargain Shop, I am amazed. For anyone to give up their time to willingly assist others even for just one day is a very charitable and noble trait. It is truly remarkable the level of commitment some of these volunteers have, and together, as a team they continue to achieve an outstanding feat of raising more than one hundred thousand dollars annually for Cootharinga North Qld.

More volunteers are always needed, and as they say, "many hands make light work". You may be in between 'jobs' and still seeking paid employment, but in the interim please call in at the Bargain Shop and see Marg. You too may get addicted to the volunteer lifestyle.

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## Info Centre Illuminations

I am very proud to report that the majority of our volunteers are now recognized "Aussie Hosts". They have successfully completed an eight-hour programme designed to create a culture of high quality customer service standards throughout Australia. We are now more aware of the role we play as individuals, and as an organization, in positively meeting the needs of our visitors.

Thank-you to the delightful and talented pre-schoolers at Babinda P-12 State School. They have created a magnificent "Easter Garden" to brighten up our rooms at the centre. We are receiving so many positive comments from our visitors. Congratulations students; you should be very proud of your efforts.

This week, we are combining our monthly meeting with a very special occasion. Ann Wonga has a very special birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a jolly morning, with lots of tea and cake to celebrate Ann's birthday, as well as her special association with our centre. Our visitors love to talk to Ann, and delight in hearing her talk about Babinda's history.

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A Bandicoot is a very disagreeable animal to clean, therefore it should be done as soon as possible, and then the flesh can be left in strong vinegar and water for a few hours before dressing. Sweet potatoes and onions make a good stuffing for Bandicoot, which is good either boiled or baked. I KID YOU NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!

**BABINDA WELCOMES BHB**

Babinda Heritage Blessing Inc. (BHB), is the newest non-profit business in town, serving the local community and tourists. The centre, located next to the Bakery, has a wide range of local aboriginal arts and crafts, with a wide range of quality goods at reasonable prices, created by our own people. The Centre is seeing growing number of coaches, hire cars and curious locals regularly calling in.

Our Community Centre is for all who have needs, even if it is a need for a chat, a cup of tea or a sing song (local Babinda choir members have visited us).

Our Youth Centre sputtered to a start over Easter. The rafters shook in the back of the building with the noise. Rain permitting, we may even get to finish painting the building. Big plans are in place for this part of our enterprise when Community Preventive Crime funding comes in, allowing us to buy gym, sports and art class equipment.

Last but not least, is our Christian Resource Area, containing second hand books, posters, DVD's, cards and gifts. Christian Aboriginal art will be unique to the Centre.

**WHO ARE WE?**

We are a local aboriginal church who volunteer our time to run this enterprise. We are proud of our heritage as a people. We are equally proud of our community and want to put back what has been given to us over many years. We are there for ALL of you and your children. We want visitors and outsiders to know that Babinda is the town with the Big Heart.

**Mike Adam (Manager)**

## AN ANZAC SOLDIER

By Don Lawie

My father, Charles Lawie, fought at Gallipoli with the 25th Battalion A.I.F., from September 1915 until the Evacuation in December that year. His Gallipoli service was mostly spent on the northern flank of the front line at a place named Rhododendron Ridge. His unit relieved the New Zealand troops who had captured the ridge in August during a bold but unsuccessful attempt to turn the flank of the Turks. A high range confined the ANZAC troops to a small area based on Anzac Cove and the New Zealanders captured a peak on the range – Chunuk Bair – but due to heavy casualties, exhaustion, lack of food and water and an overwhelming number of Turkish reinforcements were forced to relinquish their position.

Dad's Battalion took over the front line and he noted in his diary that the smell of dead bodies was overpowering, but that there was a "bosker" view of Suvla Bay from the Ridge. Any movement by day invited instant death so the Aussies and Kiwis dug a series of communication tunnels in the hard ground. Some of these tunnels still exist and in 2008 my son Duncan and I stood at the mouth of a tunnel that may well have been dug by my father. During their time on Gallipoli my father's Battalion lost almost one third of their men to death, wounds and disease. Dad suffered from a bout of jaundice for which the only cure was isolation in a relatively safe dugout, rest, and an enhanced ration that included an issue of plum jam.

The campaign was deemed unwinnable so the ANZAC soldiers were withdrawn eight months after landing. They subsequently defended the Suez Canal against Turkish attack then went to France and Belgium. Dad suffered a bayonet wound during the battle for Pozieres, then a severe machine gun wound on the Somme and was invalided out of the army in 1918, "unfit for further service".

He came to the Babinda area in 1942, the family followed in 1946, and dad was a cane farmer beside the Mulgrave River at Fig Tree Creek until he retired to the Tablelands. His wounds troubled him all his life and he finally succumbed, dying in 1971.

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## ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Sunday 25 April

**Dawn Service: 0400, 4am**

**Fall in at Memorial Hall: 0420, 4.20am**

**March to Cenotaph: 0425, 4.25am**

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**BABINDA TASKFORCE - MONTHLY MEETINGS** - Third Thursday of the month. 9:30am at the Taskforce Office.

**AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUATES LEAGUE** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am at the Spirit of Babinda Hall.

**BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS** - 2nd Thursday every month - 7pm shop, bring a chair

**BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB** meetings are now held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Club House - Phone 4067-1087

**BABINDA BOWLS CLUB** - Weekly Bowls - Monday 12.30pm Mill RDO Bowls - Tuesday 1pm Ladies Wednesday 6pm Barefoot - Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 1pm Social - Phone 40671148

**BABINDA BOXING CLUB** - Hoy at Spirit of Babinda Hall 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 1.30pm

**BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY** held 2nd Saturday of each month. Main street.

**BABINDA GOLF CLUB** - Time of competitions - Wednesday - Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm

Friday - Social Holes 3pm Saturday - 18 Hole Competition 1pm

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

**BABINDA PROGRESSIVE ART WORKSHOPS** Wed 9am - 12pm, Ph Micale on 0450 360 611

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

**BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL** - Family Day Group Every Tuesday 9am—11am All welcome (Contact Principle Danielle 4067-6240 for more information)

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - 6 - 6.30PM - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's

**CHILD HEALTH CLINIC** - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital

**COOTHARINGA - HOY** - 2nd Monday of every month 1.30pm to 4pm in the Spirit of Babinda Hall

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**INFO CENTRE** - First Friday of the month 9.30am at the Info Centre

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**KIDS CLUB** - Grade 1 to Grade 7 - Wednesday 5pm to 7.30pm CWA Hall, Babinda.

**PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES** - meets every Mon. 9.30am - 1130am at St. Rita's School, Church St. Ring Julie on 4067-2397 for more information.

**QCWA BABINDA**- 2nd Saturday of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting 4th Monday of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1pm

**QCWA DEERAL**—2nd Wednesday of the month—09.00am Craft lessons (Teacher) - open to all. Meeting 1.30pm—New members welcome.

**RUSSELL LANDCARE & CATCHMENT GROUP** - see article in this issue for upcoming events or phone 40672515

**SCHOOLIEZ CHURCH** - Grade 8-12 Every Sunday 8.30am Tootie and Wendy's 116 Munro St Phone: 40671568.

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

**STORYTIME** - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month

**TAI CHI** - Every Saturday at the Babinda Golf Club from 8.30am to 9.30am

Ring 4067-1762 for more information. Every Wednesday 9.30-10.30 Spirit of Babinda Hall

**YOGA**—Every Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm at the Spirit of Babinda Hall. All Welcome.