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Father's Day is on the way, and Crocs president Matty Laskey will be spending some quality time with children Franki, 5, Miller, 2, and Hughey, 7. Story, Page 8. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Chasing a wharf solution

Shaun Hollis

As the countdown for the completion of a new study into the viability of a Port Douglas south wharf ship-repair centre rapidly approaches zero, the pressure is ramping up on our state and local governments to help make the wheels of industry tick over faster in the region.

More than three months ago Cook MP David Kempton called a press conference to announce the \$300,000 scoping study would be completed "in three or four months" time. Mr Kempton last week updated Newsport on where the latest plan in the long-running south-wharf saga is at.

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High-flyers set for take-off

Shaun Hollis

A new up-to-\$5m Nautilus helicopter base minutes from the centre of Port Douglas is expected to be open in the first few months of next year, adding a new dimension to the region's tourism credentials.

Nautilus Aviation chief executive Aaron Finn said last week work is now well underway following years of planning - and a few weeks of unseasonal rain.

"It's been close to three years now we've been going through the process, so, we've ticked all the boxes, environmental, and from a noise perspective, along the way," Mr Finn said.

"It's been a long time coming, so we're just happy to get going."

Mr Finn said he was aiming to open in the first quarter of 2027, with 30-40 jobs being created during the construction phase.

The project, which is now estimated to be worth \$4.5m-\$5m, will be a positive for the town, he said.

"It will connect with the waterfront precinct there and Quicksilver at the marina, so it will be a lot



Nautilus base manager Rhiannon Barber and chief executive Aaron Finn at the site of their new helicopter base. Picture: Shaun Hollis

easier with the staff to get people back and forwards between the boats and the helis," he said.

"We're not going between multiple properties."

The company currently leases three separate spaces in and around Port Douglas, so this will bring the whole operation under one roof owned by Nautilus.

"It will be a good investment for Port Douglas," Mr Finn said.

With a more permanent presence in the town, the company is also looking at further local cash investment, including at the nearby Port Douglas Crocs AFL football team.

The new helicopter base on the waterfront south precinct area near Marano's Fuel will include two landing pads, a hangar, and office space on a close-to-5000sq m site on Port Street.



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Underwater wonders



Underwater cameraman Ross Isaacs with one of his limited-edition prints. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Shaun Hollis

Underwater cameraman and documentary director Ross Isaacs has worked in some of the most exotic locations across the globe creating stunning images, but his latest project hits much closer to home.

Isaacs, of Port Douglas, has worked with local printer Perrin Clarke at Port Douglas Picture Framing to create a limited series of high-resolution digital fine art prints - known as giclees - for a new online gallery.

His amazing images for the fresh release are shot at locations across the world, including the Great Barrier Reef, but some of the profits from this online exhibition go to a cause close to Isaacs' heart - rescuing humpback whales tangled in fishing nets off the coast of the US.

One of his closest associates, Peggy Stap, who he worked with

for six years on a documentary released in 2008 and narrated by Sir David Attenborough, is spearheading the rescue initiative.

"She's saved hundreds of whales from dying," Isaacs says.

"So it's very worthwhile, but they're always underfunded, so we've decided to set up a gallery and to peel off a royalty, which we donate to marine-life studies to help in their work.

"The gallery represents images that I've created from my motion-picture material."

Isaacs has an impressive underwater-filming CV from more than 30 years in the industry, which includes the 2008 documentary Humpbacks from Fire to Ice, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, First Strike with Jackie Chan and Acri by Japanese director Tatsuya Ishi.

"We've done a lot of filming off the Reef, we use a thing called a closed-circuit rebreather, it's a breathing apparatus that allows us to stay down in stealth mode, there's no bubbles, you're totally silent," Isaacs says.

"The bubbles from normal scuba scare the fish and scare the animals, so when you're in stealth mode with the closed-circuit rebreather you just become one with the other animals."

And what next for the talented Douglas Shire local?

"I've got some big projects on the boil at the moment, but can't really talk about that.

"I'm collaborating with local composer David Pyke."

Check out the new online gallery at oceanplanetimages.com.au/art-gallery.

News in Brief

WANGETTI TRAIL MOVEMENT
Far North-based track designers World Trail Company and Contour Works are set to start building the next section of the Wangetti Trail between Ellis Beach and Wangetti.

The newest part of the 94km-long walking and mountain-biking track will mainly run along the range side of Captain Cook Highway, with sections overlooking the road.

The new section will include about 22km of trails, and also feature bridges, boardwalks and campgrounds. The State Government is aiming to complete the entire trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas by 2028.

TOP SPOTS TO EAT

A host of Port Douglas-based food outlets have won 2026 Australian Good Food Guide Readers' Choice awards.

Grant St Kitchen was voted one of the six top bakeries in the state, while Toast Sandwich Bar was recognised for its breakfast and brunch menu.

N17 was in the top burgers, Jade Inn for best Chinese, The Surfy for top international food, Chilly's in the pizza category and Wrasse & Roe for seafood.

These establishments received the most votes in the year to July in their region and category.

BOOK IN SOME FUN

Schools across the district have been celebrating Book Week all this week.

The popular festival of reading run by the Children's Book Council of Australia goes from August 22-28.

The theme is "Symphony of Stories", with popular author/illustrator Briony Stewart, who wrote the book Gymnastica Fantastica, designing the poster art.

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National TV show comes toad hunting

If you've seen Nicky G's toad-racing show at Chilly's pizza restaurant, you know it's a lot of fun.

So much fun, in fact, that it's starting to attract a national TV audience.

Last week, the TV-show crew from hit Channel 9 show Travel Guides was in Port Douglas filming the toad racing for a segment on their show.

This included at least four cameras, a couple of boom mikes, a suitably bossy floor manager, and some extra energy from the national and international audience watching host Nicky G strut his stuff.

Travel Guides this month won its fifth consecutive Logie for Best Lifestyle Program.



The TV camera gets a good view of the traditional kissing of the toad that helps make Nicky G's show at Chilly's what it is. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Campers seek permission

Shaun Hollis

Exclusive native title rights have this month been declared over about 76,000ha of Far North Queensland land in the Douglas Shire and Wujal Wujal regions, but the principal lawyer in the Federal Court case says people do not have to worry about being excluded from the land as long as they request the right permissions before travelling there.

The Court this month recognised the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people's native title rights over 217,884ha of land including Cape Tribulation, Thornton Beach, Cow

Bay, Wujal Wujal, Bloomfield and Daintree, with 35 per cent of those rights declared "exclusive".

But Cape York Land Council's principal lawyer Michelle Cioffi said the Eastern Kuku Yalanji were "kind people", were nonconfrontational, and they welcomed others to the region.

"They want people to enjoy their country, so long as people are respectful and seek the right permissions, that is what needs to occur," Ms Cioffi said.

She said the general public still had the right to fish and access waterways, but if they had to travel through exclusive native title

regions to get to somewhere like a favourite fishing spot, they may now have to ask for permission from the group nominated to carry the responsibilities of the new determination - Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation.

"Certainly areas where exclusive native title has now been recognised, I would suggest that it's just about making sure that they're going out and they're getting the right permissions," she said.

"It's just about relationships, and respectful relationships."

She said development could still go ahead in town centres such as Wujal Wujal as long as agreements

are reached with native title holders, while negotiations could also take place in regards to mining.

"By the same token, some of those areas that are exclusive, it just means that if they do want to just protect Country, and places that are important, they can do that, and they can do that to the exclusion of other people."

In a separate decision, the Federal Court has also this month recognised the native title rights of the Western Kuku Yalanji people over 170,827ha of Cape York land near Lakeland and Laura, with 9 per cent of those rights declared exclusive.

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Deadline for Shire industry looms

From Page One

"The terms of reference for a scoping study for the proposed marine facility in Dickson Inlet have been finalised, and it is expected Douglas Shire Council will issue tenders in the very near future," Mr Kempton said.

"It is anticipated when complete the document will not only support but attract significant investment in the marine precinct in Port Douglas."

Many paddocks in Douglas Shire remain unused since the closure of the Mossman Mill, with scraps of sugar cane still left to rot in some areas.

Queensland gardening and stock-feed company Oreco Group is proposing to start a stock-feed-production industry in Mossman employing more than 75 workers, but that is still just another proposal at this stage, and local industry remains stalled in the meantime.

Business heavyweights such as Quicksilver Group managing director Tony Baker and developer John Morris have publicly backed the new Port Douglas marine-industry-precinct plan for the south



Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scmazzone, developer John Morris, Tourism Port Douglas Daintree's Emma Tunnock and MP David Kempton all support the south wharf project. Picture: Shaun Hollis

wharf area, while Nautilus Aviation has started building a new helicopter base near Marano's Fuel in Dickson Inlet.

"A dedicated local maintenance and marine services facility would provide significant benefits for the region, supporting the many commercial and private vessels operating locally while also attracting skilled trade jobs and creating long-term employment opportunities," Mr Baker has said.

"Following the closure of the

Mossman Mill in 2024, projects such as this are especially important in helping diversify the local economy and strengthen future employment in the region."

Other public backers of the boat-repair centre include Crystalbrook Collection's chief executive Geoff York, DSC Mayor Lisa Scmazzone and Tourism Port Douglas Daintree executive officer Emma Tunnock.

Mr York: "We acknowledge that any enhancement of the surround-

ing area to our facility can only be positive."

The project is expected to include a smaller travel lift than the 5000-ton one planned for Cairns, which would cater for a niche market of reef boats and private vessels not currently being serviced there.

This will provide jobs in shipyard services such as diesel fitting and electrical services, helping to bring back skilled workers lost to the region after the mill closed down, the backers have said.

Mr Kempton said in May the new study was "not a plan, the plans are pretty well in place."

"This is a scoping document to work out what we need to do from here on.

"We're committed to this project, we've put our money where our mouth is and we're moving it forward," he said.

"If the intel is correct, the private investment will flow if the opportunity is here.

"There are some big players in the marine industry very interested in participating."

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Iconic pub hits market

Shaun Hollis

The Daintree Village Hotel is up for sale.

The iconic watering hole was put on the market late last week by owners the Morris family, which has the hotel leased out to a local Village lessee until December 10.

The same lessees were leasing the Crossroads Cafe just south of the Village at the Daintree River Ferry turnoff, but recently also closed that venue and last week-end sold off all the cafe fittings.

Real estate ads from CBRE Group state the sale includes "substantial plant, equipment and chattels".

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The Daintree Village Hotel has been put up for sale. Picture: CBRE Group

ment, repositioning and operational improvements."

The property includes a hotel on about 425sq m with a bar, dining area, bottle shop and commer-

cial kitchen, as well as a three-bedroom house on about 200sq m.

Newsport understands the current lessees want to shut the pub by the end of September despite

holding the lease until December. The pub shut suddenly in March 2023, but re-opened in June of that same year under new management.

Man arrested on indecent exposure charges

A Port Douglas man has been charged with a range of offences after reports of a flasher exposing himself to adults and children near resorts across the past three years.

Landscaper Shaun Francis Patrick Larrigan, 40, was arrested last Tuesday and charged with 11 counts of committing an indecent act in public, five counts of inde-

cent treatment of a child and two counts of trespassing.

Police said the alleged offences took place between July 2023 and July 2026 close to Port Douglas resorts.

The Mossman CIB launched Operation Yankee Mercator in July, and Larrigan was arrested last week at a Port Douglas home following the execution of a search

warrant. Acting magistrate Gelma Meoli refused bail and the matter was adjourned until Tuesday, October 6.

She said she had made the decision to refuse bail after considered the nature and seriousness of the charges and Mr Larrigan's personal situation and history.

"I have also considered the strength of the evidence and I am

satisfied the defendant has not shown cause and there is an unacceptable risk of committing further offences," Acting Magistrate Meoli said.

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Time for fathers to shine

Shaun Hollis

When life gets "pretty chaotic", a picnic at Rex Smeal Park in Port Douglas on Father's Day can be just the tonic.

Port Douglas Crocs AFL club president Matty Laskey has been busy this year helping organise much of the off-field work required to make the club successful on the field, and he is just starting a new full-time job as well.

Couple that with his partner in a full-time job and three active young boys aged 2-7, and you have a lot going on.

"We all live a pretty chaotic life, especially with being the president of the footy club," Matty says.

That's why Father's Day next Sunday, September 6, is a great chance for "just family time".

"We generally like going down to Rex Smeal Park and having a bit of a picnic afternoon down there," Matty says.



Franki, Matty, Miller and Hughey Laskey at home. Picture: Shaun Hollis

"It's just nice being able to have a day where you sort of set aside family time.

"Life can be pretty chaotic."

There are usually lots of people down there on Father's Day.

"Can't blame them, it's a pretty

good spot down there to go and have a few beers and kick the footy around with the boys."

Eldest son Hughey, 7, says his favourite part of the day is "Spending time with dad".

"Once we went fishing on Fa-

ther's Day with dad," Hughey says. "He takes us fishing lots of times and he sometimes has boy's days with me and dad."

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Stock-feed plant given a push on

Shaun Hollis

A Queensland gardening and stock-food company proposing to start a feed-production factory in Mossman employing more than 75 workers this week met with MPs and a State Government Primary Industries Department representative in the hope of fast-tracking the project.

Oreco Group, which was founded on the Sunshine Coast in the 1990s, has been revealing a series of big expansion plans this year.

This includes a proposal to build a fibre-processing plant in Far North Queensland to turn biomass such as sugar-cane refuse and banana grass into feed for farm animals, biomass pellets and renewable fibre products for markets across Australia and overseas.

Oreco marketing manager Krysten Payne said MPs David Kempton and Stephen Bennett, plus a DPI representative, visited the group's Bundaberg production site this week, and there were moves to bring up the topic while Queensland's parliament is sitting.

"What Oreco Group is ultimately after is a quick yes or no from the State Government - as ultimately - it's the growers who need to know what to do with their future plans," Ms Payne said.

"Oreco will be creating this product in our facility in Bundaberg regardless of whether the government chooses to support the project in Mossman - however there is an incredibly small window for that decision to be made."

Ms Payne said there were two



Oreco Group has been harvesting sugar-cane refuse and turning it into feed for stock. Picture: Oreco

choices for where the plant would go - either at Mossman Mill or at a new greenfields site - but both prospects had issues that needed to be worked through to make them happen.

Oreco Group has put out a series of statements this year outlining expansive plans to grow the business, according to recent statements: "This season has marked a defining moment for Oreco Group, not only in scale, but in purpose."

Across Queensland's cane-growing regions, thousands of tonnes of sugar-cane trash that would traditionally be burned in paddocks has instead been carefully harvested, baled and redirected into gardens, farms and landscapes across Australia, they said.

"What was once considered waste has become a valuable soil-building resource - and this year, we did it at a scale we've never achieved before."

During the most recent season, Oreco said they harvested more than 40,000 bales of sugar-cane trash - the largest season in the company's history. The company is looking to expand in several regions across northern Australia.

"Over the past several years, our baling operations have grown significantly, taking us from the cane fields of Queensland to some of the largest pastoral properties in Australia," they said.

"This year marks another exciting milestone, with our team recently operating at Alexandria Station in the Northern Territory."

10 YEARS AGO

Quicksilver is ready to build on fresh plan

THE Quicksilver Group continues to strengthen and enhance its position in Port Douglas following the submission of a development application to the Douglas Shire Council.

The DA is for the land purchased in April 2014 which is located at the corner of Grant and Warner Streets beside the current Quicksilver workshop and catering facility.

The purpose of the application is to:

- Formally advise Douglas Shire Council of the proposed project;
- Advise Douglas Shire Council of the concept, form and proposed areas for the development; and
- Seek Douglas Shire Council approval for the proposal.

In a statement, Quicksilver Managing Director Tony Baker said: "We are currently exploring the potential development of the site for related marine activities. The proposed facility will be a new two-storey building and will include a purpose built dive centre, retail outlet and offices."

"The development will include carparking, street works with pedestrian walkways and road upgrades."



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Jamie Jansen

It's the closest thing real estate has to a rule: a well presented, well marketed property outperforms the market, and a tired campaign underperforms it. Every agent knows it. The harder question is who actually does the work required to achieve the best result.

That question is the subject of a short film released this month by Port Douglas estate agent Matthew Essex, made with a local videographer and shot in the Douglas Shire.

Across 90 seconds it shows the side of a sale most sellers never consider: early mornings preparing homes ahead of a photographer's arrival, and long sessions at kitchen tables working through market data, buyer profiles and campaign plans with the people selling.

"There are two parts to a strong result", Essex said. "The first is



A new short film by Property Shop Port Douglas agent Matthew Essex highlights behind-the-scenes preparations. Picture: Supplied

presentation. Everyone knows it decides outcomes, but not everyone is in a position to manage it. Some of our owners live interstate and can't be here to prepare a property.

"Some are flat out with work or life. Some are at a stage where they need a hand and don't have family close by, and plenty just want help finding trades they can trust.

"The second is a disciplined marketing strategy. Understanding the market, understanding the buyers, and knowing what makes a particular property stand out.

"Every campaign we run is built for the property rather than pulled off a shelf, and we use every tool available to us to get there, because the goal is always the same: the best possible price."

Matthew Essex, a sales con-

sultant, licensed estate agent and auctioneer with independent agency Property Shop Port Douglas and Mossman, spent eight years in real estate in the UK and is now in his sixth year selling across the Shire, from Wangetti to Cape Tribulation, and Port Douglas to Julatten.

"I'd rather do the key things properly than everything quickly. Every seller is different, every property is different, and the results follow the preparation. That's not a slogan, it's how good sales happen."

The film can be viewed on Essex's Facebook and Instagram pages and will appear across the region over the coming months.

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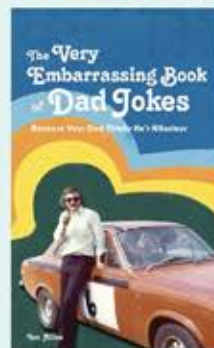
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Community invited to lace up, cheer at run

Jamie Jansen

With just two weeks to go, excitement is building for Run Port Douglas on Saturday, September 5. Set along one of the world's most scenic coastal courses, the event is a standout highlight on the local calendar - and the entire community is invited to take part.

With 2km, 5km, 10km, and Half Marathon options, there is a distance for every age and fitness level. Every participant who crosses the finish line on Four Mile Beach will collect an official finisher's medal.

The 2km distance is an ideal outing for families. Parents registered in any of the longer races can also run or walk alongside their children in the 2km event using their existing race bib at no extra cost.

In addition to their medal, participating kids will receive a McDonald's Encouragement Award paired with a free Happy Meal voucher.

Event organiser Bade Stapleton said he hopes to see the whole town turn out for the occasion, whether on the course or cheering from the sidelines.

"Whether you're running, walking, or holding up a sign to cheer people on, this day is for the



The 2km event is an ideal family outing, allowing registered parents to run or walk with their children for free. Picture: Supplied

whole town," Mr Stapleton said. The festivities extend well beyond the racecourse, transforming the closed Esplanade into a vibrant beachfront hub.

Visitors can enjoy food trucks, live music, and seating, plus race commentary from Channel 7's Mark Beretta, Triple M's Tammy Barker, and 7 Cairns' Ainsley Woods.

Prizes for spectators and participants

Great Barrier Reef trips with Quicksilver Cruises are up for grabs across several competition

categories. Spectators can win for best cheering sign and most entertaining crowd cheering, while runners and walkers can compete for best-dressed individual, best-dressed team, and most entertaining finish-line crossing.

Volunteers Needed

With more than 3000 participants travelling from across Australia, organisers are calling on local groups, individuals, and volunteers to help support the event.

Volunteer shifts run four to six hours across September 4 and 5 for roles including:

Registration and bag drop; Aid station and course support; Start and finish line assistance, and; Merchandise sales and road marshalling.

Volunteers receive a free t-shirt, refreshments, and entry into prize draws. In addition, organisers will donate \$50 per volunteer, per shift directly to a chosen local charity, club, or community group.

Traffic updates and access

Motorists and residents should plan for minor, temporary traffic management measures on race morning.

The Captain Cook Highway will not be impacted, and all local road closures will reopen by 10am on Saturday, September 5.

Port Douglas Road and Davidson Street will experience delays between 6.00am and 9.00am due to single-lane, one-way traffic flow, though access into town remains open throughout.



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THE CASE OF THE DIS-APPEARING TOADS

Suzanne Robson

I made the mistake, a couple of seasons ago, of offering the neighbour's kids \$10 for each toad they caught, figuring they'd collect 20 or so. They got 70 in about an hour. I made the promise, so I paid up, but haven't booked a repeat. Losing 70 has not made a dent in the population. During the season they call their horrible calls all night, just to thumb their noses at me.

Solar Whisper Daintree River Crocodile & Wildlife Cruises

Definitely not as many as there used to be. Back some 20 years or so, people used to trip over them coming for a tour. Nowadays I get people asking me where they would find one of those toads they hear about.

Ron Geary

When the weather warms up they will be out and about. I get about a lot at night (pig hunting) and I see lots of toads.

Sime Coomb

I reckon they've definitely declined over the years. They used to be everywhere.

Derek Brown

We've still got thousands of them if anyone's missing them.

MOSSMAN HOSPITAL UPGRADE PETITION

Anne Ingram

Would be great if Government stepped in and upgraded this beautiful hospital. It cares for a huge area and also growing aged clients as well. It's been my home away from home with wonderful care from Dr Tim, Dr Sue, and Dr Scott along with all other staff. I hope this hospital full of history

gets the funding they need to better provide all services and equipment needed to care for our beautiful community.

Derek Franklin

It's a public hospital, so it's up to the government to upgrade, not the public. All good to spend billions on the Olympics, but a couple of million for public health is up to community. That's disgraceful.

Susan Dennis

The district needs a couple of 24 hour, 7 days a week, local doctors surgeries open to take the load off the hospital, and to lighten up the waiting times to get into the private surgeries. Hospital says go see your local doctor after a hospital visit, and then it takes six weeks to get into see the local doctor. More communication between hospital and local doctors should be looked into, as numerous times local doctors can not find information on our records from the hospital.

Cheryl Whitworth

A CT scan would be amazing. Our elderly mother ended up in Cairns Hospital transitioning ward after being transferred from Mossman to Cairns Base for a CT. It took a couple of days to get her transferred back to Mossman - all for an imaging procedure. Definitely a needed service available for this area. We also had many trips to Cairns cancer centre for our father when he was being treated and and getting palliative care organised. A very long trip when someone is so unwell.

Debra Thomas

Where's the Government?

Richard Coxs

As a frequent flyer at that hospital, I think the staff do a mag-



*apologies to all NZ whales

From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

nificent job. What would they want to upgrade to? Dr Tim and his team at A&E are so efficient and professional. I can't think of a negative thing to say about our wee hospital.

Anne Copeland

Great hospital. How about a regular bus service from Port Douglas to Mossman?

Ian Locke

Mossman Hospital has been upgraded and is great. Is it the new arrivals saying this?

MUDDIED WATERS AROUND WRECKED CAR AT FOUR MILE

Leith Garretty

Always good oysters on it when the king tides are happening.

Mim Hayward

It's been there decades. I lived in Port Douglas from 2002-2012, when I first lived there it was more recognisable as a car. Used

to always walk to it at low tide. Loved going that far out with the dog.

Steve Kitto

If you look closely you'll see the driver still trying to put it in four-wheel-drive mode.

Richard Balmaine

It's a bit more buried now, but after the wet season we might get to see it again. The story is that they used to do races down there during low tide and this one broke down and they could get it back before the next high tide.

Michelle Simone

Must be well buried now as I haven't seen it in four or five years. I did wonder if it had finally been dragged out and disposed of.

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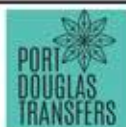
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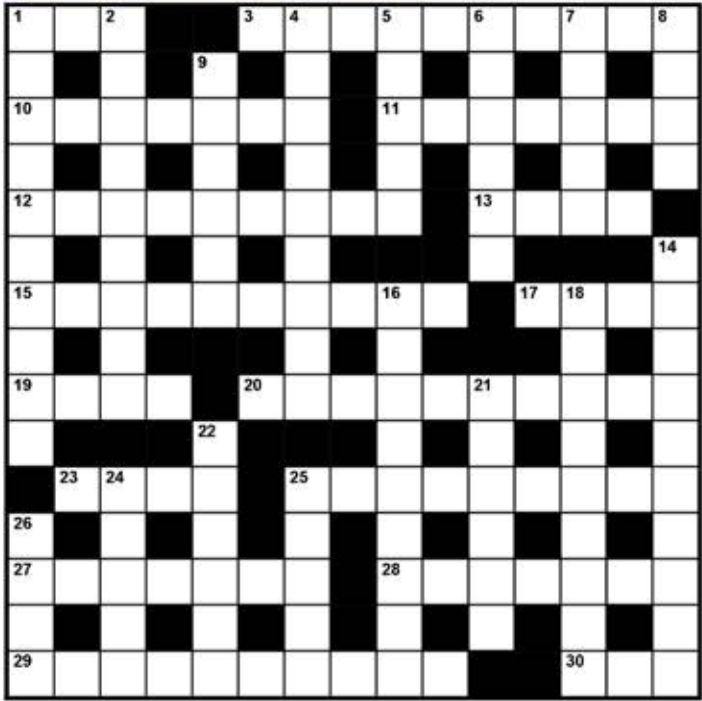


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ACROSS

- 1 Vain man (3)

3 Artificial body part (10)

10 Excel (7)

11 Hub for military planes (7)

12 Those who support others (9)

13 Wild or uncultivated country (4)

15 Edible ocean alga (3,7)

17 Largest continent (4)

19 Biblical garden (4)
- 20 Teenage (10)

23 Red muppet (4)

25 Former coins of Britain (9)

27 Small baskets (7)

28 Ones who make amends (7)

29 Motionless with wonder (10)

30 Dejected (3)
- 6 As a result of this (6)

7 Bats (5)

8 Sleigh (4)

9 Oceanic (6)

14 Daydreamed about a desire (10)

16 End (9)

18 Austerity (9)

21 Jaundiced (6)

22 Things that resemble currency (6)

24 Exorcist actress, - Blair (5)

25 Seaweed wrapped rice (5)

26 Speck (4)

DOWN

- 1 Thick edible seafood purees (10)

2 Rectory (9)

4 Esteemed (9)

5 Breaks suddenly (5)
- 6 As a result of this (6)

7 Bats (5)

8 Sleigh (4)

9 Oceanic (6)

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25 Seaweed wrapped rice (5)

26 Speck (4)

SOLUTIONS

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Quick Crossword



Word Find Message:

Jokes Argon
All the best chemistry

Sudoku

6	2	7	1	5	4	3	8	9
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4	1	3	5	6	9	8	7	2
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5	3	8	6	4	1	9	2	7
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9-Letter

trip, vert
treepie, trice, trip,
terce, tree, tree,
tepee, terce, tier,
revet, rite, river,
rect, rete, redie,
RECEPTIVE, rectie,
recept,
pert, petes, privet,
erect, evert, evict,
cite, civet, crept



SUDOKU

No. 003

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9-LETTER

No. 003

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'.



Today's Aim:

- 16 words: Good
- 20 words: Very good
- 28+ words: Excellent

QUICK QUIZ

- Which corporation developed the short-lived software program Zune?
- Ecuador adopted which other country's currency as its only official currency in 2000?
- How many years was Suharto president of Indonesia?
- Hamilton is the capital city of which British Overseas Territory?
- Actor Isla Fisher (pictured) was born in which country?
- Which comic strip by Charles M. Schulz made its debut in 1950?
- Angourie Rice stars in which 2024 musical remake of a 2004 comedy?
- What is the periodic symbol for zinc?
- What is the name of both a famous song and a 1989 thriller starring Al Pacino?
- In what year did Virgin Australia airlines first conduct flights in the country?



ANSWERS: 1. Microsoft 2. United States 3. 31 4. Bermuda 5. Oman 6. Peanuts 7. Mean Girls 8. Zn 9. Sea of Love 10. 2000

WORD FIND

THEME: Chemistry

The remaining letters will spell out a message.

A	L	L	L	L	E	H	S	L	T	H	X	E	K	Z
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R	A	I	Y	I	O	A	J	T	D	D	M	O	N	B
K	T	N	E	R	R	U	C	E	O	E	O	S	A	E
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ALDOL	ENOL	NEON
ALKENE	ENZYME	NYLON
AMINE	ETHANE	OLEFIN
ANODE	ETHYL	ONYX
ARENE	GOLD	PROTON
ARYL	GROUP	QUANTA
ATOM	HABER	RAYS
AUFBAU	HEAT	RING
BASE	INERT	SALT
BIURET	IONIC	SHELL
BOND	IRON	SODIUM
BORON	KEKULÉ	TALC
CATHODE	KETO	UNIT CELL
CLAY	LIME	VINYL
COAL	MASS	WATT
CURRENT	MODEL	ZEOLITE
DENSITY	MOLAR	ZINC

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WHERE FLAVOUR WINS.



SCAN TO BOOK



SOCIALS

A Next Green Group lunch for charities Kids In Need Donations and Salsa Sorensen Association at Salsa Bar and Grill on Friday, August 14, as well as other restaurant dining out across Port Douglas, were the focus of Newsport's photographers across the past fortnight.
Pictures: Jamie Jansen, Santiago Gonzalez



Helen and Greg Langley at the Next Green Group Salsa Sorensen Luncheon.



Charmaine Norris, Corroll Evans, Danielle Bellerio, Nadine Jones and Ann Marie Clark at the Next Green Group Salsa Sorensen Luncheon.



Jim Campbell, Henry Johnston and Jenny Campbell at Seabeen Tapas and Bar.



Jason Bradshaw, David Hamilton and David Hayes at the Next Green Group Salsa Sorensen Luncheon.



Meg and Michael Schlienger.



Graham, Claire and Joanne McDonald.

WHAT'S ON

AUG 28 **Bingo Night**
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas

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

AUG 29 **NicNak Shed Fashion Parade**
Time: 2pm - 4.30pm
Location: Pullman Sea Temple Resort

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

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

SEP 4 **Sweet As duo**
Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 5 **Cairns Indian Festival**
Time: 6pm - 10pm
Location: Novotel Cairns

SEP 5 **RUN Port Douglas**
Location: Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas

SEP 6 **INXSIVE, the INXS Tribute Show**
Time: 5pm - 8pm
Location: Port Douglas yacht club - 1 spinnaker cl

SEP 9 **Marina Markets**
Time: 11am - 5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

SEP 10 **Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs**
Time: 7pm - 9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 11 **Rob Longstaff**
Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 11 **Ash Grunwald at Ellis Beach Bar & Grill**
Time: 5pm - 10pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill

SEP 12 **Babinda Harvest Festival**
Time: 9am - 11pm
Location: Bill Wakeham Park

SEP 16 **Marina Markets**
Time: 11am - 5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

SEP 17 **Bingo with K-Star**
Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 18 **Yahdoh**
Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 23 **Marina Markets**
Time: 11am - 5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

SEP 24 **Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs**
Time: 7pm - 9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 25 **Wallaby Creek Festival**
Location: Wallaby Creek Bridge 720 Shiptons Flat Rd Rossville Far North Queensland

SEP 25 **Rockin' Rick Karaoke**
Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman

SEP 30 **Marina Markets**
Time: 11am - 5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas

OCT 1 **Bingo with K-Star**
Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman



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Douglas Shire's Ella and Annette represented Peninsula in the Under 11-12 Girls rugby league on the Gold Coast. Picture: Supplied

Dragons' fine form for finals

The Douglas United Dragons soccer team finished off the minor-round season in style with a 4-1 victory against Stratford Dolphins away from home on Friday night.

Alastair Baird, Georges Lauhe, Javier Puertos and Lucas Millos

all scored goals. A dream start for the Dragons had them leading 4-0 within 18 minutes of the first whistle, with Stratford pegging one back in the second half. The finals kick off this weekend, with the details yet to be announced before the Newsport deadline.

Port eyes AFL Cairns footy flag

From Page 16

There is one minor round game to play - second-placed South Cairns away from home - before the finals series, which will be played entirely at Cazalys Stadium in Cairns.

"We just want to get healthy and a bit fitter between now and the end of the year and hit the finals with everything we've got," he said.

The team has played one game at Cazalys this year, has had a training run earlier in the year

there, and trained again there this week: "It's a great ground, and I think the bigger ground will suit us. Our running capacity, I think, is good, so we are really excited to get out on it."

With virtually a full squad pushing for selection, and the reserves also on top, the race for spots is tight.

"The really difficult part, and the hard part about coaching, is when guys have got to miss out, but you can't have success without having that," Cooper said.

Women's percentage boost

The Port Douglas Crocs women shook off an early challenge from Manunda Hawks to run away commanding 95-point winners in Saturday's late game at the Croc Pit.

The score was one goal to none midway through the first quarter before the Crocs put the foot down to register a 16.6 (102) to 1.1 (7) home victory.

Shelby Grinter kicked five goals, while inspirational captain Caity McPhee kicked four.

Port Douglas is guaranteed a



Croc Kirra Revell on Saturday.

finals berth, sitting eight points clear in fourth going into the last round against second-placed South Cairns.

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GUNNING FOR FLYING CROCS



Port Douglas Crocs forward Kye Chapple still kicked six goals on the weekend despite some close attention from his Manunda Hawks opponents. Picture: Shaun Hollis

At three-quarter time Port Douglas coach Brad Cooper spoke to his charges about the importance of running out the game - despite the lopsided scoreline - with finals looming for the flag favourites.

And run out the game they did, posting a cricket score in a 40.20 (260) to 2.1 (13) annihilation of the AFL Cairns's bottom side.

The well-drilled Crocs outfit completely dominated from the first bounce, with midfielders such as Ben McPhee and Sam Fairclough running riot, and a host of players having a field day such as Jared Petrenko running off the half-back line and Jake Cook asserting his physical presence.

Up forward, Shay Linke posted nine goals and Kye Chapple six as the Hawks had no answers to the avalanche of passes being delivered precisely to strong hands.

After the game, Cooper said one of the focuses of the game was to avoid the team lapsing into any bad habits, with every game from now on set to test the squad.

"They're a pretty level-headed group, they understand that it is a big win, but Manunda are a rebuilding club, and we understand that," Cooper said.

"There's competition within the team for spots, so I was really pleased that they didn't go kick chasing too much today, that's one aspect we spoke about before the game."

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