

# CROC BILL CANCELED

## Opponents savage Katter party push

Shaun Hollis

The critics of a now essentially dead-in-the-water bill to strengthen croc laws have torn apart the attempt by the Katter's Australian Party to enshrine it into state law.

Crocodile conservationist and Daintree River tour guide David White said last week this was the fifth attempt by Hill MP Shane Knuth to push through a "croc-cull agenda" which was "based on hysteria, not science".

"This bill isn't about safety," Mr White said.

"It treats Queenslanders like we're idiots who can't be educated, we are nanny staters

wrapped in bubble wrap, relying instead on fearmongering and old-school blame games."

And the committee tasked with reporting on the latest Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill was also highly critical, especially in regard to Mr Knuth's level of consultation with crocodile experts and Indigenous communities.

"The Member for Hill did not provide a cohesive rationale for the proposed approach to culling and removal," the committee report reads.

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# Bleaching on reef

Bryan Littlely  
The fate of the Great Barrier Reef is in the hands of the Federal Government, says the Australian Marine Conservation Society... and the decisions made in the next year are the most critical.

The warning comes in the wake of the release of the Long Term Monitoring Program report by the Australian Institute of Marine Science which states the Great Barrier Reef has suffered the largest annual declines in coral cover in two of its three regions since monitoring began in 1986.

Coral cover plummeted by about a quarter in the northern region (Cape York to Cooktown), almost 14 per cent in the central region (Cooktown to Proserpine), and nearly a third in the southern region (Proserpine to Gladstone), the largest annual decline ever recorded there.

The Reef has now endured five mass bleaching events since 2016 – including back-to-back events in 2024 and 2025 – a clear sign that climate change is overwhelming its ability to recover, details the AMCS.



**Coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef in 2024. Picture: Caitlin Lawson, Coral Watch**

The devastating update comes just days after the Climate Change Authority warned that the Reef cannot survive without urgent climate action. It also comes as the Federal Government decides its 2035 emissions reduction targets – with a 90 per cent cut critical for the Reef. UNESCO has given Australia until February to improve Reef protection policies or risk an “In Danger” listing.

# Rivers weep after big test

The devastating impacts of Severe Tropical Cyclone Jasper are a key focus of the 10th annual Wet Tropics Waterway Health Report Card, released last week by Wet Tropics Waterways.

More than 18 months after the natural disaster which devastated the Douglas region, the report card highlights the compounding effects of a major natural disaster on waterway health.

Wet Tropics Waterways chair Simon Costanzo said more than 2m of rain fell in the region.

“This prolonged and intense rainfall broke records, triggered landslides and caused widespread flooding,” he said.

Satellite imagery showed significant flood plumes emerging from northern river mouths, while water-quality monitoring revealed high loads of dissolved inorganic nitrogen transported by most rivers as pollutants were flushed off the land.

Coral communities across the region were severely impacted during 2023-24, with Jasper affecting the north and Tropical Cyclone Kirrily impacting the south.

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# \$88m disaster hit

Bryan Littlely

The Cook electorate and some of its most remote communities will be more prepared for disasters with \$88m of investment, local MP David Kempton says.

Mr Kempton said councils have identified these high-priority infrastructure projects through their Regional Resilience Strategies and Local Resilience Action Plans and the State Government had responded to help boost regional resilience.

"There were funds left over from the initial recovery funding and these projects, some is newly announced funding and some is confirmed funding... what is good

is that they actually know that the money is there for these key projects which will build resilience for communities," Mr Kempton said.

Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scmazzon said the funding would help improve connectivity, safeguard communities and build long-term disaster resilience.

"This investment is a vital step in preparing for the future of the Daintree ferry," she said.

"Upcoming upgrades to the ferry landing will lay the foundation for a four-lane vessel that will ease congestion and improve travel times for both locals and visitors."

The projects include the \$8.5m Daintree Ferry landing, the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Ev-

erlina Bridge and Airstrip flood immunity upgrades for a combined \$10.5m; and Kowanyama Aerodrome infrastructure rehabilitation and water storage upgrades at Lockhart River.

Airstrip upgrades for the Northern Peninsula Area, at more than \$18m, and in the Torres Strait Island Regional Council also are on the list.

The Crucial Access Links Program is being funded through efficiencies realised under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

By securing key transport routes, the program will keep rural and remote communities connected and ensure critical access.

## News in Brief

### MACKEREL LIMIT LIFT

Far North Queensland fishers may soon be able to catch twice as many Spanish mackerel as is currently allowed.

The recreational boat limit is set to double to four mackerel from two, while commercial fishers will likely be able to catch more than double the current yearly quota, rising to 250 tonnes.

The State Government said the latest stock assessment had "found the population was now likely to have doubled" since 2021, so it wanted to "restore fairness" for fishers.

### BEACH BAR BRAWL

Should European-style bars and clubs be allowed to be set up on Queensland beaches?

The debate about whether it is un-Australian to section off parts of our beaches for the select few has been raging recently in South East Queensland, with Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate saying his region would probably have a beach bar by next summer.

Premier David Crisafulli backed his push, on the proviso they were not set aside only for the rich and famous.

### DESIGNS ON HOSPITAL

The largest-ever health project for the Cook Electorate, the \$200m Cooktown Multi-Purpose Health Service, has appointed a new design consultant.

Design consultant BVN will manage the early stages of the project, which will include eight new beds, a new operating theatre, emergency department, medical imaging and specialist outpatient services, including oral health and a central sterile services department.

A new birthing suite will also be built.

## Taste of colour and pizzazz in Port



Jason Lister at the Simon George and Sons stall at Taste Port Douglas last weekend. Picture: Shaun Hollis

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# Crocodile bill torn

## Great reptile divide

Opinion  
David White  
Another croc bill, another day, another waste of time and taxpayers' money.

Another crocodile bill... another stunt. Another extreme waste of taxpayers' money for what? Roughly one fatality a year. Meanwhile, we're drowning in real issues - domestic violence alone kills more Australians than crocodiles ever have. This is the fifth attempt at pushing through a croc-cull agenda dressed up as a public safety bill. And just like before, it's based on hysteria, not science. Even Knuth himself said he "re-



The Solar Whisperer does crocodile tours on the Daintree River.

jects the science" - and he truly does. This bill isn't about safety. It treats Queenslanders like we're idiots who can't be educated, we are nanny staters wrapped in bubble wrap, relying instead on fear-mongering and old-school blame games. But here's the truth: Blatantly rejecting scientific evidence and promising false safety is more than irresponsible - it's dangerous.

And once again, the bill has been twisted into a media side-show - city vs country. Greenies vs rednecks. Croc lovers vs croc haters. Woke vs apathetic. All designed to divide. All irrelevant. The bill claims to be about human safety, but science - real science - tells us otherwise: Culling creates complacency, and complacency is deadly; Education is the only proven method to reduce risk, and; The low number

of croc-related deaths proves it's working. As Northern Territory crocodile manager Charlie Manolis famously said: "If you want to make Queensland safe, you'd have to kill 30,000 crocs and fence the whole state off - and while you're at it, fence off the crocs coming in from the NT and PNG too." I attended the original 2017 Safer Waterways Bill as a witness, and again this time around. Same bill, just a shinier name. This time, they limited who could speak, and many important voices were left out - especially First Nations People. I was asked by some Traditional Owners - who view crocs as totems - to support them. And I was proud to stand with them, along with many locals who also opposed the bill. Dr Cameron Baker's study shows clearly: Culling is a waste of money, ineffective, and gives people a false sense of security. We don't need a bloodbath - we need education, respect, and common sense.



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# apart by experts

From Page One

"The Member for Hill's consultation during the development of the Bill was completely inadequate," the committee stated.

"(The authors) say they have consulted widely but have not contacted Queensland researchers who have carried out the world's longest continuous study of crocodilian behaviour - Australia Zoo and the University of Queensland."

The committee also refuted Mr Knuth's claims that crocodile numbers were rising sharply, saying the increase was not much above 2 per cent in the past about 50 years, and they had slowed in more recent times to about 20,000-30,000 crocs.

And they said crocodile deaths averaged less than one every two years, while more than 4000 people per year died of accidental falls and even dogs killed about six people each year.

"Crocodile attacks are exceedingly rare," the report reads.

Northern Territory crocodile manager Charlie Manolis also criticised Mr Knuth's approach.

"To achieve public safety of the type envisioned by the Member for Hill, population levels would need to be reduced to levels akin to commercial extinction last seen in Queensland in the 1970s," he said.

While Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service program coordinator Simon Booth also dismantled one of Mr Knuth's key arguments.

"To reduce the rate of attacks by around 50 per cent you would need to remove at least 90 per cent of the crocodile population,



A croc on the Mowbray River. Picture: Tim Sparks

which is just not achievable," he said.

Conservationist Bob Irwin Sr said culling crocodiles was "absolutely pointless".

"You are never going to be able to say to the general public, 'You can swim in that river now' because you will not ever know, will you, that there are crocodiles still there?"

Of 190 submissions to the committee, more than 130 were against the bill and a further 11 supported it but wanted amend-

ments. For his part, Mr Knuth issued a statement following the report findings.

"I'm disappointed, but not surprised," he said.

"The committee and back-to-back governments do not have the intestinal fortitude to take action."

The State Government has three months to respond to the report's recommendations, while the earliest possible date that the bill can be further debated by MPs in the Legislative Assembly is October 28.



Hill MP Shane Knuth

## Katter MP vows to keep up the croc battle

Opinion

Shane Knuth

The Parliamentary Health, Environment and Innovation Committee - whose members are NOT in North Queensland - has recommended our Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025 not be passed, and further recommends the placing of more croc signs, public education and everybody to be "croc wise".

I'm disappointed, but not surprised.

The committee and back-to-back governments do not have the intestinal fortitude to take action and do something positive against the threat of crocodiles in the north.

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## New Cape Trib petrol station

Cape Tribulation will soon have a new service station and grocery shop on the main road into town if an application submitted to local planning authorities is approved.

The new development at 7 Camelot Close would include a petrol station and store as the first stage, followed by a house and two tourist cabins to be built at a later date.

A company called GDUB Holdings is behind the application - with a search for the address bringing up a home behind PK's Jungle Village.

Part of the more than 2ha block where the development would go currently includes tracts of rainforest, but the planning application states the tourism accommodation would be "nature-based" "forest stay" with minimal impact on the environment.

"Select clearing is required to establish a new access and proposed structures," the application reads.

The site, just north of Mason's Swimming Hole, includes a more than 100m frontage to Cape Tribulation Road.

# 50c versus 50 bucks

While most Queenslanders are receiving permanent 50c public transport, Douglas Shire residents without a car pay a minimum of \$50 to travel about 20km between Mossman and Port Douglas.

But private company Sizzling Wheels owner/operator Channy Singh told Newsport last week he has a bus ready to go for a public run between Douglas Shire's two most populated towns, and just needs backing from the State Government to make the service more viable longer-term.

"We can start up with one run daily on weekdays from Mossman to Port Douglas and return later in the day," Mr Singh said.

"Pick up in Mossman from Rain-tree Cafe at 8.30am and return to Mossman from Coles Port Douglas at 2.30pm."

"If we get some subsidies from the Government we can offer two or three runs every day," he said.

"Depending on the demand."

Cook MP David Kempton said last week he was willing to advocate with his Government for public transport to be introduced



**Sizzling Wheels owner/operator Channy Singh is keen to offer public transport options in Douglas Shire. Picture: Shaun Hollis**

to the region if the local demand was there.

And other tourism-industry operators have told Newsport that, if there were regular public transport services operating, workers would be able to commute better between towns, opening up more employment opportunities.

The State Government last week said more than 96 million trips have so far been taken on

public transport since permanent 50c fares were introduced in February, which was "delivering cost-of-living relief and saving Queenslanders almost \$200m".

"Since the permanent cost-of-living relief was delivered in February, data to the end of July shows there has been a 16 per cent increase in trips on the public transport network across South East Queensland," it said.



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# All eyes on the region's biggest racing carnival

## BUSINESS FEATURE

Jamie Jansen

The countdown is on for one of North Queensland's most popular events, with the Cairns Super Carnival set to return in 2025 with more racing, fashion, and entertainment than ever before.

Running from Friday, August 15, to Saturday, August 23, this year's expanded Carnival will combine two premier race meets - the Red Beret Hotel Cairns Cup and the Cairns Amateur Cup - into a single nine-day celebration of sport, style and social energy.

With three official race days and a full calendar of supporting events, the Carnival offers locals and visitors more opportunities to experience top-quality racing, standout fashion, premium hospitality and live entertainment.

Friday marks the official start of festivities, with the Carnival Launch Party at the Reef Hotel Casino, a glamorous evening event that sets the tone for the week ahead. Saturday, August 16, sees the first race day hit the track with the Cairns Amateurs Cup Day.

Expect thrilling racing, vibrant hospitality, and the always-popular Cairns Central Fashions on the Field, with this year's theme Tropical Elegance.

The energy continues into the night with the Mounting Yard Afterparty, headlined by Australia's number one Country DJ Dee Jaye Bux.

Midweek, the community is invited to a free family-friendly event on Wednesday, August 20, the Red Beret Hotel Cairns Cup Barrier Draw, offering a rare be-



The Carnival brings racing, fashion, hospitality, and entertainment to locals and visitors. Picture: Supplied

hind-the-scenes insight into the lead-up to the region's biggest race.

Thursday, August 21, features the ever-popular Ladbrokes Sportsman's Luncheon and Calcutta, hosted by Nick Quinn, with appearances from three-time Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Glenn Boss and 2024 winner Robbie Dolan, who will also perform live on stage.

The glamour continues on Friday, August 22, with Ladies Day, headlined by the \$100,000 Ladbrokes Cairns Newmarket.

The Gordon's Pink Gin High Tea Party returns in a new trackside location, complemented by a fashion runway show curated by Bella Nucifora and City Life Magazine's Fashions on the Field competition.

The Carnival concludes on a high on Saturday, August 23, with the \$150,000 Red Beret Hotel Cairns Cup. The final day also

features the Bold and Beautiful-themed Fashions on the Field, judged by celebrity guests Elliot Garnaut, Kathy Garnaut, and Rebecca Harding.

In response to feedback, 2025 will include major upgrades to General Admission areas, such as a shaded marquee along the home straight and the addition of the Ladbrokes Public Pavilion.

All GA tickets include access to bars, food trucks, live music and more. Free return buses from the Reef Hotel Casino to Cannon Park will run on all race days.

Tickets go on sale this weekend at [cairnsjockeyclub.com.au](http://cairnsjockeyclub.com.au).



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## 10 YEARS AGO

### Champions of the foodie industry

The countdown is on for far north Queensland's annual premier food, beverage and restaurant event "Taste Port Douglas", which is no surprise considering Port is known as the culinary highlight of the region.

Home to one of the most thriving restaurant and food industries, the aim of Taste Port Douglas is to introduce Far North Queensland food and culture on to a national, and ultimately an international, stage.

Over three days from August 21-23, some of the best restaurants and chefs in the country will celebrate with fresh local produce offering unique food experiences.

Event director Reina Patrick said Taste Port Douglas promised a dynamic weekend filled with inspirational cooking, unforgettable dining experiences and a unique educational opportunity to learn from some of the country's most talented food experts.

"We have kept the very best of Taste Port Douglas and have continued to build on this to create an exciting three day event incorporating celebrity chef dinners at Port Douglas and Palm Cove, master classes, food trails and the two day Taste Port Douglas celebration of all things food," she added.

This includes local restaurant food stalls, produce stalls and demonstrations, wine tastings and talks.



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# Leading women joining forces

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In a significant move for the Port Douglas real estate market, Professionals Real Estate and Tony McGrath Real Estate have united under one banner: Tony McGrath Real Estate.

Nicole Ritchie, formerly with Professionals, has joined long-time agent Heather Carle at Tony McGrath Real Estate.

The merged team is now at 8/14 Grant Street, with updated signage, branding, and a focus on personalised service backed by decades of local experience.

Together, they bring extensive knowledge of the Douglas Shire market and strong community ties.

Nicole shared how personal and professional circumstances brought her and Heather together.

"After Tony McGrath passed away and Heather was left to continue alone, I too lost my business partner for health reasons," she said. "In our similar situations, I reached out to Heather, and combining our resources just felt right. We share the same vision, and the



Heather Carle and Nicole Ritchie have teamed up under Tony McGrath Real Estate, now operating with fresh branding. Picture supplied

partnership felt like a natural step.

"We're stronger as a team, and this merger has allowed us to continue Tony McGrath's legacy, something that meant a lot to him. Tony wanted Heather to keep the business going, it was his wish for her to continue."

Heather reflected on Tony's impact, saying: "I'm honoured to have had Tony as my mentor. His

dedication to clients and properties set a high standard that still inspires me.

"His unmatched knowledge of the local area and the real estate industry will always be respected.

"It's a privilege to carry on his legacy, maintaining the personalised service and integrity he was known for while evolving the agency with modern systems and

innovation to better serve our clients."

Both Nicole and Heather are excited about the future.

"Having a trustworthy partner with shared goals is something I'm genuinely excited about," Nicole said.

"I feel lucky to be working alongside Heather as we grow our business together. We're both proud to keep Tony's legacy alive."

Heather added: "Nicole brings a wealth of local real estate experience and a vibrant, approachable personality."

The agency's rebranding reflects this new chapter.

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## 50 CENTS VS \$50... THE DOUGLAS DIFFERENCE

**Jenny Naid**

As usual no benefit to remote areas!!

**Angie Pangie**

It's because there's no public bus system. Qld govt has forgotten about remote Qld regions.

**Lillian HS**

Kids can't even get 50c school bus trips. You have to live over 3km for primary and over 4km for high school before you qualify for free bus passes.

**Andy Thompson**

We are on holiday on Magnetic Island and it's 50c per trip on the bus. I know the island is not big but it's a 20km round trip from one side to the other. Me thinks we are getting screwed in the Douglas Shire.

**Jody Harkness**

People need to realise there is not enough people here to subsidise a government bus run.

**Helen Killen**

A Mossman to Port Douglas run would be useful. Even up and down Port Douglas Road. Most workers live 3-5km out so commuter buses would definitely be used. And a Cairns service is needed. I commute to Cairns daily. We're definitely missing out.

**Flick Boucher**

Yet again DSC not backing its ratepayers with a "declined to comment on the issue of public transport in the region".

**Bill Loudon**

Bundy, not far from Brissie (comparatively) doesn't enjoy the generous 50 cent fares either. We cop it sweet, simply because of our laid-back lifestyle which

is worth a damn sight more than a million times 50 cents or, *more importantly*, worrying yourself into a heart attack - all for the sake of a measly 50 bloody cents.

## PUSH TO UNLOCK DEVELOPMENT DELAYS

**Jeff Read**

Build on the other side of the highway on the hills. Craigie is too low and subject to flooding.

**Michelle Simone**

The thing is though with the proposed development, they are all three and four bed houses. What about the one and two bedders for the first time buyers and downsizers?

**Jack Peterson**

Michelle "Midge" Simone you can build whatever you want if you buy the land.

**Bev Rossignoli**

The Douglas Shire does not have the infrastructure to develop more and the council knows this. More schools, more medical facilities, more water, more garbage trucks, etc, etc. Well that's my view anyway.

## NEW SERVO STATION PLANS FOR DAINTREE

**Rob Jovic**

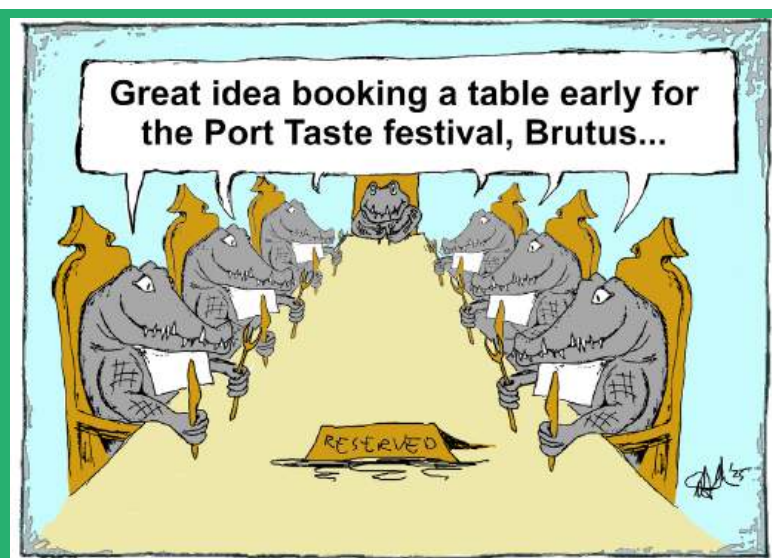
Ooohhhh!!!! The Greenies will be scrambling to go see their counterparts in the Labor Party to have this plan torpedoed for sure!!!!

**Robin Williams**

Great while they are at it don't forget a couple of acres for a carpark!

**Bennet Lawrenson**

Oh no here we go! Strap yourselves in and brace for the comments onslaught!



## From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

## DO YOU SUPPORT BARS ON BEACHES?

**Christopher Eaton**

As far as I'm concerned, I think noise can be a problem. Not everyone wants to go to the beach and listen to loud boom boom music. That's what happens in SA.

**Chris Wright**

Too many old farts in Port Douglas. They've already killed the nightlife.

**Joanna Palmer**

There's a place in Hervey Bay called Enzo's on the Beach. Port Douglas could definitely take a leaf out of their book on how to do beach dining.

**Jessie Goetze**

Yesss! The Tin Shed Port Douglas set up on the beach during Carnival beach day was fantastic!!

**Tom Patts**

Another attraction to bring in tourism. Sipping drinks on an

iconic beach! Bonus to every other business now struggling in Port.

**Grant Williams**

Absolutely, very successful in some of the world's most beautiful spots.

**Nicole Phelps**

Yes but they'll be so over taxed, over regulated and over governed and you'll need permits and licences, etc, that it won't be viable.

**Kristie McDowall**

Bring it on.

**Agostino Arrigo**

No, it will look like Europe, absolutely a mess, horrible beaches, no space, umbrellas everywhere.

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The inaugural Douglas Shire Book Festival brought authors and book lovers together in Mossman and Port Douglas on August 2 and 3, while the Miallo State School quiz night took place last Saturday. Pictures: Stephanie Verreet, Marcus Wilson



Josephie, 12, Crystal Leonardi, Alyssa, 9, at the book festival.



Veria Hoyle and Nicky Stokes at the book festival.



Rachel and John Edwards at the school quiz night.



Alison Fitzsimmons, Mary Pearson and Terry Fitzsimmons at the book festival.



Michael and Madolyn Manthey with Scarlett at the quiz night.



Erica Sheppard, Hannah Santarossa, Kelley Santarossa, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Ava Fitzgerald and Elia Fitzgerald at the quiz night.

## WHAT'S ON

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### AUGUST 15

Hey Gringo @ 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

### AUGUST 16

Amber Farnan @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Yahdoh, Time: 5pm-8pm, Location: Club Mossman

### AUGUST 17

Kaweyova Duo @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 1pm-4pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Rob Longstaff, Time: 4pm-7pm, Location: Club Mossman

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

K2PD, Time: 6am-4pm, Location: Kuranda to Port Douglas

### AUGUST 21

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

### AUGUST 22

Yahdoh, Time: 7pm-10pm, Location: Club Mossman

The Aussie Pub Comedy Tour : Al Del Bene + Chris Wainhouse, Time: 7.30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

### AUGUST 31

TUSK - The Fleetwood Mac Tribute, Time: 4pm-8pm, Location: The YACHTY - Port Douglas Yacht Club - 1 Spinnaker Cl - Port Douglas

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### AUGUST 23

Drewboy @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

Richie Langford, Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm, Location: Club Mossman

### AUGUST 24

Katie Richards @ Ellis Beach Bar & Grill, Time: 1pm-4pm, Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

### AUGUST 24

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

Shanice Duo, Time: 4pm-7pm, Location: Club Mossman

### AUGUST 28

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

### AUGUST 29

Cam Kettle (Duo) @ 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

NicNak Shed Fashion Parade, Time: 2pm-5pm, Location: Pullman Sea Temple Resort & Spa

### AUGUST 30

Yahdoh, Time: 5pm-8pm, Location: Club Mossman

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# SPORTS DIGEST

## BRIEFS

### SOCCER

Douglas Dragons had a comprehensive 4-1 away win against Stratford Dolphins on Friday.

Ignacio Ipinazar opened the scoring in the 12th minute, then Rafael Vihl scored in the 18th to put the Dragons 2-nil up. Stratford pulled one back from a penalty in the 32nd minute to make the score 2-1 at half time. But Ipinazar scored again in the 64th minute and Matias Martinez put the result beyond doubt in the 87th minute.

### LAWN BOWLS

**Mossman Men's Bowls results Saturday, August 9:**

Bob Lawrie & Richard Anderson W 2; David Turnbull & Billy Smith W 5; Shion Kiernan, Paul Kiernan & David White W 8; Peter McGroary, Bernard Savage & Eric Smith W 11; Tony McGrath, Ray Prain & Ted Holmes W 13 and winners on the day Troy Churchill, Jock Constantine & Brian Williams with a W 24. Friday, August 15 is Women's Sugar Fest day. Saturday and Sunday is Sugar Fest Open Fours, 64 players, an event highlighting the Club's 80th anniversary Year. Five rounds of Open Fours, three on Saturday starting at 11.30am and two on Sunday starting at 9am.

Mossman Men's Jackpot Bowls results Saturday, August 2: Peter McGroary, David Clapham & Mario Girgenti W 1; John Arnold & Kel Takknen W 4; Bob Carrol, Steve Heffernan & Steve Cue W 9; Bernard Savage, Terry Richards & Steve Fuller W 13 with 12 ends; Jock Constantine, Bruce Lester & Brian O'Connor W 13 with 13 ends and winners on the day John Hocking & Brian Williams W 16.

## Sharks far too strong



Gabriel Stephen was one of the big men who was consistently breaking the line on Sunday. Picture: Shaun Hollis

**Mossman Sharks triumphed 44-28 against a persistent Mareeba Gladiators on Sunday.**

The Sharks took some time to shake off the Gladiators, with the game still wide open at half time.

But the superior skills and strength of Mossman became clearer as the game went on, with the margin widening to an eventual 16-point gap. Charles Baira scored three tries, while Japheth

Mundraby, Robert Amber, Gabriel Stephen, Gordon James and Davin Crampton ran in one each.

The Sharks play Ivanhoe in the first round of the finals in Tully on Saturday night from 7pm.

## SHOT OF THE DAY!

Top side Port Douglas Crocs had an easy win against South Cairns Cutters in AFL Cairns action on the weekend. Picture: Shaun Hollis





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# LONG RUN FOR FUN

Shaun Hollis

One runner set to compete in the upcoming Run Port Douglas half marathon has already travelled the long way around to make the starting line.

Athlete Russ Cook was living on the Gold Coast up until the middle of last year when he decided to run from there to Cairns.

"I set off with the intention of running 40ks for 40 days," Cook says.

This took him to just south of the city, but after arriving he decided he was not done yet. He ended up hitting the Bloomfield Track and making it all the way to Cooktown before turning around and settling in Port Douglas.

Cook had remembered the beauty of the "miraculous" Captain Cook Highway from a journey north 12 years ago, when he first fell in love with Port Douglas.

"There are not many places in the world where you can watch the sunrise in the morning, walk 10 minutes, then watch the sunset in the evening," Cook says.

The journey from the Gold



**Athlete Russ Cook is training for the Run Port Douglas half marathon after running all the way from the Gold Coast. Picture: Shaun Hollis**

Coast was a life-changing adventure, including almost getting lost in a state forest and meeting some amazing people on the way.

"Pretty much every single character that I met was good to me.

"The truckies are incredible, they all talk to each other," he says.

"They kind of got to know me."

Cook's next big race will be Run Port Douglas on Saturday, September 13. Who knows where the road will lead after that, but for now he is just enjoying his Far North Queensland adventure.

"This is paradise," Cook says.

For further details, go to [runportdouglas.com.au](http://runportdouglas.com.au).

## Crocs make light work of next team in line for flag

The large crowd was pumped for a mouth-watering clash of the two top teams of the AFL Cairns competition as the Port Douglas Crocs faced off against the South Cairns Cutters last Saturday afternoon.

But, unfortunately, the contest soon turned into a fizzer as the Crocs raced to an early lead and never looked back, eventually winning 16-14 (110) to 3-7 (25).

The Cutters have a few to come back in if the sides meet in the finals in September, but they will want to improve if they are going to compete against a much stronger and more well-drilled Port Douglas outfit.

In-form full forward Kye Chapple did not even have his best game, narrowly missing several shots he would normally slot home to finish with three goals, along with Jacob Zboril and Callum Reid.

Best for the Crocs in the 85-point drubbing were Ben Mcphee, Brett Mckeown, Matthew Foy, Peter Megee, Murphy Short and Thomas Cantwell.

The women had a 32-point win against the Cutters in the late game, 6.9 (45) to 2.1 (13).

Luca Roulstone kicked four of the six goals to dominate up forward.

The Port Douglas teams have the bye this weekend.

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