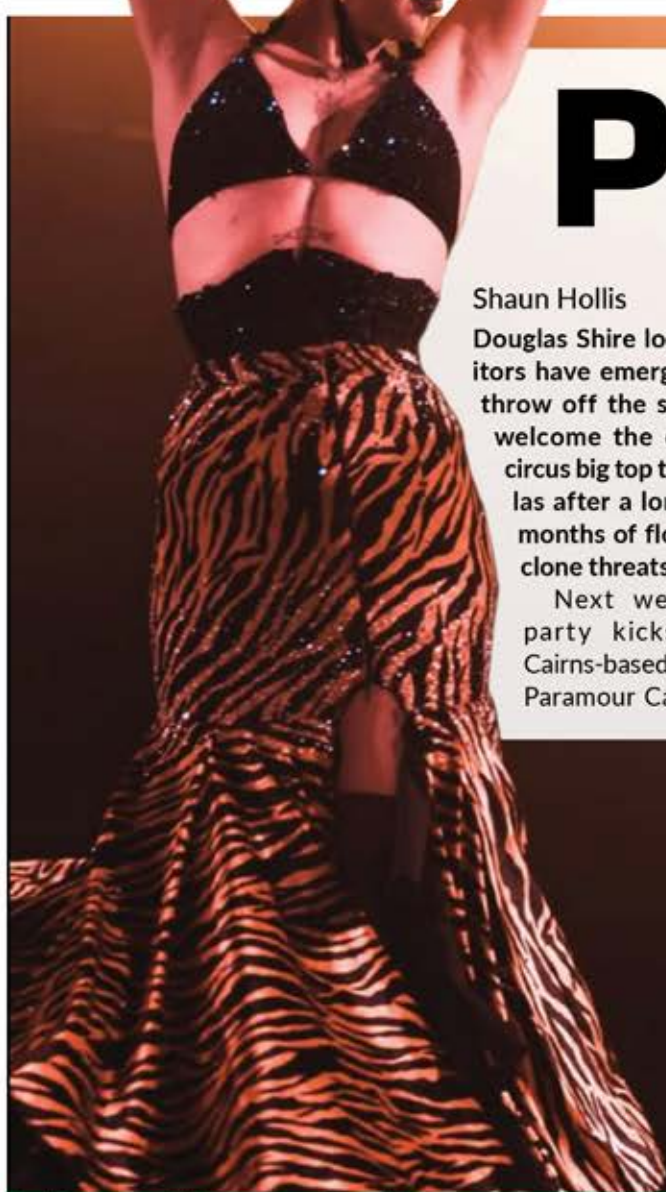


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## Party time

Shaun Hollis

Douglas Shire locals and visitors have emerged ready to throw off the shackles and welcome the cabaret and circus big top to Port Douglas after a long couple of months of floods and cyclone threats.

Next weekend, the party kicks off with Cairns-based entertainers Paramour Cabaret bring-

ing six different shows to the town's waterfront across two weeks, while the Shire's very own talented troupe Sea Circus is performing at two different venues in what promises to be a big party-season launch.

Paramour producer Wes Evans says the whole group is excited to bring a new adults-only burlesque show to Port Douglas, while the large range of other shows are ca-

tering to a big cross-section of different age groups and demographics.

"It's been in the making for about a year now," Evans says of the Barefoot and Burlesque show. "We have five of the best burlesque dancers in Australia."

Three all-ages shows feature lots of slime, science and hypnotism.

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Claire Stuchbery

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This week, member publishers within the Local and Independent News Association movement are uniting for the Our News, Your Voice campaign.

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Claire Stuchbery is the executive director of the Local and Independent News Association.

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Taylor Reedy, who was at the AFL game on Saturday, loves Dusty Martin so much she named her son Dustin. Picture: Shaun Hollis

# Wonga's million \$ question

Shaun Hollis

**A \$1.35m plan to fix the drainage at Wonga has been unveiled by Douglas Shire Council.**

Flooding after heavy rain has been an ongoing frustration for Wonga locals, with several contacting Newsport in the past year pleading for the state and local governments to find a solution.

A report tabled in last week's DSC meeting stated the new plans, which are still in the pre-concept and feasibility study stage, aim to reduce the number of flooded buildings from 20 and 12 during times of heavy inundation between the ranges of a one-in-five-year flood through to a one-in-100-year flood.

Mayor Lisa Scmazzon spoke out in favour of the Wonga project during the meeting, singling it out from a list of mooted flood-mitigation initiatives the council wants to undertake.

"Some of the projects are fantastic," Mayor Scmazzon said.

"One of them that I think is great is the improvements to stormwater drainage in Wonga."

The project had now been identified in the 2023 Wonga Beach Flood Study and Drainage Assessment flood study, and now was the time to get it moving, she said.

Several of the other councillors agreed. The report tabled in the meeting stated: "Wonga Beach is a low lying beachside community that is increasingly experiencing flooding and inundation of residences in recent events, including intense short period rainfall."

"The flood mapping and drainage assessment study in Wonga Beach has identified various options to reduce flooding and inundation of residences."

In February, a Newsport investigation found the clearing of a trio of drains in Wonga Beach was waiting on State Government Environment Department approval while frustrated locals continued to endure localised flooding.

Wonga resident Ian Arcus said at the time, if the outfalls to the ocean were not cleared, the stormwater had nowhere to go and just backed up in the drains.

"This in turn forces the water into the streets, which fills the streets and then causes water to enter properties," Mr Arcus said.

"If you discuss with locals who have lived in the area virtually all of their lives, it is easy to ascertain that some of the drains and natural watercourses are either being ignored or have been filled up over the years."

## Mums come out to play

With Mother's Day coming up this Sunday, now is a great time to shine a spotlight on the great work mums across Far North Queensland are doing.

Many mums were out and about last weekend, including Taylor Reedy, who was kicking the footy with son Dustin at Port

Douglas oval during a break in the Crocs match.

Richmond AFL fan Taylor loves guest Croc Dustin Martin so much, she named her son after him.

And the junior Croc mums were also out in force on the day Dusty came to town - see Page 12 and 13 for more details.

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# Ellen is the pride of beach's fire brigade



Ellen Ross has been awarded the International Women's Day Rural Fire Award for the Northern Region Rural Fire Service Queensland. Picture: Supplied

Bryan Littlely

Wonga Beach Rural Fire Brigade volunteer Ellen Ross has been recognised for her tireless service and dedication to her community as part of the Northern Region Rural Fire Service Queensland Awards.

The International Women's Day Rural Fire Award recipient started her volunteering at the age of 52

with the Maryfarms Rural Fire Brigade and put her ongoing dedication to the fire service down to the many other volunteers she had met along the way.

"I have met many volunteers over the years, from all walks of life, none of this would have been possible without a good crew behind me, and the support I have always had from the staff at our

Cairns office," Mrs Ross said. She did not start volunteering until retiring and moving to Wonga Beach and began working her way up to being a Crew Leader in 2008.

Mrs Ross has held medium and heavy rigid licences, did a lot of time driving for the call-outs and is famous for her caramel tarts and cheesecakes.

**DAINTREE HALL REPAIRS**  
The much-loved Daintree Community Hall is set to receive a well-deserved refresh, with a series of maintenance works scheduled to begin in June.

The upcoming works will include repainting the outside of the building, repairing gutters and cladding, and plumbing upgrades to the external toilet block.

The project will be delivered in stages to minimise disruption, with the council aiming to keep the community informed about any short-term changes for hall users.

**FRUIT STALL RAID**  
Operators of the Daintree Gateway Fruit Stall have been left frustrated by a late-night fruit raid, with two individuals helping themselves to produce while leaving only a fraction of the money the haul was worth.

Security footage at the stall captured the theft at about 11pm on Sunday, when two individuals wearing masks visited in what appeared to be an older-model Toyota LandCruiser.

"They did leave some money... but only a fraction of what was taken," wrote operator Nadia Sinkovich.

**COUNCIL WAGE DISPUTE**  
"Significant service disruptions" are expected by one local union at Douglas Shire Council in coming weeks after a pay dispute has escalated.

Australian Workers' Union members at the council began taking industrial action last fortnight as part of ongoing negotiations with management about a new pay deal, Northern District secretary Jim Wilson said last week.

A DSC statement outlined that it "acknowledges and respects the lawful right of employees to engage in protected industrial action".

## Happy Mother's Day

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# Start of the party



The new Sea Circus show this weekend will take you on a journey through ancient times, telling tales of mythological gods and goddesses. Picture: Sharon Richards Photographic

From Page One

The celebrations launch next Friday (May 15) with the Carnivale Kick Off Party at the Paramour Big Top on Dixie St, Port Douglas, while Blast Lab, Slime of your Life and hypnotist Matt Hale are also set to wow crowds of all ages across that weekend.

Sea Circus is putting on two shows across that weekend - Ancient Tales at the Surfy on the Friday and at Cafe Del Mar at the Sheraton on Saturday (May 16).

Owner and performer Vanessa Carey says the group is excited to be involved.

"Let your imagination cast away to explore the ancient wonders of the world with Sea Circus Productions this year for Carnivale," Carey says.

"With this year's storytime based on 'Ancient Tales of the Gods', the showcase will take you on a journey through ancient times, telling tales of mythological gods and goddesses.

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deserts, through the expanses of the rainforest, and into the depths of the oceans, encountering mythical creatures and facing legendary nemeses in the search to find treasures that'll protect their world today."

Carey says the shows are a creative community collaboration that bring the stories to life, through words, song, dance and circus acts, which display local talents in aerial acrobatics, contortion, stilt walking, LED twirling, music, theatre and fire dancing.

"We're proud to partner up with PyroGlow Productions, Keep on Dancing, The Clink Theatre and the harpist Loni Fitzpatrick," she says.

The entire Port Douglas Carnivale program includes 10 days of festivities.

Running from May 15-24, it will culminate in a weekend of celebrations from May 22-24. Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scomazzon says there is much excitement around the new expanded Port Douglas Carnivale program, with more than 30 events now including music festival Savannah Sounds.

"Port Douglas Carnivale is an important part of the Douglas community's culture, and it showcases our incredible destination to a new audience with more than 13,000 visitor nights generated last year," Mayor Scomazzon says.

This year, Carnivale also coincides with the Port Douglas Yacht Club's Race Week. Mayor Scomazzon encourages local businesses and community groups to get involved in the Macrossan Street Parade, with float entries open until tomorrow (Friday, May 8). To register, go to [carnivale.com.au](http://carnivale.com.au).



Paramour will combine circus, burlesque and family-friendly entertainment to produce a range of different shows. Picture: Supplied



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# You have been warned

Shaun Hollis

Cooya Beach, Newell Beach, and Wonga Beach have been chosen as the only Queensland region set to take part in a national trial of a new phone emergency-warning system.

The Federal Government's AusAlert system can send messages to every mobile phone in

the country in the event of a national emergency such as a flood or bushfire. Cooya, Newell and Wonga residents are set to be sent warning-system kits next week so they can take part in the state trial of the system at 2pm on Tuesday, June 16.

"These kits will include materials to support information sharing across the community," a Govern-

ment release states. The National Messaging System is described by the Government as a "telephony-based warning capability built by the Australian Government for use by states and territories and the Commonwealth."

It is expected to be fully operational by October following the community-based trials, as well as a national test.

The system features an "intrusive alert" with unique features including the capability to send messages in an event of "national significance".

Community-based trials will be conducted across nine national locations in the next two months.

For more information go to [nema.gov.au/our-work/risk-reduction/ausalert](http://nema.gov.au/our-work/risk-reduction/ausalert).

## Song about Mossman set to go

A Mossman-based music group is set to release a new song and video this month about their experiences growing up in the Far North Queensland Douglas Shire town.

The track Still Believing by Mossman Mob features a talented group of young performers singing about a range of topics including the sugar industry, the skate park, the bakery and the Sharks rugby league team, all set to an infectious beat.

Led by Desert Pea Media and Jabalbina, the project has been created on Eastern Kuku Yalanji Country with a \$30,000 grant through Douglas Shire Council and the Federal and State Governments.

"An incredible new track is coming," a Desert Pea release states.

"Mossman Mob - Still Believing dropping soon."

The initiative is part of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements initiated after Cyclone Jasper to help communities get back on their feet.



The filming of the new music video in Mossman. Picture: Douglas Shire Council



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# Outdoor library space, no trees

Shaun Hollis

Several large trees on the eastern side of the Mossman Library are in the firing line following a \$70,000 plan to build a new outdoor space next to the building.

An application for a \$50,000 grant has been submitted to the State Government to build the space on a strip of land between the eastern side of the library and the house next door, which would be used for events such as outdoor kid's book readings, as well as using mobile phones.

In last week's council meeting, the councillors voted to support the plan, with Cr Abigail Noli saying this may breathe new life into an unused piece of land.

"It's a great idea, wholeheartedly support this, and I actually look forward to seeing the outcome when it's finished," Cr Noli said.

The proposal includes: remov-

ing the trees on the boundary and replacing the fence; installing a door to enable access to the outside area; relocating power cables; repairing the patio; installing guttering, and; putting down a concrete slab. The report stated opening the outdoor space would also allow for school-holiday activities, "messy play", and a space where users can eat and socialise.

The council has pledged to contribute about \$20,000 to remove the trees and move the fence.

"The removal of the trees on the boundary will have some environmental impact," the report states.

"However, the trees currently pose some threat to the library building, as well as the neighbouring property.

"More appropriate landscaping for the space can be implemented as part of the project."



Cook MP David Kempton (centre) with Bob Err and Shane North from the Douglas Shire Motor Sports Association. Picture: Supplied

## Pair of clubs wins \$55k boost

Two of the region's better-known clubs are getting ready to spend some welcome cash.

Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club and the Douglas Shire Motor Sports Association are among those who successfully applied for money in the latest round of the State Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants.

More than \$60m is earmarked for not-for-profit organisations each year and the money is dis-

pensed through the state's Justice Department.

Surf Life Saving Club secretary Ingrid van Opzeeland said the much-needed about \$35,000 grant would be spent to help the club install a solar system, while Motor Sports Association president Bob Err said there was a measure of relief in the \$21,000 it received, as it would help it to add an on-site toilet.



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# Owen Street home rush as truck convoy rolls in

Shaun Hollis

Roads across the Mossman region were temporarily closed down last week to allow for a convoy of trucks to deliver pre-fabricated sections of a State Government 18-home social-housing project which is now already half-built on Owen Street.

The social-housing project was exempt from requiring council development approval, and some residents were shocked when a large rain tree was removed from the block after the go-ahead was given late last year.

Newspost was contacted by one Mossman local who was disappointed with the way the two-storey project has been carried out.

"It would be nice to know what's going on here as it's all been hush hush since the huge raintree was cut down which took crews about three weeks or more to complete," they wrote to Newspost.

"Then we find out that about 15, 16, 17? social housing units are being plonked down in the middle of residential housing at 16 Owen St with not a whisper from the DSC in regards to planning laws."

In October builder and developer Trevor Woodward expressed disappointment at the lack of planning notice for the project, saying the building will be an ugly addition to one of the nicest streets in Mossman.

Mr Woodward said his calls to the council for details on the development left him frustrated after he learned the social-housing



The new social housing and, inset, hoisting the top storey into place. Pictures: Shaun Hollis

project was not required to meet the same guidelines as other developments.

"Apparently social housing doesn't have to have a development application and doesn't have to meet the same planning requirements of all other developers," he said.

"They are going to be stacking modular homes on top of each other in the nicest street in Mossman.

"It's got nothing to do with being against social housing... it is the fact it doesn't have to comply with all the approvals any other builder or developer has to."

A statement from Mayor Lisa Scomazzon confirmed the claims.

"This project is being delivered by the Queensland Government under its social housing program," Mayor Scomazzon said.

"As such, it is exempt from as-

essment by Douglas Shire Council under the Planning Act 2016.

"This means council does not have the authority to approve or refuse the development, nor does it assess the project against local planning scheme provisions.

"Similarly, vegetation removal associated with the project is covered by state exemptions and does not require council approval," she said.





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# IN PICTURES: The day



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# Dusty came to town

Shaun Hollis

A huge roar went up around Port Douglas Sports Complex during the second quarter of the clash on Saturday as Dustin "Dusty" Martin employed his trademark "don't argue" move on a hapless South Cairns opponent - this may have been the moment when it sunk in for the more than 3000-strong crowd that they were witnessing something special on home turf.

The Brownlow medallist and three-time premiership player - where he was best on ground in all three grand finals - started racking up touches from the first bounce.

But when he was down on his haunches after about five minutes, many were wondering if he would be able to last to half time.

Then Dusty dribbled through a soccer goal and later curled through a classy set shot to post two goals and make a major contribution to the Port Douglas Crocs' comfortable win against the only other undefeated team in the league.

Dusty was embraced enthusiastically by his new teammates and was spotted several times directing traffic in the forward lines, calling on his vast AFL experience to help out after the Cutters started strongly.

All in all it was a great day for the club and fans, with everyone from the under-8s team to wheel-chair-bound seniors in the grandstand leaving with huge smiles on their beaming faces.



Port Douglas was looking picture perfect as a more than 3000-strong crowd flocked to see Dusty Martin and the Crocs. Picture: @\_leanvisuals



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## Outriggers heading up to worlds

Six members of the Port Douglas Outrigger Canoe Club will represent Australia at the Biannual World Sprint Championship next week on the Sunshine Coast.

Kevin and Danielle Bellerio, Lili Jensen, Vernon Carpenter and Mike Shuck are all part of Australia's Far North Queensland team after impressive trials in 2015 and blitzing the lead-up qualifying event earlier this year.

The team completed preparations for the championships with intensive training in Cairns and monthly training camps at Lake Tinaroo. With the rest of their crews coming from the two Cairns clubs Hekili and Cairns Beaches, training sessions were also held in both locations.

"This is the first time for the five of us to be involved in a campaign like this," Danielle Bellerio said. "It is very exciting and we have learned so much as paddlers over the last 12 months. Experience we now will pass on to the rest of our club."

The crews will be racing over 500, 1000 and 1500 meters in six-man canoes (OC6), along with a 500m event in a 12-man (OC12). The group will also be joined by Port Douglas club member Ingrid Juchem, who will be representing Germany.



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Jamie Jansen

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A pristine freshwater creek runs through the property, with established walking tracks leading to secluded waterfalls and natural swimming holes, delivering an immersive rainforest experience that most only encounter on holiday.

This is a property defined by versatility.

What truly distinguishes this offering is its flexibility.

Whether envisioned as a pri-



For the price of a standard suburban house, you can secure a mountain-view sanctuary in Whyanbeel. Picture: Raine & Horne Port Douglas

ate sanctuary, an income-generating base, or a multi-generational residence, the property adapts with ease, a level of versatility seldom matched by standard residential holdings.

The three-bedroom home is positioned to fully embrace its surroundings, featuring polished-timber floors, a contemporary kitchen, and an expansive outdoor entertaining deck that captures sweeping valley views.

Infrastructure is a standout. A substantial 24m x 10m liveable shed with full services provides immediate additional accommodation or workspace, complemented by a second insulated and powered shed ideal for workshop use.

A well-positioned gazebo offers further flexibility, equally suited to entertaining, creative pursuits, or wellness activities, while plans for a future caretaker's cottage add another layer of potential.

A rare and valuable inclusion is the gravity-fed water licence sourced directly from Daintree

National Park, ensuring a consistent supply of pristine freshwater, an asset of increasing importance.

For those seeking greater self-sufficiency, the property is already well prepared, with an established greenhouse, extensive water lines, and ample space for orchards or further cultivation.

Importantly, modern conveniences remain in place, including high-speed internet, mains power with scope for solar, hydro, or battery integration, and a school bus service connecting to town.

Enjoy the best of both worlds, a connection to nature where you can truly unwind without sacrificing the convenience of staying fully connected when it matters.



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# Unforgettable Carnivale weekend

## BUSINESS FEATURE

Jamie Jansen

The tropical waterfront is set to come alive this May as Savannah Sounds returns to Rex Smeal Park for Port Douglas Carnivale.

Following the massive success of last year's event, the three-day festival is back from Friday, May 22, to Sunday, May 24, with another stellar lineup of Australian music icons. Set against the stunning backdrop of palm trees and the Coral Sea, the festival, presented by Douglas Shire Council, with Newsport as major sponsor and a range of local businesses getting behind the event, brings together some of the country's most celebrated acts for an unforgettable weekend in the tropics.

This year's headliners, including Vanessa Amorosi, Jon Stevens, Sneaky Sound System, Dragon, and Kingswood, will bring a stellar mix of iconic anthems and high-energy performances to the tropical waterfront for an unforgettable weekend.

The musical festival is designed for you to enjoy the best of Port Douglas Carnivale during the day



Headliners including Vanessa Amorosi and Jon Stevens promise an unforgettable weekend. Picture: Newsport

before heading to the park for world-class live music each afternoon and evening.

With local food trucks, bars and relaxed seating areas and a VIP zone overlooking the water it is the ultimate way to soak up the tropical atmosphere.

Tickets are available now at [savannahsounds.com.au](http://savannahsounds.com.au).

There will also be way more Carnivale magic across Port Douglas that weekend, including Paramour Cabaret and The Longest Lunch. For the full program go to [carnivale.com.au](http://carnivale.com.au).



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Wake to follow at same location. All welcome.

## FERRY AND OTHER PRICE RISES APPROVED

**Lisa McCafferty**

It's \$16 return for the Burnspoint ferry in West Ballina. Same distance and it's actually an ex-Daintree ferry.

**Gabby Ritter**

Would be interesting to know how much the council gets per year to lease it to Entrada?

**Dan Hammersley**

It's already way overpriced, as a Cairns local with friends over the river, yeah I can access passes, but the price is affecting tourism up there and I won't take people up there at that price.

**Bruce Neighbour**

It's all about the push for 15-minute cities. They are currently working on pricing out fuel so no one can afford to go far, this is just another tactic, and they'll get rich whilst doing it.

**Craig Stevens**

Should be run by main roads and free like elsewhere in the country instead of a cash cow run by muppets.

**Pete Mills**

Just build a bridge, cheaper to build now than in 10 years time. Ferry is slow, expensive, and hassle for people who just want to go shopping or come back late as it shuts at midnight. And the price is ridiculous \$51 for return?

**Sara Reid**

This ferry is a joke. There is a line-up, wait, restricted time to access, it's costly and inaccessible

at times... build a bridge if you want tourism and accessibility for locals. The ongoing saga surrounding this expensive dysfunctional backwards logic to keep the ferry is stupidity at its finest.

**Darryn Slade**

My understanding that this is nearly double the price for a load of rubbish to the tip with a trailer (\$16 current vs. \$30 new)? Small load is currently \$10.50. The new price of \$12.50 is roughly a 20 per cent increase.

## MARINA SET FOR SEDIMENT CLEANOUT

**Mick Heasman**

That's part of life in ocean and inlet tidal sand and silt movement.

**Michael Santarossa**

Hey council look, a dredge coming. You going to send it over to Mossman river mouth?

**Bevan Bobbermein**

It will only fill up again with sediment so will have to be dredged over and over again.

**Jo Black**

At the very least mow the lawns.

**Charlie Raymond**

Would be wonderful if the owners spent some much-needed money on the place before it is too far gone.

**Richard Young**

Put the sand back on the beach.

**Micko More**

Sounds like some whingy whiny real estate Karens on the page complaining, it's not like it's falling into the ocean or dilapi-

**Dredging taking place at the marina...**

**From the Holster**

Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

dated or anything resembling the above, possibly some new landscaping and some other minor improvements would be sensible.

**Lisa Lopez**

Nobody respects conditions these days because they're mostly overseas investors and the council has already given this owner grief in the past. He now just wants to sell.

## DO-NUT BE AN IDIOT

**Jesse Hollands**

Looks like someone made the most of the wet season and had some fun. Sorry Karens' ovaries were stepped on in the making of this post. Getalifeincorporated.

**Kim Christensen**

Sad to see we don't need these

people living here, people come here for our beautiful town. I see they did it on the way to town on the roundabout also last week.

**Joombi O'Flaherty**

Just a few youngsters letting off a bit of steam - no harm done.

**Russell Cook**

The lawns of the shire have been looking sooooo lush lately too.

**Bill Cameron**

Bloody fleabags!! They wouldn't have half a brain between the lot of them.

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# SOCIALS

A book launch for author Wild Russ at Babal in Port Douglas and the AFL game at Port Douglas oval were two big events in the region across the past fortnight. Pictures: Francesca Bossoni



Rebecca Morris and Wild Russ at the book launch.



Georgia Berta, Elise Geleijnse, Joshua Butterfly, Michael Perry and Sam Steele at the book launch.



Annabel Taig, Michael Joseph Rees, Phil Leahy and Uli Braun at the book launch.



Arlene Duff, Hannah Defran, Charlie Smith, Bethan Ricketts and Crystal Deas at the footy.



Andy Fenwick, Ken Lockhart, Andrew Tingate and Micheal Whelan at the footy.



Penny Johnson Tarpon and Tim O'Connor at the footy.

## WHAT'S ON

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|--|---|--|---|
| <b>MAY 7</b> Trivia Night<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas            | <b>MAY 9</b> Community Walk Darkness into Light<br>Time 5am -<br>Location: Cafe Fresq   | <b>MAY 15</b> Bingo Night With K-Star<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas | <b>MAY 18</b> Hole In One Jackpot Competition<br>Time: 10am - 6pm<br>Location: Daddyshack Indoor Golf, Grant St, Port Douglas |
| <b>MAY 7</b> Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs<br>Time: 7pm - 8.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman                                   | <b>MAY 10</b> Mother's Day Lunch<br>Time: 12pm - 2pm<br>Location: Seabeen Tapas Bar & Restaurant                              | <b>MAY 15</b> Barefoot & Burlesque<br>Time: 7pm - 8.30pm<br>Location: Dixie Park   | <b>MAY 19</b> INDONESIAN NIGHT<br>Time: 5pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas           |
| <b>MAY 8</b> Sound Healing<br>Time: 7pm - 8pm<br>Location: Port Douglas Yoga Studio  | <b>MAY 10</b> Mothers Day High Tea<br>Time: 13.30pm - 16pm<br>Location: Daintree Bar and Lounge at Sheraton Grand             | <b>MAY 15</b> Carnivale Kick Off Party<br>Time: 9pm - 12am<br>Location: Dixie Park   | <b>MAY 21</b> Trivia Night<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas            |
| <b>MAY 8</b> Bingo Night With K-Star<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas | <b>MAY 11</b> Hole In One Jackpot Competition<br>Time: 10am - 6pm<br>Location: Daddyshack Indoor Golf, Grant St, Port Douglas | <b>MAY 15</b> Ancient Tales<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm<br>Location: Surf Life Saving Club / The Surfy                              | <b>MAY 21</b> Happy Hour Cabaret<br>Time: 8pm - 10pm<br>Location: Dixie Park  |
| <b>MAY 8</b> Social Dancing<br>Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm<br>Location: PULLMAN SEA TEMPLE PORT DOUGLAS                            | <b>MAY 12</b> Indonesian Night<br>Time: 5pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas           | <b>MAY 15</b> Yahdoh<br>Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman   | <b>MAY 21</b> Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs<br>Time: 7pm - 8.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman                                   |
| <b>MAY 8</b> Wait-a-While<br>Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman  | <b>MAY 14</b> Trivia Night<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas         | <b>MAY 16</b> Blast Lab<br>Time: 12pm - 1.30pm<br>Location: Dixie Park   | <b>MAY 22</b> Sound Healing<br>Time: 7pm - 8pm<br>Location: Port Douglas Yoga Studio  |
| <b>MAY 9</b> Sound Healing<br>Time: 7pm - 8pm<br>Location: Port Douglas Yoga Studio  | <b>MAY 14</b> Bingo with K-Star<br>Time: 7pm - 8.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman   | <b>MAY 17</b> Matt Hale's 80'S Themed Hypnosis Show<br>Time: 5pm - 6.30pm<br>Location: Dixie Park                                | <b>MAY 22</b> Bingo Night With K-Star<br>Time: 6.30pm - 8pm<br>Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas |
| <b>MAY 9</b> Country Rock Fest<br>Time: 5pm -<br>Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill   | <b>MAY 15</b> Sound Healing<br>Time: 7pm - 8pm<br>Location: Port Douglas Yoga Studio  | <b>MAY 17</b> Slime Of Your Life<br>Time: 12pm - 1pm<br>Location: Dixie Park   | <b>MAY 22</b> Dave Dusch<br>Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm<br>Location: Club Mossman  |

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# SPORTS DIGEST

## Crocs are flying high after four rounds

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When the final siren sounded, the scoreboard showed 16.11 (107) to 9.6 (60), but it took time for the Crocs to shake off a persistent Souths outfit, and the opposition never really gave up the whole game.

While Martin gave the team a big boost, the Crocs had winners across the whole ground, with

recruit Shay Linke dangerous up forward with four goals and Liam Bartels racking up the touches again.

Other busy players included Jacob Zboril (3 goals), Jake Cook, Murphy Short and Ben McPhee.

Next Saturday the Crocs are back home against Cairns Saints.

In the women's game, the Crocs jumped out of the blocks, leading

for much of the first half, before being over-run by the Cutters, with the final score 2.4 (16) to 6.7 (43). The women's game starts at 10.15am on Saturday at Port Douglas oval.

The reserves team also had a good win, 10.7 (67) to 6.7 (43), and is currently sitting equal top on the ladder - a huge improvement on this time last year.



Sophia Shaw reaches for the ball.

### IN BRIEF



Matias Martinez in action.

The Douglas United Dragons had a hard-fought 3-2 win against Atherton at home on Friday night.

Taking the early lead with a well-taken penalty, the teams were back on level pegging when Atherton drilled one in the top corner of the northern net. The Dragons started strongly after half-time, pushing out to a 3-1 lead after goals to experienced centre forward Christian Snel and Tyron Drumm.

But Atherton scored in the 80th minute to make the final few minutes more tense, with United hanging on. This Friday night the Dragons are away to Leichhardt.



Kane Gray scores a try in Saturday's game. Picture: Shaun Hollis

## Attackers run riot for the Raiders

The Raiders ran out victors in an entertaining try-fest on Saturday evening, beating the Southside Crusaders 46-29 at home.

Port Douglas got away to a perfect start, with Kane Gray just planting the ball over the line through sheer grit and determination, much to the annoyance of his Southside opponent.

However, in an open and attacking game, the Crusaders continued to hit back with tries of their own.

But in the end they could not match the firepower of Port's seven tries.

For the Raiders, try scorers included three to Ryan Connors and one to Joe O'Leary, Rian O'Flynn and Jean Valette, while Luke Edwards converted four kicks.

This Saturday Port Douglas takes on the JCU Mariners at home from 5pm.

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Former AFL great stars in huge day for Crocs

Shaun Hollis

Three-time Richmond AFL premier Dustin Martin came to play on Saturday for Port Douglas in front of a big home crowd in the top-of-the-table clash with South Cairns Cutters, racking up multiple touches and two goals as the Crocs ran out comfortable 47-point winners.

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Dustin Martin wins the ball and kicks in front of fans on the grandstand wing at Port Douglas oval. Picture: Shaun Hollis

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