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Mill bid limbo

Bryan Littlely

Canegrowers in the Douglas Shire are keenly awaiting news if there has been a successful bidder for the Mossman Mill site, with local representative Evelyn Matthews saying industry leaders had met with a number of prospective buyers at the site over the course of the Expressions of Interest process which concluded on May 6.

"While everyone is really busy and ready for the crush, my board are pretty swamped with organising that and looking ahead to what is next," Ms Matthews said.

"We were meant to hear back from the final bids around May 6 but we've had no feedback about final bids.

"There was certainly some interest in it. We met with some of them before those final bids," Ms Matthews said.

While CANEGROWERS has facilitated local workshops on transitioning canefields to cattle production and has a coffee day coming up, there are a range of alternative crops and primary production options being considered and trialled across the region.



A corn crop is being trialled.

Corn is being grown in Mossman under a Primary Industries Department trial for maize, and it will "find a home" despite being a trial.

Also on the radar are fibre crops like hemp, forage sorghum and barner grass.

"Some of those people we have met at the mill are interested in fibre crops for processing there," Ms Matthews said.

In what is almost certainly the last sugarcane harvest for the Douglas region, an estimated 200,000 tonnes from local canefields will be transported to Gordonvale this season for crushing, with a Government commitment underpinning the transport and processing of this crush.

Rego, power prices rising

The pedal is not coming off the cost of living crisis for Queensland households as they face a \$1300 annual cost increase with temporary car registration and energy bill rebates set to end before the State Government's first budget.

The Government will in September hike all fees and charges by 3.4 per cent - which on top of the end of the former government's 20 per cent vehicle registration discount - will increase the cost of registering a vehicle by \$134 to about \$590.

Also on the way out is the blanket \$1000 energy bill rebate, which added \$2.5 billion to the Labor government's last budget last year.

Queensland Council of Social Service chief executive officer Aimee McVeigh said struggling families still needed government financial support.

"We definitely know Queenslanders on low incomes are still really feeling the pain of the cost of living and housing crises," she said.

"The cost of housing hasn't decreased."

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Speed limit doubts

Byron Filmer

The change to the Macrossan Street speed limit, which caused controversy when suddenly brought in late last year, is again under scrutiny, with a long-time Douglas Shire driving instructor saying the signs are incorrect and the new 30km/h and 40km/h limits are unenforceable.

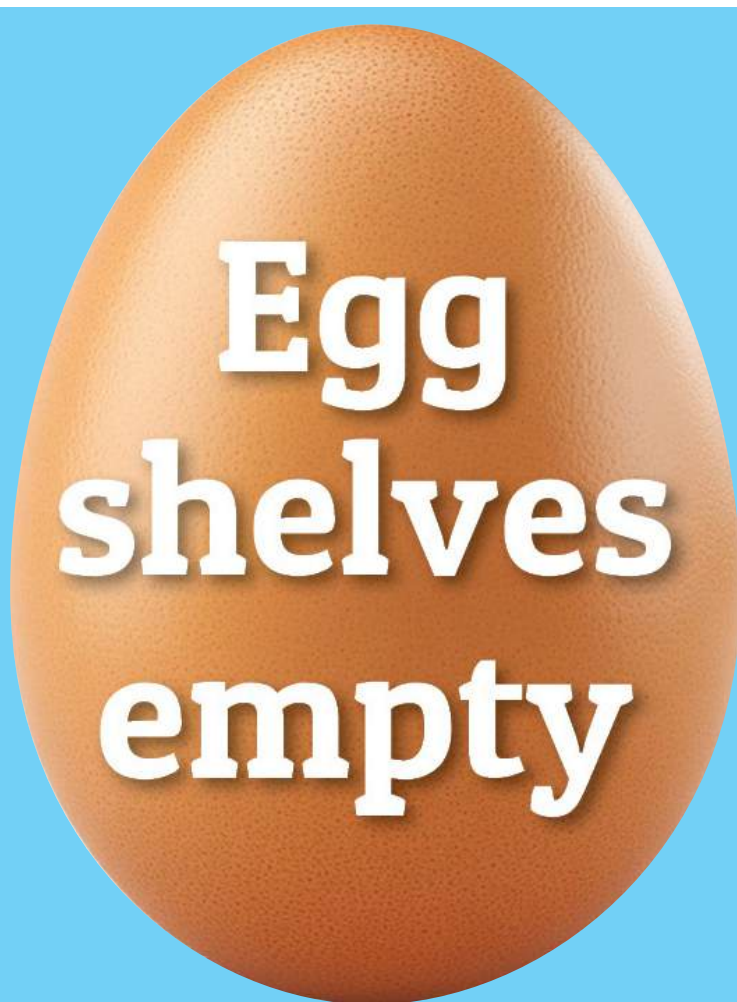
A State Government Transport and Main Roads Department (TMR) spokesperson has confirmed the signs will likely soon be replaced to make them more compliant.

Road-rules expert Stephen Lee said multiple errors have been made by TMR when designating the new 30km/h and 40km/h zones in and around the main road of Port Douglas. At several points when turning onto the street there is inadequate signage informing drivers that the speed limit is 30km/h, he said - most notably when turning right from Wharf Street.

Mr Lee said the 30km/h speed limits cannot legally be enforced.

"If TMR are serious about enforcement of the speed limits then the signage must be correct," Mr Lee said.

After being contacted by Newsport, a TMR spokesperson said this week that the department was in the process of looking into the Macrossan Street speed-limit signs: "TMR is progressing plans to review the placement of speed signage along this section of road."



Supermarkets across Douglas Shire have been maintaining a two-carton limit on eggs - if you can find any there at all.

A Newsport survey in Mossman and Port Douglas last week found all three supermarkets had 24-egg limits, and only Woolworths in Mossman had eggs in stock.

The ongoing Australia-wide shortage of eggs is being blamed on avian influenza outbreaks in Victoria, NSW and the ACT last year, combined with changes in the market, where more people are switching to free-range eggs instead of eating ones laid by caged chickens.

Some experts have also said free-range chickens may be more

susceptible to illnesses such as bird flu because they have a greater chance of coming into contact with wild birds.

Queensland United Egg Producers chief executive Melinda Hashimoto said bird flu mainly impacted last year, when many flocks were destroyed, which has been affecting production this year.

"The good news is that the majority of farms impacted by avian influenza have now restocked with new layer hens and egg production on these properties is expected to gradually return to normal," Ms Hashimoto said.

There is also the impact of new laws where all caged hens will be phased out by 2036.

News in Brief

HIGHWAY WORKS RAMP UP

Night closures of the Captain Cook Highway between Port Douglas and Cairns are likely to take place from July and may run through to at least Christmas, weather permitting.

During an industry briefing last week in Port Douglas by the State Government Transport and Main Roads Department (TMR), Far North District director Darryl Jones outlined the planned closure schedule, but also stressed that his team would like to hear from anyone with concerns so plans could be further updated.

Mr Jones said the plan at this stage was to close the road from 9pm-4am for five nights per week from Sunday evening through to Friday morning for essential works to be done that could only be carried out during a full road closure, with two "let throughs" to take place each night at 11pm and 1.30am.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE OUT

There is movement at the vacant lot on Port Douglas Road between Oaks and Reef resorts - but the development will no longer be a retirement village.

The company behind the plans, Obay, has filled in the former pool at the site after recently lodging plans with Douglas Shire Council to divide the about 1.7ha site into seven large blocks, and construct a road from the access point at the Oaks Resort turn-off.

The end result is expected to become a gated community of about 40 individual allotments.



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Why bar is a unique plus for our Shire

Jamie Jansen

Maho Magic Bar event organiser Kirsten Siddle wants the audience to learn how the bar came to life and what makes it so unique.

"I've spent a lot of time in Japan," Ms Siddle said. "In Tokyo and Osaka, you can walk into a magic bar, grab a drink, and see world-class close-up magic - it's relaxed, social, and incredible."

"Magic in Japan is a respected art form dating back to the Edo period, with traditional styles like Tezuma - a style of magic known for its graceful hand movements - that showcase amazing skill and precision."

While traditional Japanese magic bars are intimate and low-key, Ms Siddle wanted to elevate the idea into a full theatrical experience.

"Maho is a celebration of Japanese culture through close-up magic," she said. "It's like being whisked away to Tokyo for the night - intimate, but with the energy and production of a real show."

With magicians rotating between tables and each performing different acts, no two visits are the same.

The bar serves Japanese-inspired cocktails - like sake, whisky, shochu, and umeshu - with flair bartender Jun adding fire and flash to the evening with a solo performance that literally sets drinks alight.

Tickets are on sale now at www.mahomagicbar.com - use code NEWSPORT15 for 15 per cent off shows from May 14-31.



Maho Magic Bar transports you to another world. Picture: Sharon Richards

Magical eve with Maho

Shaun Hollis
REVIEW

The high energy Maho Magic Bar is well worth a look - you never quite know what's going on, but that's all part of the fun.

From the moment you are shuffled into an alternative world inside a temporary bar on the Port Douglas waterfront, you are beamed into another reality.

After being seated at one of the small bars, which reminded me of a little Japanese casino where the dealer dazzles you with card tricks rather than money-making skills, you are transfixed by a host of magical experiences.

On table two, we started out with card maestro Shirayuri, who offered up his magic both shaken and stirred, James Bond style.

Between the short personalised acts, the main stage in the middle came alive with cabaret-style tricks featuring fire and cocktail juggling, where customers could pay extra to order a trick for their friends off a menu placed on your individual tables.

Different magicians regularly rotated through the smaller bars, including ringmaster Sawaka ready to outsmart you with those games that she rarely loses.

My personal favourite Kaori

Kitazawa finished up the show on our table, with her mystifying card tricks and traditional Japanese charm baffling everyone seated before her.

The neon lights, dazzling costumes, realistic props, broad Japanese accents and welcoming culture stay with you long after the final curtain falls.

All up, Maho is a show well worth seeing, and is a positive addition to the Port Douglas Carnivale menu.

The season runs to June 8, for further details, go to mahomagicbar.com.



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Carnivale, here we come

Shaun Hollis

Amy Sheppard has been touring a lot lately with her band of siblings, but she says she has always been able to find time for Port Douglas.

Sheppard, the band, which has done more than 60 gigs across the US and Europe in recent days, last visited Far North Queensland for the 2024 Savannah on the Reef.

"I love coming up there, it's like a holiday to me," Amy told Newsport last week.

"The weather's always great, the people are always great."

The band, which has recently been sharing its time between Brisbane and Nashville, US, has been working hard to cement its standing as an elite global act with an extensive touring schedule.

Its fourth studio album, Zora, was released last June, and the collection of siblings - also featuring brother George and sister Emma, as well as other non-family support members - has also been writing more songs in Nash-



Sheppard includes siblings Amy, George and Emma.

ville. And what can the Savannah Sounds audience expect from Sheppard when they play this weekend as part of this new Port Douglas Carnivale music festival?

"Good times, we love to have the audience sing along," Amy says.

She says the band has been touring so much globally that it has not had a chance yet to bring

its latest songs home, and she is looking forward to playing the new works, along with old favourites such as Geronimo.

Savannah Sounds is on from Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25, with Sheppard on from 7.40pm Saturday night.

For further details, go to savannahsounds.com.au.

Snap up photo exhibit chance

Photography fans can visit the annual Douglas Photographic Society exhibition, which runs until Saturday.

Club president Tracey Jones says she is excited to stage the Tropical Destinations exhibition.

"We've got some amazing photos," Jones says.

"We've got lots of entries, we've got about 130, maybe 140."

This is the eighth year of the show, which is part of Port Douglas Carnivale, and the exhibition "keeps growing."

"Almost every member is going to have a photo in there this year, which is amazing," Jones says.

The exhibition, which was officially opened by Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scomazzon on Monday, celebrates the colour, character, and natural beauty of tropical life. Tropical Destinations is on at Port Douglas Community Centre on Mowbray Street til May 24, with opening hours 10am-4pm.

Set above the gently flowing Mossman River, Silky Oaks Lodge offers a luxurious base from which guests can relax and plan their tropical adventures.

Stay

Treehouse-style suites envelope guests in the sights and sounds of an extraordinary natural theatre, complete with hammock ready to sway in the afternoon breeze.

Dining

Dining celebrates the abundance of fresh ingredients harvested in the region's rich food bowl, where The Treehouse Restaurant welcomes locals and visitors to a tropical-inspired lunch menu.

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Tournament tees up golf

A shot at a \$50,000 hole-in-one is just the beginning of what's on offer at the brand-new Port Douglas Carnivale Classic golf tournament, taking place on Sunday, May 25.

As an exciting new addition to Savannah Sounds Port Douglas, this unique event blends competitive golf, live music, and premium experiences at the beautiful Mirage Country Club.

Tickets to the event will include a one-day pass to Savannah Sounds for Sunday. The golf kicks off bright and early Sunday morning with an Individual Stableford competition, starting at 8.30am with a shotgun start.

Expect feature hole activations, live scoring, and on-course entertainment. Event director Liam Carey says the classic is "the ultimate fusion of golf, live music, and tropical luxury."

Details: carnivale.com.au/event/port-douglas-carnival-classic

Glenn's 'home' debut

Shaun Hollis

When Glenn Shorrock makes his Port Douglas debut at Savannah Sounds this Sunday, it will be the closing of one music history chapter and the opening of a new one.

Shorrock had been travelling to the picturesque town across many years with other Oz music royalty such as John Farnham and Glenn Wheatley, when he and now-wife Irene found a charming villa of their own here in 2020. But, despite playing many gigs in Cairns, he has never played here.

"I've always wanted to do something in Port Douglas," Shorrock told Newsport this week.

Then, out of the blue, the phone rang.

"They've come to me," he says.



Oz music legend Glenn Shorrock will play Savannah Sounds on Sunday.

After starting a festival in Port Douglas, Savannah Sounds director James Dein thought immediately of the former Little River Band frontman. And Shorrock gladly took up the offer.

"We're well entrenched now," Shorrock says of Port Douglas.

In true Shire style, visitors and locals may now see him kicking back at the Tin Shed, or many of the other "great restaurants".

As far as Sunday's show goes, the audience can expect a host of

the old favourites from the LRB days, along with a few from earlier bands The Twilights and Axiom. "I'll let them have it," he says.

And what of that new chapter? Shorrock says he is now keen to play a few more acoustic gigs around town. Locals and visitors should also be happy to see that.

Glenn Shorrock will play Savannah Sounds on Sunday, May 25, from 5.45pm. Details: savannahsounds.com.au. Savannah Sounds is sponsored by Newsport.

A vibrant poster for the Savannah Sounds Rocking Port Douglas Carnivale. The background is a deep blue ocean scene with various sea creatures like a shark, a turtle, and colorful fish. On the left, there's a large, colorful coral reef structure. The text is overlaid on the right side. At the top right, it says 'Major Sponsor Douglas Shire Newsport'. Below that, 'SAVANNAH SOUNDS ROCKING' in large, bold letters. Then 'EST 1994 PORT DOUGLAS Carnivale' with a palm tree icon. The dates '23-25 MAY' and location 'REX SMEAL PARK' are prominently displayed. A list of performers follows: 'GLENN SHORROCK - THE BLACK SORROWS', 'SHEPPARD - THE WOLFE BROTHERS', 'MAX JACKSON - KAIROS KIN - ROADTRIPPERS', 'DJs JOLYON PETCH, ANDY VAN & ZOE BADWI AND MORE'. A 'LAST MINUTE TICKETS' badge is on the left. At the bottom, it says 'TICKETS SELLING FAST' and 'WWW.SAVANNAHSOUNDS.COM.AU'. The footer contains logos for 'SOUND AUSTRALIA', 'MADEIRA, CAIRNS HINTERLAND SAVANNAH JUBILEE ROUND 9-12 OCTOBER 2025', 'Tourism Partner Reef Unlimited NQLOCAL.COM', 'Sunday Night Sponsor TRIPLE M', 'Major Sponsor Douglas Shire Newsport', and 'Proudly Presented by DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL'.

Port Shorts on the rise

The Port Shorts Film Festival has earned official recognition from the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts, giving filmmakers a direct pathway to top film honours.

This new status places Port Shorts among a select group of festivals that offer direct access to AACTA consideration.

For the first time, all finalists in the festival's open category will

be eligible for nomination in the AACTA Best Short Film Award.

AACTA awards manager Ivan Vukusic said the partnership is about broadening support for filmmakers across the country.

"There's a lot of emerging talent coming through regional festivals like Port Shorts," Vukusic said.

Actor Stephen Curry, who returns as host and judge in 2025, described the festival as a con-

sistent showcase for high-quality short films.

"Port Shorts has been filling my creative cup for the past 10 years, the quality of the films and the beauty of Rex Smeal Park under the stars with the palm trees, the Coral Sea and the Daintree Rainforest as the backdrop is pretty hard to beat," Curry said.

Submissions open at filmfree-way.com/PortShortsFilmFestival.

10 YEARS AGO

Record weekend for Carnivale

The first weekend of Carnivale 2015 has wrapped up, with huge turnouts of attendees from all over the country and the world.

The Street Parade was a magnificent affair with fun for the whole family, including 40 floats with an estimated 10,000 people turning out to watch.

Floats included entries from the area's schools, a giant inflatable rubber duck, pirates, superheroes mounted on motorised eskies and more.

Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas won Best Float overall, with Port Douglas Auto taking out Best Commercial Float and Port Douglas Community Centre winning Best Community Float.

The Janz Longest Lunch, presented for the first time by catering company Roux Blonde, attracted more than 200 guests and a surprise appearance by stage performance legend Carlotta, who arrived in a luxurious stretch Hummer.

Weather was glorious at the event's new location of Rex Smeal Park. Seriously big crowds gathered on Four Mile Beach for the Japanese Yabusame horse archery and Knights of Camelot jousting events, with Polish ace Norbert Kopczynski proving himself the most on-target rider.

Rev-heads combined with refreshment at the Backyard Games and Motorised Cooler World Championship Racing, with local man Darren Thompson winning.



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Snap up a salon for sale

Jamie Jansen
BUSINESS FEATURE

A fully equipped walk-in walk-out salon in the heart of Mossman is now on the market - a rare opportunity for a hairdresser to step into an established business with loyal clients, low overheads, and a strong local reputation.

Local hairdresser LJ Kidd, who has run the popular Front Street salon for the past eight years, has announced the decision to sell as she prepares to begin a new chapter in her life.

"This shop has given me so much," LJ said. "But it's time for someone new to take it on."

The sale is a complete turn-key operation, with everything in place for a smooth transition.

The 56sq m salon is fully set up with five cutting stations, two basins, and a private room suitable for waxing, nails, or other beauty treatments, all ready for a new owner to walk in and get started straight away.

A kitchen, laundry, and storage area are also part of the layout, offering everything needed to run the business smoothly from day one.



After eight years of running her successful salon, LJ Kidd is selling up as she gets ready to begin her next adventure. Picture: Jamie Jansen

"I fitted this place out eight years ago and it cost me \$27,000," LJ said. "That's all I'm asking for, no goodwill, no fuss. You just need your scissors and clippers, and you're ready to go."

The rent is \$320 per week including water, with electricity averaging \$250 a month - even with the air conditioning running all day.

LJ describes the landlord as supportive and says a new lease has already been confirmed, offering the next owner both stability and peace of mind.

Over the years, she has built a loyal, family-focused client base, and the thoughtfully designed, well-maintained salon is set up for continued success.

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Forest resort on the market

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The 46 cabin, 226 room resort, the only resort in the world wedged between two World Heritage sites - the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef - has played host to major television productions and movies production, including Godzilla vs Kong.

The 2.83ha property, just 50m from the ocean at Cape Tribulation, is the last stop on Cape Trib road accessible by non-4WD vehicles and the resort is being put up for sale as either an ongoing resort business prospect or possible development of its cabins as tiny homes. The resort includes the only tavern in the area and an IGA supermarket. The property also features a 20-site caravan and camping park with development approval to expand to 71 sites, and a manager's residence.

PK's Jungle Village, at 3910 Cape Tribulation Road, is for sale by Expressions of Interest.

Tributes follow tragedy

Bryan Littlely

A former Mount Molloy police officer and one of the biggest drivers of the Far North Queensland mountain biking scene, Frank Falappi, is being remembered for his tireless work following his death on Friday, May 9, during a mountain bike event at Smithfield Mountain Bike Park.

Dozens of residents of Mount Molloy have joined the Cairns Mountain Bike community, the AusCycling family and Crankworx Cairns to pay tribute to Frank, a respected rider, volunteer, and beloved member of the Cairns mountain-bike community.

Claire Mullins posted that Frank was "a truly fabulous policeman" and it was sad news for the Mount Molloy township, a sentiment shared by many others.

Faye Bardsley-Smith recognised Frank for his efforts with youth of the area while Suzie Baynton said he would always be remembered for his passion of mountain biking.

"He was a great policeman and even used Facebook to keep in touch with our community," added Lindsay Fisher.



Former Mt Molloy police officer Frank Falappi died after crashing at an event at Smithfield Mountain Bike Park on Friday. Picture: Reef to Reef

A statement from AusCycling issued on the following Sunday said Frank died following an incident at Smithfield Mountain Bike Park, a place where he had spent countless hours contributing to the trails and fostering the local MTB scene.

"His passion for mountain biking, his generosity of spirit, and tireless support for the Cairns mountain-bike community have left a lasting impact on the sport

in Far North Queensland," it said. "Following consultation with those close to Frank, and members of the Cairns Mountain Bike Club, both the UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships and Crankworx Cairns will be proceeding as planned."

Frank was former Cairns Mountain Bike Club president and was one of two course managers for the stunning, diverse and challenging Reef to Reef trail.



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Susan Davenport

Omg that is terrible he was such a good community police man RIP

Paula Buckman

RIP Frank, will always remember how friendly you were when I met you many years ago

Jenny Atkins

Such sad news. Condolences to his family.

Ellen Sapphire

RIP Frank & condolences to Frank's family

Main strip speed limits are not enforceable

MAIN STRIP SPEED LIMITS NOT ENFORCEABLE

Will Stephens

The revenue zones are much better on the highways where there are hardly any signs at all even near major junctions. Half the time you have to guess what the speed limit is and hope you are right.

Helen Thompson

The most frustrating aspect of the speed limits, once you turn right back into Davidson Street near Zinc, people tend to drive 40km most of the way to the Shero round about. There needs to be a "60" sign once you turn right.

Mandy and Jason Wasley

People that drive on Murphy street drive like crazy to go quicker to their destination is crazy.

David Haratsis

Sounds like TMR had to use the budget up, so picked something no-one ever complained about, did no research, used \$100,000 of red paint, and said "good job fellas!"

"Piffle Codswallop"

Should make that section pedestrian only zone.

IS ANYONE LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE?

Geoff Field

Another interesting article from Lawrence.

Allen Richard Lavender

What the Daintree needs is a shire leader to make decisions and take action - not more consultation - FULL STOP. This back and forth has been going on for the past 28 years we've lived here.

Alf Craig

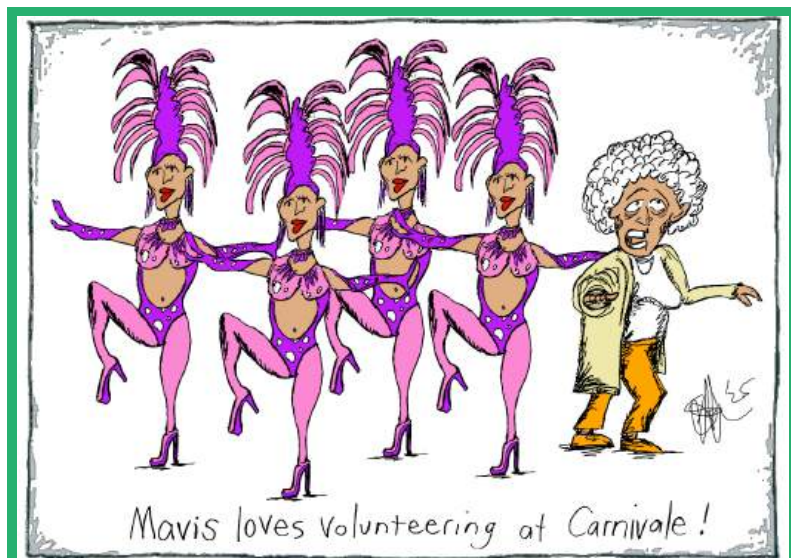
Typically; Here's to Lachlan of the Member for Cook's (Dave Kempton's) Electoral Office who has been doing a great job not only of listening to constituents diverse concerns and issues post the State election but has been actively advocating trying to get things done that have needed attention for decades.

JB Blockey

Certainly some food for thought. Who will listen and act...?

Terence Melchert

I do believe David Kempton has been working to assist in having boardwalks and facilities which were run down fully repaired. Much more consultation has to be done and not in my opinion via the Mickey Mouse online systems used by previous councils. However in fairness to both council and the local state member it is difficult to get a clear view on what the Daintree community wants- some want power- some don't- some want a bridge- some don't- some want better ferry services - some don't. And if people want an improved ferry



How We See It!



Shaun Hollis and Bryan Littlely bring you a lighter look at local news online every Saturday.

services then fares have to go up. The way things are at the moment with council allocating \$8m just for ferry loading roadworks, the ferry operations could easily bankrupt the council. When will stinger net be removed?

WHEN WILL STINGER NET BE REMOVED?

Julie Collis

Having only been here a year, obviously I didn't realise what that net was really for. I am reading that it's a "stinger" net but since moving here, I've only read/seen the net trap in a shark and crocodiles! A dog was attacked last week on 4 mile by a croc so they are obviously there. Wouldn't it be more prudent to leave the net there as protection from the crocs and sharks? Or are 'stingers' more/less dangerous than crocs and sharks? Makes no sense to remove the net as sharks and crocs don't abide by "seasons".

Christopher Saint

Julie Collis the surf lifesavers are there to observe for big predators, stingers can easily kill you, specifically irukandji the toxin being x100 more potent than cobra venom. It can cause cramps, haemorrhaging and increased heart rate leading to cardiac arrest. They are only tiny (0.1cm) so difficult to see but can't get through the stinger net. When you say crocs don't abide by seasons, they actually do. They are far less active in the winter months being cold blooded. They go walkabout in mating season during the summer. I believe large sharks close in are relatively uncommon here - unlike further south.

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The Light Up the Park event in Mossman on Friday, May 9, and the Neighbourhood Day at the Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday, May 13, were two of the recent events in the district.
Pictures: Stephanie Verreet



Alex, 15 months, and Amy Pisot.



Libby Nicholls and Billy Ray.



John De Giusti, Jeanie Haydon and Patricia Bidart.



Lisa Laurin, Brody Andrews, Erica Mast, Sandra Burcombe and Harper Woods.



Sherryl McCullough, Elodie Martin, Corey McCullough and Mateo, 3.



Maree Rutherford, Pr Nadia Abraham and Janelle Shrimpton.

WHAT'S ON

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UNTIL JUNE 8

Maho Magic Bar,
Location: Dixie Park

MAY 27

Four Mile Beach Monthly Clean-up,
Time: 1pm - 4pm,
Location: Daintree Lounge at the Sheraton Grand Mirage, Port Douglas (behind the piano)

MAY 28

Alicia Bickett Psychic Medium, Time: 7:30pm, Location: Club Mossman

MAY 22

Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs, Time: 7pm - 9pm, Location: Club Mossman

Sea Circus Productions presents TREASURED TALES, Time: 4:30pm - 8pm, Location: Surf Life Saving Club/The Surfy

MAY 29

Bingo, Time: 7pm - 9pm, Location: Club Mossman

MAY 30

Free Community Movie Night, Time: 6pm - 8pm, Location: Mossman Boat & Fishing Club in Newell Beach

MAY 23

Cam Kettle @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Macrossan Street Parade, Time: 4:30pm, Location: Macrossan Street

The Longest Lunch, Time: 12pm - 3pm, Location: Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina

MAY 30

Sneaky Horse @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Rockin' Rick Karaoke, Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm, Location: Club Mossman

MAY 24

Nicole Nighthawk @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Pooch Party, Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm, Location: Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club

WindSwell Water Sports at Carnivale Beach Day, Time: 7am - 12pm, Location: Four Mile Beach

MAY 31

Self Defence Workshop for Girls and Women, Time: 1pm - 3pm, Location: Mossman Shire Hall

Wait-A-While Duo, Time: 7pm - 10pm, Location: Club Mossman

MAY 25

Douglas Dash, Time: 8am - 9am, Location: Four Mile Beach Park off Barrier Road

Brandon Walker, Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Location: Club Mossman

Big Pups @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 1pm - 4pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Matty Boi @ The Tin Shed, Time: 1pm - 4pm, Location: The Tin Shed

MAY 31

So P!NK - Pink Tribute Spectacular, Time: 6pm - 10pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

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Saturday May 24
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Sotheby's



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SPORTS DIGEST

Crocs cane Cutters to win two in a row

The Port Douglas Crocs AFL side has had a stirring come-from-behind 15-point win away to Cairns Cutters.

With scores level at three-quarter time, the Crocs fell behind early in the last quarter at the Fretwell Park ground before lifting to score four goals and run out winners 12.13 (85) to 10.10 (70).

Best players were Cayden Stabenow, Murphy Short, Ethan McCullough, Harvey Moore, Jacob Zboril and Sam Fairclough, while Zboril kicked five goals in a dominant display up forward.



Tom Kluske during the pink round.

The Crocs women also had a strong 36-point victory, beating the Cutters 8.4 (52) to 2.4 (16).

Best players were Madeline Keeble, Sophie Jeffrey, Hannah Hyland, Caity Walsh, Brooklyn

Hunt and Luca Roulstone, while Roulstone kicked four goals.

The previous week, the Crocs men pulled off a crushing 89-point victory against Cairns Saints to help re-announce itself as a force in this year's AFL Cairns competition.

The dominating 24-7 (151) to 9-8 (62) win was built on some hard running from the halfback line and some direct footy through the middle in front of a strong crowd at Port Douglas oval, which turned out in numbers for the Pink in the Tropics charity round.

Best players for the Crocs men were Kailem Baker, Moore, Tom Kluske, Ben Mcphee, Fairclough and Thomas Cantwell, while Kye Chappell kicked five goals and Zboril four.

The Crocs women also broke through for their first win of the year on the pink-round day, which was dedicated to raising money for cancer survivors.

The women's score was 4-7 (31) to Cairns Saints 1-4 (10).

Best players were Keeble, Walsh, Indianna Paull, Jaimi Byrne, Mia Schreiber and Grace Lanigan.

SPORTS BRIEFS

RUGBY UNION

The Reef Raiders had a bye on the weekend, with the representative side in action, but faced up to competition heavyweight JCU Mariners the week before, eventually going down 28-40.

The Raiders started well enough, leading 9-0 after three successful penalty kicks.

But it got harder after that, with the Mariners' wingers running riot to post several tries in succession.

Port Douglas fought on gallantly, but was outclassed in the end.

Late consolation tries went to Ameo Matabalei, Dereck Letcher, and Jean Valette.

Letcher made the FNQ Thunder squad which played the Townsville Brolgas on Saturday, with Townsville winning the game easily.

BOWLS

Mossman Men's Jackpot Bowls Saturday May 10: Bob Carroll, Warren McCoist & Eric Smith W

1; John Arnold & Bernie Wolland W 4; Hayden Rushen, Bruse Lester & Ted Holmes W 5. and winners on the day Jock Constantine & David White W 13.

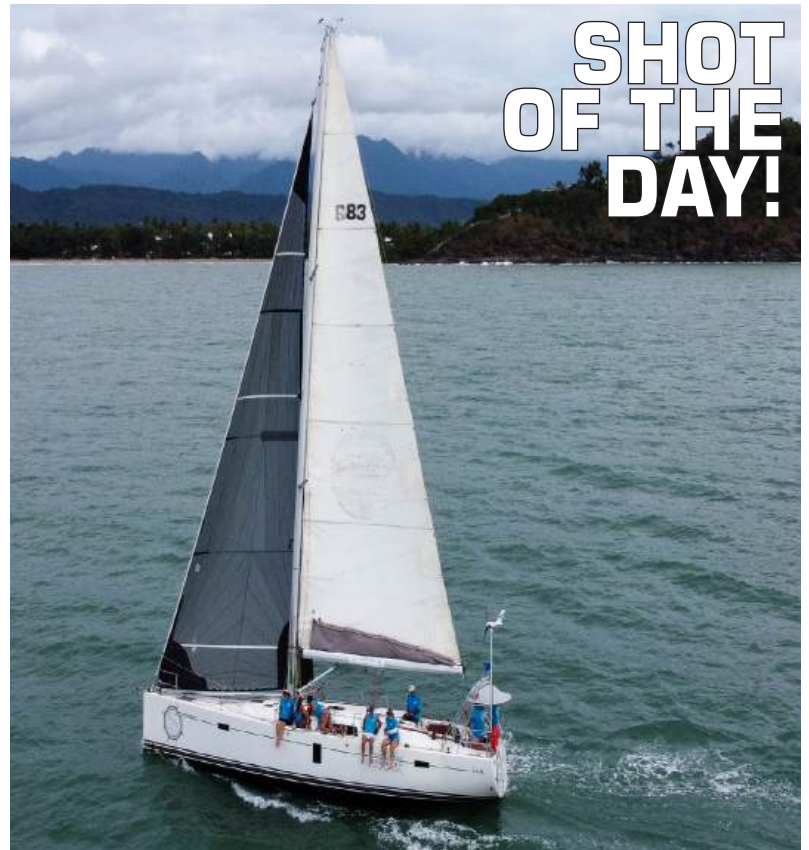
Ladies Bowls Thursday May 8 Robin Petrus & Zina Girgenti 1 W 2 and Denise Highland & Margaret Heffernan 2 Ws 8.

SAILING

Port Douglas Race Week

Standings after Race 3: Division 1 - CHARM OFFENSIVE, Division 2 - WAITUI, Division 3 - ADIOS. DAY 2 Results: Division 1 - DENA followed by MATILDA V, Division 2 - CASUARINA followed by WAITUI, Division 3 - ADIOS followed by WINDSWELL.

DAY 1 Results: Division 1 - CHARM OFFENSIVE followed by TIME OUT, Division 2 - WAITUI Followed by LAYALEETA, Division 3 - WINDSWELL followed by ADIOS.



Port Douglas Race Week took place all last week, with at least a dozen boats competing in the waters off the coast. Picture: Jamie Jansen



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Mossman Sharks player Jimmitto Harris in action during the win against the Kangaroos. Picture: Shaun Hollis

MOSSMAN MAULERS

Shaun Hollis

Mossman Sharks have moved up to sixth on the ladder after back-to-back wins in the Far North Queensland Rugby League competition.

Away to Edmonton Storm on Sunday, the Sharks held off a persistent Storm outfit to triumph 50-26.

In Round 7 at Petersen Park, white-helmeted fullback Rhys Murgha scored three tries and Davin Crampton two as the Sharks ran riot in the second half, scoring six tries in 25 minutes from the 47th minute to the 72nd.

The week before Mossman had a morale-boosting victory against a dogged Kangaroos team at home on Sunday, winning 24-20.

The Sharks fell behind early before a strong rally at the end of the first half, including some individual brilliance from fullback Murgha, who weaved his way through the Roos' defence to score Mossman's first two tries.

The second half was a tense struggle, with the Sharks eventually prevailing by four.



The Sharks under-9s.

Baby Sharks take a nibble at national stage glory

The Mossman Sharks Under-9s rugby league players have had an experience they will never forget, playing a game before the Cowboys' NRL game in Townsville earlier this month.

Described by club officials as an "unforgettable experience", the baby Sharks fronted up against Herbert River Crushers in front of close to 20,000 fans before the North Queensland Cowboys' clash with reigning premiers Penrith.

"It was an incredible day for our young players to showcase their skills on the big stage and create memories that will last a lifetime," a club statement reads.

"Well done to all our junior sharks who showed fantastic sportsmanship and did our club proud!"

The young outfit got to play before one of the games of the year, where extra time was not even able to separate the two sides, with the eventual score in the main game 30-30.

The Mossman juniors also managed to score at least one try in their curtain-raiser against the Crushers.

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