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Packed to rafters

Shaun Hollis

The Warner Street backpackers in Port Douglas is set to expand by more than 70 beds from 148 to 222 following the approval of the

project by council planners late last month.

A new section will be built on the left-hand side of the main Port Douglas Backpackers building by

developer RRL One, which will require the removal of one tree, according to the latest updated plans. "Tree removal should only be considered where the fi-

nal design and root investigation demonstrates that a tree cannot be retained," Douglas Shire Council planning staff state.

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Win for market research - P7



The Mossman school formal was a celebration of style and glamour, with attendees including Kobe Saxon and Sophie Ziesler going all out to impress. Photo gallery, Pages 10/11. Picture: Francesca Bossoni

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From tragedy comes triumph as a new surf club is opened

Shaun Hollis

The new \$5m Ellis Beach Surf Life Saving Club has opened after a more than 10-year fight to build the new centre.

The club has relocated across the busy Captain Cook Highway following a grassroots campaign to protect members from the dangers of the constant traffic.

According to club officials, nine-year-old Ellis Beach nipper Sophie Alcorn wrote to her local federal MP Warren Entsch in 2011 after her friend Asha was hit by a car while the girls were crossing the Highway.

Entsch took her letter to the Federal Parliament, which helped start a more than decade-long campaign to move the surf club to the beach side of the highway so kids no longer had to cross it to get to the water.

"Club members kept pushing, planning, fundraising and making the case," a spokesperson said.

The Federal Government com-



The brand new Ellis Beach Surf Life Saving Club is on the other side of Captain Cook Highway. Picture: EBSLSC

mitted \$3.5m, while the State Government paid another \$1.5m, with the new club finally opening on Sunday.

"It was so wonderful to see the clubhouse filled with so many smiling faces," they said.

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PM's speech a Shire disaster

Shaun Hollis

A new disaster-management report released late last month highlights the huge amount of work done by staff after natural disasters, in turn showing how devastating a proposed Federal Government disaster-funding cut would be, Douglas Shire Councilors say.

Just before the report was tabled in the most recent council meeting, however, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese flagged that he would not be backing down from his stance that the current 75/25 per cent funding model with

the states should be changed to 50/50, saying it will cut bureaucracy and get money moving quicker.

Mayor Lisa Scomazzon said in the meeting a new DSC disaster-management plan contained in the council report showed how much money was needed after a natural disaster.

"It is so important that the Federal Government has to understand how much funding we need to be able to get our communities back up and running," she said.

The Mayor's speech came not long after Mr Albanese reinforced his desire to change the Disaster

Recovery Funding Arrangements formula.

"What we're about is getting money to local government, in particular, quicker with 50:50 funding guaranteed so that some of the bureaucracy which has been there in the wake of natural disasters is removed," he said.

"What we're doing is stepping up with these reforms, which we'll continue to do."

Since the Federal Government flagged in June a push to change the DRFA funding model, mayors from across Queensland have joined together to lobby against it.

News in Brief

IRVIN DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The 20-year anniversary of the death of much-loved wildlife champion Steve Irwin off the coast of Port Douglas was commemorated last Friday.

One of Australia's most famous exports, Irwin died while diving at Batt Reef near Low Isles on September 4, 2006.

He was stung in the heart by a short-tailed stingray while filming a documentary.

MORE CROCS COMING

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is installing a dozen new crocodile enclosures as part of a \$1.2m expansion.

The 12 new installations are expected to triple the number of daily croc-feeding shows, with a total of 17 male crocodiles expected to be part of the show once the expansion is completed. **MORE WEAPONS SEIZED**

Nearly 200,000 wandering scans across Queensland have resulted in the seizure of 1439 knives and edged weapons since July last year, marking a significant milestone under Jack's Law.

Jack's Law provides police the authority to lawfully use handheld metal detectors (wandering) to scan, search and seize knives and edged weapons from people in public spaces to reduce harm and prevent violence before it can occur.

Queensland police have charged close to 3000 people.

LOGO COMP WINNER

A new logo capturing the natural beauty of the Douglas Shire has been unveiled ahead of the region's 150-year commemoration.

Created by Bamboo designer Lisa Previte, the winning design was selected from a strong field of entries in the Douglas Shire Council competition.

See the winning design at newsport.com.au.

Jungle Fowl in back-to-back top 100



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Jungle Fowl head chef Keelan Gallogly and co-owner Rachael Boon are celebrating making the Gourmet Traveller magazine top 100 restaurants in the country for the second year in a row.. Picture: Shaun Hollis

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* Compared to 2024 financial year, per capita, Queensland Police Service data.



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Whale of a time

Humpback whale numbers have been increasing year on year. Picture: GBRMPA

There are more humpback whales migrating through the Great Barrier Reef than there have been for at least 60 years, with more than 50,000 passing through Far North Queensland waters this season.

Industrial whaling six decades ago reduced humpback numbers to less than 500 whales, prompting scientists to say this is one of the greatest conservation success stories ever.

But experts warn the massive resurgence is bringing a new challenge - keeping people away from the huge mammals.

New Great Barrier Reef Marine

Park Authority data reveals possible offences involving people unlawfully swimming or interacting with whales increased six-fold last season, from two incidents reported by members of the public in 2024 to 12 incidents reported in 2025.

Reef Authority chief scientist Dr Roger Beeden said the resurgence of the east coast population posed a fresh test for reef management.

"More whales are now moving through busy waters used by commercial shipping, tourism vessels, yachts, tenders, recreational

boats and visitors," Dr Beenen said. "More megafauna and more people sharing the Marine Park means we need to find the right balance between experiencing these extraordinary animals and giving them the space they need."

Research shows the population may be approaching a natural turning point of about 60,000 whales in the next few years.

In 2025, about 408,000 domestic overnight visitors and 230,000 domestic day-trippers went whale watching in Queensland, contributing close to \$670m to Queensland's economy.

No licence, no e-bike ride laws come in

Shaun Hollis

A new round of the beefed-up e-scooter and e-bike laws has begun this month on Queensland roads.

From the start of September most e-device riders will be required to have the minimum of a learners' driver's licence or face a fine of about \$520 - and police across the state are conducting random checks of riders to enforce the new law.

Police Disaster and Emergency Management Acting Deputy Commissioner Rhys Wildman said the new rules were about having an understanding of the rules of the road.

"E-mobility devices are vehicles that must be operated safely, responsibly and under Queensland road rules," he said.

"Queensland police are reminding all e-mobility riders and their caregivers to familiarise themselves with the new requirements and understand their responsibilities as road users."

Some exemptions apply, including for 12-17-year-olds supervised by a caregiver, riders in recreational areas such as bike trails, and people with medical exemptions.

Since the first round of rule changes were introduced at the start of July, police have issued more than 1700 infringement notices to e-device riders.

These include more than 1000 fines for not wearing helmets, more than 140 for speeding, more than 50 for drink riding and the seizing of close to 400 non-compliant devices.

New laws introduced in July give police a raft of new powers.

Hospitals hold hope for FNQ bed clog relief

The latest Queensland Health data shows that more than 1400 Queenslanders, through no fault of their own, are stuck living in the state's public hospitals despite being clinically ready to leave hospital.

They include more than 1100 older Queenslanders awaiting aged care placement, with about

120 people occupying beds within Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

CHHS chief executive Leena Singh says the issue of prolonged hospital stays poses a significant health risk to patients and is putting a strain on the system.

"On any given day, 110 to 160 long-stay patients occupy acute

beds at Cairns Hospital," Ms Singh said.

The impact in FNQ of the Commonwealth's recently announced 5000 new beds nationwide remains unclear.

"We hope that the Cairns and Hinterland region will be the recipient of many of these beds."



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Backpackers expanding

From Page One

Other provisions called for by the DSC include more bins - with the number to be decided by the Council's Waste Management Department - 23 car parks, including five out the front, and 38 bike-parking spaces.

The approved plans also now include 65sq m more of decking and a new toilet and shower block at the back left side of the development.

"The Port Douglas region has experienced significant growth of its tourism and hospitality industries over the last 25 years and is facing a shortfall in accommodation for transient employees and visitors alike," the original plans state.

The project was first submitted to council planners in November last year, and has also gone through the State Government's State Assessment and Referral Agency.

The popular backpacker accommodation is at 37-39 Warner Street, Port Douglas.



The Warner Street backpackers hostel is expanding to the left-hand side, according to the latest plans. Top picture: Shaun Hollis



Millions flow for Daintree creek restore projects

About \$2.7m will be spent on helping restore a trio of Daintree-region creeks following flooding during March and April.

Sections of Martins Creek, Cassowary Creek and Saltwater Creek, which are part of the Daintree River system, will be upgraded as part of the restoration effort funded by the joint Federal and State Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Far North Queensland land management organisation Terrain NRM, landholders, Douglas Shire Council, Jabalbinia Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation and engineers Neilly Group will work together on the project.

Terrain NRM project manager Max Brownlow said work would take place at a series of erosion sites along an about 1.2km section of Martins Creek.

Multiple rows of wood piles will be driven up to 7m into the ground to help secure the creek banks, which have severely eroded since Tropical Cyclone Jasper hit in December 2023. Large rocks will also be brought in and trees planted.

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Charlotte, 8, and Chloe, 10, had 180,000 online views in a day for their new business. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Slime time proving to be market hit

A pair of pint-sized entrepreneurs have been taking Port Douglas Markets by storm with their stylish new stall proving to be a big hit.

Cooya Beach sisters Chloe, 10, and Charlotte, 8, have been making their own range of the kids' toy slime, and the professional-looking launch of their stall next to their mum's jewellery recently attracted a lot of attention.

"We were out the front of the

stall and mum's stuff was on the side," they say.

"We made a lot more money than her."

Mum Erin says she may rethink the stall design this week.

Then, the following day Erin posted a short video of Chloe serving a customer and, within 24 hours, it had reached more than 180,000 views on Instagram, including attracting interest from outside Australia and requests for

them to take the slime bar to other events.

The young businesswomen have been working on the idea for a while.

"We wanted to set up a stall out the front for ages, like two years," Chloe says.

"And mum decided we could do a cart at the markets," Charlotte adds.

Check out the CC Slime Bar at Port Douglas market.

10 YEARS AGO

Unprecedented numbers vote in latest awards

Visitors from more than 17 countries and each Australian state have cast votes for the 2016 Douglas Business and Tourism awards being held on November 25 at the Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort.

The US leads the way followed by visitors from the UK, New Zealand, Canada, Israel and Germany. There are more than 45 categories and voting closes at 5pm on November 4.

"This is unprecedented and far exceeds all expectations. We are naturally delighted with the response and that there are more nominations this year compared to last," said Newsport's Sarah Cullen, a sponsor and organiser of the event.

The categories include: Best Restaurant; Best Reef/Sailing Tour; Best Tour Guide; Best Resort Accommodation (over 40 rooms); Best Fashion Retailer; Best Overall Service; Best Spa Experience; Best Tradesman (individual) and Best Qualified Practitioner (individual).

The aim of the Douglas Business & Tourism Awards is to celebrate and showcase the very best of the best in service and product delivery. Established as a vehicle to incentivise business excellence in and around the region, the Awards now provide winners with an esteemed hook to hang their deserving business hat on.



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New tourism board

Bryan Littlely

A newly appointed Tourism and Events Queensland Board, said to be "regionally focused" and bringing new leadership and industry experience to help grow Queensland's visitor economy, has reduced Far North Queensland's representation on the critical board.

Far North Queensland and Douglas and Daintree advocate Brian Hennessy is a board departure, and while Cairns Adventure Group's Roderic Rees is a strong replacement, the departure of Duane Fraser, a Wulgurukaba and Bidjara Traditional Owner who served on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority board, the

Reef 2050 Advisory Committee and the Tropical Water Quality Hub Steering Committee, reduces the region's representation, and potential advocacy.

Experienced tourism leader John O'Sullivan has been appointed Chair. He joins the board along with Rees are Krista Adams, Jacob Cassidy and Damien Massingham.



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Bird flu concerns at Wonga

Shaun Hollis

A local birdwatcher has issued a warning to Douglas Shire residents to stay right away from dead birds, and keep their pets away as well, saying at least 10 dead and sick seabirds have been discovered along the Douglas Shire coast and at Low Isles in the past fortnight.

Retired biologist David Cook, of Wonga Beach, has reported the deaths to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline, and a dead bird was handed in to authorities last week.

But testing for the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain takes at least a week, so people need to be warned now not to touch dead birds if they wash up, he said.

There was no word on the test results by the Newsport deadline.

"I am seriously concerned that H5N1 is in the area," Mr Cook told Newsport last week.

"It's already spread to South-east Queensland.

"I think there's a real chance it may be spreading up the coast."

He said the sick birds were mostly bridled terns that were either exhausted, distressed or had washed ashore dead.

There had been strong winds recently, but trained bird observ-



A sick tern seen in Douglas Shire last week. Picture: Supplied

ers had not found any significant numbers of dead or distressed seabirds during this type of wind in the past, Mr Cook said.

"We all hope it is not the H5N1 virus but we must take all necessary precautions," he said.

"We are currently awaiting test results.

"The tests apparently will be carried out in Cairns by the Primary Industries Department biosecurity vet."

The first mainland case of the deadly strain of bird flu in Australia was recorded in June, and H5N1 has spread across the country since then.

The State and Federal Governments warn anyone who finds exhausted, sick or injured seabirds not to touch them and to call the hotline on 1800 675 888 immediately.



Eva and Nicole Hambleton cheer on their family member during Run Port Douglas. Picture: Francesca Bossoni

Thousands turn up for fun run

Port Douglas turned on the charm last Saturday, September 5, as 2500 runners, walkers, and cheering supporters descended on the Esplanade and Four Mile Beach for the second annual Run Port Douglas.

The event saw an extraordinary growth of nearly 70 per cent compared to its 2025 debut, cementing its place as one of Australia's premier destination running events. Perfect Tropical North Queensland weather greeted competitors across the Half Mar-

athon, Pacific Toyota 10km, 5km, and Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort 2km Run/Walk.

Colourful costumes, vibrant team gear, and high spirits lined the course, which culminated in a spectacular finish on the sands of Four Mile Beach.

Participants travelled from around the globe to take part, alongside Australian Olympian and marathon star Andy Buchanan, who joined the pack in the 10km event.

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Graduates had a ball



Clockwise from top left: Roshahn Burford and Georgia Hughes, Ella Laufey and Sirijal Katuwal, Jorja McCarthy and Lane Hatfield, Max Schmidt, Ezi Masi-Lansana and Ellie Carr, Saffiya Gonsalves and Harry Hughes, Jonah Bartlett and Lilyth Redding, Jayden Bhimji and Harper Postans. Picture: Francesca Bossoni

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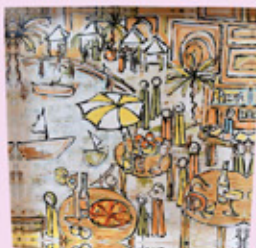
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at Mossman's formal

All the glitz and glamour of the Mossman State High School formal was on display on Friday, September 4, at the Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort and Spa.



Clockwise from top left: Ned Marr and Alyssa Onekawa, Tyler Ronalds and Asha Uwland, Blake Dormer and Riley Santarossa, Chase Fear and Peyton Thorburn, Milla Soltwedel and Sam Jones, Kolby Irving, Ben Teaero and Flynn Mackay, Willow Murphy and Tia Bani, Mia O'Neill and Meilahni Jesser and Bailey Gault. Picture: Francesca Bossoni

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BIRD FLU CONCERNS AFTER SICK AND DEAD BIRDS WASH UP

Christopher Saint

Hi, your local microbiologist here. I've not seen any reports of the virus in Qld yet. I'm assuming the terns are migratory birds, so would be useful to know where they mostly come from.

Melissa Coyle

I'm an ecologist on the Sunshine Coast and there has been two, one on Moreton Island and one at Castaways Beach at Noosa.

Ben Cropp

On Sunday same bird tern species was sitting on my roof, not a usual place for a seabird to roost. A ladder required to see if still there dead or flew away if Council interested.

Joshua Simon

Please... this last lot of weather patterns has been relentless. If you were a bird that small getting smashed by 30+ knot winds for 4+ days consecutively you'd be knackered too.

Jade Phoenix

It's pretty devastating in South Australia right now, I hope it doesn't get as bad in Qld until people have a chance to realise this has been spreading throughout the world for a while. Just research it in academic journals, it's not hoax.

Bryce Fraser

Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me.

Cooya Takeaway

Imagine if you will, an island continent isolated from the rest of the world and free of bird flu for ever until one day an infected bird is found on a remote beach on the western side of the island,

a week later another found of the east, a week after another on the north side, then the south side. The symptoms of this bird virus are everything but also could be nothing, and who the hell is walking around remote parts of Australia testing dead birds? And what methods are being used to test... Then mysteriously this bird flu starts infecting mammals... fascinating. Some pharmaceutical company needs a cash injection is the probable cause is my guess.

Tracey Clarke

Not understanding how dead wildlife is found, tested or how influenza crosses species isn't evidence of a conspiracy. It's simply a list of things you don't understand followed by a guess.

HOW DO YOU SEE MOVES TO RESTRICT OR BAN SMART GLASSES?

Justin Mackay

I don't agree, it's no different to a phone. I am visually impaired and these glasses have been a huge help to me. One-sided article, all about privacy, nothing written about how it helps people. Are we going to ban phones, CCTV, drones, beach cams, street surveillance cameras, Ipads, tablets, dash cams and laptop cameras?

Anthony Renwick

How many people know they are being filmed in almost every store in Australia? Covert cameras are everywhere for whatever reason. Agree or not these cameras are out there, and are incredibly useful, particularly to vision/hearing impaired people, but not only that as they get tied further into AI translation travellers in/from foreign countries will have a better experience. I agree that it's not polite in some circum-



From the Holster



Shaun Hollis brings you a lighter look at local news.

stances but a law banning them is absolutely idiotic. Having said that a simple flashing LED when recording would make reasonable sense, but I'm sure at some point the footage from eyewear will become evidence around a crime and then no one will be sad about that... well maybe the criminals.

Lisa Lopez

How will we monitor tourists coming into the country with them? They're pretty cheap in Japan.

Ned Bunyip

Ban ban ban, bloody nanny state numpties' answer to everything they don't like.

VISA PAUSES TO IMPACT SHIRE'S MAIN INDUSTRY

Ashleigh Pavett

We rely heavily on our backpackers to fill positions in the hospitality front through our season in our town.

Andrew Smith

I employed backpackers in Port Douglas for 30 years from the mid '90s til 2014. Most of the backpackers were from Europe and spent heaps of money doing tourist things when not working. Then the govt opened the door for South American backpackers to do their 88 days and they flooded Port Douglas taking 2 and 3 jobs per day. They had 6 to 8 people living in a 2 bedroom unit and ate mainly 3 minute noodles or similar. The majority didn't eat at restaurants or go to the reef they just pocketed all their money. Because of this they forced the Europeans out of Port Douglas and our economy went downhill from backpackers now all South Americans.

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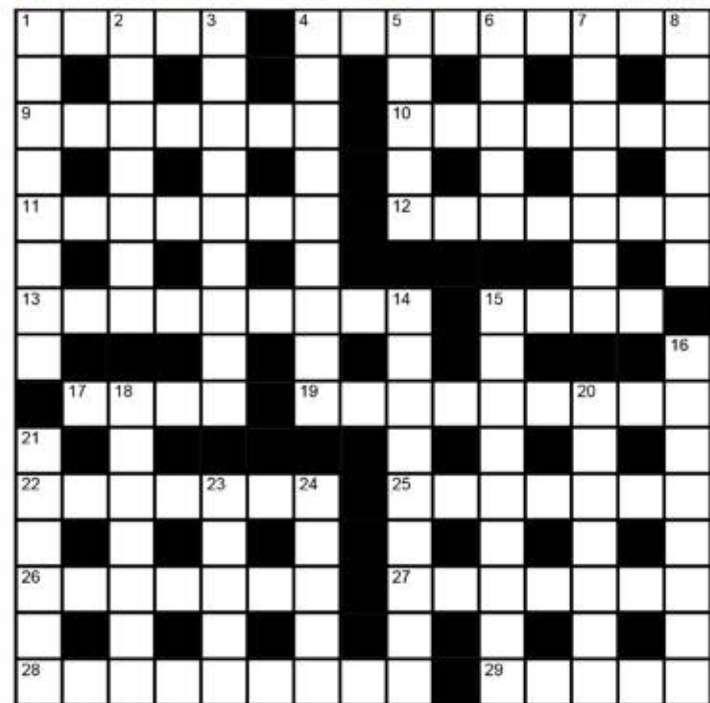
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QUICK CROSSWORD

No. 103



ACROSS

- 1 Foot covers (5)
- 4 Rash; hasty (9)
- 9 Parallel (7)
- 10 City in northern France (7)
- 11 Skull (7)
- 12 Assistance; public amenity (7)
- 13 Pathological self-admirer (9)
- 15 Tilt (4)
- 17 Island (4)
- 19 Not seasonal (4-5)
- 22 Arrives at (7)
- 25 Town in France with a shrine to St Bernadette (7)

DOWN

- 26 Flightless marine bird (7)
- 27 Playhouse (7)
- 28 Divider (9)
- 29 Jobs undertaken (5)
- 1 Takes without permission (8)
- 2 US city known as 'The Windy City' (7)
- 3 A group with a common interest (9)
- 4 Compensation (9)
- 5 Due respect (coll) (5)

- 6 10th US president (5)
- 7 Address (7)
- 8 English county (6)
- 14 Quack (9)
- 15 Stout (9)
- 16 Character in Homer's *Iliad* (8)
- 18 Reading or copying machine (7)
- 20 Modernises (7)
- 21 Support (4,2)
- 23 Beautiful woman in Muslim paradise (5)
- 24 Egyptian peninsula (5)

SOLUTIONS

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Quick Crossword



Word Find Message:

One good term deserves another

Sudoku

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

9-Letter

tail, talc, toll, tollu
quail, quality, quilt,
oculi, oily, outlay,
lot, lout, octal,
LOQUACITY, loquat,
labc, larity, loci,
colt, cult, lacy,
coll, coral, cola,
clout, cloy, coal,
caul, clay, clot,
aliquot, all, alto,

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9-LETTER

No. 004

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:

18 words: **Good**
22 words: **Very good**
31+ words: **Excellent**

QUICK QUIZ

- 1 *Murder at the End of the World* star Emma Corrin (pictured) came to prominence through which other TV show?
- 2 Taoiseach is a title used by the leader of which country?
- 3 Vespers are Catholic prayers during what part of the day?
- 4 Masking, packing and duct are all types of what?
- 5 Which common house plant is also known as the Swiss cheese plant?
- 6 The Derwent river is in which Australian state/territory?
- 7 If someone is shirty, are they reserved, annoyed or violent?
- 8 *The Sound of Silence* is a 1965 song by what folk rock duo?
- 9 What is the term for a basic or junior chef in a brigade de cuisine?
- 10 In what year were women first allowed to vote in Australia?



ANSWERS: 1. *The Crown* 2. Republic of Ireland 3. Evening 4. Tape 5. Monstera 6. Tasmania 7. Annoyed 8. Simon & Garfunkel 9. Commis 10. 1902

WORD FIND

THEME: Australian birds

The remaining letters will spell out a message.

E	N	G	N	I	W	P	A	L	D	O	H	N	M	E
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CHAT	KOEL
CHOUGH	KOOKABURRA
CRAKE	LAPWING
CROW	LORIKEET
DOVE	MAGPIE
DUCK	MANNIKIN
EAGLE	MYNA
EGRET	OSPREY
EMU	OWL
FANTAIL	PIBIT
GALAH	ROBIN
GANNET	ROCKWARBLER
GOOSE	SHOVELER
GOSHAWK	SKYLARK
GULL	SPINEBILL
HERON	STORK
IBIS	SWAMPHEN
KESTREL	SWAN
KINGFISHER	TATTLER
KITE	

DRINK, DINE, DARTS
ONLY AT



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SOCIALS

An art gallery opening at the Sheraton Grand Mirage resort and Run Port Douglas attracted locals and travellers this week. Pictures: Jamie Jansen, Francesca Bossoni



Ollie Warn at Run Port Douglas.



Emily Thompson, Caoimhe Moran, Jessica Furlong and Jasmine Lack at Run Port Douglas.



Rachael Boon and Donna Ward at the gallery opening.



Catherine Kane and Leah Paul at Run Port Douglas.



Tricia Salsbury, Sheraton Grand Mirage general manager Kath Townsend and Peter Salsbury at the gallery opening.

WHAT'S ON

- SEP 10** Trivia Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 10** Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs
Time: 7pm-9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- SEP 11** Social Dancing
Time: 6.30pm-9.30pm
Location: Pullman Sea Temple
- SEP 11** Bingo Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro
- SEP 11** Friday Arvo Indoor Golf
Time: 2pm-6pm
Location: Daddyshack Indoor Golf, Grant St, Port Douglas
- SEP 11** Rob Longstaff
Time: 7.30pm-10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- SEP 11** Ash Grunwald
Time: 5pm-10pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar & Grill
- SEP 12** Community Market
Time: 9am-1pm
Location: 59 Front Street Mossman
- SEP 12** Babinda Harvest Festival
Location: Bill Wakeham Park

- SEP 13** Tessa Devine
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- SEP 15** Indonesian Night
Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 16** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- SEP 17** Trivia Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 17** Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- SEP 18** Bingo Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 18** Friday Arvo Indoor Golf
Time: 2pm-6pm
Location: Daddyshack Indoor Golf, Grant St, Port Douglas
- SEP 19** Kiki Courtidis & Tullara
Time: 1pm-8.30pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill

- SEP 20** Ben Jansz
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill
- SEP 22** Indonesian Night
Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 23** School Holiday Activities
Time: 10.30am-11.30am
Location: Mossman Library
- SEP 23** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- SEP 24** Trivia Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 24** Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs
Time: 7pm-9.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- SEP 25** Bingo Night
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 25** School Holiday Activities
Time: 10.30am-11.30am
Location: Mossman Library

- 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 29** Indonesian Night
Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: 3Sixteen Bar & Bistro at Ramada Resort, Port Douglas
- SEP 30** Crafternoon Fun
Time: 2pm-4pm
Location: Mossman Library
- SEP 30** Marina Markets
Time: 11am-5pm
Location: Crystalbrooke Marina, Wharf Street Port Douglas
- OCT 1** Crafternoon Fun
Time: 2pm-4pm
Location: Mossman Library
- OCT 1** Bingo with K-Star
Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- OCT 2** Dave Dusch
Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Location: Club Mossman
- OCT 2** Kingfisha - Reggae Roots
Time: 5pm - 10pm
Location: Ellis Beach Bar and Grill

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SPORTS DIGEST

BRIEFS

SOCCER

Douglas United will enter the FNQ community soccer division one Preliminary Final in fine form after trouncing fourth-placed Innisfail 7-1 in the semi on Friday night.

Daniele Cirani scored a hat-trick in the lopsided result, while Raffie Mulcahy scored two and Gonzalo Becerra and Georges Laulhe slotted home one each.

At one stage early in the second half the score was 2-1 after Innisfail was awarded a penalty, but the Dragons put the foot down after that to score five goals in a little over half an hour, with Cirani running riot.

United will face Atherton from 6.30pm this Friday night at Endeavour Park in Cairns after they lost to Southside Comets in the other semi final.

The winner will face the Comets in the Grand Final in Cairns on Friday, September 18.

LAWN BOWLS

On Saturday, 24 bowlers from Marlin Coast Bowls Club visited Mossman for the Jo and Nev Trophy, the third year of this event being played between the two clubs, which was previously held at Marlin Coast.

This Year Mossman were the winners 178 shots to 128.

There were eight rinks of three-bowl Triples played, with each team playing two games of 10 ends.

A big thank you to the Girgenti Family and Nev for their support.

Finals race setback

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The scores were level at three-quarter time, but the Crocs were again wasteful in a tense final stanza, kicking 1.7 to 2.2 to go down by less than a goal. Other good players included Jake Cook, Brodie Francis and Ben McPhee.

The Elimination Final was equally exciting, with Trinity Bulldogs winning by two points against the Cairns Saints in a match which included several lead changes in the final quarter. Port Douglas

will face Trinity in the Preliminary Final this Saturday from 5pm at Cazalys Stadium in Cairns for a chance to take on South Cairns in the Grand Final.

The Port Douglas reserves had a good win in their Qualifying Final, defeating Trinity 15.7 (97) to 7.6 (48). They are through to the Grand Final, and will face the winner of the Saints versus Bulldogs game this weekend. The Crocs women lost their Elimination Final to Trinity 2.2 (14) to 10.7 (67).



Jared Petrenko played well despite coping some treatment from his opponents. Picture: Shaun Hollis



The Mossman Sharks Under-14 rugby league team blitzed the Edmonton Storm in the Grand Final on Saturday to come away with a 46-6 victory. Scrum-half Ryland Ross-Kelly was voted Player of the Match in the commanding victory. Picture: Mossman Junior Rugby League Club

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HOLEY MOLEY, NONNO

Young golfer Aiden has hit a hole in one on the Mossman golf course - exactly three months after his grandfather, or nonno, Peter Santarossa landed one.

Aiden, 10, hit his on the 10th hole, while Peter scored his on the 8th - the crucial difference being Peter's won him about \$6600 because the 8th is the jackpot hole, while Aiden's was simply for the love of golf.

And the young up-and-coming star has loved golf for half his life since he started playing at age five when Peter took him out on the course as part of his solemn babysitting duties.

"Nonno took me out one day and I've just loved it since then," Aiden says.

"(It's) just being outside and being on the course."

Aiden was the 2024 Mossman Golf Club junior player of the year.



Aiden, 10, and grandfather Peter Santarossi have both hit holes in one recently. Picture: Shaun Hollis

Huge Croc blow

Shaun Hollis

The Port Douglas Crocs suffered another agonising loss to second-placed South Cairns Cutters on Saturday to throw the AFL Cairns premiership race wide open.

After going through most of the season undefeated, the Crocs lost the final minor round game to the Cutters by a kick after the siren, and last weekend lost the Qualifying Final by three points, 8.16 (64) to 7.10 (67). Arguably the better team on the day, inaccurate kicking was the downfall of Port Douglas, including starting the second quarter with seven points.

The Crocs kicked the first goal of the match, but fell behind after South Cairns answered with three goals of their own.

The game was proving a physical encounter, with several scuffles and Crocs star Jared Petrenko in particular coming in for some rough treatment from his Cutters opponents. He held up firm, and continued on to be one of Port's best on the day.

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