

## Cairns Drain Stencil Project - Babinda Article



Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC), alongside Cairns Regional Council, are bringing the Drain Stencil Project to the streets of Babinda for the first time this June. The Drain Stencil Project, which started in 2015, is part of an ongoing initiative in the Cairns Region to raise awareness about urban pollution and flood mitigation.

CAFNEC's Marine Response Team will be facilitating 3 stencilling sessions in Babinda. These stencilling sessions are fun, free, family friendly events, where you can be a part of a creative and hands-on community project. Free afternoon tea included!

### Stencilling Sessions

#### *Meeting at Babinda Library*

Saturday 16th June, 10am to 12pm

Saturday 16th June, 3pm to 5pm

Saturday 23rd June, 10am to 12pm

Through the project the Marine Response Team are spreading the word that any waste that enters our stormwater drain system flows out to the reef untreated. The project aims to engage the community by running creative stencilling sessions where colourful messages such as "This drains to the Great Barrier Reef" are sprayed onto drains alongside reef animals.

The Drain Stencil Project also encourages flood mitigation. Rubbish and debris clogging up drains is a flooding risk. Babinda is a very wet town, and with all the local flooding the areas recently experienced clear drainage networks are crucial to divert water flow away from home.

### How do our stencilling sessions run?

1. We all get together
2. One of the Marine Response Team volunteers has a chat about urban pollution and flood mitigation.
3. We divide into groups with a volunteer leader in each. Following a map of the suburb we go different ways into the streets to spray paint the concrete besides stormwater drains.
4. After an hour of stencilling we return back for a bite to eat with a free morning tea.

Come along and join us, adding colour and flare to your community and help spread the message!

To register for a session go to - <http://www.marineteam.org/manunda-registration/>

If you would like to know more contact -

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