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Disaster bills hit

Shaun Hollis

Cyclones Narelle and Koji may have ended up largely missing Douglas Shire earlier this year, but they still finished up costing the region more than \$400,000 in disaster-management spending.

"Emergency procurement expenditure" by the Council this year has so far totalled more than \$2m,

with about \$1.6m of that spent when Daintree River flooding in March put the ferry out of action.

About \$380,000 has been attributed to costs involved with Tropical Cyclone Narelle in March, and about \$43,000 went on Tropical Cyclone Koji, which took place in January.

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Blitz puts Shire out there

Tourism Port Douglas Daintree this month launched a bold new destination campaign designed to inspire Australians to choose Port Douglas and the Daintree for their spring escape, introducing a fresh creative direction that shifts the focus from simply showcasing the destination to celebrating how it makes people feel.

Rolling out across Melbourne and Sydney, the campaign builds on TPDD's refreshed brand and style guide introduced in 2024 and marks the first full rollout of a new destination storytelling platform developed in collaboration with creative specialists.

Announcing the campaign, TPDD executive officer Emma Tunnock wrote that, for generations, Port Douglas and the Daintree has been known as the place where the Reef meets the Rainforest.

"That story isn't changing - we're simply telling the next chapter," she says. "Today's travellers are increasingly seeking meaningful experiences that create lasting memories and emotional connection. They don't simply remember



The new tourism campaign includes billboards and trams in Melbourne and Sydney. Pictures: TPDD

where they went - they remember how a place made them feel.

"The new campaign moves beyond describing the destination and instead celebrates the emotions it evokes. Developed around four complementary creative territories - This is Magical, Moments Like This, Come and Feel Small and This is Real - the campaign uses a consistent visual identity, typography and creative framework to tell different stories while presenting one powerful and cohesive destination brand.

"People don't fall in love with

destinations because of a tagline - they fall in love because of how those places make them feel," Ms Tunnock said.

"Whether it's standing beneath the canopy of the world's oldest living rainforest, experiencing the Great Barrier Reef, reconnecting with family, or simply slowing down, these are the moments people remember."

TPDD reports the destination has enjoyed a positive start to the peak season, but also knows sustained success depends on maintaining momentum beyond winter.



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Emergency flight to salvage funds

Shaun Hollis

A crisis meeting of mayors from across Queensland was held last week in Melbourne as councils grapple with flagged major changes to how emergency disaster funds are distributed by the Federal Government - but Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scomazzon could not secure an audience with Emergency Management Minister Kristy McBain.

The mayors' meeting was held in Victoria at the same time as a disaster conference, the Mayor told this week's council meeting.

"Unfortunately the minister at the time would not meet with us," Mayor Scomazzon said.

"We will just keep advocating as hard as we can."

A council report tabled in the meeting stated that every Douglas Shire ratepayer would have to pay an extra \$500 per year for the

next 10 years in rates following another disaster if the proposed new funding model went ahead.

"I believe it's about time this Government starts looking after their own people and starts looking after our country," she said.

The Commonwealth has historically contributed up to 75 per cent of disaster funding, with the State Government funding the rest, but the proposal is to reduce that to a maximum of 50 per cent.

Pumpkin's name is a real winner...



Miallo school won the pumpkin-naming contest at Mossman Show with the name Sir Squashalot. Miallo students Haruwa, Year 1, Kurt, Year 1, Lacey, Year 2, and Amelia, Year 1, are seen here with another pumpkin at the school. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** While this one is not Sir Squashalot, it did taste good in a pumpkin soup anyway. For more show results, keep an eye out at newsport.com.au. Picture: Shaun Hollis

News in Brief

CREB SEASON ARRIVES

The Creb Track four-wheel-drive track is officially open for the season.

The popular trail from Daintree Village heading north to the Wujal Wujal region opened late last week after delays caused by unseasonal rain and repairs from damage sustained across the wet season. Douglas Shire Council warns track conditions can change quickly, and even small amounts of rain can make the surface slippery.

Drivers are encouraged to check weather conditions before travelling.

FERRY LONG WAITS

Long line-ups at the Daintree Ferry have been reported as ongoing roadworks cause delays for drivers heading across Daintree River.

Douglas Shire Council is widening the approach lanes in preparation for a new ferry service set to start next year.

The new four-lane ferry is being built by Birdon shipbuilders in Port Macquarie, NSW.

SHOOTING INCIDENT

Two people have been shot by police during an incident at Mount Sheridan on Saturday.

Officers were initially called to Benjamina Street about 5:10pm following reports of a 28-year-old man armed with knives.

Police attempted to engage with the man, before he was shot by officers. A civilian woman, 50, also sustained a gunshot wound.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The results of the Mossman Friends of Red Cross Show Raffle have been released.

First prize went to Alana (ticket D73), while second prize was taken out by Chris (ticket D63).

The group would like to thank the general public for taking part in the fundraiser.



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Counting disaster costs

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Narelle was a strong, fast-moving cyclone which struck the coast near Coen as a Category 3, while Koji was a Category 2 system that formed in the Coral Sea and made landfall south of Townsville - but before each made the coast there was considerable uncertainty about exactly where they were going to hit.

This meant the DSC still had to commit money and resources to preparing for a possible strike and to warn people in the region of a possible emergency.

"These procurement activities enabled Council to respond promptly to emerging risks, restore community access, maintain critical infrastructure, and support the recovery and resilience of Douglas Shire communities following these severe weather events," according to a report tabled in this week's council meeting.

"Where possible, multiple quotations were sourced, and best practice procurement processes were followed."

The report states that DSC staff expects most of the money to be reimbursed by the Federal



Cyclone Narelle struck the coast hundreds of kilometres north of Douglas Shire, but still cost the Council about \$380,000. Picture: Supplied

and State Governments through disaster funding agreements.

Sources within the State Government, however, have told Newsport that the money spent on the ferry is not covered by disaster-funding arrangements, and that spending may have to

be claimed on insurance instead. Some of the services listed in the report where the money was spent includes bobcat and excavator hire, published warnings, traffic control, crane hire, helicopter hire and tree-logging services.

Thousands back Quaid's Road petition push

A petition to stop the permanent closure of Quaid's Road has attracted more than 7500 signatures since it was launched in May.

With the petition set to be closed off tomorrow, organiser Iain Edwards has been taking part in a final push to attract more supporters, including helping out at a stall run by Cook MP David Kempton at the Mareeba Markets.

Mr Kempton is an enthusiastic backer of making the thoroughfare - which was the only open road into Douglas Shire at one stage after Cyclone Jasper - more accessible to the public.

"Hundreds of people lined up to sign the petition at the Mareeba Markets," Mr Kempton said.

In 1988 the Federal Government made regulations under the World Heritage Properties Conservation Act 1983 to prevent the road from opening.

A permit allowing access through the National Park expires at the end of March, so Quaid Road may be permanently closed then, the petition states.

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Taste the pleasure of a return to Rex



The Taste Port Douglas Food and Drink Festival is returning to Rex Smeal Park for a Friday night food, drink and music event. Picture: Supplied

Shaun Hollis

The Taste festival is returning to Rex Smeal Park as the popular Port Douglas foodies' event celebrates 10 years.

Based at the Sheraton resort and held at multiple venues across Douglas Shire, this year's four-day Taste Port Douglas Food and Drink Festival will include the Festival Launch Party at Rex Smeal Park at sunset next Friday, August 6.

The food will be presented by the Sheraton's Belinda Tuckwell and there will be live music by

blues, rock and boogie outfit Viva Mossvegas.

Festival director Spencer Patrick said guests can expect a holiday mood that feels indulgent and effortless.

"People come to Taste Port Douglas for the food, but they fall in love with the feeling of the place, the warmth, the setting, and the way the weekend flows," Patrick said.

"This year's program is packed with headline chefs, beautiful locations and those once-a-year experiences that turn a long week-

end into a story you keep telling." Other program highlights include chef-led masterclasses, the Festival Village at Sheraton Grand Mirage, two long lunches and the Night of Fire among the tropical rainforest just outside of Port Douglas.

Guest chefs include Kirk Westaway (Singapore), Rishi Naleendra (Singapore), Ryan Clift (Bali), Michael Wilson (Singapore), Mindy Woods (NSW), Manu Feildel, Colin Fassnidge, Ben Williamson (Brisbane) and Jerry Mai.

10 YEARS AGO



Crossing the finish line. Traffic troubles overshadowing triathlon fest

TRIPORT Triathlon Festival organisers have vowed to improve their traffic-management plan next year following lengthy delays in Port Douglas yesterday.

The competition itself was a major success, with competitors happy with the triathlon course, but organiser Fiona Lenz conceded the traffic build-up on Port Douglas Road was longer than anticipated.

Road closures and detours were in place from 7.30am with the main field of riders on the road between 8am-9.30am.

"There was more traffic build-up than what we thought which is something we'll need to look at for next year," Lenz said.

"We thought there might be a delay (for drivers) of 10 to 15 minutes but it was more like 20 to 30 mins."

John Morris, owner of the Bally Hooley Steam Railway, said he would have liked to have offered services to help reduce traffic congestion. He hopes organisers will be in contact with all business directly next year.



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The crowds roll up



Wood chopping, sideshow alley, baby animals, pig racing and reptiles were all part of the Mossman Show. Pictures: Shaun Hollis



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for show spectacle

Shaun Hollis

The clouds parted mid morning on the first day of the Mossman Show to reveal a beautiful day in Douglas Shire, and the crowds turned out on cue to celebrate the 74th edition of the much-loved local tradition.

Sideshow alley was popular, as were the pig racing and the wood-chopping.

The horses dominated the main arena, including equestrian and show jumping, and the flipping motorbikes were another crowd favourite.

There were line-ups at the gates and laughing and screaming children on the rides and bumper cars.

The fireworks signified the end of a great two days of entertainment.



David Williams has been running the RESTA reptile stand for 20 years, while the equestrian and motorbikes were popular. Pictures: Shaun Hollis



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Parade's marking NAIDOC 50 years

The Douglas NAIDOC Street Parade took place on Friday, July 17, along Front Street in Mossman, with the smiles and laughter of the participants lighting up the street on a perfect sunny day.

Commemorating 50 years of the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Com-

mittee, the march featured a host of local Indigenous groups and schoolchildren walking down the main road of Mossman from the Douglas Shire Council chambers to George Davis Park, where the celebrations continued.

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Newell land sale launched

BUSINESS FEATURE

Jamie Jansen

A rare and long-awaited opportunity has arrived for homebuyers and investors as Raine & Horne Port Douglas-Mossman officially launches a brand new residential subdivision in Newell Beach, one of the Douglas Shire's best-kept secrets.

Marking the first development of its scale seen in the picturesque township in decades, the release on Coulthard Close features 20 generously proportioned allotments ranging from 813sq m to 1,281sq m.

Travis Schumacher, director at Raine & Horne Port Douglas-Mossman, highlighted the rarity of the block sizes on offer.

"You simply won't find residential allotments of this size anywhere else in the region right now," he said. "They offer signifi-



As Newell Beach's largest development in decades, Coulthard Close offers 20 blocks. Picture: Raine & Horne Port Douglas-Mossman

cantly more space to breathe than standard developments, giving buyers ample room for a large home, a shed, a boat, or a caravan. It's a genuine lifestyle opportunity."

Nestled between lush ranges and cool ocean breezes, the estate sits moments from the tranquil shores of Newell Beach, just five minutes from Mossman and

20 minutes from Port Douglas. "Newell Beach offers that wonderful, laid-back coastal charm that retirees, families, and first-home buyers are always searching for," added selling agent Charlie Madgwick.

"You get uninterrupted mountain views and sea breezes, yet you're just minutes from the local fish and chip shop, golf course,

schools, and the upgraded Rankin Street boat ramp."

The development has officially moved past the planning phase, with operational works currently underway on-site. Completion of the subdivision and finalised titles are targeted for the end of 2026.

Future residents will also enjoy total creative freedom when designing their homes.

"Buyers can choose their own builder under flexible guidelines rather than restrictive covenants," Ms Madgwick said.

"We also have turnkey house-and-land packages available on request through trusted local builders."

Roughly half of the allotments boast no rear neighbours, framing uninterrupted western mountain views to pair with eastern sea breezes, making the release a rare slice of paradise in the Shire.



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Book festival excitement

Contributor article

Storytelling, imagination, and local talent will take center stage next month as Port Douglas prepares to host Books in Paradise, a brand new Far North Queensland book fair landing at the Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa on Sunday, August 9.

Running from 10am to 3pm, the free-entry event promises a vibrant day out for locals, visitors, and bibliophiles of all ages.

Organised by local author Sam Woodgarth, the fair was designed to spotlight regional creativity and bridge the gap between writers and their audiences.

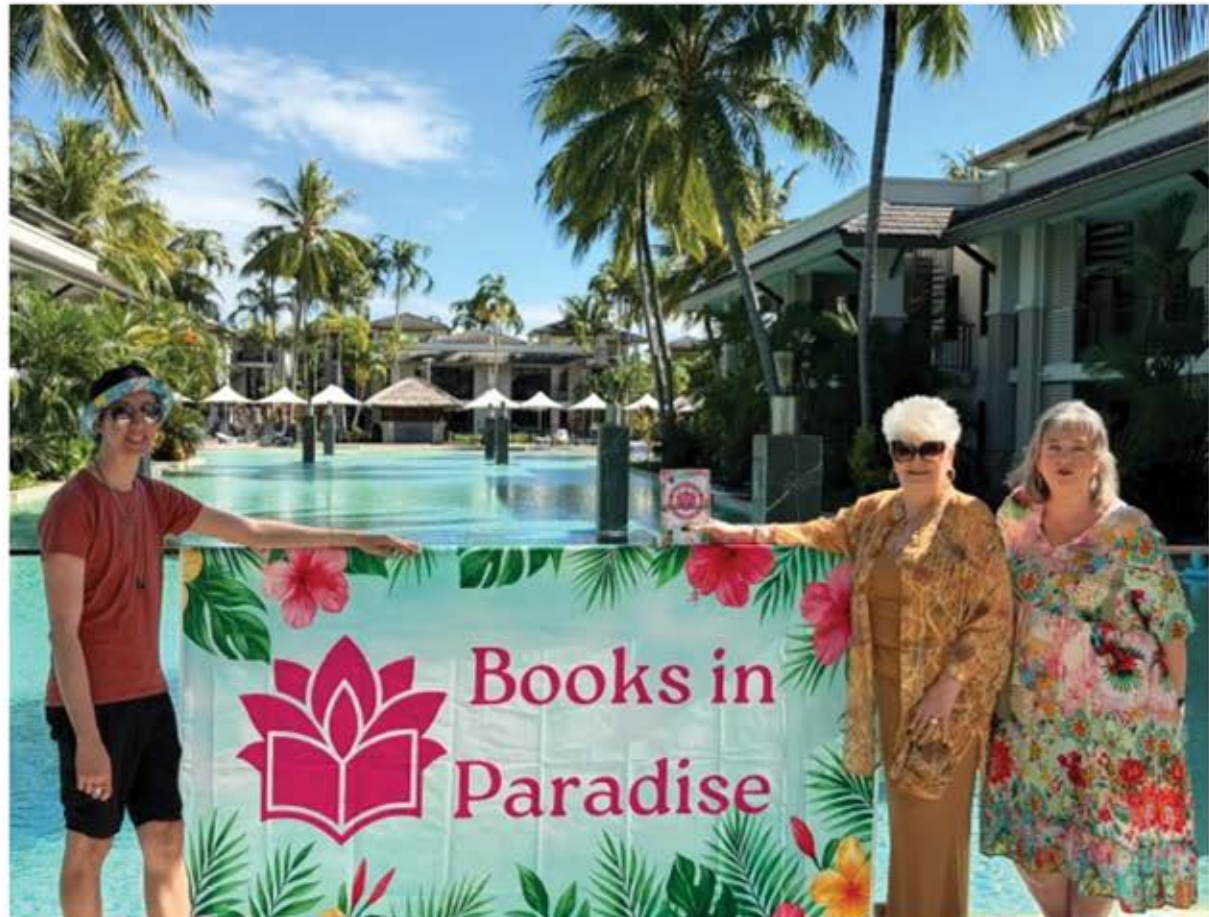
"Far North Queensland has an extraordinary creative community," Ms Woodgarth said.

"Books in Paradise is about celebrating storytelling, encouraging reading, and creating a welcoming space where readers can meet the people behind the books."

The inaugural lineup boasts 45 author displays, featuring book signings, live panel discussions, and informal chat opportunities across a wide array of genres, including fiction, fantasy, romance, children's literature, memoir, and local interest titles.

To enhance the experience, organisers have introduced a pre-registration option offering early-bird discounts and bonus networking opportunities for attendees and writers alike.

A central highlight of this year's fair is the official launch of Tales from the Shire, a 152-page children's anthology spearheaded by



Organised by local author Sam Woodgarth (middle), together with Jeremy Thomas (left), and Catherine Rosenbrauer (far right), the book fair was designed to spotlight regional creativity and bridge the gap between writers and their audiences. Picture: supplied

Woodgarth and brought to life by students across seven Douglas Shire schools.

The interactive anthology combines vibrant student-written stories with colouring-in pages designed to engage young readers actively.

"Tales from the Shire captures the spirit of the Douglas Shire's young storytellers - imaginative,

bold, and full of wonder," Ms Woodgarth said. "It invites children to read, create, and take part in the joy of storytelling."

Event Details & Registration

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Kate Jesseca

It's an incredible scenic road that could be vital as an alternative route for the highway during disasters and peak times. Great spot to sit and look out over.

Tina Hoffmann

For 25 years I hoped that one day it will happen. It also would create a most needed additional escape option regarding slips and marine hazards. I think it would give relief for the coastal traffic and a much easier access to the mid Tablelands. Love the effort!

Neil Jabs

Whilst this is an excellent idea - most of you miss the very point to make this happen - money. TMR has NO money and the road is not a primary road - it is a "want", not a "need", road. The cost to reinstate and resurface the entire road (even just the potholes) would be millions only to appease a minority. Mind you when they sink over \$1m into the Wangetti trail to be built on the side of cliffs - one wonders who, what and where the priorities lie in North QLD.

Ian Edwards

6501 as of 1400 today. Surely we can reach 7000 signatures. The response so far has been really fabulous. Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of David Kemp-ton MP.

Micheal Valinoti

That road my dad and his team built it a good road going to waste, it would be good to be able to drive on it.

Eddie Gregoric

Priority for the Captain Cook

and Rex Range roads needs to be given first before any secondary roads are considered. The December 2023 rainfall event demonstrated the vulnerability of our region's access network. Access to Quaid's Road from both Cairns and Mossman/Port Douglas was closed, meaning Quaid's Road provided no practical alternative access for the wider community. This should have been a clear warning of the need to protect and strengthen our primary transport routes. Towns and communities north of Cairns rely heavily on the Captain Cook Highway as their essential connection to Cairns.

Roz Barford

It's going to cost big dollars to rebuild that road to standard as the foundations of the road weren't built properly when it was first built had a lot of water over it at one stage washed it away in part because of the lack of proper foundations to the road. Having that way up the Tablelands will make five routes.

Andy Jay

An illegal road put through world heritage area of the Wet Tropics.

Robert Busato

It's obvious who has never driven it or has some green agenda yet have no qualms driving from Cairns to Kuranda or to Port Douglas in world heritage areas or, heaven forbid, Daintree. Yet this road when rebuilt would be safer than Kuranda or Rex ranges, especially for trucks.

Ronlund Terry

How many folk holding positions of influence make observations then base decision on truth, fact, logic and reality?? How many achievers and realists plant gar-



From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

dens along busy congested roadways, then, in order to trim their gardens, block traffic, including ambulances, and firefighting tenders and buses?? Quaid Road, and north Cairns, may answer the question.

DOUGLAS SHIRE A REGIONAL GROWTH HOT SPOT

Daniel Herlihy

We are all full up here, there's no more houses available, better chances are in the cities.

Cooya Takeaway

DSC should be encouraging these people to build new houses by releasing or rezoning land to create an oversupply and reduce the application fees associated with new builds. Baby boomers have lived through the biggest economic boom ever, if they want to live here we should look for ways to create long-term benefit from there money instead of higher

prices. In 20-odd years baby boomers won't be here anymore but the things they build will be. Douglas Shire could have an oversupply of housing in 10-15 years if local government pulled a few economic levers such as these.

Wayne Brownlie

Boomers after COVID, yeah not a good thing.

Gordon Smith

65-and-over millionaires????

EYES IN THE SKIES TO RAKE IN MILLIONS

Nicholas Hitz

But when folks take their eyes off the road to adjust the temperature on their 17-inch Tesla screen, that's all good bro.

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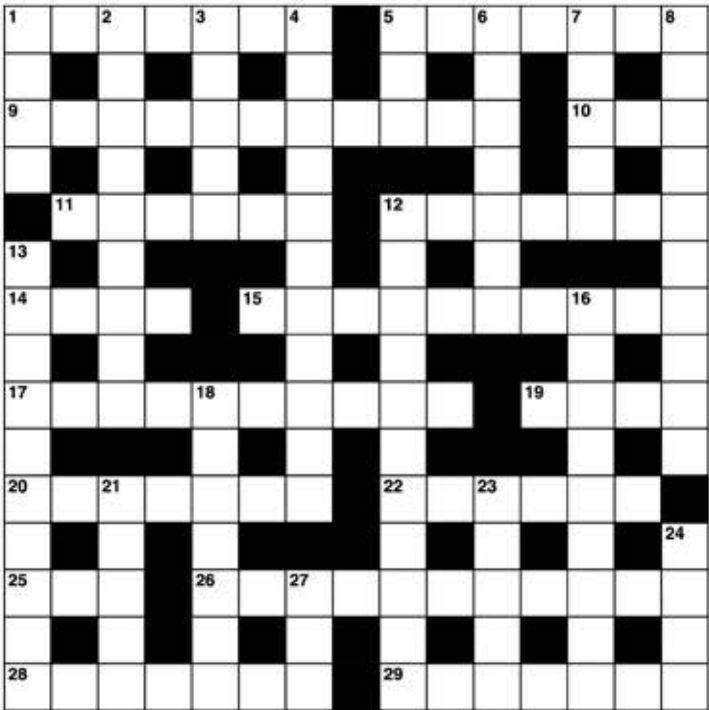
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 3 Deal with (3,2)
 4 Chance (11)
 5 Indian state (3)
 6 Slow escape of liquid (7)
 7 Not affiliated with a major group (5)
- 8 Machines for converting energy to electricity (10)
 12 Meeting (11)
 13 People who maintain websites (10)
 16 Nature spirit (9)
 18 Republic in north Africa (7)
 21 Radiolocation (5)
 23 Confectionery (5)
 24 Frivolously (4)
 27 Cobbler (3)

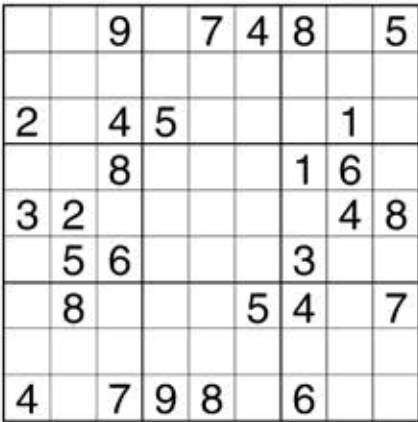
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Quick Crossword

Word Find Message:
 How about a little bit of retail therapy?
Sudoku

9-Letter
 Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in "s".
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 ratan, roan, rota, tartan
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Today's Aim:
 12 words: **Good**
 15 words: **Very good**
 20+ words: **Excellent**

QUICK QUIZ

- Emojis were invented in which year?
- The Wars of the Roses were fought over control of which throne?
- The 2022 novel *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* won which literary prize?
- Easter Island is a territory of which country?
- Which animal is the smallest primate in the world?
- James Marsden (pictured) starred alongside Katherine Heigl in which 2008 rom-com?
- The tallest tree in Australia is nicknamed what?
- Which popular holiday destination is a coast overlooking the Gulf of Salerno?
- Carambola is a fruit also known by what other shape-themed name?
- Which Australian television drama series stars Jodie Whittaker, Nicole da Silva and Yael Stone?



ANSWERS: 1. 1999 2. English 3. Bookers
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 fruit 10. One Night

WORDFIND

THEME: Shopping

The remaining letters will spell out a message.



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| BOOTH | PACKAGE |
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| CART | RECEIPT |
| CASH | REFUND |
| CATEGORY | RETAIL |
| CHAIN | RETURN |
| CHECK | SALE |
| CREDIT | SAMPLE |
| DEBIT | SELLER |
| DELIVERY | SERVICE |
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SOCIALS

The pubs and clubs across Douglas Shire continue to be brimming with revellers as the peak season hits full swing. Newsport photographer Santiago Gonzalez was there to help capture all the fun and celebrations.



Jo Pynt and Ellen Bwyne at the Central Hotel.



Rocio Navarro and Nicole Kleiner at Hemingway's Brewery.



Luke, Sue and Trevor Jones at the Central Hotel.



Thomas and Eilis Reilly at Hemingway's Brewery.



Tina, Steve and Tara Williams at Hemingway's Brewery.



Tony Obst and Tania Kay at Hemingway's Brewery.

WHAT'S ON

JUL 31 Bingo Night With Kstar
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
Time: 8am-10am
Location: Garden of Woven Memories, Mossman Botanic Gardens

AUG 5 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 8 Mossman Cemetery Guided Walk
Time: 2pm-4pm
Location: Mossman Cemetery

AUG 9 Books in Paradise
Time: 10am-3pm
Location: Sea Temple, Mitre St Port Douglas

AUG 10 Annual General Meeting
Time: 6pm-7pm
Location: Venue to be advised on request

AUG 12 Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

AUG 13 Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs
Time: 7pm-9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

AUG 14 Dave Dusch
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

AUG 15 Food Gardening
Time: 8am-10am
Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Mossman

AUG 19 Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

AUG 20 Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

AUG 21 Salmonella Dub Soundsystem
Time: 6.00pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill

AUG 21 Geoff Black
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

AUG 26 Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

AUG 27 Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs
Time: 7pm-9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

AUG 27 Tiffany Grace - Ripples in Time Tour 2026
Time: 6pm-10pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

AUG 28 Rockin' Rick Karaoke
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 2 Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrook Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

SEP 3 Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

Marina Markets
every Wednesday
11am-5pm
Picture: Jamie Jansen



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Liam Brandt was a strong presence up forward throughout the day. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Games guru set to make dream debut

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Before departing, the Douglas Athletics member said he was "really stoked" to have made the Australian Commonwealth Games team, adding that it had happened sooner than he thought it would.

It was clear he had to be ranked in the top seven in the Commonwealth to make the cut to go to Glasgow, so he is in the mix if he has a good meet.

Matt, 37, is joined in Glasgow by his wife Erica and children Jax, 13, Nova, 11, and Freya, 9. It was a trip of a lifetime made possible with local fundraising events strongly supported across the Douglas Shire.

"We are all pretty pumped and ready to go," Matt said before his departure.

"It is great for the kids, and for me to have them there."

Matt competes at state and national level in discus, javelin and shot put, disciplines he has either won or placed in at the Australian Championships.

The stocktrader says he was always sporty and his young family's involvement in athletics led him to step up for the throwing events competitively just a couple of years ago.

A broken back sustained in a gym accident around 17 years ago confined Matt to a wheelchair but the father of three has never stopped his interest in sport and fitness.

Crocs too strong

Shaun Hollis

Port Douglas Crocs made light work of perennial Cairns AFL league strugglers Manunda Hawks at home on the weekend, finishing 134-point victors.

It was top versus bottom in the lopsided encounter, but the Hawks made Port Douglas work for the win in the first half, sticking close until the long break.

Those returning from the half-

time sponsors' lunch a bit late, however, would have missed a quick flurry of goals from the Crocs to put the game beyond doubt by about five minutes into the second half, with the final score 25.13 (163) to 6.3 (39).

After soccering the first goal of the match through early, Crocs spearhead Kye Chapple signalled his intent as his opponent struggled to contain him all day - eventually finishing with seven goals.

The Port Douglas midfield was again dominant, with Ben McPhee, Murphy Short and Sam Fairclough all looking the goods, along with a host of other teammates across the ground.

The women's team also had a strong win, triumphing 13.6 (84) to no score.

Kayla McInerney kicked five goals for the Crocs women.

This Saturday Port Douglas is at home against Trinity Bulldogs.



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Cooya athlete Matt Sheppard will be making his Commonwealth Games debut in Glasgow this Saturday. Picture: Supplied

Bryan Littlely

Cooya wheelchair athlete Matt Sheppard is set to make his Commonwealth Games debut on Saturday morning in Glasgow when he competes in the F57 Shot Put at the Scotstoun Stadium arena.

With his family in support,

Sheppard is preparing himself for the meet of his life this week.

Douglas Shire locals will be able to catch a glimpse of him in action during the TV coverage from 7pm this Saturday, August 1.

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A sweet district triumph

Shaun Hollis

Mossman lawn bowler Malachy McTaggart's superb run of form has gone to the next level with victory in the district singles championship.

The state under-25 player is, for now, arguably the best solo lawn bowler in Far North Queensland after defeating Weipa's Ben Moore in the final of the District Singles Champion of Club Champions match.

McTaggart was at one stage down 3-13 in the final before storming home to win his first district championship 25-14.

The week before he won his first Mossman Bowls Club singles championship, defeating Alby Wight 25-15. McTaggart said after that win he was stoked about the breakthrough victory.

"I've made runner up in district singles twice, but I've never actually won a singles tournament," McTaggart said.



Malachy McTaggart

Mossman's Mike Sims also made the B Grade Final, but lost.

"Congratulations Malachy and well done Mike," a club spokesman said.

In other results: Club Pairs Final Alby Wight and Mike Sims defeated Peter Busch and Malachy McTaggart 22 - 16. Mike with sub Bill Allison to play in District Pairs Champion of Club Champion on Saturday at Yungaburra. Saturday Jackpot Bowls Grant Girlye, Ray Prain and Bill Smith W+2, Bill Allison, SAS Brian Williams and Ted Holmes W+3, Alistair Douglas, Daryle Hoskin and Steve Hefferman W+13.

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