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Greatest show up north

More than 10,000 people are expected to flock to Mossman Show this weekend. Page 2

Young rural ambassador Mia Scmazzon, show volunteers Michael Scmazzon and Lara Balzarolo and border collie/cattle dog crosses Bonnie and Sallie. Picture: Shaun Hollis



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ACCESS ALL AREAS

Bryan Littlely

An all-abilities hydraulic lift at the Mossman Pool headlines three major improvements to Douglas Shire's disability access which has come under fire from frustrated

mobility-impaired community members.

Mayor Lisa Scmazzon says the Capital Works budget includes the installation of an all-abilities hydraulic lift at the Mossman Pool

as well as improved access to the toilet block in Rex Smeal Park.

A wheelchair-compliant toilet will be included in the new Grant Street toilet block at Port Douglas, scheduled for installation in the

coming month, she says. And an all-abilities toilet block is nearing completion at the Mossman Caravan Park, designed to support inclusive tourism and local use.

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Best in show

BUSINESS FEATURE

Roll up, roll up, there are only a few more sleeps left until the Mossman Show!

Show president Matt Hatfield says the event, which will be held this Sunday and Monday, is rated highly by the legion of performers, stallholders and others who travel around Australia's show circuit - including the woodchoppers.

"They reckon our show's one of the best ones they've got," Mr Hatfield says.

"It's just a good country show." Mr Hatfield is expecting more than 10,000 people to pass through the gates, and says this year's event is important for the whole Douglas Shire following recent tough times with the sugar mill shutting down and Cyclone Jasper hurting the region.

"We're looking at a huge show this year to try to maintain some positive energy in Mossman."

Events include dog jumping, tractor pulling, woodchopping, pig racing, farm exhibits, show rides, freestyle motocross, a rep-tile show and fireworks.

"An agricultural show is what



Mossman Show is on this weekend.

we pride ourselves on," Mr Hatfield says.

Young rural ambassador Mia Scomazzon says she always looks forward to show time.

"I've always gone to the show since I was little," she says. "We always have a good time."

And what can she recommend? "Probably the motorbike show, love it."

The 73rd Mossman Show is on at the Mossman Showgrounds, Jack Street, Mossman, on Sunday, July 20, and Monday, July 21. For details: mossmanshow.com.au

New Mossy power depot

A new power-company depot featuring a 540sq m workshop and 430sq m office is set to be built just off the main street of Mossman where a sugar-cane farm currently sits.

Douglas Shire Council resolved at a recent meeting to rezone the land from rural to industrial so the block, which is behind housing just off Alchera Drive next door to the council works depot, can house the new Ergon Energy depot.

All the councillors backed the move, with three speaking out in favour of the location.

"Perfect place for it," Cr Damian Meadows said.

Cr Michael Rees said he hoped the new development would put an end to power cuts in the town.

Deputy Mayor Roy Zammataro said the current depot on Thomas Street was prone to flooding.

The proposed land parcel to be rezoned is about 1.7ha.

"The development has the potential to create amenity impacts such as noise, vibration or light nuisances on the adjoining and nearby residential area," the report stated.



73rd Annual Mossman Show

20th to 21st July, 2025

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Shaken, stirred, unveiled

A new cocktail and tapas bar has brought a bold splash of glam to Port Douglas's Grant Street.

Cosmos, which opened last Saturday, features cocktails to die for, refined tapas, and a laid-back, yet stylish, vibe.

Founded by Angela Whittaker, Cosmos was born from a simple idea: creating a place where people could feel good, look good, and truly enjoy a night out: "Port Douglas has beautiful boutiques and plenty of laid-back spots. But not many places where you can really dress up for the evening."



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Cosmos's Alex Karimnia and Angela Whittaker. Picture: Jamie Jansen

Bad blood boiling in bridge stoush

Shaun Hollis

The long-running saga of the replacing of Noah's Creek Bridge has been causing tempers to boil over on an online forum in the Daintree Rainforest region.

The bridge is now in "critical condition", according to a report tabled in Douglas Shire Council last month, and the load limit has been reduced to eight tonnes, casting doubts over the ability for fuel and food supplies to be regularly delivered to Cape Tribulation.

Cr Michael Rees this month posted a comment on the Cow Bay Community Noticeboard which prompted a strong response from Douglas Chamber of Commerce

member and Newsport columnist Lawrence Mason.

"Most of the feedback from residents I've personally received has been very constructive and supportive," Mr Rees stated.

"This far outweighs the tiny minority who seemingly think that making incoherent noise will somehow speed things up."

Mr Mason fired back with: "Reducing residents' and businesses' concerns to 'incoherent noise' is offensive and untrue. Try to understand how people who have been in fight-or-flee mode since December 2023 might react to more bad news about a bridge that seemingly cannot be built."

The decaying wooden bridge

was further damaged in the 2023 Cyclone Jasper event, and the DSC's latest advice stated it would be replaced in the "2026 dry season". Douglas Shire Council last month submitted an application for a \$5m State Government grant to help build the bridge, which it said would now cost \$11.5m.

In last month's council meeting Mayor Lisa Scmazzone was full of praise for DSC staff.

"Good on you guys, you've done some really good work on this," Mayor Scmazzone said.

Mr Mason, however, has cited at least eight references to the bridge across more than a decade containing assurances about bridge replacements and repairs.

News in Brief

BARRA FARM IN COURT

The Killaloe barramundi farm on Captain Cook Highway is being prosecuted by the State Government Environment and Science Department (DESI) for allegedly operating without the proper environmental licence and polluting nearby creeks.

Lawyers for DESI told Cairns Magistrates Court last week the company was not approved to farm barramundi at the former prawn farm between September 2022 and March 2023. Footage taken by DESI inspectors of overflow from ponds allegedly running into Muddy Creek and Packers Creek was played in court.

CAR ROOF STOMP

A 37-year-old Wonga Beach man has been arrested after four cars were damaged in the Cairns CBD, including a "stomp" on a car roof, according to police.

At about 10.15am on Thursday, July 10, a man was seen jumping onto a parked car on Shield Street, climbing onto the roof and stomping, causing damage to the vehicle.

The man was then witnessed damaging three more cars.

A man has been charged with wilful damage, obstructing police, public nuisance, contravening direction or requirement, and failing to take reasonable care in respect of a syringe.

STABBING IN COOKTOWN

A man has been stabbed in the back in his Cooktown home.

At about 12.30am on Thursday, July 10, the man confronted an intruder in the Helen Street house.

Police said the intruder then grabbed a knife from inside the home and stabbed the 22-year-old resident in the back before running away. The man was rushed to Cooktown Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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More disability access needed

From page one

The news follows a Newsport report last week detailing frustrations of Rocky Point couple Gigi Legenhausen and Andrea Groemminger over disability access across the region.

The former resort managers wrote to the council over a lack of wheelchair access to the Mossman Pool, the issue becoming apparent as they adjusted to life in a wheelchair for Andrea. Ms Legenhausen said the pool was the most frustrating example of a number of issues faced in the region by people with restricted mobility.

"They used to have a wheelchair lift at the pool but it has been broken for years and not fixed or replaced," she said.

"Currently we have to drive to Cairns to be able to use the pool. Very disappointing and we expect immediate action to finally fix the discrimination of disabled people.

"It is not only frustrating but it can be quite dangerous," Ms Legenhausen said.

"We have twice lost the front wheel off the wheelchair."

Others have weighed in on the issue, highlighting problems with disability parking, steep and broken paths, hard-to-navigate ramps, and a lack of action from the council when confronting able-bodied people doing the wrong thing.

"I have been saying it for years and have had numerous conversations with customers about using their wheelchairs in PD... sometimes I think we live in a bubble in this town," Kylie Forrest said in response to the article.

Ann Maree Akiko said she had been told by the council to call Main Roads at times disabled parks had been blocked by able-bodied people: "Isn't that a council job to advocate for the people, even the disabled and their carers?"

Douglas Shire Council last undertook a Community Access Audit in 2021, but Mayor Scomazzon also said that whenever the council upgrades or replaces ageing infrastructure, it improves disability access.



Gigi Legenhausen and Andrea Groemminger have raised concerns about disability access across Douglas Shire. Picture: Shaun Hollis



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This vacant block on Port Douglas Road is integrally involved in a massive national investigation by corporate watchdog ASIC. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Shaun Hollis

A Port Douglas property has unwittingly been drawn into the disappearance of millions of dollars in super funds, an ongoing corporate watchdog investigation alleges.

In one of the largest inquiries of its kind involving a team of about 40 specialist investigators, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission has found more than \$100m for the planned \$300m Port Douglas Fairmont Resort was allegedly lent out by superannuation fund Shield Master before it collapsed last year, despite the resort project only ever making the "pre-development stage" and being rejected by Douglas Shire Council.

Parent company Keystone Asset Management was wound up in December, the resort has been abandoned, and the land at 71-85 Port Douglas Road is up for sale, but where much of that money went is at this stage unknown -

Newsport understands at least one Port Douglas worker on the project is currently more than \$100,000 out of pocket and holds little hope of seeing any money.

ASIC alleges the figures show marketing bills of millions of dollars for events involving high-profile sports stars such as boxer Floyd Mayweather and basketballer Josh Giddey, \$4.3m towards a new Melbourne penthouse suite for the wife of property developer Paul Chiodo, and millions for construction costs for the Port Douglas resort and other buildings.

This included the pre-payment of an about \$100m loan to building company City Built for the Port Douglas property for civil works, demolition, design consultants,

marketing and planning - much of which will never be done.

The liquidators aim to claw back a minimum of \$40m, which includes the current sale of the about 2ha block next door to Oaks Resort in Port Douglas. ASIC has also been looking into how more than \$260m of Shield's \$480m money pool was increasingly invested into a separate fund, which loaned money to companies linked to Mr Chiodo's property developments, including the Port Douglas project.

For his part Mr Chiodo, who was ordered by ASIC to hand over his passport last month, has been fighting the charges in the Federal Court and has said he has analysed all invoices and bank accounts and submitted them to the regulator.

"ASIC understands that investments were made into Shield by around 5800 investors, who accessed Shield primarily through superannuation platforms," the watchdog states.

"(The) investigation into Shield and its officers and related entities, is part of ASIC's broader consideration of matters concerning Shield and is ongoing."

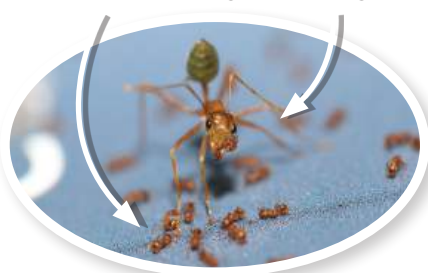
As part of that ongoing investigation, the corporate watchdog last month cancelled the licence of another company involved in the super-fund collapse, Financial Services Group Australia, and permanently banned one of its managers after advice to invest in the doomed super fund. ASIC is also investigating FSGA's director in connection another recently collapsed super fund, First Guardian.

The more than 2ha parcel of land on Port Douglas Road was bought for \$7.8m in 2018 by another company Mr Chiodo was involved in, 75 Port Douglas Road.

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Call for airport poison signs

A Queensland traveller whose best friend was one of six people to die in November's tragic Laos backpacker poisoning incident has started a petition calling for airports to display prominent warnings about the dangers of drinking methanol.

Bethany Clarke, who now lives and works in Queensland after growing up in the UK, was travelling with her childhood friend Simone White when her and five others, including Australians Holly Bowles and Bianca Jones, died of methanol poisoning believed to have come from laced cocktails.

"Other travellers have become blind and many others have been left traumatised by their experiences," Ms Clarke stated.

Ms Clarke said airports were crucial information centres capable of providing warnings for millions of international travellers.

Cairns Airport is one such destination that is popular with travellers on backpacker circuits, offering more than 100 flights every week to Southeast Asian destinations such as Laos and Cambodia.

Coconuts facing chop

Shaun Hollis

More than 20 coconut palms are being chopped down across Port Douglas and Oak Beach due to "structural defects".

Douglas Shire Council began axing the trees on Tuesday, July 8, following assessments by tree experts during the regular round of coconut de-nutting of about 740 palms maintained by the council on public land in the area, according to a release last week.

The trees "pose risks to public safety and maintenance crews", the DSC stated, and they are being removed due to issues such as "termite infestation, crown instability, trunk decay, and cavities".

"These conditions significantly increase the risk of failure and make ongoing maintenance hazardous," according to the council.

Mayor Lisa Scomazzon said she hoped the community would be understanding of the council's decision to remove the trees.

"We understand how much our community values these iconic palms, and we do too," Mayor Scomazzon said.

"That's why we maintain over



Coconut palms are a much-loved feature of Douglas Shire.

700 coconut palms across Port Douglas and Oak Beach.

"We thank the community for their understanding and support as we work to ensure our public spaces remain safe and enjoyable for everyone."

The DSC did the first comprehensive coconut-palm survey in a decade last November, which outlined how all the trees needed to be de-nutted twice between about May to December to reduce the risk of injury from falling nuts.

Mayor Scomazzon said at the time the palms were a much-loved species, but the trees also came with a public-liability threat: "The risk of injury from being hit by falling coconuts is real, with many stories of near misses."

The council's Coconut Management Action Plan was introduced in the mid 2010s to reduce its exposure to public-liability claims and to protect people from being injured by falling coconuts, fronds and trees.

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The shift came during a celebrant conference in Sydney, where Anna was deeply moved by



Candlenut's Anna Soltwedel

a speaker sharing her experience as a funeral celebrant.

"It touched something deep within me," Anna said.

Later that year, she started offering non-medical support to people in the final stages of life.

While weddings and funerals may seem worlds apart, Anna says they are both about marking life's most profound transitions.

"They're both about connecting through ceremony and celebrating life," she said.

To learn more about Candlenut Funerals or to get in touch with Anna, visit her website: candlenutfunerals.com.au



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10 YEARS AGO

Great start to Mossman Show

With estimated attendees at 2500 Sunday proved to be a great opener for the two-day Mossman Show. With something for the whole family everyone is sure to have fun.

Sideshow alley was bursting at the seams with rides, games and show bags galore. Some rides offered great value by purchasing a one off all day ticket or multiple tickets at a reduced price.

Other free events are Melville's Pioneer Farm filled with an adorable selection of young farm animals. The kids can have fun feeding and patting the babies.

David Williams Snake and Radical Reptiles show commentary was informative and his snake handling demonstration skills were educating.

Noah's Farm Pig Racing had everyone cheering for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.

The Wood Chopping Event is worth viewing, you could work up a sweat just by watching and an inspiration for all ages.

The hit of the day was Guy McLean the Australian Horsemen, otherwise known as The Horse Whisperer. His horse handling skills and love of horses was evident to the audience.

Also the Victor Crees Pavilion is bursting with displays of art works, photography and craft, agriculture, needlework and culinary works for all to see, displaying their judged place getting for each section.



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Wild ride through Shire

BUSINESS FEATURE

Jamie Jansen

When Reece and Aviv Jones took over Tropical Trike Tours in April, it wasn't just another business move, it was the realisation of a lifelong dream on three wheels.

After more than 10 years running a successful trucking company, the motor-loving couple were ready for a change of pace and a different kind of road ahead. They had visited Port Douglas every year for over two decades, always knowing that one day they'd call this tropical paradise home.

Now they're sharing that dream with others, offering scenic tours on their stylish, comfortable trikes, with options for solo riders, couples, trios, or even groups on multiple trikes.

"We weren't just looking for any venture," Reece said. "I always wanted to do something with motorbikes and tours in Port Douglas."

That dream gained momentum one night over drinks when friend Laurie said taking people on trike



Aviv and Reece Jones with friend Laurie. Picture: Jamie Jansen

tours around Port Douglas was "getting paid to ride a dream".

Inspired, the couple approached the previous owner with an offer, and Tropical Trike Tours shifted into high gear.

"We've built successful businesses from the ground up before," Reece said. "Our key to success has always been customer satisfaction."

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Book in for a literary date

BUSINESS FEATURE

Byron Filmer

The Inaugural Douglas Shire Book Festival is just around the corner, with more than 40 authors set to visit across two days on Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3.

The event is set to bring together book lovers from across North Queensland.

Organisers hope to see the festival become an annual event and can envision the possibility of it even becoming a week-long celebration.

The DSBF will be hosted at two locations - Saturday will be at the Mossman Shire Hall and Sunday the Port Douglas Community Hall.

It is a free family event welcoming all, and will feature talks, workshops and panels.

It also gives authors a chance to connect with the community and share work.

Organiser Crystal Leonardi is excited to see the festival become a reality after two years preparing.



Douglas Shire Book Festival features a host of authors.

"It has been amazing, challenging and it has also been incredibly inspiring," she said.

Ms Leonardi is the founder of locally based Bowerbird Publishing - 13 of the authors attending are a part of Bowerbird and this is something she is incredibly proud of. She can see the event growing greatly in coming years.

One of the most well-known authors attending will be Lachlann Carter, a former Cairns primary teacher who wrote the Big Trouble book series.



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Club Mossman is celebrating 80 years. Picture: Jamie Jansen

Still rolling after 80 years

BUSINESS FEATURE

Mossman's longest-standing social club is turning 80, and they're marking the milestone with 10 weeks of prize draws, a \$10,000 cash giveaway, and a full day of festivities on Sunday, August 31.

Not many places in the region carry a legacy as rich as Club Mossman. The original site was located on Johnson Road near Mossman Showgrounds.

With nothing more than a small cottage and a patch of overgrown land, members came together to

clear the site and build the first bowling greens by hand. A 1996 article in the Port Douglas & Mossman Gazette recalled those early days: "The land parcel was home to a cottage, which members remodelled into a clubhouse."

"Those wanting drinks had to stand on a large log."

The current clubhouse opened in 1996.



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EXTREME WHEELCHAIR SPORTS IN THE SHIRE

Kylie Alicia Forrest

I have been saying it for years and have had numerous conversations with customers about using their wheelchairs in PD. Sometimes I think we live in a bubble in this town.

Lisa St Pierre

I know Kai at the Mossman Pool was getting together a grant to provide better access, maybe touch base with him and see how he went. I was in a wheelchair for a few months and it was an eye opener to the lack of services in our community.

Rochelle Thompson

Don't get me started on how steep the camber of the roads are in Mossman! Crossing them with a wheelchair is an extreme sport.

JC Walker

Well done Council, put up our rates but can't even fix a lift at the local pool. It's just disgusting!

Jean Marashalian

I'm not disabled but it is something I have noticed since moving here, the steps at the pedestrian crossing are a prime example. There is a ramp to the left but it ends at a drain, it would be difficult to manoeuvre a wheelchair over it. Many of the footpaths are uneven and narrow, footpaths disappear completely. At the bottom of Grant Street at Chillies there is just gravel for people needing to get to the Neighbourhood Centre with a walker or disability scooter, it is easier to use the road. Not ideal for those with a disability.

Daphne Timms

Take note next time you go shopping in Macrossan Street,

how many "tradies" park in centre disabled areas!! Most days these spaces are taken by bales. Sad really.

Ann Marie Akiko

Also the disabled parking is v limited and only on one side of Macrossan St - which is difficult as many motorists drive too fast to be able to push a wheelchair safely across the not-flat road. The disabled parking down near Owen Street which is extra wide and the yellow lined disabled entry area, is mostly occupied by abled bodied persons, or work

utes, whom swear at you if you point this out. Many times we weren't even able to enter our car until they returned as they parked in this disabled entry space, never an apology just ableism and/or being sworn at. I rang council many times the standard line was call Main Roads they control disabled parking... isn't that a council job to advocate for the people, even the disabled and their carers?

Lynn Herron

Umm folks yes it would be great if the Council provided better access crossing the roads and parking. But the lack of disability access around the Coles Supermarket area really should have been provided by the developer of the complex. Another point to think about is how many shops provide easy access into their shops and restaurants. The popular burger joint and certain pubs/bars on Macrossan are classic examples of being difficult to access for those customers in wheelchairs. So not only should the council step up, the shop owner should also step up to providing easy access.

Extreme wheelchair sports in Douglas Shire...



Step launch Drain jump Hill climb

From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news online every Saturday. with his cartoon

CAITLYN'S CAREER IS SOARING HIGHER

Joanne Cowe

So awesome Caitlyn.

Karen Moffatt

Congratulations Caitlyn just awesome.

Noela Ann Brack

Congratulations young lady. Gee, I wish my Dad was still around to see this young Athlete Pole Vault, our Dad used to practice in his yard in Wilson Street, Mossman, and competed every May Day at The Mossman Showgrounds.

Kylie Wootton

Great article. Strong Caitlyn! We are all behind you Caitlyn.

COCONUT PALMS ARE FACING THE AXE

Pam Burden

If they have to cut down coconuts, plant more palms that don't have nuts. How about beautiful and slow growing lipstick?

Jonathan Twist

Cut down the Council, give us all a break.

Bryan Hedges

Every hand, I repeat every coconut palm down the southern end of full mile beach has been earmarked with a yellow spot every coconut palm.

Flick Boucher

"The council's Coconut Management Action Plan was introduced in the mid 2010s to reduce its exposure to public-liability claims and to protect people from being injured by falling coconuts, fronds and trees". If public choose to sit under Coconut trees, it's no the trees fault if a frond or coconut falls on them. Maybe Council should address the termite issue.

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SOCIALS

On Saturday, drinks and darts were enjoyed at the Cosmos Lounge opening on Grant Street in Port Douglas, while others relaxed under the palms at Rex Smeal Park, where the late afternoon lingered with live music, games, and ocean views. Pictures: Stephanie Verreet



Imogen and Jaxen at the Cosmos opening.



Jemar and Micheal at Rex Smeal Park.



Bruno, Ulysse, Gian, Bernardo and Tomer at Rex Smeal Park.



Dave, Greg, Katie and Teresa at the Cosmos opening.



Olivia, Chelsea and Geneveve at the Cosmos opening.



Guillem and Lenka at Rex Smeal Park.

WHAT'S ON

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JULY 18

Rob Longstaff, Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm, Location: Club Mossman

Live Music @ The Sandbar, Time: 5.30pm - 9pm, Location: Cape Tribulation Camping

JULY 19

Gardening at the Circle of Plenty, Time: 8am-10 am, Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Foxton Ave, Mossman

Monthly Social Dancing, Time: 6.30pm-9.30pm, Location: Pullman Sea Temple Resort

Tahlia Brain, Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

JULY 20

Comedy Night, Time: 1pm-5pm, Location: The Yachty - Port Douglas Yacht Club

80th Birthday Giant Prize Giveaway, Time: 4pm-6pm, Location: Club Mossman

Dog Gone South, Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Becks, Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Location: Club Mossman

JULY 22

Gardening at the Circle of Plenty, Time: 8am-9am, Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Foxton Ave, Mossman

JULY 27

Kirtan with Han, Time: 3pm-5pm, Location: Port Douglas Yoga Shala, Above The Book Lounge

80th Birthday Giant Prize Giveaway, Time: 4pm-6pm, Location: Club Mossman

Phil King., Time: 4pm-7pm, Location: Club Mossman

RIFF RAFF ACDC Tribute, Time: 3pm (door 2pm)-6pm, Location: The YACHTY - Port Douglas Yacht Club

JULY 25

RIFF RAFF ACDC Tribute, Time: 6pm-10pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Rockin' Rick Karaoke, Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm, Location: Club Mossman

JULY 23

Cape Kimberley Beach Clean-up, Time: 10am-3pm, Location: Cape Kimberley carpark

JULY 24

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

AGM Mossman & District Gymnastics Club, Time: 3:30 - 4:30, Location: Pinjarra Place 3-7 Mill Street, Mossman

JULY 29

Gardening at the Circle of Plenty, Time: 8am-9am, Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Foxton Ave, Mossman

JULY 31

Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs, Time: 7pm-8.30pm, Location: Club Mossman

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SPORTS DIGEST

Caitlyn's career keeps soaring higher

Rising star Caitlyn Butland is showing what dedication and perseverance can deliver, shining as one of Australia's rising young talents in what is shaping up as a golden era for athletics.

Caitlyn delivered an unforgettable performance at the Australian Junior Nationals in April, taking home gold in the Under 17 Girls Pole Vault.

Competing in front of an appreciative crowd in Perth, the determined athlete soared to victory with a stunning clearance of 3.16m – a new personal best. Caitlyn, a



State athlete Caitlyn Butland.

Year 10 student at Mossman State High School and a proud member of Douglas Athletics, balances her academic life with a committed training regime.

She trains two to three times a week in Mossman and travels once a week to train with the Cairns Vaulters, a passionate group from across Far North Queensland.

In addition to her gold medal in pole vault, Caitlyn also competed in the triple jump, placing 7th, and the 100m hurdles, finishing 13th.

In a true show of resilience, Caitlyn had to borrow poles for her final two vaults, including her gold-medal-winning clearance.

But Caitlyn maintained her composure and delivered a clutch performance under pressure.

"To come away with a PB and the win feels incredible," Caitlyn says. "I'm so happy with how I performed. I'm so grateful for my coaches, my family, and the Cairns Vaulters group."

Two other Douglas Athletics members also attended the Australian National Championships in Perth.

Matt Sheppard competed in the Open Mens PARA Shot put and Discus, coming away with a 1st and 2nd place, and Unity Beitzel competed in the Open Womens Heptathlon, finishing 7th.

SPORTS BRIEFS

LAWN BOWLS

Mossman Men's Jackpot Bowls results Saturday July 5.

Alistair Douglas, Neil Brooks & Brian Williams W 1; Peter Worley & Frank Rigor W 3; Paul Mumford, Ray Prain & Terry Richards W 8; Nevelle Fletcher & David Blain W 14; Kel & Ted Holmes W 18 and winners on the day were the fours competition team Jock Constantine, Bruce Lester, Troy Churchill & Bill Smith W 20. B Grade Singles Mike Sims defeated Jock Constantine. Congratulations to Mick Frese, A Grade Singles winner defeating Peter Busch in the final.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The Mossman Sharks had a 24-54 loss on the road to the strong Cairns Brothers outfit.

A pair of early tries set the scene for Brothers, but the Sharks hit back with two of their own to hang in there.

Mossman held on for as long as it could, but Brothers eventually overran the Sharks, scoring five tries in a row in the second half.

Try scorers for Mossman included Kalani Anau, Terence Anau-Sailor and Charles Baira.

This week Mossman faces Innisfail Leprechauns at Innisfail on Saturday at 6pm.

TARGET SHOOTING

Mossman & District Rifle Club Saturday, June 28.

We had five shooters on the mound for our double 700 match.

F Std: Norbert Schmidt 58.5, Cameron Leyshon 57.5, Bill Kromwyk scored 59.4. Sporter Hunter: John Brentson. Target Rifle: Rick Mischlewski. Second Round: F Std: Schmidt 64.4, Leyshon shot 64.3, Kromwyk scoring 65.5.

The final results: F Std: Bill Kromwyk 124.9, Norbert Schmidt 122.9, Cameron Leyshon 121.8.

SHOT OF THE DAY!



Shark Jimmito Harris showing his white-eyed passion for the game in the recent win against the Storm. Picture: Shaun Hollis



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Reef Raider Kane Gray was part of the win against the Crusaders on the weekend. Picture: Shaun Hollis

RAIDERS RETURN

Shaun Hollis

The Port Douglas Reef Raiders have put an eight-game losing streak behind them with a home win against Southside Crusaders, 29-19.

Roy Legrand opened the scor-

ing for the Raiders in the 19th minute, with Harry Erraji and Maika Raivaroro also crossing the tryline in the first half.

In the second half, Barry O'Toole scored in the 73rd minute and Lemeki Rokomasi crossed the line in the 81st minute.

Luke Edwards kicked two of five conversions.

Port Douglas currently sits in fifth on the table with three wins and nine losses.

The Raiders are at home again this Saturday at 4pm against the third-placed Barron Trinity Bulls.



Luca Roulstone kicked a goal.

Crocs did not go the journey

The Port Douglas Crocs women had a long trip home to reflect on what could have been after losing to the South Cairns Cutters by three goals at Fretwell Park Oval on the southern side of Cairns on Saturday.

Port Douglas led by five points at quarter time, but the Cutters gradually worked their way on top to triumph 6-3 (39) to 3-3 (21).

Luca Roulstone, Alyssa Bowman and Laura Waldron were the goal scorers.

The men had a bye on the weekend, but both teams will take on the Cutters at the same venue this Saturday in a quirk of the draw.

In junior grades, the Crocs under-17 boys team is sitting sixth, having won two games and lost four, while the under-15s are fifth with a 5-6 win-loss record.

The inexperienced under-15 girls are fourth with one win and 10 losses.

The under-13 boys are fifth with six wins and five losses.

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