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# Risky croc plan

Shaun Hollis

Crocodile numbers must be reduced to a point where there is an "acceptable risk" you will not be taken by a croc if you choose to

swim in a Far North Queensland waterway, a public briefing has heard.

Katter's Australian Party MP Shane Knuth told the state par-

liamentary committee briefing he had discussed the plan with a tourism operator from the Port Douglas/Cairns region.

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# Raising Wangetti bar

Shaun Hollis

The Wangetti Trail project is set to receive a boost through the 2032 Brisbane Olympics, the State Government says.

The Government has put out a statement outlining how the Olympics is not just for Brisbane, and regional centres will also benefit through activities such as increased tourism.

“Leveraging the 20-year tourism plan for initiatives like The Wangetti Trail” is a priority, the statement reads.

“The plan recognises the value in Queensland’s regional centres,” it states.

Premier David Crisafulli said 2032 would be the “Queensland Games”: “These games are a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver an infrastructure, tourism and grassroots sports legacy to benefit all of Queensland.”

“Delivering 2032 and beyond sets the plan to build much more than what’s needed for a few weeks of competition,” he said.

In the meantime, the current 7.8km section of the 94km Wangetti Trail project that has already



The 7.8km completed section of the Wangetti Trail is currently closed for repairs. Picture: Bryan Littlely

been built will remain closed until at least Monday, April 14, according to Queensland National Parks. Advice includes an alert the trail is closed “due to weather impacts”.

“Wangetti Trail maintenance is currently being undertaken by a works contractor,” the advice states. “The trail will reopen when works are complete and conditions are considered safe.”

Large sections of the trail

washed away following heavy monsoonal rains earlier this year.

An inspection by Newport of one small northern section near Ellis Beach showed two separate washed-away areas.

The \$47m Wangetti Trail plan has been dogged by controversy across the past decade, but Premier Crisafulli said earlier this year his government was committed to completing the route to Port Douglas. The plan is to have it “operational by the third quarter of 2028, depending on the weather and approvals”, according to DESI.

“The trail will include a choice of public camping facilities and high-end eco-accommodation offerings,” DESI states. “The Wangetti Trail is a game-changing ecotourism offering for Far North Queensland.”

It will deliver more than 150 local jobs and will inject more than \$388m into the economy, DESI states. The walking and mountain biking trail will be in three sections: 33km from Palm Cove to Wangetti, 54km to Mowbray River, and 7km to Port Douglas.

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# Cheers to putting a cap on beer prices, finally

Automatic six-monthly beer-price rises have been suspended for two years by the Federal Government.

The regular increases, which have been happening in step with inflation since 1983 due to government regulations, have been a longtime bugbear of the Australian Hotel's Association.

AHA chief executive Stephen Ferguson welcomed news the draught-beer excise will be frozen for the next two years.

"This is a win for the millions of men and women who like to go down to their local and have a beer," Mr Ferguson said. "There's no better place to have a beer than down at the local pub - they are the hubs of their communities."

Mr Ferguson said the tax-rate policy in regards to beer prices has been encouraging people to stay at home drinking alone rather than getting out and socialising in venues. Anyone who drinks at a local pub or club knows only too well how tap-beer prices have been going up regularly for decades now.

Excise-duty rates on alcohol are reviewed every February and Au-



Oaks Resort barman Lorenzo Loratro has finally witnessed some relief from twice-yearly beer price rises. Picture: Shaun Hollis

gust, with the tax applied depending on the alcohol strength of the beer. The latest increase was the 84th price rise since the excise was introduced in 1983.

One of the many Port Douglas venues to be hit with the regular ongoing tax rises is the Oaks Resort. General manager Paul Par-

rant said he was hopeful the beer price would now stay steady.

"It's great that some of these big companies will be helping us out by not increasing pricing," he said. "And thanks to the government. It's good to hear."

The beer-price freeze does not apply to canned and bottled beers.

## News in Brief

**AIRLIE A BUDDING STAR**  
Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas is getting ready to launch a new 24/7 live stream, giving people around the world a close-up view of one of its most iconic residents; Airlie the Cassowary.

The project is in partnership with Zoolife TV, a global platform that streams live footage from zoos and wildlife parks.

The camera has been set up in his favourite hangout spot, so he's expected to be front and centre most of the time.

**FUNDS FOR HOUSING**  
Regional councils and developers can this month apply for a share of \$1 billion in State Government grants to help kickstart the building of more houses.

The first stage of the four-year Residential Activation Fund has been set aside to build more roads, water, and sewerage to pave the way for more homes to be constructed.

Guidelines and eligibility criteria are available at [statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/housing-infrastructure-investment-fund](http://statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/housing-infrastructure-investment-fund).

**WATER PIPES REPLACED**  
More than \$700,000 has been spent by Douglas Shire Council replacing about 1.3km of ageing pipework at Miallo and Rocky Point.

The water-main upgrade, which saw ageing asbestos cement pipe replaced with a more durable poly-pipe material, is set to reduce maintenance and unplanned water interruptions along Miallo Bamboo Creek Road and Mossman Daintree Road across the next 50 years.

Works also included a new connection between the main water pipeline and Miallo State School, improving the reliability of water supply to teachers and students.

# Ambo volunteers needed

The Port Douglas Local Ambulance Committee is calling for new members, warning that without fresh volunteers, the long-running community group may be forced to suspend operations after years of dedicated service.

The volunteer committee undertakes community activities promoting and helping Queensland Ambulance Services.

Michelle Vladich, who recently stepped down after 20 years as president, said the committee was in urgent need of support.

"We've been a quiet but vital part of the community for years, but we simply can't continue without more hands," she said.

Michelle said joining the committee was a meaningful way to give back, without requiring a ma-

jor time commitment. "We have a meeting every two months that goes for about an hour and our yearly activities. It's not a big commitment, but it has a big impact."

Without new volunteers, the future of the committee is uncertain.

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## Drone footage of stuck shark

A Port Douglas paramedic has taken stunning drone footage of a 2m reef shark trapped in the Four Mile Beach swimming enclosure.

Acting officer in charge Zak Pitra filmed the shark as authorities worked to free it from the enclosure last week, which was shut to the public at the time.

A crowd of about two dozen curious onlookers and lifeguards gathered on the beach as the events unfolded.

The shark is believed to have found its way in overnight, with one early-morning beachgoer taking a photo at about 6.45am.

The trapped shark follows another incident about a fortnight ago when a 1m crocodile also made its way into the same swimming enclosure.



Drone footage of the shark.

# Croc laws in firing line



A committee is reviewing whether to push ahead with changing croc laws.

From Page One

Mr Knuth told the meeting - held last week on the final day before submissions closed for people to have their say on proposed new laws to allow for the culling and hunting of crocodiles - the operator said that in the 1990s tourists were instructed they could swim, but "it's a risk".

"Now it's come to a point where, if tourists come to her and people say 'can we swim in the water?', she will say 'you will

die,'" Mr Knuth told the committee. "We want to get it back to the point where there's always going to be a risk, but we want it to be an acceptable risk."

Under the current policy - where problem crocodiles are removed from popular waterways - if your boat accidentally sinks in FNQ, "you're likely going to die", he said. But those who oppose culling and hunting of Queensland's crocodiles, such as Daintree River tour operator David White, argue that

reducing crocodile numbers will still not make waterways safe to swim in.

"These animals are perfectly adapted ambush hunters, and unless we kill them all, then we will increase complacency but not safety," Mr White stated last week. "This has been shown in a peer-reviewed scientific paper released last year and all scientists agree."

Mr Knuth also told the briefing he wanted to allow participating Indigenous communities to open up their lands to a "quota of high-end clients" so they can hunt crocodiles - a practice that takes place in other parts of the world such as Africa. And he also wanted the current five-year trial period of harvesting 5000 croc eggs for hatching at sanctuaries to be extended to as many as 90,000 eggs per year.

A further public hearing is now planned for Wednesday, May 21, before a parliamentary committee hands down a report on Friday, July 25, on whether or not to introduce changes to crocodile laws as outlined in the draft Crocodile Conservation and Control Bill.

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# Paws and Claws ready for tail-wagging reunion

Jamie Jansen

As the team at Paws and Claws prepares for this year's much-loved Pooch Party as part of Port Douglas Carnivale, excitement is quietly building, with a slightly different bark than usual.

The event is shaping up to be a reunion for past and present supporters of Paws and Claws.

This year there will be changes to the schedule and location of the Pooch Party. Instead of Jalunbu Park, the event will begin with a community Best Dressed Dog walk, starting at Reynolds Park, and follow the beach to the Surf Life Savers Grounds.

Guests can enjoy a barbecue from Malone's BBQ, face painting for the kids, free vet samples from Port Douglas Vets, and a big-ticket raffle with prizes from local businesses like Back Country Bliss, Sailaway, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Floral Edge, Port Paws Dog Training, The Book Lounge, and more.

"It's going to be more of a 'dog's day out' this time," Paws and Claws manager Chris Barber said.

"We're hoping to reach out to



**Paws and Claws manager Chris Barber, trainee Claire Deuble, and shelter dogs Dusty and Nunu, are ready for a Pooch Party. Picture: Newsport**

everyone who's adopted a dog from us over the years, there have been over 150 adoptions, and invite them to come along for the day.

"It's a chance to reconnect, share stories, and remember all those incredible dogs."

This year's gathering is all about connection, celebration, and of course, plenty of happy, wagging tails.

"It's really about reminding people we're still here, still active, and still making a difference," he said.

"It's more of a community event than anything else.

"Seeing everyone dress up their dogs is always fun, but for me, the best part is when adopted dogs come back."

The Pooch Party is part of Port Douglas Carnivale from May 23-25 and is sponsored by Ray White.

## US headliners announced for Savannah gigs

Savannah in the Round is excited to announce two powerhouse acts - Zac Brown Band and Jackson Dean - as the US headliners for the 2025 festival set to come to Mareeba this October.

Zac Brown Band, the multi-platinum, Grammy Award-winning Southern rock group, will be the festival's headline act.

The band has sold more than 30.5 million singles, 9.3 million albums, and amassed over 11.2 billion catalogue streams worldwide.

Their accolades include three Grammys and 16 #1 radio singles.

The other US headliner is country star Jackson Dean, whose powerful voice and country-rock infusion has captivated audiences globally. His debut single Don't Come Lookin' reached number one on the country radio charts and has more than 150 million streams. Fans can expect a diverse mix of music at the festival, vibrant performances, and an unforgettable atmosphere, all set in Mareeba Rodeo Arena.

Tickets are on sale now for the event, taking place from October 9-12, at savannahintheround.com.au.

## Join the Carnivale parade float fun

Get ready to turn Macrossan Street into a spectacle of colour and creativity as Port Douglas Carnivale's Macrossan Street Parade returns on Friday, May 23.

This year's theme, Tropical Treasures, invites businesses, individuals and community groups to bring their best float ideas to life for a chance to win in one of

four prize categories, with awards ranging from \$500 to \$2000.

Douglas Shire Mayor Lisa Scomazzon said the Tropical Treasures theme perfectly captured the essence of the region.

"Winning floats will showcase the treasures of our region, the natural beauty, tropical culture and community spirit of the Doug-

las Shire," she said. The action kicks off at 4.30pm with market stalls, rides, activities and a kids' disco, building up to the main event at 6.30pm.

As the night continues, fireworks will light up the sky at 8pm.

Savannah Sounds will be bringing the beats to Rex Smeal Park from 4pm to 10.30pm, featuring

DJs Zoe Badwi, Andy Van, and Jolyon Petch.

Savannah Sounds is brought to you by the team behind Savannah in the Round and presented by Douglas Shire Council with major sponsor Newsport.

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## Region set for rebound - MP

The Douglas Shire has faced its setbacks, but Cook MP David Kempton says he is committed to ensuring the Queensland Government is kept apprised of the situation and the needs for it to rebuild and is in the region on a weekly basis to do that.

"The Douglas Shire has suffered multiple setbacks in recent times with Covid, the Jasper floods and then the Mossman Mill closure," Mr Kempton said.

"Whilst the impacts of Covid have largely passed, the loss and damage from Jasper will have repercussions for some time to come.

"One of the major economic impacts resulting from Jasper is the tourism industry which has experienced a downturn most likely initially as a result of the failure of the water supply and then the interruption to the highway access."

Mr Kempton pointed to the State Government extending the disaster relief grants to July this year to further assist the recovery effort, and bringing forward restoration works to the Cook Highway.

# Feds forget our Shire

Bridge repairs, road upgrades, remote laundries and the war on illegal tobacco importers are some of the Federal Budget measures that may directly impact Far North Queenslanders.

The Federal Government has pledged \$7.2bn for upgrades to the Bruce Highway, as well as more than \$97m to finish sealing the remaining 11kms of the Kennedy Developmental Road between The Lynd junction and Hughenden.

Recent floods on both roads contributed to food shortages in Douglas Shire supermarkets earlier this year.

Advance Cairns chief executive Jacinta Reddan welcomed the sealing of the Kennedy Developmental Road.

"We repeat our calls to undertake this work as a matter of urgency during the coming dry season," she said.

"Additional funding into this key North-South transport and heavy freight route is vital."

And \$225m has been allocated for repairs to the Barron River Bridge on the Kennedy Highway



A 2020 inspection of the Barron River Bridge showed cracking in steel sections. Picture: Transport and Main Roads Department

between Cairns and Mareeba, also helping improve access to the Shire.

Built in 1963, the more than 250m-long bridge was shown to be cracking in some of the steel sections during 2020 inspections.

The budget also pledges close to \$157m across the next two years to try to combat the importing of illegal tobacco and nicotine - the sparsely populated northern regions of Queensland are particularly susceptible to such activity.

And more than \$11m has been pledged across the next four years from July to build and maintain up to a dozen community laundries in remote First Nations communities across northern and central Australia to help reduce skin infections that can lead to other more serious illnesses.

Labor Senator for Queensland Nita Green said Treasurer Jim Chalmers had delivered a "responsible budget".

"We are delivering real cost of living relief now," she said.

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# Fresh flavours on offer

## BUSINESS FEATURE

Club Mossman has entered an exciting new chapter. Following a stylish makeover and its re-opening in November, the club has introduced more than just a fresh new look, it now boasts an expanded bistro menu, a brand-new pizza menu, and a talented new chef leading the charge.

Leading this culinary transformation is catering manager Nourdin Yacoubi, who brings more than 36 years of experience to the role.

His impressive career spans England, London, Brisbane, and Port Douglas, adding a rich depth of expertise to the Club Mossman kitchen.

Nourdin's resume includes time at iconic venues such as Oxley's on the River in Brisbane and vibrant jazz bars in Covent Garden, along with a long-standing reputation in the Far North Queensland dining scene.

Now, just three months into his role, Nourdin is making his mark with a refined menu that balances classic club favourites with innovative specials.

"We're keeping things simple, quality club food that people love, like steaks, parmies, and fish and chips," he said.

"But the special board is where we get creative. Customers are loving dishes they wouldn't expect to find in a club setting."

At the time of speaking, the specials menu features a rich and creamy chicken pesto pasta and a seafood paella packed with prawns, calamari, mussels, bugs, and chorizo, cooked in fragrant saffron-infused paella rice.

"It's been a hit," Nourdin said. "We sold 20 paellas on the first day."

The club's recent renovations have also improved its kitchen op-



Club Mossman, led by catering manager Nourdin Yacoub, now has an expanded menu. Picture: Jamie Jansen

erations. A dedicated pizza station has been introduced, allowing for fresh, house-made pizzas, while an all-day cafe menu is now available. And yes, they also offer takeaway.

"We're focusing on fresh, in-house preparation," Nourdin explained. "We make most of our food from scratch and we're sourcing the best ingredients possible, like seafood from Santiago's in Port Douglas and fresh produce from Scomazzon's."

With a brand-new winter menu set to launch in the coming months, guests can look forward to fresh seasonal dishes alongside their favourite classics.

"We're planning a full refresh, keeping what works and adding some exciting new options," Nourdin said.

Club Mossman is already building a loyal following, with diners even making the trip from Port Douglas just to enjoy a meal. "It's great seeing familiar faces week after week," Nourdin said.

Beyond the food, the club has become a local entertainment hub, offering live music and events every weekend.

From local bands and DJs to karaoke nights and crowd-favourite trivia, there's always something happening to bring the community together.

Adding to the fun, the club is bringing back its popular Corporate Bowls competition, an easy way for local businesses to sign up a team and enjoy some friendly rivalry on the green.

The upgrades don't stop there. New furniture has started to arrive and the final delivery is expected around Easter, replacing the current setup, much of which will be donated to the Golf Club. The club has also added a new courtesy bus to its growing list of amenities, offering convenient transport for both members and bowlers to enjoy a night out.



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## 10 YEARS AGO

### Crocs ready to kick off season

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At 3pm we can expect the Seniors to produce a great spectacle against last year's preliminary finalists South Cairns.

There will be plenty of excitement around the ground, and we want our loyal supporters to be there to witness this event, along with our sponsors and dignitaries. Make sure you don't miss it.

At the first 200 Club for the 2015 season we are looking forward to having an opportunity to meet with sponsors and special guests.

John Cameron will be there for you to sign up for this season if you haven't already, and club shirts will, of course, be available.

Our raffles will be on as always, and look out for the special tray of organic pork, donated by Joe Warren from Cooktown.

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## Yachty back with new skip

With a new “skipper” at the helm, Port Douglas’s beloved Yachty is officially back after a short break and a flurry of fresh upgrades.

Behind the scenes, volunteers have been busy giving the space a refresh, with new paint, resealed concrete, upgraded lighting, and a semi-removable stage roof that offers shade by day and cover for night-time gigs.

At the helm is John Pooley, an experienced hospitality manager, bringing a steady hand and no-nonsense approach.

His resume includes managing the Dingo Beach Hotel and a resort in Cape Gloucester, and now, he’s guiding the Yachty through a period of renewal.

“We’ve got to focus on getting the basics right, drawing locals back in, and improving operations,” he said.

“No bells and whistles, just getting the foundation right.”

Live music is making a strong return, with a growing lineup of gigs and events planned throughout the year. and the kitchen has a brand-new menu.

# Saving reef for forever

Douglas Shire primary students have been learning about protecting the Great Barrier Reef and other environmental projects through a unique collaboration.

The EcoSmart Kids workshop, run by solar-energy company GoodWe and reef-protection organisation the Forever Reef Project, has visited Mossman and Port Douglas State Schools to run student workshops.

GoodWe’s John Wright and Anie Kapadia and Forever Reef Project managing director Dean Miller are part of a national school program to help raise more climate-change awareness and further educate students on solar power. Port Douglas State School principal Doug Barnes said the visit is a great way to further educate students.

“It’s a great opportunity for our students to learn more about climate change, renewable energy and environmental conservation,” Mr Barnes said.

“This is the first time we have had a visit from GoodWe and we have excursions planned to visit the Forever Reef Project.”



Grade two students, with (from back left) Dean Miller, Doug Barnes, Anie Kapadia and John Wright, were the first to attend the program at Port Douglas State School. Picture: Byron Filmer

Students can now enter the EcoSmart Kids Competition to show, through any form of artwork or other creative outlet, what they’ve learnt.

They can even come up with an idea on how to help spread aware-

ness or help out the environment. The top three entries from each year level will go in the running to win national prizes, with an awards ceremony to be held at the Forever Reef Project centre in Port Douglas later in the year.

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# YOU SAID IT! Opinion Page

## SHARK TRAPPED IN PORT DOUGLAS SWIMMING ENCLOSURE

**Kelda Wray**

The water looks lush!

**Leanne Austin**

Wow I was swimming there recently.

**Carol Fleming**

Probably trying to get away from the Crocodile reported on 4Mile this morning... south of the Sheraton Creek!

**Jonathan Huntley**

Bull shark.

**Kylie Powlow**

New sport, Adventure Swimming Port Douglas.

**Jonathan Foster**

It's not a shark it's a shovel nose stingray they hunt crabs in the shallow water, no teeth and yes they are very good eating.

**Richie Stapleton**

It's a very small non threatening shark.. everyone loves the drama!

**Colin Sutton**

April fools joke?

## WANGETTI TRAIL MAY GET OLYMPIC BOOST

**Chrissy Geyer**

If it survives till then!

**Neil Jabs**

Absolute rubbish... the Wangetti trail is a monumental failure. To spend \$47 million on the actual construction and then completely neglect the common sense future ongoing maintenance is the definition of insanity and stupidity. Almost every time it rains it gets washed away and collapses in numerous sections. Who pays and how much to maintain the trail in its entirety including weed con-

trol, wash outs, fallen trees, safety etc etc etc. It's a NO brainer to immediately cease any further construction of the Wangatti trail and shelve it permanently in the tropic fragile environment. Put the money into the road which still remains a mess 16 months after Cyclone Jasper

**Jenny Naidu**

Never should have happened. Priority should have been the Captain Cook highway fix ups and road to Cape Tribulation. Did they actually research as to how many people would really be interested in this trail!! Unbelievable waste of taxpayer's money!

**Jeff Read**

IGA will sell lots of 2 minute noodles and the rescue chopper boys will be busy.

**Anthony Christopher Renwick**

In the history of modern Olympic Games has any country actually benefited?

**Kim Christensen**

Try fixing it properly because every rain season we have it will be washed out.

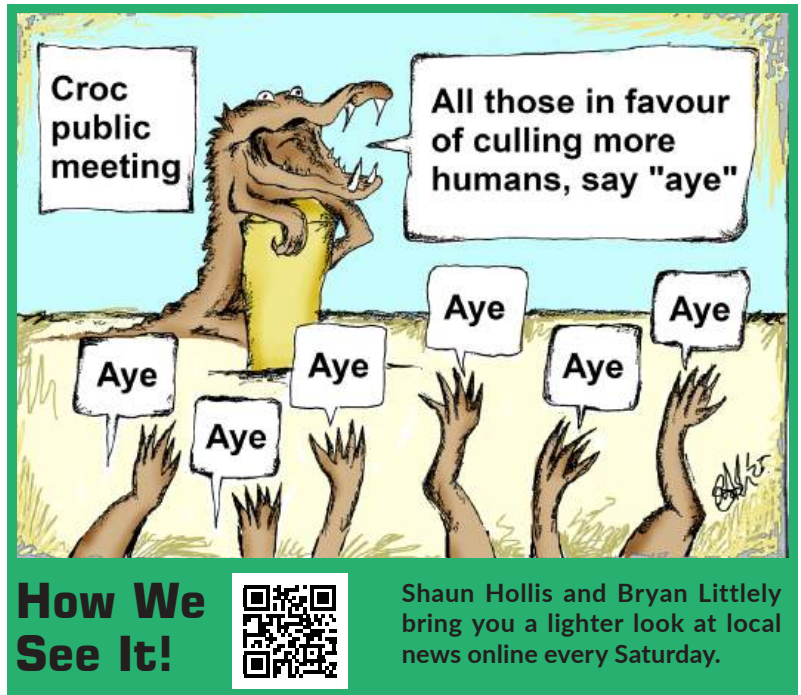
## CAP FOR BEER PRICES HAS BEEN WELCOMED

**Christopher Saint**

Before any of you beer drinkers out there die of a heart attack, the \$43 actually refers to the excise paid on a litre of pure alcohol and not a litre of beer! Then depending on the alcoholic strength of the beer the actual figure is calculated. Just doing my civic duty here - cheers!

**Michelle Simone**

It's a great shame its not on bottles and cans too. What about all us do gooders who are on the 0.5% beers cos we are



Shaun Hollis and Bryan Littlely bring you a lighter look at local news online every Saturday.

the designated drivers? Have u seen the price of these drinks?!

**Matty Laskey**

Prices are ridiculous I hope the locals support the those that have fair prices like Paddy's etc

## CROC COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT STATE OF CONTROL MEASURES

**Jonathan Foster**

An excellent step in the right direction. Thank God for common sense at last

**Damon Woods**

Unless every single crocodile is removed then THEIR NATURAL HABITAT is still out of bounds for humans to swim in so removing some and not all is futile. I wonder if the committee has the intelligence to comprehend something so basic and obvious???

**Leith Keegan**

If there was widespread regular

bouts of crocodiles proactively hunting humans I might be up for a bit of a cull. There's no evidence of that.

**Bev Rossignoli**

My sister in law will tell you 60 years ago they swam in the river at Newel. It was safe. Because crocs were hunted to a point of extinction. I just think we need respect for all animals.

**Leith Keegan**

I know people who have been bitten. One of my son's friends in primary school got taken in the Daintree. A friend's flatmate nearly got taken up near Cooktown when he was snorkeling just a couple of years ago. Still don't want to cull them tho.

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Last weekend was big for Douglas Shire sport, with the Reef Raiders playing a home rugby game, Mossman Sharks playing their third home rugby league game in a row and the new surf life saving season kicking off with a flag-raising event. Pictures: Shaun Hollis



Reef raiders volunteers Dick Hedges and Bruce Wynn.



Tajah and Bracklan Harris at the rugby.



Sean Connelly and Tenyka Hepworth at the rugby league.



Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club nippers and volunteers have some fun.



Linc Walker doing the surf club Welcome to Country.



Surf club president Irene Cats opens the event.

# WHAT'S ON

## STAY UP TO DATE

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## APRIL 10

Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs, Time: 7pm-9pm, Location: Club Mossman

## APRIL 11

Rockin' Rick DJ, Time: 7pm-10pm, Location: Club Mossman

Light Up The Park, Time: 3pm-7.30pm, Location: George Davis Park, 6 Foxton Ave, Mossman

Monthly Social Dancing, Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm, Location: Pullman Sea Temple Resort

## APRIL 12

Savour the Shore & Beyond: A Progressive Dinner Across Land and Sea, Time: 3pm-9:30pm, Location: Oaks Port Douglas

Takeover Series Dinner: Alastair McLeod, Time: 6pm-10pm, Location: Harrisons Restaurant

Agave Australis Masterclass @ Daintree Bar, Time: 3pm-4pm, Location: Daintree Bar

Cow Bay Beach BBQ, Time: 11am until food runs out, Location: Cow Bay Beach

Brandon Walker, Time: 7pm-10pm, Location: Club Mossman

## APRIL 13

Kirtan Meditation through Music, Time: 4pm-5.30pm, Location: Yoga in The Tropics Studio

## APRIL 24

Trivia with Supa Sal and Wevs, Time: 7pm-9pm, Location: Club Mossman

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## APRIL 15

Community Food Gardening, Time: 7am-8am, Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Foxton Ave, close to C&K Mossman Community Kindergarden

Kids Easter Yoga & Mindfulness, Time: 10am-10.45 (11)am, Location: Port Douglas Neighbourhood Center

## APRIL 15

Magic Workshop with Chantal Munro, Time: 10:30am-11:30am, Location: Mossman Library

## APRIL 17

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

## APRIL 22

Community Food Gardening, Time: 7am-8am, Location: Circle of Plenty, Mossman Botanic Garden, Foxton Ave, close to C&K Mossman Community Kindergarden

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# SPORTS DIGEST

## Raiders hold on for a stirring victory

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But another missed kick - this one more difficult than some of the first-half efforts - put the score on 5-0 and left the gate ajar for the Raiders.

And not long later the Port Douglas side threw that gate open, breaking through the Barron defence to propel left wing Harry Davis across the line to score.

As the large crowd held their collective breaths, replacement kicker Luke Edwards finally slotted home with the boot for the



The Reef Raiders in action on Saturday against the Bulls.

Raiders to nudge into the lead, 7-5. From there the team had to knuckle down and hold on as the stifling heat and physical game started to

take a large toll. Captain/coach Richard Johnston said it is one of the proudest victories he has experienced at the club.

"It was excellent, one of the hardest games I've been involved in for a long time," Johnston said.

The heat and humidity played a big part in the game, he said.

"It was one of the hottest games I've ever been involved in.

"I'm super proud of the boys."

Johnston said the best players included scrum-half Thomas Paris and big front rower Maika Rai-varoro.

The Port Douglas Reef Raiders are away to Cairns Wanderers next Saturday, April 12, from 5pm.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### RUGBY LEAGUE

The Mossman Sharks have fallen agonisingly short against the Cairns Brothers, going down 12-11 at home.

The Sharks started slowly, conceding two tries in the first half, with one of those converted by Brothers to post a 10-0 scoreline early in the game.

Following that, the Sharks lifted, with left-side centre Caynin Yeatman crossing the try line to bring the score back to 10-4, but kicker David Lui could not convert, with that finishing up as the half-time score.

The Sharks continued to press in the second half, but ultimately finished just a point short of Brothers in a thrilling finish for the large crowd gathered at Coronation Park in Mossman.

Mossman next faces Mareeba Gladiators away on Sunday, April 13, at 3pm.

### LAWN BOWLS

Mossman Men's Jackpot Bowls results Saturday, April 5: Bernard Savage, Bill Allison & Mike Sims W 1; John Arnold, Warren McCoist & Troy Churchill W 5; Bob Carroll, Ted Holmes & David White W 10 with 10 ends and winners on the day Neil Brooks, Wayne Parkes & Steve Cue W 10 with 12 ends.

Ladies Thursday, April 3, had 13 players with M. Cooper, A Geddes, B. May & R. Petrus runners up with one win and winners with two wins, Zina Girgenti, Joan Day & Glenise Sharp.

Men's B Grade Championship games: Jock Constantine 25 vs John Arnold 13; Brian Williams 25 vs Dick Pitt 5. A Grade Steve Hudson 25 vs David Beaumont 19; Mick Frese 25 vs Bill Smith 12.

The 8 A Side will travel to Edge Hill Cairns to play Round 2 on Saturday morning (April 12). Bus 7am from club.



Mossman Shark Robbie Amber makes a snaking run during Saturday's game against Cairns Brothers. Picture: Shaun Hollis

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Port Douglas surf life saver Irene Cats (centre) with her Noosa Heads teammates and (inset) Grant Knight. Picture: Port Douglas SLSC

## PAIR OF LEGENDS SHINE AT AUSSIES

A pair of Port Douglas surf life savers have produced some amazing results at the national championships on the Gold Coast.

Irene Cats and Grant Knight competed in various events for the Noosa Heads club while also proudly representing their home club here in Port Douglas.

Cats secured bronze in the 110-plus combined-age swim team,

fourth place in 35-39 Surf Swim, and eighth in 35-39 Ironwoman.

Knight also performed well, achieving fifth in 50-54 2km Run, and 12th in the 50-54 Ironman at the 2025 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

With their contributions, the Noosa Heads team came third overall in the Masters points score, finishing below North Bon-

di in second and Bondi first out of 117 clubs that competed in the category.

The Aussies is an annual event where members from Australia's 314 surf clubs come together to compete in more than 480 beach and ocean events.

This year's competition was held at North Kirra and Tugun.



Thomas Paris was one of the Reef Raiders' best players.

## Raiders find a home at the new fortress

The Reef Raiders have held on to claim a stirring two-point win against Barron Trinity Bulls in a thrilling game of hard-fought rugby union.

Tensions ran high through the crowd of a few hundred fans on a boiling Saturday afternoon in Port Douglas as both sides pushed dangerously close to the try line numerous times in the first half, but could not quite drive over.

Both sides got within touching distance of the line, and missed several gettable penalty-kick opportunities, but at half time the score was 0-0. The stalemate broke early in the second half, however, when the Bulls made a run down the grandstand wing to force their way across the line.

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