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Show me the rides (and baby animals)

The Mossman Show is on this weekend, and five-year-old Imogen says she is most looking forward to the showrides - and the baby-animal petting zoo.

Her sister Ashleigh, 3, is probably more interested in her magic wand right now.

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Ashleigh, 3, and Imogen, 5, are all set for the Mossman Show on this Sunday and Monday. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Airbnb blitz

Shaun Hollis

The number of Port Douglas Airbnbs has grown by 7 per cent in the past year, with close to 50 more coming online since the end of June last year.

The total number of Airbnbs in the popular tourist destination now totals close to 700, up from nearly 650 last year, according to the latest figures out this month from market analyst GuestFavor-

ites. The top-performing properties fetch about \$830 per day, while the entry-level ones go for about \$160 a day, according to the analysis.

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Boom-time boon for town

Bryan Littlely

Mt Carbine is experiencing both a boon and booms thanks the success of the Mt Carbine Mine which is now Australia's leading tungsten mine and getting bigger.

And the local pub owners Dale Morris and Jane Burns say they are flat out keeping up with the growth and hopeful reinforcements are just around the corner as a new 180-man camp in town is under construction.

"We had planned for this 10 years ago and it is finally here," Dale said.

Dale and Jane left the Mt Carbine Hotel for Dale to work in his electrical trade in Western Australia but was "called back" to take the pub back on a bit over a year ago as the mines grew.

"We've been flat out since we walked back in the door," he said.

"The pub was shut down for eight months before we got back here and we haven't stopped since coming back."

Jane makes three meals a day for the mine crews and the couple say they are eagerly waiting for the roadhouse in the town to re-



Mt Carbine Hotel publicans Dale Morris and Jane Burns are all smiles with a busy pub. Picture: Bryan Littlely

open under the control of mining company EQ Resources Limited.

"With the new mine opening up they are looking at 180 workers there and we're definitely going to have our work cut out for us with them in town," Dale said.

The former Port Douglas Crocs footballer said something happened in Mt Carbine every day as plenty of tourists passed through on the Mulligan Highway or stayed

at the newly set up Mary's Camp. "We get a bit of a shake if they are blasting by the near wall of the mine, but it all is pretty good. If there's a bit of dust, they get onto it pretty quickly," he said.

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Ehsan Gill gives the double thumbs up for Coen's fisho fashion design. Picture: Bryan Littlely

Fishing in fashion

Bryan Littlely

They are a fisho fashion statement, and the unofficial uniform of any Far North Queensland traveller... long-sleeved, colourful and even a little bit crazily designed UV protection tops.

But which whistlestop town and roadhouse has the best and boldest design of them all?

If you ask Coen Store and Servo's Ehsan Gill, he cannot go past the cartoon-style, bike-riding wild pig design of the town, giving it a big double thumbs up.

The story behind the design is

that Coen had a "resident" wild pig which was well known around the town - not to be mistaken with the Brahman bull which wanders about the place.

And, there's no shortage of adventurous motorcycle riders heading through the central Cape location on the way to the Tip.

Throw in a dusty, corrugated track, a croc or two and some directional signs to tell you where you are, and where you need to go, and you have a design worthy of hanging in your wardrobe until the next trip to outback FNQ.

But they're not all cartoon-in-

spired designs. Musgrave Roadhouse has one featuring the iconic roadhouse itself, with another a bit more generic, coupling the track, some 4WD adventure and a barramundi.

A bit further up the track and the Archer River Roadhouse collection features pigs, crocs and cars, with another giving you a map in the event you are lost on the fabulous last true frontier of Cape York.

We wonder if it is time for Port Douglas designers to conjure up a new locally themed shirt... just for a bit of fun.

More than \$600k to be spent on Gorge

A Mossman Gorge walking trail will be given a more than \$600,000 facelift thanks to a State Government allocation in the budget.

Improvements to the Mossman Gorge Rainforest Circuit - a moderate-level walking trail coming off the Rex Creek Bridge Track - will include upgrades to the surface, drainage, and stairways, which is set to cost more than \$630,000 - \$15,000 has already been paid out before this budget.

Cook MP David Kempton said the Circuit was one of Tropical North Queensland's most iconic tourism experiences.

"Attracting around 300,000 visitors each year, Mossman Gorge is a major tourism drawcard for the Douglas Shire, supporting local businesses and jobs," Mr Kempton said.

"Works will include improvements to the track surface, drainage, and stairways, creating a safer, more comfortable experience for visitors exploring the Daintree Rainforest.

"Tenders have now been invited for the project, which will enhance one of Queensland's most loved nature-based attractions for years to come."

The Circuit track features stranger figs, epiphytic plants, bright butterflies, and views of Mount Demi from a small lookout.

The Government has also provided another \$24m for the Wanggetti Trail, with the focus of that project now on the northern section of the track, which is set to run from Palm Cove to Port Douglas when completed.



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Creb opening delayed, but some will not heed advice

Shaun Hollis

Persistent unseasonal rain has caused the opening of the Creb Track to be delayed, but that has not stopped some foolhardy drivers and motorbike riders giving the adventurous route a go.

Daintree Village tourism operators say the official opening may not be until early September now - a fortnight ago they were aiming for mid July.

Rescue specialist Tony "Toxi" Bartels said last week motorcyclists and some four-wheel drivers had already been braving the track, with at least one needing to be rescued.

"(They are) refusing to listen that it's closed," Toxi said.

"(They) are ripping it up before it's even open."

Douglas Shire Council workers began carrying out maintenance and recovery works in early June.

Tour operators and residents are looking forward to the official track opening, with a party planned in Daintree Village.



This four-wheel-drive crew had to be rescued from the Creb Track last month after coming to grief in the mud from recent rains. Picture: Supplied



Some of the Creb Track rescues that have taken place in recent years on the challenging road. Pictures: Toxi's Creb Track Recovery

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Rise of Airbnbs looks unstoppable

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Airbnbs in Port Douglas earn on average about \$104,000 per year, with a typical occupancy rate of 58 per cent and daily rates averaging \$490.

Premium accommodation is booked out 88 per cent of the time, with the peak months being June and August.

The top 10 per cent of properties earn about \$145,000 per year, while the top 25 per cent earn close to \$88,000.

The typical properties earn about \$47,000, and the bottom 25 per cent make about \$21,000.

Industry body the Australia and New Zealand Short Term Rental Association (ASTRA) said there were now about 180,000 properties across Australia catering for short-term accommodation.

"The short-term rental industry has been delivering memorable guest experiences for more than 140 years, delivering real benefits to the economy, local communities, and tourism," ASTRA states.

Port Douglas has a range of companies that cater for the rapidly expanding market, including Port Douglas Realty, Port Douglas



Ambience@Niramaya is the most popular high-end listing in Port Douglas. Picture: Supplied

Accommodation, Ulysses Getaways and The Boutique Collection.

Industry analyst GuestFavories lists Ambience@Niramaya as the most popular high-end Airbnb in town.

The luxury villa has three bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms, and a pool.

"lovely villa to put you in a relaxed mood as soon as you enter," one online comment states.

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special occasion, or just a wonderful villa for your tropical escape."

The villa is already booked out for most of July and August.

Airbnb managers who were approached by Newsport declined to comment.

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Mossman Market's saviours

Shaun Hollis

Mossman Market managers have moved to reassure stallholders and marketgoers that the popular Saturday morning venue will not be closing anytime soon.

The move comes after it was revealed last week that Anglican Church receivers are likely to sell off the land where the market operates to help pay off multimillion-dollar sexual-abuse-redress debts - the block also contains nine iconic mature raintrees synonymous with the historic town.

In a letter to stallholders, market manager Reverend Deborah Kachel said she wanted them to hear the news directly from her.

"Our Mossman Markets are staying, right here under our beautiful raintrees, for the foreseeable future," Rev Kachel wrote.

"I know there's been talk and uncertainty about the land, and I understand how unsettling that can feel for a community that's built so much here together.

"Please be assured that our Church Council is working hard, restructuring where needed, to retain ownership of this site - so it remains home to our Market and to all the community groups who gather here for events and activities."

Newsport understands that the weekly Mossman Market is a crucial income stream for the St Da-



The Mossman Market

vid's Church community, and the congregation members will raise the money to buy the land themselves if they have to.

The triangular parcel of land, which sits at the end of Mossman's main road Front Street next to the church, is part of a package of North Queensland properties owned by the Anglican Church which are set to be sold off by receivers SV partners to help pay for what is expected to be more than \$20m in redress claims.

The diocese has reportedly already paid out more than \$9m and expects further claims of up to \$15m across coming years. About a half a dozen properties were put up for sale last month, with about a dozen more expected to go on the market soon, as well as others down the track if needed.

The Mossman Market operates every Saturday morning from 7am-1pm, while the about 35m-tall raintrees are classed as locally heritage listed by the National Trust after being introduced from Jamaica more than a century ago.



Alex Clarke, 8, with his trophy and medal haul from the Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Speaking of winning medals...

Eight-year-old Alex Clarke is certainly mastering the arts of speech and writing, if his latest medal haul is anything to go by.

The Miallo school Year 3 won seven awards at the recent Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod, which rewards high achievers in a range of disciplines including music, dance, writing, drama and speaking.

Alex won the perpetual shield

for Most Promising Speech and Drama, and a Literary Encouragement trophy.

As part of the event he interviewed state MP Michael Healy and wrote a short story which impressed the judges.

He says he loves reading for the journeys it takes him on.

"You get to go to different places in every book you read," Alex says.



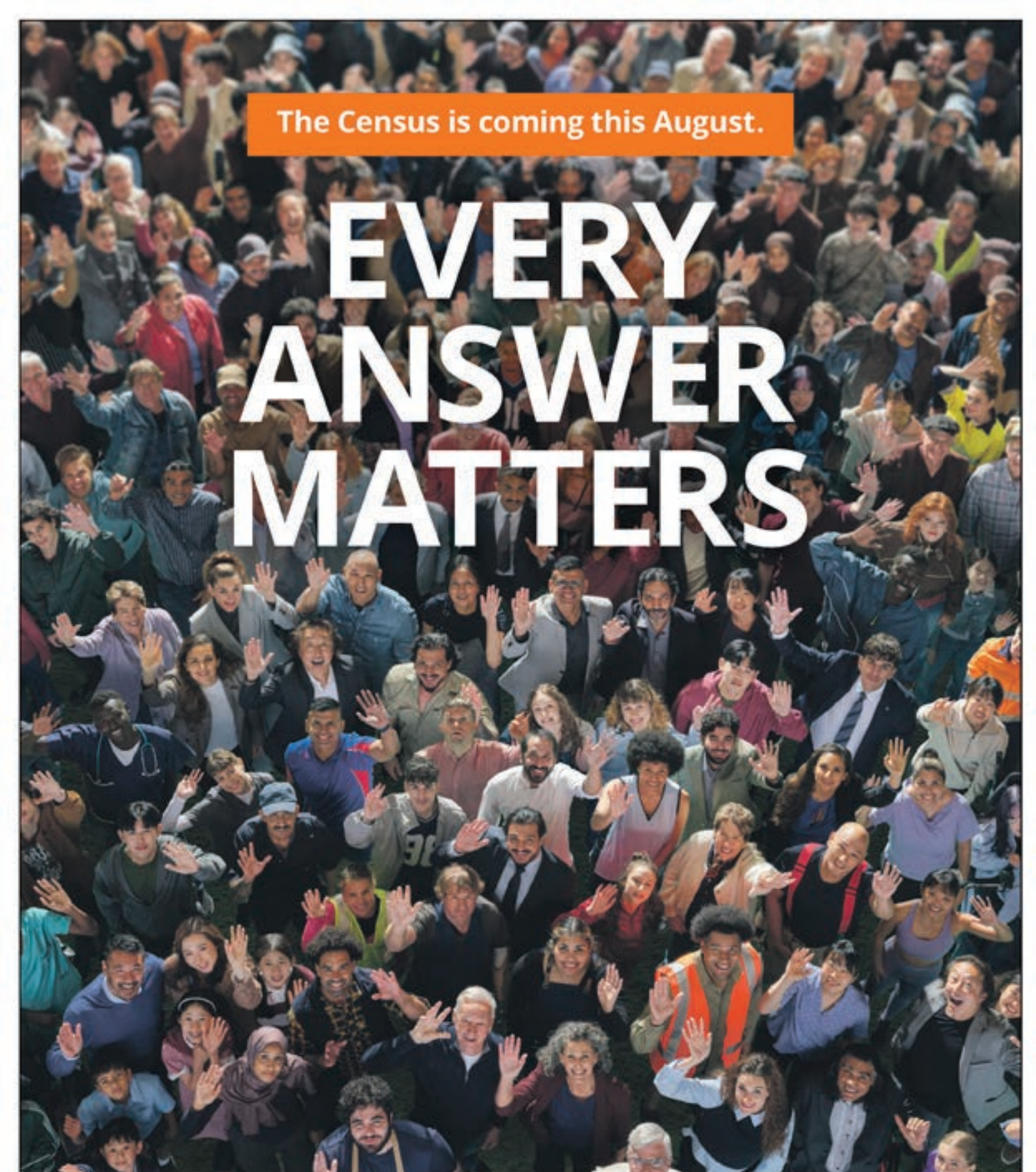
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Hope for tiny pup rescued from Vale



This tiny pup has been rescued from the side of a remote road at night. Picture: RAA

Shaun Hollis

A tiny puppy found alone late at night on an outback Hope Vale road about 50km northwest of Cooktown is being cared for by a Far North Queensland animal-rescue agency after being saved by a passerby.

Remote Animal Assistance, which specialises in rescuing dogs in remote FNQ settings, said there

was no sign of the dog's mum or littermates when he was found.

"Thankfully, the person who found him was able to source emergency supplies from a local wildlife carer to keep him safe overnight," an RAA spokeswoman said.

"He has now made his way into RAA care, where he'll spend the next eight weeks growing stronger before travelling to our rehoming

partners in Brisbane." The RAA spokeswoman said that caring for such a young puppy was a big commitment.

"Around-the-clock feeds, milk formula, puppy pads, veterinary care, and all the essentials quickly add up, with his care expected to cost around \$150 per week."

If you'd like to donate towards the rescue group, go to remoteanimalassistance.com.

Kuranda night closures

The Kuranda Range Road is set to be fully closed for five nights per week for close to two months as a new round of night works takes place from the start of August.

The news comes as long-suffering Far North Queensland drivers found out this month that the other main road into Douglas Shire, the Captain Cook Highway, will also be subject to night works from this Monday up until mid September, and the Mowbray Riv-

er Bridge will also be undergoing repairs - all during the high tourism season.

Kuranda Range Road is set to be closed at night from 9pm to 4am on Sundays to Thursdays from Sunday, August 2, to Thursday, September 24, to help fix the major downslope slip below Henry Ross Lookout.

Traffic will only be let through once in each direction at midnight. Workers will be paving the

road, installing a new guardrail and doing other jobs requiring a full road closure to ensure worker safety, the Transport and Main Roads Department (TMR) states.

The State Government also announced in its recent budget further funding for the replacement of the Barron River Bridge near Kuranda, which is a joint Federal and State Government project. Construction of the two-lane bridge is scheduled for early 2028.

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NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week with march and family fun day

INDIGENOUS and non-indigenous Australians joined together to celebrate NAIDOC week today in Mossman with a street march and family fun day.

The Mossman Community Street March turned Front Street into a sea of colour and activity as hundreds walked to Babu Kinkari Park.

The NAIDOC Family Fun day at the park, which will run until 2.30pm today, has been turned into a cultural kaleidoscope of traditional dance, music, food and activities.

"The Mossman NAIDOC Committee has done a wonderful job to put together such a great program that encourages individuals, families, schools, community groups and local businesses to get involved," Douglas Shire Mayor Julia Leu said. "I hope everyone is able to participate... to learn about our local cultures, have fun and celebrate the achievements of our community."



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Due to the casting of many spells with her wand while we are chatting, Ashleigh has not got much to say about what she is looking forward to most. But her sisters Imogen and Maddie, 12, have more of a plan.

Immy says her favourite attractions are in the sideshow alley.

"The rides," she says. "I like all of them. The jumping castle and the scary ones. Bumping cars, I like those ones too."

Maddie is more of an animal fan: "I hope it's fun and exciting, and there are lots of cows in it."

Thousands are expected to enjoy the popular event this weekend, which will also include wood-chopping, equestrian, a reptile zoo, pig racing, dog jumping, art displays and more.

Mossman Show is on Sunday, July 19, and Monday, July 20, at Coronation Park, Jack Street, Mossman.

For details go to mossmanshow.com.au.



Maddie, 12, and Imogen, 5, with Paddy the one-week-old calf, are preparing for the Mossman Show. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Arrested after rocks thrown on Cook Highway

A 41-year-old Mossman man has been arrested on public-nuisance and obstructing-police charges after road workers had rocks thrown at them and were verbally abused this month.

Police spotted a grey car at 11am on Monday, July 6, which they said was parked across a footpath on the Captain Cook Highway south of the Mowbray River. After speaking to the driver, they tried to arrest him for having outstanding warrants.

Police allege he "refused to comply with police directions", shut the door, and tried to start the engine.

"A physical struggle ensued, and police removed the man from the vehicle, and he was placed in the police vehicle," they alleged.

Earlier that morning road workers were verbally abused by a driver and had rocks thrown at them.

The man was charged with committing public nuisance and obstructing police.

He is scheduled to appear in Mossman Magistrates Court on Wednesday, July 22.

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Rare 'blue-chip' estate

BUSINESS FEATURE

Jamie Jansen

Imagine waking up to a 270-degree view of the Daintree River valley stretching to Thornton Peak, spanning 350 acres surrounded by World Heritage-listed paradise. This dream lifestyle – blending a private residential estate, luxury holiday rental, and active cattle grazing – has officially hit the market.

Jabiru Lodge, a sprawling 141.46ha estate just north of Daintree Village, represents a rare chance to outright own a massive piece of pristine Wet Tropics rainforest. Spread across three freehold titles, the property offers absolute ownership over a diverse ecosystem.

Rising from the fertile Daintree River floodplain to elevated rainforest ridges 165m above sea level, the estate spans productive grazing country, intact jungle, and diverse wetland habitats. Combining this level of diversity, this is a rare "blue-chip" opportunity for buyers seeking a dream lifestyle backed by dual-income potential.



Jabiru Lodge is perched 40m above the valley floor. Picture: Supplied

Perched 40m above the valley floor for privacy and airflow, Jabiru Lodge captures those panoramic valley views. Recently renovated to a first-class standard, the air-conditioned, two-bedroom, one-bathroom home features soaring cathedral ceilings and a private pool. It is designed to function perfectly as either a permanent private home or a high-performing short-term rental.

The property currently operates as a successful short-term rental, offering a buyer a luxury

retreat with immediate, established income and clear scope to scale the business if desired.

According to Prophurst listing agent Bram Pollock, properties offering this level of diversity across lifestyle, agriculture, and tourism are exceptionally scarce.

Unlike other Daintree properties where rugged terrain and extreme climates limit usability, Jabiru Lodge makes running a small-scale cattle operation highly manageable, balancing secure river frontage and usable grazing

land with elevated, flood-free infrastructure.

"Jabiru presents a compelling combination of natural assets, production capability, and established income within one of Australia's most recognised landscapes," Mr Pollock said. "It stands as a genuine blue-chip rural investment with strong fundamentals and enduring appeal."

Logistical efficiency is a stand-out feature. Roads leading to the property are predominantly sealed, allowing reliable, year-round access for standard vehicles and livestock transport.

Expressions of Interest close on Thursday, August 14, 4pm.

For more information contact Prophurst director Bram Pollock at +61 428 467 030.



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Improving Mossman war memorial with \$50,000

BUSINESS FEATURE

MP Matt Smith

I'm always excited to share what's been going on around the region, and we've seen several developments over the last few weeks.

I recently visited the Mossman RSL-sub branch with the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Matt Keogh. It was delightful to be able to spend some time with the branch members there and have a yarn about their experiences. The pur-

pose of the visit was to announce they have been awarded \$50,466 in funding for restoration work on the Mossman war memorial outside Douglas Shire Council.

The memorial is of course the focal point of commemorative ceremonies for residents of the Douglas Shire, and it's important that we protect it so that future generations can continue to pay respect to the fallen diggers. I was also very impressed by their hand-made mosaic.

If you're passing through Mossman you really should find time to go and admire the handywork.

We've made huge strides with infrastructure across Leichhardt, most recently when Minister Catherine King joined me in Cairns to announce that expressions of interest are now open for the Maritime Common User Facility.

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Young musos set to rock hall

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Jamie Jansen

The Douglas Shire's youth music scene is gearing up for its biggest night of the year, with the highly anticipated return of NextGen Noise set to take over the Mossman Shire Hall on Saturday, August 8.

Following the massive success of last year's inaugural event, the pop concert is back to showcase a fresh lineup of the region's passionate emerging teenage musicians performing original tracks.

The initiative is the brainchild of Lynda Irvine, owner of Lynda's Music Studio, who conceived and oversees the project to give under-18 musicians a real-world platform.

"I created NextGen Noise because I was looking for a way to give talented and hard-working emerging musicians professional opportunities so they can learn what is involved in organising and performing in a professional music event," Lynda said.

"There are very few opportunities in the Far North that can pro-



The crew includes Scott Tranter, Rebel Hart, Amelia Mason, Natasha Scenna, Sienna Kenwright, Cobie Langton and Ietere Tezero, with studio owner Lynda Irvine in the middle. Picture: Supplied

vide this sort of experience, so I thought I would create one. I am so happy it has become an annual event."

Under Lynda's mentorship, the young crew is actively involved in running the entire show from the ground up, learning the ropes of expert sound, lighting, and stagecraft.

"It is so important for emerging musicians who are looking at a career in music to understand all the aspects that go into organis-

ing a professional gig," Lynda said. "From picking an event name to booking venues, sound engineers, photographers, and learning how to advertise."

That drive to create well-rounded musicians stems from Lynda's long-standing dedication to her students.

Hitting the right keys locally, she was previously recognised for her work as a piano teacher with a Yamaha Break Out Award, and was an integral part of the com-

mittee behind the fundraising and purchase of the grand piano that was gifted to the Douglas Shire community.

Seeing the benefits music brings to her students' lives, Lynda feels grateful to have spent a long career doing what she loves.

"I involve my students in many varied music activities because you never know what opportunities are going to come available to them in their lifetime," Lynda said.

"The willingness and enjoyment of trying new experiences in public is a large part of developing confidence and self-esteem."

The community is encouraged to come out and support the next generation of local talent. Doors open at the Mossman Shire Hall at 6.30pm on Saturday, August 8.

Tickets can be booked online.



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MOSSMAN MARKET AND RAIN TREES FACING UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Terence Melchert

Definitely a good target for Council to buy as a strategic park area. It would be a difficult block to develop, the seller is very motivated and the actual purchase/sale price should be quite low. Council 10% to 15% rate rises in suburban areas could at least be applied to a good purpose.

Erin Frizelle

Imagine if St Mary's by the Sea church and Market Park were under threat in Port Douglas. It would destroy the whole ambience of the town! This situation in Mossman should be treated equally in worth, as part of the Douglas Shire. It's a landmark and part of the culture of our region.

Sue Garton

The community uses this area so much and the trees are iconic. Would the church make a nice restaurant or cafe and gallery? This should be a community asset.

Patricia Veschetti

The trees are part of Mossman and also St David's Church of England and they have been there for as long as I can remember as I used to go to Sunday school there in the early sixties. Leave things be.

Robyn Nelson

It's such a beautiful old church, with magnificent heritage stained-glass windows, a rows of ancient rain trees and lovely park area with adj playground, of

course it should all be protected from future real estate destruction, the Douglas Shire Council or Qld Govt Heritage Trust should buy it and protect this at all costs.

Kim Clinton

If Council can't see the value of those trees to Mossman it will be a very sad day indeed.

Bill Smith

Mossman relies on tourism. Mossman is a beautiful town and those trees are one of its most beautiful attractions. All those sugar cane paddocks doing nothing and you want to ruin one of main attractions of the town. We need someone in this council that considers nature before money or progress as they call it.

MOSSMAN'S RAIN TREES MAY BE FACING PERIL

Rupert Russell, Mt Molloy

It may not yet be generally known that the wondrous community of rain trees in Mossman are in peril.

These grand trees, where the attractive weekly markets are held, grow on land belonging to the northern diocese of the Anglican Church. Church authorities are in need of a large amount of cash to compensate victims of sexual misconduct by Anglican priests. Consequently the market site, along with more properties in the north, is now in the hands of receivers, with sale by tender a fearful possibility.

Perhaps people of Mossman and all marketeers, indeed all residents of the Shire, will petition



From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

Douglas Shire Council to purchase the land for safekeeping of its beautiful trees and the important weekly market.

NIGHT WORKS TO START ON CAPT COOK

Bev Rossignoli

Today it took 2.5 hours from Cairns, 30min at Mowbray.

Valerie Wall

Not one to complain but yes 30 minutes Port to Oak Beach. During peak holiday season. Was it necessary at this time I wonder?

Susan Dennis

The old blokes with their picks, shovels, dynamite, and dozers must be looking down in amazement at what takes place now.

David Haratsis

The gift that keeps on giving. If you're a TMR contractor.

Annie Kavanagh

Oh come on, this is past a joke now. How many years? If this was Brisbane it would have been done but because we live up they don't care. What do our rates do, nothing, just keep going up?

Martin Juranovich

This is why we should get foreign tenders! Either it'll get done cheaper and quicker or these guys will pull their fingers out.

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SOCIALS

The start of the Shitbox Rally from Port Douglas to Melbourne on Saturday morning and the launch of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair last Thursday were two events Newport attended in the past fortnight. Pictures: Jamie Jansen, Shaun Hollis



Tanya and Dominic Votano in the Shitbox Rally.



Cian O'Sullivan and Nathan Smith in the Shitbox Rally.



Del Childs, Sandra Ross and Raylene Carnae at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair launch.



Ryan Barlow, Matt Humphrey, Dave De Grancy and Rachel Frkic in the Shitbox Rally.



Fabienne and Sheila Blanco at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair launch.



Arthur Kyriacou and Kerry Klimm at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair launch.

WHAT'S ON

- JUL 17** Davie Smith Duo
Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- JUL 17** Bingo Night with K-Star
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 17** NAIDOC 2026 Street Parade
Time: 10am assembly - Parade 11am-11.30am
Location: Douglas Shire Council, 64-66 Front Street, Mossman to Bubu Kinkari / George Davis Park Mossman
- JUL 17** Yahdoh
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- JUL 17** NAIDOC in the Park
Time: 11.30am-2pm
Location: George Davis Park, Mossman
- JUL 18** Food Gardening At Circle Of Plenty
Time: 8am-10am
Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Mossman

- JUL 18** Bondi Cigars
Time: 6pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill
- JUL 19** Nicole Nighthawk
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- JUL 21** Indonesian Night
Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 22** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- JUL 23** TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 23** Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- JUL 24** Mattyboi
Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- JUL 24** Bingo Night with K-Star
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas

- JUL 24** Dave Dusch
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- JUL 25** Rave Revival Day Party ft. Dirty South
Time: 2pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- JUL 26** Katie Richards
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- JUL 28** Indonesian Night
Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 29** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- JUL 30** Trivia Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 30** Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs
Time: 7pm-9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

- JUL 31** Bingo Night with K-Star
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- JUL 31** Rockin' Rick Karaoke
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- AUG 1** Mossman Botanic Gardens Working Bee at the Garden of Woven Memories
Time: 8am-10am
Location: Garden of Woven Memories, Mossman Botanic Gardens
- AUG 1** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- AUG 6** Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- AUG 7** Richie Langford
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- AUG 9** Books in Paradise
Time: 10am-3pm
Location: Sea Temple, Mitre St Port Douglas

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SPORTS DIGEST

Famous car rally kicks off in Port

One of Australia's most iconic Outback car events, the Shitbox Rally, left Port Douglas on Saturday morning bound for Melbourne.

The charity car run, which follows different circuits around the country, has made more than \$67m for cancer research since it was started 16 years ago by founder and chief executive Steve McLean after he lost both parents

to cancer. "I lost mum and dad within 12 months of each other when I was 31, so it was a pretty horrible thing to happen and we were a close family," Mr McLean said before the rally started.

"I wanted to do something that really honoured them.

"That was 44 rallies ago (and) I am still enjoying it," he said.

"The people are amazing, they're really wonderful, the plac-

es that you go, the sights and the scenery, the driving, it's a pretty unique thing to do."

The rally is the largest funder of the Cancer Council in Australia, with this rally raising close to \$2.4m, he said.

The competing cars must all be worth less than \$1500, and each team has to raise more than \$5000 in order to take part.



Shitbox Rally founder and chief executive James McLean.

BRIEFS

RUGBY UNION

The Reef Raiders went down to the Northern Beaches Mudcrabs 14-24 at home on Saturday.

Try scorers were Barry O'Toole and Harrison Davis, while Luke Edwards converted both kicks.

This Saturday the Raiders are away to the Southside Crusaders.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Mossman Sharks lost to Cairns Brothers 4-44 in Cairns on the weekend, with Elijah Wallis the sole point scorer.

This Saturday the Sharks are away to the Kangaroos.

In a strange coincidence, the women's team also lost 4-44 against the Kangaroos, with Keasharn Sands-Hart scoring the try.

AFL

Country Queensland lost both the men's and women's games to Sydney/Canberra on the weekend. The selected teams included Douglas Shire-linked players Shay Linke, Jacob Zboril, Tom Cantwell, Ben McPhee, Caity McPhee, Ella Jones and Luca Roulstone.



**SHOT
OF THE
DAY!**

The Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club nippers' program is in full swing now, with some graduates receiving their Surf Rescue Certificates on the weekend. Under-8s Billy, Maggie, manager Adele Matuzelis, Lochie and Malia were enjoying themselves on Sunday. Nippers is open for children aged 5-14, with activities running on Sundays from 9.30am-11.30am until October. Picture: PDSLSC



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Shitbox Rally contestants Kate McKinney and Brandon Speedie got into the launch spirit. Picture: Shaun Hollis

CAR RALLY LAUNCH GOES SWIMMINGLY

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Double for Dragons

Shaun Hollis

The Douglas United Dragons have beaten Edge Hill twice in four days in a strange quirk of the Far North Community Division One soccer draw.

Douglas United ran out 4-1 winners against the Cairns-based team on Monday night in Cairns after beating the same team 3-0 on Friday night at home in Cassowary Park.

Monday night's game was a catch-up round after the match was postponed earlier in the season.

The interesting draw meant the Dragons played Edge Hill twice on

the same weekend. Goalscorers for United across the two games included Javier Puertos with three and Matias Martinez.

The team has this weekend off to help recover.

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