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Friday, 27 June 2025, 8:00 PM

**ABC** (1 media item)

**A parliamentary ethics committee determined Queensland Premier David Crisafulli did not declare a \$200,000 settlement related to a...**

ABC • Lexy Hamilton-Smith • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 7:09 pm

News A parliamentary ethics committee has found Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidate For several months, Mr. Crisafulli was sole director of a long-struggling training organisation that collapsed in 2016. The ABC revealed last year that after he became an MP, he settled an insolvent trading claim against him involving that company, but he didn't list the debt on his register of interest. Today, the ...

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Keywords: Crisafulli (2), Premier (2), David (1), Queensland (1)

Item ID R00122824774 • Interviewees David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

**Channel 10** (2 media items)

**Queensland Premier David Crisafulli faces integrity allegations following an Ethics Committee report revealing he was "careless" i...**

Channel 10 • Sharyn Ghidella • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 5:02 pm

Interview Premier David Crisafulli has been been accused of having an integrity problem after a long-awaited report by the Ethics Committee was made public. Live to state political reporter Matthew Karstunan And Matt, what did the report find? Yeah, good evening, Sharon. The report is in relation to three payments made by the Premier worth \$200,000 back in 2020 and 2021 to liquidators of Southern Edge Training. Now, Mr Crisafulli was the company's director ...

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**Keywords:** Premier (4), Crisafulli (2), David (2), LNP (1), Queensland (1)

**Item ID R00122820918 • Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier, Cameron Dick, Qld Deputy Opposition Leader •

### **Mr Josephson, co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain, played a significant role the national company until its sale i...**

**Channel 10 • Sharyn Ghidella • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 5:02 pm**

News Mr Josephson founded the clothing chain Universal Store with his brother in the 90s. He played a big role in the national company until it was sold in 2018. It's understood his wife had been away in Noosa this week. This is a tragic incident and that will affect the family, the community as a whole and other young persons who were at the house at the time who are assisting us with inquiries. The teenager's case was briefly mentioned in the C ...

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**Keywords:** Queensland (4), Government (1)

**Item ID R00122820859 • Interviewees** Del Supt Craig Williams, Queensland Police •

**Channel 7 (7 media items)**

### **Energy consumers in Australia face annual price increases of up to \$61, prompting calls compare and switch to lower-priced plan...**

**Channel 7 • Max Fitcher & Katrina Blowers • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:14 pm**

... \$41. Use this opportunity to compare your options, see if you can switch to to a lower-priced plan. Every household is set to receive \$150 off their power bills from the federal government in quarterly instalments of \$75. The state has \$386 rebates for 600,000 vulnerable households. The Crisafulli Government is winding back widespread rebates. ...

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**Keywords:** Government (3), Crisafulli (1)

**Item ID R00122823320 • Interviewees** Sally Tindall, Data Insights Director, Canstar, David Janetzki, Qld Treasurer, Steven Miles, Queensland Opposition Leader •

**Channel 7 • Max Fitcher & Katrina Blowers • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:11 pm**

Commentary I don't even have to make a contribution in the Parliament. And for that to be a unanimous decision of a committee is a big deal.

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**Keywords:** Crisafulli (1), David (1), Premier (1), Queensland (1)

**Item ID R00122823151 • Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

## **The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier over a \$200,000 payment made to settle claims from liquidators during h...**

**Channel 7 • Max Fitcher & Katrina Blowers • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:10 pm**

News The Premier Premier has been cleared by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee over a \$200,000 payment he made to settle claims from liquidators. It relates to his time as the director of a training company called Southern Edge nine years ago. He failed to declare the money to Parliament when he returned to politics as the Member for Broadwater in 2017. The report has cleared me. There is no further actions.

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**Keywords:** Premier (3), Broadwater (1), Crisafulli (1), David (1), Queensland (1)

**Item ID R00122823157 • Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

**Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:30 pm**

News And State Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared Premier David Crisafulli over an omission on his official register of interests. He said it had been careless, while Labor says there are still questions.

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**Keywords:** Crisafulli (1), David (1), Premier (1)

**Item ID R00122819823 • Interviewees** N/A •

## **The ethics committee cleared a government official of further action despite acknowledging carelessness, with the Premier and oppo...**

**Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:07 pm**

News The ethics committee noted he was careless but recommended no further action be taken. The Premier and opposition called media conferences this afternoon to address the findings?



Let's take a listen. The report has cleared me. There is no further actions. I don't even have to make a contribution in the Parliament. And for that to be a unanimous decision of the committee is a big deal. Where did the money come from? Where did the \$200,000 come ...

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**Keywords:** Premier (3), Queensland (3), Crisafulli (1), David (1), Government's (1)

**Item ID R00122819144 • Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier, Cameron Dick, Queensland Deputy Opposition Leader •

### **The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt after he settles claims from liquidators with a \$200,000 pa...**

**Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:06 pm**

News The Premier has been cleared of contempt by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee, after he made a \$200,000 payment to settle claims from liquidators. Let's go to State Political Editor Malina Wopp. Malina, this follows an eight-month investigation. Yes, Sam, Labor had pushed for David Crisafulli to face the Ethics Committee on the eve of the October election. It dates back to the time when he became the director of a training company after losing ...

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**Keywords:** Crisafulli (1), David (1), Premier (1)

**Item ID R00122819018 • Interviewees** N/A •

### **A 15-year-old boy has been charged with murder following the fatal stabbing of prominent Brisbane businessman Greg Josephson, four...**

**Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 3:59 pm**

... 7. Teen charged, a leading Brisbane business identity stabbed and killed at a Clayfield party. War of words around Supreme Leader emerges downplaying America's attacks on its nuclear facilities. Crisafulli cleared the ethics investigation into the Premier's Register of Interests. And the Queen of the fashion world abdicates her Vogue crown. A 15-year-old boy has been charged with stabbing the founder of a popular clothing ...

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**Keywords:** Queensland (2), Crisafulli (1), Government's (1)

**Item ID R00122818924 • Interviewees** Corinne Matthews, neighbour, Det Act Supt Craig Williams, Queensland Police Service



Channel 9 (1 media item)

**Queensland Premier David Crisafulli has been cleared of contempt by Parliament's Ethic Committee but was found careless for not p...**

Channel 9 • Melissa Downes • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:13 pm

News Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt, but declared he was careless for not publicly disclosing all of his financial liabilities when he was Opposition leader. David Crisafulli today accepted he should have sought advice, sparking a war of words with the opposition. David Crisafulli's \$200,000 payment over a failed jobs training company followed him during the election campaign. To Queenslanders who may not know about ...

**Stream**

**Keywords:** Premier (4), Crisafulli (3), David (3), Queenslanders (3)

**Item ID** R00122823261 • **Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier, Cameron Dick, Old Deputy Opposition Leader



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### HOT TOPICS

- The [Courier Mail](#) leads widespread coverage reporting Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson was allegedly stabbed to death by a 15-year-old boy at a house party in Clayfield, with police charging the teen with murder. Premier David Crisafulli declined to comment on whether the case would be the first test of the 'adult crime, adult time' laws, citing respect for the grieving family. Meanwhile, the [Courier Mail](#) reports retired magistrate Ron Kilner has called the youth justice policy a "Band-Aid approach" with limited long-term effect.
- The [Courier Mail](#) and [ABC Online](#) report Premier David Crisafulli was found by the Ethics Committee to have failed to disclose \$200,000 in settlement payments to liquidators but was cleared of contempt of parliament. Mr Crisafulli said he acted in good faith but admitted he should have sought advice.
- The [Courier Mail](#) reports shadow minister Shannon Fentiman has called for an overhaul of laws requiring schools to report the sharing of nude images by children on social media,

warning schools should face penalties for failing to notify police. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said he had written to the accreditation board to ensure schools comply.

- The [Courier Mail](#) reports the Queensland Government will hire 150 staff to deliver a \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade aiming to meet modern safety standards by 2030, Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said. About \$5.5 billion will go towards wide centre line treatments, targeting high-risk areas north of Gympie to reduce head-on collisions.

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## KEY PUBLICATIONS

### House party horror

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Iwan Jones & Tayla Couacaud, Page 1

The co-founder of clothing chain Universal Store, 58-year-old Greg Josephson, was found unresponsive in his multimillion-dollar home in the exclusive suburb of Clayfield on Thursday night after he was allegedly stabbed. [...] Premier David Crisafulli on Friday declined to comment on whether the teenager would be the first to be tried for murder under the government's 'adult crime, adult time' policy.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#)

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### Class action on nudity

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Kylie Lang, Page 3

The state government is being called on to urgently overhaul laws around the reporting of nude imagery shared by children on social media with schools which fail to notify police to face criminal charges. [...] Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek did not respond to questions from The Courier-Mail around reviewing legislation or hosting a summit.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### Premier league gambling inquiry

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Chelsea Bunting & Erin Smith, Page 4

Police are investigating claims a Gold Coast soccer player was approached by a Chinese company's representatives to help manipulate a state premier league match outcome. [...] A Queensland Police spokeswoman confirmed it was investigating

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **'Rubber hitting road' on \$9bn fix**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 6

The state government will hire 150 full-time employees to deliver the \$9bn Bruce Highway upgrade plan, now backed by a newly released priority list that aims to see Queensland's deadliest road fixed by 2030. [...] Premier David Crisafulli said works on Bootooloo Rd between Bowen and Ayr and the Toomulla Intersection at Townsville and Ingham would begin "within weeks".

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## **'Careless' but in the clear**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 9

Premier David Crisafulli has been labelled "careless" for failing to disclose a \$200,000 settlement on his register of interests but has been cleared of contempt of parliament. The powerful Ethics Committee on Friday found Mr Crisafulli failed to disclose three payments he made to liquidators between March 12, 2020 and July 19, 2021 over his involvement as a director of failed training company SET Solutions.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **'The world is watching'**

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 28/06/2025, Natassia Wheele, Page 10

As someone who started out in a visitor information centre and built a career across every level of tourism, I know its power to change lives my own included. [...] The Honourable Andrew Powell Environment and Tourism Minister and Science and Innovation Minister: Tourism is more than an industry in Queensland; it's the foundation of tens of thousands of small businesses, and the livelihood of more than 270,000 Queenslanders.

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## **Bleijie: Games will stay up here**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 19

Concerns that Olympic Games events could be taken outside Queensland have been dismissed by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie. Mr Bleijie insisted all events would remain in Queensland, per the government's plan announced in March.

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## **Finger on the pulse of city**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Rachel Riley, Page 24

Brisbane's brains trust pumps out a new baseline for our future branding "I think at the moment the liquor laws across Queensland don't represent who we want to be, and that's my job, to work towards with the (state) government, to come up with taking some restrictions off," he said. [...] "I think if the (state) government, which it says it's committed to, gets out of the way of opening up of the opportunities, opening up the river, I think that could really add a whole lot of vibrancy."

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## Shiploads of drugs

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Shayla Bulloch, Page 27

International drug syndicates are smuggling cocaine into Queensland in sea chests and attaching packages to cargo ships in extreme operations to get drugs ashore. It comes as the Australian Border Force (ABF) braces for a 70 per cent increase in cargo coming to the nation's waters over the next decade, bringing with it the threat of more illicit drugs hidden onboard ships.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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## No butts about it

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Peter Carruthers, Page 35

A dramatic raid of illicit tobacco and vapes during which authorities were unlawfully locked inside has netted a haul of alleged illegal cigarettes, vapes, bongos valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. Queensland Health environmental health officers ran a compliance inspection of the Urban Tobacconist and Snacks shop on Grafton St in central Cairns this week.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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## Jack's keeping streets safer

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 38

Together, Brett and Belinda Beasley are responsible for one of Queensland's most historic and far-reaching public safety laws. But it's a distinction they wish was never bestowed on them, and one they'd forgo in a heartbeat, if only they could bring their boy Jack back.

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## EX-magistrate says LNP wrong with youth crime mantra

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Jeremy Pierce, Page 75

A retired Gold Coast magistrate who returned to work on the other side of the bench has hit out at the state government's adult crime, adult time laws, saying they were "kidding themselves" if they think "a clever catchphrase" will achieve meaningful results. [...] A spokesman for youth justice minister Laura Gerber said the LNP government was committed to solving the youth crime crisis.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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## Dual genocide claims from MP

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

In an astonishing outburst in Queensland parliament this week the only surviving Greens MP likened the "genocide" against Palestine by Israel to the "genocide" against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by white Australians. The inflammatory comments came from Member for Maiwar, Michael Berkman, whose electorate straddles suburbs including Indooroopilly, Auchenflower and Toowong.

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## **Oddball week in state parliament**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghlon, Page 78

Welcome to my brain tumour. Pity poor Palestine. "Clowns on the left, jokers on the right." [...] David Crisafulli rarely speaks about his wife Tegan or his daughters, but he did this week.

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## **Start spreading the news about Brissie**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Regardless of whether we consider Brisbane's "big country town" label a sledge or a badge of honour, the reality is we have the next seven years to capitalise on hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games - and we can't miss the chance. Yesterday, some of the state's brightest and boldest brains came together to discuss how Brisbane can sell itself to the world, and the challenges ahead.

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## **Bruce upgrade off and running at last**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel as works begin to bring the Bruce Highway up to standard. [...] Queensland's Transport and Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg says high-risk sections of the highway north of Gympie are being targeted as a priority, with wide centre lines, overtaking lanes, and intersection upgrades.

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## **Disgraced greyhound trainer takes aim at QRIC during appeal**

Courier Mail, Sport, 28/06/2025, Adam Dobbin, Page 109

Former Hall of Fame greyhound trainer and convicted live baiter Ron Ball issued a stinging broadside to Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) officials in a lastditch attempt to return to the industry this week. Ball, who prepared the great Flying Amy during his six-decade training career, fronted the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel on Thursday in a bid to have a 10-year disqualification overturned.

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## **Was it murder at the mansion? Boy, 15, held after tycoon stabbed during 'school party'**

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan & Marcus De Blonk Smith, Page 1

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain has allegedly been stabbed to death by a teenage boy, who police say was known to him, during an afterschool party at his Brisbane mansion. [...] Queensland Police Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said it was alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the boy.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## Olympics out of Brisbane's league

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Noel Pearson, Page 23

It's not too late for Brisbane to withdraw from hosting the 2032 Olympics. [...] The new Liberal National Party government of Premier David Crisafulli has inherited a liability, and no doubt is excited and enthusiastic about likely being the government in charge when Brisbane 2032 comes around.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## CEO dies in party stabbing

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan, Page 4

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing company and chief executive of another company has been stabbed to death during a house party in a ritzy Brisbane suburb. [...] Acting assistant commissioner Rhys Wildman said police alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the teen.

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## What to do when girls go out of control

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 78

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures. It's a cliché so old that it uses the imperial system, but its metrics stand true today. [...] Which is why the Queensland Government's \$50m commitment to 'crime prevention schools', including \$10m to the Gold Coast's own Men of Business (MOB) Academy, makes cents - even with the state debt now ballooning past \$200bn.

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## George St Beat: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Mikaela Mulveney, Chris Burns & Taylah Fellows

Welcome to a calm and methodical, budget-themed edition of George Street Beat. [...] David Crisafulli wants to change Queensland's colour to blue so I've got a surprise for him," Mr Miles this week said.

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## Queensland GP chain DoctorLink goes bust, owes creditors millions

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Perillo

A group of medical companies across Queensland have collapsed into administration owing millions of dollars to creditors. Several entities under the popular GP brand DoctorLink entered administration late last month, a notice lodged with the corporate regulator reveals.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **QEM to progress environmental assessment for Julia Creek vanadium and energy project**

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025

The finalised TOR outlines the scope and requirements for the EIS, enabling QEM to begin preparations which can be carried out concurrently with its pre-feasibility study. [...] Its potential scale has been recognised by the Queensland Government, which granted a 'Coordinated Project Declaration' in December 2024 that will streamline the entire approvals process, making it easier and faster to get through regulatory requirements while still meeting environmental and community standards.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## **Universal Store co-founder's death to test adult crime, adult time laws**

Brisbane Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Cameron Alfield, Cloe Read & William Davis

The teenage boy charged with Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson's murder looks set to be the first major test of Queensland's controversial adult crime, adult time legislation. Under the new laws, which were a key plank of Premier David Crisafulli's election pitch last year, juveniles can face life sentences for serious criminal offences.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## **Ethics committee finds David Crisafulli failed to declare \$200,000 payment to liquidators**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Liam Walsh

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found. The failure of Mr Crisafulli to list the liability on his MP register of interests was "careless", the bipartisan ethics committee found in a report tabled on Friday.

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## **Hospital study finds link between La Niña events and spread of deadly *Vibrio vulnificus* infection**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, James Taylor

Anamika Ganju had not seen anything like it in more than 20 years as an intensive care clinician. [...] In a statement, Queensland Health says the department issues public health advice about the risks of exposure to floodwaters, particularly around severe weather events.

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## East-west link in spotlight

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

Northern Australia's east-west connectivity will be a major focus of an upcoming conference set to host more than 400 delegates, including leading decision makers and policy influencers. The Developing Northern Australia Conference will sit at the Convention Centre for three days from July 22, with the event "strategically" lured to Cairns, in line with the beginning of a new federal parliament term, TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen said.

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## Reckless actions rampant

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 5

Not a single penalty has been issued for reckless human behaviour around crocodiles since the introduction of tough new laws in Queensland, sparking calls for further reform. [...] Cairns Division 1 councillor Brett Moller said he believed the men were not locals, and on Monday, June 16 lodged a complaint to the Department of Environment Tourism, Science and Innovation.

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## Rate rise of \$155 a year

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 3

The average ratepayer on the minimum general rate in Cairns will pay \$155 a year more in rates this year. [...] "The state government's recent land revaluation with an average increase of 30 per cent across our region placed significant pressure on rates.

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## Giving a boost to FNQ

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Lizzie Vigar, Page 4

Far North Queensland has welcomed a multi-billion-dollar makeover after Premier David Crisafulli unveiled the 2025-26 state budget, pitching it as a "fresh start" that tackles youth crime, health backlogs, housing shortages and cost-of-living pain. Key spending includes \$560 million for early-intervention programs such as a new regional reset scheme for highrisk teens and a youth justice school for offenders on court orders.

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## Budget is fresh start for state

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 5

The Crisafulli government's 2025-26 \$116.8 billion budget lays the foundation for the fresh start Queenslanders voted for, addressing Labor's youth crime, health, housing and cost of living crises. Premier David Crisafulli said the Queensland budget was "delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland".

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## Legacy's \$5.7m crusade

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 7

A petition has been launched to try to secure nearly \$6 million for the proposed FNQ Legacy House, a vital new hub for veterans and their families in Far North Queensland. Barron River MP Bree James is leading the call for \$5.7m in state and federal government support to deliver a purpose-built facility that will provide crisis accommodation, mental health and wellness services and ongoing support for over 300 beneficiaries across the region.

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## Far North Queensland kids face life-threatening delays as support services face cuts despite 300-day cardiac waitlists

Cairns Post, Other, 27/06/2025, Emma Cam

Far North Queensland families have been left out of the state budget despite heart disease being the leading cause of death in remote areas of Australia. [...] Member for Hill Shane Knuth accused Health Minister Tim Nicholls of inaction on a solution to a second cardiologist for Cairns Kids.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Far North's economic strengths, challenges hit the road

Cape York Weekly, Other, 27/06/2025, Cape York

The latest economic and employment data for Far North Queensland will be unpacked at a series of free Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tropical North forums across the region in June and July. [...] A longer session will be held in Cairns, with RDA Tropical North giving an update on current priorities alongside AusIndustry, the Office of Northern Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and nbn.

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### Kirwan High's nursing program gets national nod

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Evan Morgan, Page 3

Kirwan High has been named as a double finalist in the prestigious 2025 Australian Education Awards honours that showcase the principals, teachers and best performing schools in the country. [...]

Developed in partnership with Queensland Health and local aged care providers, the program offers year 12 students from not just Kirwan High but other schools in the region, the opportunity to gain real-world industry qualifications and employability skills in the healthcare sector.

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## Katter runs into brick wall

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Josh Mercer, Page 4

Traeger MP Robbie Katter says a developer is ready to take on the challenge of turning defunct parts of Eventide Aged Care Facility into social and affordable housing. [...] Mr Katter put a question on notice to the Health and Ambulance Services Minister, Tim Nicholls, in parliament in May asking if he supported repositioning the proposed Charters Towers Hospital so the Eventide Aged Care Facility can be repurposed for housing.

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## Help to protect women

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Page 5

A Townsville chief executive, who has been helping support NQ women in need for almost two decades, has started work as part of the state government's newly established Sexual Violence Review Board. [...] Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support Laura Gerber said the Sexual Violence Review Board is another step towards ensuring victims' rights are front and centre.

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## Copper clock ticking down

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Chris Burns, Page 7

Queensland's critical mineral supply faces a "five minutes to midnight" threat on the proverbial doomsday clock, with industry insiders fearing the closure of its only copper smelter could derail the \$13.9bn CopperString transmission project. [...] High-level discussions have been held between Glencore and Premier David Crisafulli, with the company indicating it would need \$2bn over a decade to justify keeping the smelter open.

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## Airport celebrates 20 years with QAL

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Daneka Hill, Page 22

It's been a crazy 20 years for Townsville Airport, with passenger numbers growing 45 per cent and \$118m in upgrades completed. Our little airport was acquired by its current owner, QAL (Queensland Airports Limited), on March 15, 2005 a time when fire engines made ceremonial water archways for planes carrying the Cowboys NRL squad, and the 2004 mining boom was making FIFO a household acronym.

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## Gold Coast fast rail is the untold State Budget story - and it could make a big difference to the gridlocked M1

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Paul Weston

The untold Gold Coast story from the State Budget is not about funding for light rail going south to the border being on pause. It's about faster train services north to Brisbane. [...] Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg, in a Budget chat with your columnist about light rail and the Coomera Connector, when asked about fast rail, provided some stunning statistics.

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## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

### Rates rise

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, McKenzie Neal, Page 1

Longreach ratepayers will see an average increase of 2.7 per cent in their rates bills this financial year, following the adoption of Longreach Regional Council's 202526 Budget.[...] A further \$8 million will be spent on roads, streets and stormwater maintenance, with \$7 million allocated to contract works in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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### Millions are committed for the West

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart, Page 1

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 202526 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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### Telstra wins tower appeal

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Matthew Pearce, Page 3

Telstra has won an appeal to build a new 5G tower near Longreach's Stockman's Hall of Fame on Ilfracombe Road. After the proposal was rejected by Longreach Regional Council in November, Telstra appealed the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

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### Big month at Blackall-Tambo

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Andrew Martin, Page 9

June is almost over. [...] The Queensland Government is partnering with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC) to support a trial designed to increase transport connections to essential medical, education and community services,' he said.

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### Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Morning Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025

A Central Qld grazier-turned-politician is lauding wind and solar farm legislation which will empower local voices, but the peak state body has warned there could be negative outcomes. Grazer-turned-politician Glen Kelly is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## CQ's 'fresh start on Budget

CQ Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacIaggari

A new high school in Gracemere, a TAFE Centre of Excellence, and close to \$2 billion for the Rockhampton Ring Road headline a 2025–26 State Budget the Queensland Government says delivers a "fresh start" for Central Queensland. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday.

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## Millions committed in state budget to Western Queensland

Emerald Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Jin Hui

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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## WIDE BAY

### Council supports housing action in Gin Gin

Bundaberg Now, Other, 27/06/2025, Natasha Harth

In another win for Bundaberg Regional Council's Housing Action Plan a State Government social housing project has been delivered in Gin Gin after Council gifted land to the State. [...] Queensland Government Minister for Housing and Public Works Sam O'Connor said the project was representative of the collaborative approach needed.

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### State Budget commits \$4.4 billion to Paradise Dam

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacIaggari & Tahlia Facer

Rebuilding Paradise Dam headlines a number of Wide Bay–Burnett initiatives in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget handed down on Tuesday. The State Government allocated \$4.4 billion to construct a new wall at Paradise Dam, which Deputy Premier and State Development Minister Jarrod Bleijie said was a long-awaited step to restore water security in the region.

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### Council conditions major intersection upgrades on 256 lot development approval

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

East Bundaberg is set to welcome yet another housing development with council approving a 256 lot subdivision at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday. Encompassing almost an entire block between Telegraph Rd, Ashfield Rd and Barga Rd, the development will be established upon land previously used for cropping.

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## WESTERN QUEENSLAND

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## SUNSHINE COAST

### Budget delivers funding

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 3

Gympie South will benefit from a new Queensland Fire and Rescue Station as part of a \$36 million investment outlined in the 202526 Queensland Budget, handed down this week. [...] "This Budget is delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland," Premier David Crisafulli said.

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### Highway fix starts

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Arthur Gorrie, Page 7

The \$9 billion joint federal-state government project to "fix the Bruce" got started just north of Gympie on 20 June with major works at Bauple. [...] State Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg, Federal Assistant Regional Development Minister Anthony Chisholm and state Primary Industries Minister and Gympie MP Tony Perrett also welcomed the projects, which are being informed by advice from the Bruce Highway Advisory Council.

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### Fishing shackles released

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 27

A media statement from the Crisafulli Government has said it is revoking investment warnings for the state's commercial fishing industry a move, it says, will restore confidence, improve financial access, and support industry growth. [...] Minister for Primary Industries and Gympie MP Tony Perrett said the change was vital to the future of the industry, which contributes around \$354 million annually to Queensland's economy while supporting about 2835 jobs.

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### Step in the right direction

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 28

The Gympie Regional Council, and specifically the Cooloola Coast, is set to benefit from next month with \$30,000 to improve walking track facilities in the area. [...] Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said that through this round of grants, more than \$8.8 million will be invested in regional Queensland to help deliver improved pathways for children travelling to school and for people walking or cycling in their neighbourhoods.

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## GOLD COAST



## Labor's green dreams put out of their misery

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Matt Canavan, Page 81

The Queensland Budget this week revealed that the former Labor government wasted a rainy-day fund on various renewable and hydrogen pet projects. When the Labor party increased coal royalties a few years ago, it knew that Queensland would lose part of the windfall revenue to other states as part of the GST redistribution.

*Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#)*

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## Here's what \$380m buys in south east

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 26

The Sunshine State has become the nation's new money magnet for property seekers, with the top 20 biggest sales of the financial year in Queensland eclipsing all other states except for NSW. A whopping \$380m was spent on just 20 residential properties in the past 12 months five in Brisbane and the rest scattered across the Gold Coast and Noosa with agents reporting an exodus of Melbourne buyers and an influx of local buyers.

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## We need a new model for mental health emergencies

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Carly Hudson, Page 78

There's a growing crisis in how we respond to mental health emergencies, and it's playing out in hospital emergency departments every day. [...] I note the recent announcement from the Queensland Government of a dedicated low-stimulus space for mental health ED presentations at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

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## What we're doing with your money

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Tale, Page 79

The Gold Coast continues to experience record population growth and residents have an expectation that council, and other levels of government, will focus on delivering core services and infrastructure. [...] The City has funding set aside for the detailed business case for Stage 4 yet we have now learned the State Government is still yet to match that funding in their 2025-26 state budget.

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## Gold Coast Turf Club: \$1bn lifestyle precinct Sunshine development's big step forward

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Andrew Polts

A \$1 billion Gold Coast Turf Club transformation plan for a "world-class" residential and retail entertainment precinct will burst out of the gates after more than a year of delays. [...] "This has never been about moving fast, it's about doing it properly, and with the community beside us (and) to have that support, and the backing of Gold Coast City Council and the State Government, gives us the confidence to now take the next step.

*Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)*

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## TOOWOOMBA

### 17 lives within 24 years

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive funding boost to upgrade it, as part of funding within the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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### Public service spending spree ahead of new cap

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

Millions of dollars will be spent appointing new public service executives before the government's hiring cap kicks in next week. Job advertisements for three senior positions in the Treasury department were posted on Seek on Wednesday June 25 the day after Treasurer David Janetzki announced a public service hiring freeze in his first budget.

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### Delay to protect disgrace: Vonhoff

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 5

Deputy mayor Rebecca Vonhoff has lashed council bureaucrats over a seven-month delay in developing environmental protections for the Toowoomba region, calling it a "damn disgrace" to ratepayers. Dr Vonhoff secured enough support from colleagues at last week's ordinary meeting to continue work by the council's planning department into the "management of significant vegetation".

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### Housing projects ditched and delayed

Toowoomba Chronicle, Real Estate, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 8

More than a quarter of Brisbane's apartment projects are at risk of not getting off the ground, as new figures reveal more than 1100 units are stuck in limbo as construction costs and productivity delays continue to plague the industry. [...] "Queensland has the worst construction productivity in the country and we need to get things moving if we have any hope of realising Queensland's Olympic dreams and ensuring every Queenslanders has a roof over their head," Caire said.

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### Toowoomba council accused of stopping development of 100 new affordable homes in Glenvale over earthworks opposition

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

A Brisbane developer has slammed the Toowoomba Regional Council for holding up the construction of 100 houses for first homebuyers, over requirements he has described as "stupid". [...] "Our objective is to sell lowset homes for under \$750,000 — the land price is \$300,000, and the house is \$400,000, and the state government is encouraging us to move ahead with these," he said.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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## **Qld government to start work on \$27m upgrade of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road after 25 years of carnage**

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive boost to upgrade it, as part of funding in the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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## **Future farming: CQU's collaborative vision with Ag department**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Melanie Groves

A major university is chasing a partnership with the Department of Primary Industries in an effort to encourage more people to enter the agricultural workforce. Representatives from Central Queensland University met with the Primary Industries Minister, Tony Perrett, at the Belmont Research Station near Rockhampton last week, on June 18.

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## **Council rates rise across Queensland by up to 10 per cent**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Zac Braxton-Smith

Ratepayers in most of Queensland's rural and regional areas will pay between 2.7 and 9.5 per cent more to councils from July 1, but the rate increase could be even higher in one local government area. Most of Queensland's 77 councils had voted to increase their FY25-26 rates by June 26, with a handful of exceptions.

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## **Toowoomba-Cecil Plains road upgrades underway**

WEB The Toowoomba Minute, Other, 27/06/2025

Construction has officially commenced on the Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road safety upgrade project, following extensive community consultation in 2024. Led by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), the project will deliver several targeted safety improvements aimed at reducing crash risks and improving efficiency on this key agricultural corridor.

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## **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

### **Ipswich households to receive a new green lid bin**

Moreton Border News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 20

Ipswich is improving the way it handles waste, with an important change on the way for households. [...] The new GO bin will be delivered to every Ipswich household kerbside at no additional cost to residents, with funding from the State Government.

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## **TMR looks to Germany for Bremer River bridge woes**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

With no silver bullet in sight to fix the Warrego Highway's westbound Bremer River bridge, the Transport and Main Roads Department has turned its attention to Germany, where laboratory testing could see the damaged bridge effectively patched, sparing commuters a re-decking project after two long years of waiting. Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, who attended last Thursday's Pine Mountain and Districts Progress Association AGM confirmed the growing whispers behind closed doors.

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## **Fitzroy's loss is local's gain**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Questions have been asked since the state government's decision to divert the 2032 Olympic rowing events from SEQ to Rockhampton's Fitzroy River, but criticisms of the Olympic facility are getting louder following a big change to the rowing calendar. Rockhampton was supposed to host the 2025 Queensland Schools Championship Regatta but it has been moved back to the Queensland State Rowing Centre (Wyaralong Dam) – the venue overlooked by the State when making its games choice.

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## **Waft a stench! Mangrove smelly season pongs again**

Redlands Coast Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Some Redlands Coast residents living close to mangrove wetlands are experiencing the annual 'pong-a-thon'. [...] Queensland Health has previously advised Council and residents that there are no long-term health impacts associated with exposure to hydrogen sulphide odours produced by mangrove seeds breaking down, as the levels are well below those known to cause health effects.

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## **Helping hand for Moreton Bay businesses**

Moreton Daily, Other, 27/06/2025, Nick Crackford

Seven small and family businesses in Redcliffe and Pumicestone have been selected for State Government Business Basics Grants. [...] Small and Family Business Minister Steve Minnikin said the Business Basics Grants program was part of the Small and Family Business First Action Statement.

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## **New transport sub-committee drives push for better connectivity on Tamborine Mountain**

[beautesertbulletin.com](http://beautesertbulletin.com), Other, 27/06/2025

The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Transport Sub-Committee, formed in response to mounting concerns about the region's limited public transport options. The Committee is currently updating its formal submission to the Queensland Government to reflect: Current service usage and gaps, 2021 Census data, Economic benefits of expanded transport for tourism and employment, A business case for weekend and late-service transport

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NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE METRO

## **Olympic rivalry a national sport**

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 14

Sibling rivalry certainly is a thing for federations as well as families. [...] This week's Queensland budget set out the parlous position of the state's economy, which is sliding deeper into debt.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## **Third surplus in Chalmers' sights**

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 1

Treasurer Jim Chalmers will come close to delivering a shock third budget surplus this year, even as new research showed state and federal government debt repayments were on track to reach their highest share of economic activity in at least two decades.

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## **Victoria leads the country in building homes**

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Myriam Robin, Page 18

A year ago on Tuesday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese gave the nation five years to build 1.2 million homes, divided proportionately by population among all the states and territories.

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## **QLD Premier David Crisafulli should have declared \$200k settlement**

The Australian, Other, 27/06/2025. Sarah Elks, Mackenzie Scott & Michael McKenna

G'day readers and welcome to this week's Feeding the Chooks, your regular insight into the fascinating world of Queensland politics. Trading barbs David Crisafulli failed to disclose to the parliament a \$200,000 legal settlement he made to liquidators to avoid being sued for insolvent trading, the powerful ethics committee has found.

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## **All the changes coming on July 1, and what they mean for your wallet**

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/06/2025

It's not just end-of-financial-year sales that could hit your hip pocket from July 1. [...] Penalty unit rates are being indexed by the Queensland government from July 1, meaning people convicted of a crime will pay \$5.60 more per penalty unit for most offences under state legislation.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## **Teen held on murder charge after businessman's stabbing**

Canberra Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Fraser Barton & Laine Clark

A teenager will be held in custody on a murder charge after the multimillionaire co-founder of a national clothing chain was fatally stabbed at a house party packed with youths. [...] Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said there had been "some sort of altercation" before Mr Josephson was found dead.

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## **CCTV emerges in case of teen accused of murdering Universal Store founder Greg Josephson at Clayfield mansion**

West Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Pela Rasdien

The teen accused of killing the millionaire co-founder of popular clothing retailer Universal Store at an affluent Brisbane home allegedly phoned police before his arrest. [...] Queensland Premier David Crisafulli declined to speculate on whether the boy would face the State's tough new "adult crime, adult time" policy, under which youth offenders can be sentenced as adults for serious crimes like murder.

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## **Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Brendan Mounier, Adam Stephen & Christopher Tesla

Getting to mainland Australia's northernmost point is difficult at the best of times but constant ferry breakdowns at the final river crossing has made it all the harder. [...] Tourism Tropical North Queensland estimates tourism is worth \$175 million annually to Cape York.

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## **Solar power: Kangaroo Point Bridge leads winners as Queensland architecture awards put spotlight on sustainability**

The Guardian, Other, 27/06/2025, Kelly Burke

The newest bridge spanning the Brisbane River – the longest cable-stayed pedestrian bridge in the country – has taken out top honours in the 2025 Australian Institute of Architects Queensland awards. A week after Sydney's new network of city metro stations collected architecture's most prestigious prize in New South Wales, Brisbane's Kangaroo Point Bridge was lauded at Friday night's award ceremony as another example of the significant value of state governments investing in architecture to realise major infrastructure projects that raise the bar beyond the realm of mere functionality.

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## **The CFMEU 's\*\*\* fight' after High Court decision**

The Saturday Paper, Other, 28/06/2025, Martin McKenzie-Murray

It was a significant victory for the CFMEU's administration, however predictable the outcome seemed to observers. Last Wednesday, the High Court unanimously rejected a challenge to the administration's constitutional validity, made last year by expelled Queensland officials.

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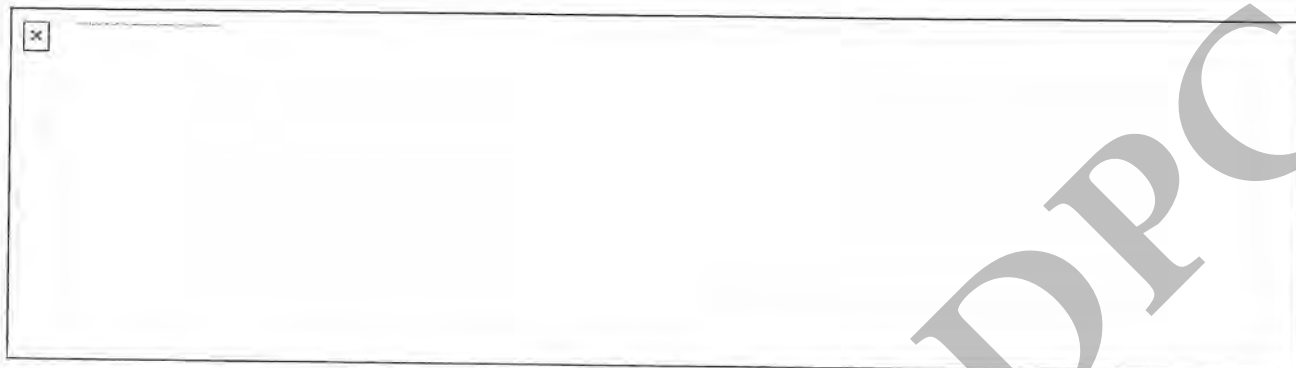
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## Friday 27 June 2025

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### Hot Topics

#### Government re-brand

- **National Indigenous Times** reports Queensland's opposition has accused the state government of directing public servants to remove Acknowledgments of Country from their email signatures. Shadow Minister for Reconciliation **Leeanne Enoch** on Thursday tabled a **Queensland Government** directive in Parliament that stated: "Departments are no longer permitted to add additional departmental branding elements such as the First Nations acknowledgement...".

#### Brisbane 2032:

- **The Australian** reports that Brisbane is not a world-class city – the Olympics are out of its league. Entertainment in the form of sporting and gaming facilities are all that politicians seem to support with unadulterated enthusiasm and massive public investment. The unwillingness to take the risk on Victoria Park is not because Labor was or is particularly prudent with public funds. It is a testament to how diabolic the cost-benefit numbers must be for all options.

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### Hourly news bulletins

#### 2pm NEWS

#### ABC Radio Brisbane

- A parliamentary ethics committee found Queensland **Premier David Crisafulli** should have declared payments to liquidators of collapsed Melbourne company SET Solutions but found no wrongdoing. Crisafulli led SET Solutions in 2016 during a political break and didn't declare \$200,000 paid to liquidators for insolvent trading claims, as revealed by the



ABC. The committee ruled he was careless but did not knowingly withhold disclosure. The **Premier** thanked the bipartisan committee. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- Olympics swimmer Cate Campbell states Victoria Park can give a lasting legacy for Brisbane, however critics have raised concerns about the effects of green space. Taking Sydney as an example, Campbell says the Sydney Olympic Park is still being used. [Stream](#)

#### 1pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- **Premier David Crisafulli** has expressed condolences over a tragic incident in Clayfield, Brisbane's north. A 15yo boy has been charged with murder after a 58yo man was fatally stabbed during an altercation last night. Police say the two knew each other. **Crisafulli** says his thoughts are with everyone affected. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- The **Queensland Government** has announced another 43 enforcement officers to crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes, with \$12.7m being spent. Offices will be spread across Queensland's 11 public health units and central compliance team. [Stream](#)

#### 12pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- The **Queensland Government** and Queensland Opposition clashed in Parliament over cost of living measures in this week's Budget. Last year's relief, including \$1,000 energy rebates and rego discounts, ended. Queensland **Opposition Leader Steven Miles** criticised the Budget's lack of support for households, while Queensland **Treasurer David Janetzki** highlighted the LNP's cost of living initiatives. The Budget is expected to pass today. [Stream](#)
- **Queensland Health** researchers say climate change is increasing the risk of exposure to *Vibrio vulnificus*, a potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria. After the 2022 eastern Australia floods, five Fraser Coast fishermen were infected. The study found exposure is nearly five times more likely during La Niña events. Lead author Daniel Bermingham says more public health awareness is needed. The findings are published in the Rural and Remote Health journal. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- Queensland **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** has taken aim at the State Opposition in parliament after remarks made by Queensland **Opposition Leader Steven Miles** relating to Adult Time, Adult Crime laws, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- As part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells says some events may need to be held in other states. Executives from World Rowing will visit Rockhampton in the coming months to check if the Fitzroy River is up to standard. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has already flagged the possibility for Sydney's Penrith to host rowing, and Melbourne for tennis. Meanwhile, Queensland **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** says if the Fitzroy River is okay for a rocky Queensland rower, then it should be fine. [Stream](#)

## 11am NEWS

### 4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** has taken aim at the **State Opposition** in parliament after remarks made by **Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles** relating to **Adult Time, Adult Crime laws**, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- The caravan sector is calling for subsidised towing and road safety courses for Queenslanders. Research reveals 80% of RV owners would change their on-road behaviours if they had access to proper education. Caravan and Trade Industries Association Queensland CEO Jason Plant states detailed advice would help drive down the road toll. [Stream](#)

## 10am NEWS

### ABC Radio Brisbane

- A 15yo boy is due to appear in Brisbane Children's Court today, charged with murder after a 58yo man was found dead at a house party on Oriel Road, Clayfield. Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman says the other teenagers at the house weren't involved. The charge is being treated as a domestic violence offence. [Stream](#)

### 4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** backs the LNP's **Adult Crime Adult Time** laws following backlash from the Opposition that the legislation will not work in Qld. **Bleijie** says the Opposition's claims are 'ridiculous'. [Stream](#)

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## Radio Mornings and Afternoon Interviews

### Brisbane

**4BC Mornings** – Interview with **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie**, replying to **Steven Miles**, discussing **Adult Crime Adult Time**, land tax policy, Brisbane 2032 and the **State Government's** Logo change. [Stream](#)

#### Deputy Premier:

- **Steven Miles' Budget Reply Speech** was lacklustre; he reheated policies he's announced before and defended his time as Premier.
- **Miles** lied to 4BC listeners, saying that **Adult Crime, Adult Time** hasn't worked because it didn't solve all the issues of the world one month after the election, and if he didn't think the laws would work, why did he vote for the bill?
- He is a puerile, childish juvenile that is just not up to the job of Opposition Leader, or indeed, Premier before the election.
- **Miles** has his crayons out, and he's worried about the colour of budget documents; that's his priority, not the victims of crime.
- Our priority in the **LNP Government** under **David Crisafulli** is the same issues we talk to the election because they're the issues that People talk to us about youth crime, housing, cost of living and the health crisis.
- I think we saw **Steven Miles' first and last Budget Reply Speech**, since we know **Cameron Dick** and **Meaghan Scanlon** and **Shannon Fentiman** are coming for his job, but they are all as incompetent as each other.
- **Miles** went on 4BC this morning and used four examples of build-to-rent programmes and projects that were already being built before Labor changed the land tax policy.



- Additionally, no land tax exemptions were applied for by developers and no land tax exemptions were given by the **Treasury** and the **Queensland Revenue Office** while Labor was in power, so the Opposition have just reheated policy.
- The Coat of Arms has not changed, the colour has changed, and the Logo for this Government is 'Delivering For Queensland'.
- The **Premier** exposed yesterday when the last budget was handed down by the Labor government, their health documentation was colour blue – they changed it.
- The funding deal with the Federal Government for Brisbane 2032 is progressing well, and I have been in talks with Federal Infrastructure Minister, Catherine King, and it will be in the best interests of the Queensland taxpayer.
- We have already gone to market with the 17,000 seat Brisbane Arena, and there is already a strong, positive interest from the private sector - Brisbane will have an arena on the **Go Print** site before 2032.
- We have kept the funding envelope for the Games at \$7.1 billion, and we have also removed Best Practice Industry Principles – aka the CFMEU tax.
- Regarding the blue origin jersey, I suspect Steven-the-stuntman will carry on with his puerile attacks on the **Premier** rather than concentrating on what matters to Queenslanders.

**ABC Radio Brisbane Mornings** – Interview with State Parliament Ethics Committee Chair **Ray Stevens** discussing Labor MPs being absent during parliamentary sittings. [Stream](#)

**Ray Stevens:**

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### **ABC (1 media item)**

**A parliamentary ethics committee determined Queensland Premier David Crisafulli did not declare a \$200,000 settlement related to a...**

ABC • Lexy Hamilton-Smith • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 7:09 pm

News A parliamentary ethics committee has found Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidate For several months, Mr. Crisafulli was sole director of a long-struggling training organisation that collapsed in 2016. The ABC revealed last year that after he became an MP, he settled an insolvent trading claim against him involving that company, but he didn't list the debt on his register of interest. Today, the ...

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**Keywords:** Crisafulli (2), Premier (2), David (1), Queensland (1)

**Item ID R00122824774 • Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

### **Channel 10 (2 media items)**

**Queensland Premier David Crisafulli faces integrity allegations following an Ethics Committee report revealing he was "careless" i...**

Channel 10 • Sharyn Ghidella • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 5:02 pm

Interview Premier David Crisafulli has been accused of having an integrity problem after a long-awaited report by the Ethics Committee was made public. Live to state political reporter Matthew Karstunan And Matt, what did the report find? Yeah, good evening, Sharon. The report is in relation to three payments made by the Premier worth \$200,000 back in 2020 and 2021 to liquidators of Southern Edge Training. Now, Mr Crisafulli was the company's director ...

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Keywords: Premier (4), Crisafulli (2), David (2), LNP (1), Queensland (1)

Item ID R00122820918 • Interviewees David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier, Cameron Dick, Qld Deputy Opposition Leader •

**Mr Josephson, co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain, played a significant role in the national company until its sale i...**

Channel 10 • Sharyn Ghidella • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 5:02 pm

News Mr Josephson founded the clothing chain Universal Store with his brother in the 90s. He played a big role in the national company until it was sold in 2018. It's understood his wife had been away in Noosa this week. This is a tragic incident and that will affect the family, the community as a whole and other young persons who were at the house at the time who are assisting us with inquiries. The teenager's case was briefly mentioned in the C ...

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Channel 7 • Max Fitcher & Katrina Blowers • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:14 pm

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Item ID R00122823320 • Interviewees Sally Tindall, Data Insights Director, Canstar, David Janetzki, Qld Treasurer, Steven Miles, Queensland Opposition Leader •

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## **The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier over a \$200,000 payment made to settle claims from liquidators during h...**

Channel 7 • Max Fletcher & Katrina Blowers • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:10 pm

News The Premier Premier has been cleared by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee over a \$200,000 payment he made to settle claims from liquidators. It relates to his time as the director of a training company called Southern Edge nine years ago. He failed to declare the money to Parliament when he returned to politics as the Member for Broadwater in 2017. The report has cleared me. There is no further actions.

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Item ID R00122823157 • Interviewees David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:30 pm

News And State Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared Premier David Crisafulli over an omission on his official register of interests. He said it had been careless, while Labor says there are still questions.

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Keywords: Crisafulli (1), David (1), Premier (1)

Item ID R00122819823 • Interviewees N/A •

## **The ethics committee cleared a government official of further action despite acknowledging carelessness, with the Premier and oppo...**

Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:07 pm

News The ethics committee noted he was careless but recommended no further action be taken. The Premier and opposition called media conferences this afternoon to address the findings?

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### **The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt after he settles claims from liquidators with a \$200,000 pa...**

**Channel 7** • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:06 pm

News The Premier has been cleared of contempt by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee, after he made a \$200,000 payment to settle claims from liquidators. Let's go to State Political Editor Malina Wopp. Malina, this follows an eight-month investigation. Yes, Sam, Labor had pushed for David Crisafulli to face the Ethics Committee on the eve of the October election. It dates back to the time when he became the director of a training company after losing ...

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Channel 9 (1 media item)

**Queensland Premier David Crisafulli has been cleared of contempt by Parliament's Ethics Committee but was found careless for not p...**

Channel 9 • Melissa Downes • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:13 pm

News Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt, but declared he was careless for not publicly disclosing all of his financial liabilities when he was Opposition leader. David Crisafulli today accepted he should have sought advice, sparking a war of words with the opposition. David Crisafulli's \$200,000 payment over a failed jobs training company followed him during the election campaign. To Queenslanders who may not know about ...

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**Item ID** R00122823261 • **Interviewees** David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier, Cameron Dick, Qld Deputy Opposition Leader



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ABC. The committee ruled he was careless but did not knowingly withhold disclosure. The Premier thanked the bipartisan committee. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- Olympics swimmer Cate Campbell states Victoria Park can give a lasting legacy for Brisbane, however critics have raised concerns about the effects of green space. Taking Sydney as an example, Campbell says the Sydney Olympic Park is still being used. [Stream](#)

#### 1pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- Premier David Crisafulli has expressed condolences over a tragic incident in Clayfield, Brisbane's north. A 15yo boy has been charged with murder after a 58yo man was fatally stabbed during an altercation last night. Police say the two knew each other. Crisafulli says his thoughts are with everyone affected. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- The Queensland Government has announced another 43 enforcement officers to crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes, with \$12.7m being spent. Offices will be spread across Queensland's 11 public health units and central compliance team. [Stream](#)

#### 12pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- The Queensland Government and Queensland Opposition clashed in Parliament over cost of living measures in this week's Budget. Last year's relief, including \$1,000 energy rebates and rego discounts, ended. Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles criticised the Budget's lack of support for households, while Queensland Treasurer David Janetzki highlighted the LNP's cost of living initiatives. The Budget is expected to pass today. [Stream](#)
- Queensland Health researchers say climate change is increasing the risk of exposure to Vibrio vulnificus, a potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria. After the 2022 eastern Australia floods, five Fraser Coast fishermen were infected. The study found exposure is nearly five times more likely during La Niña events. Lead author Daniel Bermingham says more public health awareness is needed. The findings are published in the Rural and Remote Health journal. [Stream](#)

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- Queensland Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie has taken aim at the State Opposition in parliament after remarks made by Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles relating to Adult Time, Adult Crime laws, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- As part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells says some events may need to be held in other states. Executives from World Rowing will visit Rockhampton in the coming months to check if the Fitzroy River is up to standard. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has already flagged the possibility for Sydney's Penrith to host rowing, and Melbourne for tennis. Meanwhile, Queensland Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie says if the Fitzroy River is okay for a rocky Queensland rower, then it should be fine. [Stream](#)

## 11am NEWS

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- The caravan sector is calling for subsidised towing and road safety courses for Queenslanders. Research reveals 80% of RV owners would change their on-road behaviours if they had access to proper education. Caravan and Trade Industries Association Queensland CEO Jason Plant states detailed advice would help drive down the road toll. [Stream](#)

## 10am NEWS

### ABC Radio Brisbane

- A 15yo boy is due to appear in Brisbane Children's Court today, charged with murder after a 58yo man was found dead at a house party on Oriel Road, Clayfield. Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman says the other teenagers at the house weren't involved. The charge is being treated as a domestic violence offence. [Stream](#)

### 4BC Brisbane

- Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie backs the LNP's **Adult Crime Adult Time** laws following backlash from the Opposition that the legislation will not work in Qld. **Bleijie** says the Opposition's claims are 'ridiculous'. [Stream](#)

## Radio Mornings and Afternoon interviews

### Brisbane

**4BC Mornings** – Interview with Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie, replying to **Steven Miles**, discussing Adult Crime Adult Time, land tax policy, Brisbane 2032 and the **State Government's** Logo change. [Stream](#)

### Deputy Premier:

- **Steven Miles' Budget Reply Speech** was lacklustre; he reheated policies he's announced before and defended his time as Premier.
- **Miles** lied to 4BC listeners, saying that **Adult Crime, Adult Time** hasn't worked because it didn't solve all the issues of the world one month after the election, and if he didn't think the laws would work, why did he vote for the bill?
- He is a puerile, childish juvenile that is just not up to the job of Opposition Leader, or indeed, Premier before the election.
- **Miles** has his crayons out, and he's worried about the colour of budget documents; that's his priority, not the victims of crime.
- Our priority in the **LNP Government** under **David Crisafulli** is the same issues we talk to the election because they're the issues that People talk to us about youth crime, housing, cost of living and the health crisis.
- I think we saw **Steven Miles'** first and last **Budget Reply Speech**, since we know **Cameron Dick** and **Meaghan Scanlon** and **Shannon Fentiman** are coming for his job, but they are all as incompetent as each other.
- **Miles** went on 4BC this morning and used four examples of build-to-rent programmes and projects that were already being built before Labor changed the land tax policy.



- Additionally, no land tax exemptions were applied for by developers and no land tax exemptions were given by the **Treasury** and the **Queensland Revenue Office** while Labor was in power, so the Opposition have just reheated policy.
- The Coat of Arms has not changed, the colour has changed, and the Logo for this Government is 'Delivering For Queensland'.
- The **Premier** exposed yesterday when the last budget was handed down by the Labor government, their health documentation was colour blue – they changed it.
- The funding deal with the Federal Government for Brisbane 2032 is progressing well, and I have been in talks with Federal Infrastructure Minister, Catherine King, and it will be in the best interests of the Queensland taxpayer.
- We have already gone to market with the 17,000 seat Brisbane Arena, and there is already a strong, positive interest from the private sector - Brisbane will have an arena on the **Go Print** site before 2032.
- We have kept the funding envelope for the Games at \$7.1 billion, and we have also removed Best Practice Industry Principles – aka the CFMEU tax.
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**Today's big story**

Four women charged over alleged 30kg cocaine plot



A man tries to cover Hasna Abdula Muhamed outside the arrest court in Brisbane.

Four women have been arrested and charged after a random check of two teenagers' suitcases unveiled a plot to import 30kg of cocaine from Canada.

One of the teenagers told the Australian Federal Police following her arrest on Thursday that she had believed she was getting an "all expenses paid" Vancouver holiday to pick up "designer clothes".

The unsuspecting university student-turned alleged drug mule Hasna Abdula Muhamed, 18, was arrested alongside co-accused Caprice Seminara, 18, at Brisbane Airport following a week-long trip to Vancouver.

Brisbane's Arrest Court has heard the duo had been randomly selected for examination at the airport, with inspections of their suitcases uncovering a total 30kg of cocaine of unknown purity.

[Read on for more on the arrests.](#)

#### Key headlines





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Star Casino workers have walked off the job in Brisbane over a pay dispute and say they've been treated terribly during the company's much publicised financial struggles.

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As unions threaten strike action for a wage rise Queensland politicians have quietly pocketed a tidy increase to their already generous salaries. THIS IS GEORGE STREET BEAT

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In an era where working from home is the norm, this multimillion-dollar travel company CEO has a firm message to young staff: 'Work somewhere that does that, we're not for you.'

Life

Culture in every cut: NAIDOC art tells new stories



Caitlin Trindall (right) with her art design which graced every Sportsgirl store window

When an Aboriginal flag, a message stick and a Bora ring become digital assets for millions of home crafters, something bigger is happening and it is not just in design, but in how culture is shared.

That's the quiet revolution led by Indigenous artists Kyrilee Shields, Leah Cummins and Caitlin Trindall, whose artworks have just gone live on Cricut Design, an app that powers one of the world's most popular DIY tech platforms.

"People are using Cricut machines to make things," said Trindall, a Gomeroi woman and founder of Mirii Art. "Now, they're also making cultural conversations happen."

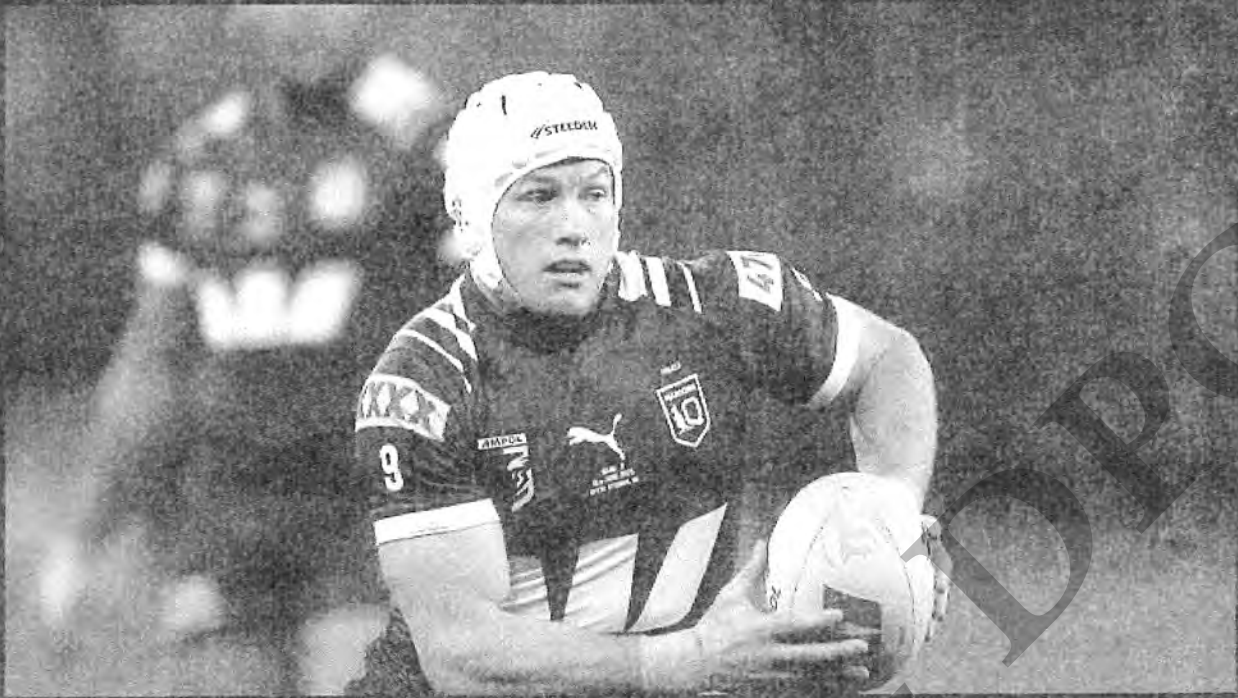
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## Sport

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Harry Grant runs the ball during game two of Origin.

Harry Grant has opened talks on a multimillion-dollar contract extension with the Storm as the Queensland hooker was cleared of illness to take his place in the Origin decider on Wednesday night.

Grant entered Camp Maroon battling a virus but has received the green light from medicos in a major boost to Queensland's hopes of a history-making series defeat of the Blues at Sydney's Accor Stadium.

"You want to be there (in the Queensland No. 9 jumper) but you have also got to perform," he said. "I understand that."

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**CEOs, coaches and commentators:**

#### Latest news



#### 'Blindsided': Harrowing truth behind Seven star's shock break-up



In an exclusive interview, Katrina Blowers opens up on the toughest year of her life where she lost her beloved mum and was 'blindsided' by the end of her engagement.



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A former boat skipper at a luxury resort in the Whitsundays has been jailed for offering a Brisbane child a PlayStation in exchange for sex.



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A Queensland wetsuit business founded more than 50 years ago by a tourism pioneer has shut up shop abruptly, with liquidators called in and employees still owed money.



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The Baby Broncos own a special place in the history of the NRL club. So what happened to the class of 2002? WHERE ARE THEY NOW



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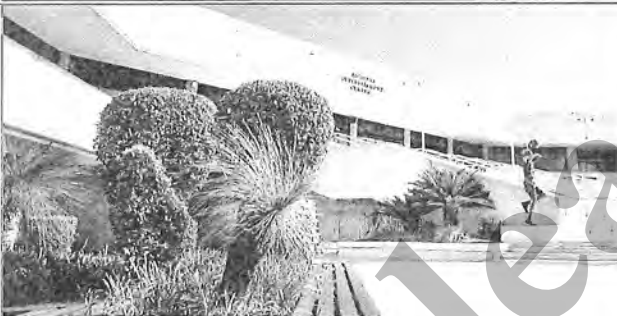
A sticky fingered thief who used a fake bank statement to try and defraud businesses out of their hard earned cash has had the law catch up to him.



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A new agreement over the use of \$2.5bn of federal funds for the 2032 Games has been reached – now readers are chiming in. HAVE YOUR SAY



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ABC. The committee ruled he was careless but did not knowingly withhold disclosure. The Premier thanked the bipartisan committee. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- Olympics swimmer Cate Campbell states Victoria Park can give a lasting legacy for Brisbane, however critics have raised concerns about the effects of green space. Taking Sydney as an example, Campbell says the Sydney Olympic Park is still being used. [Stream](#)

#### 1pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- Premier David Crisafulli has expressed condolences over a tragic incident in Clayfield, Brisbane's north. A 15yo boy has been charged with murder after a 58yo man was fatally stabbed during an altercation last night. Police say the two knew each other. Crisafulli says his thoughts are with everyone affected. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- The Queensland Government has announced another 43 enforcement officers to crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes, with \$12.7m being spent. Offices will be spread across Queensland's 11 public health units and central compliance team. [Stream](#)

#### 12pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane

- The Queensland Government and Queensland Opposition clashed in Parliament over cost of living measures in this week's Budget. Last year's relief, including \$1,000 energy rebates and rego discounts, ended. Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles criticised the Budget's lack of support for households, while Queensland Treasurer David Janetzki highlighted the LNP's cost of living initiatives. The Budget is expected to pass today. [Stream](#)
- Queensland Health researchers say climate change is increasing the risk of exposure to *Vibrio vulnificus*, a potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria. After the 2022 eastern Australia floods, five Fraser Coast fishermen were infected. The study found exposure is nearly five times more likely during La Niña events. Lead author Daniel Bermingham says more public health awareness is needed. The findings are published in the Rural and Remote Health journal. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- Queensland Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie has taken aim at the State Opposition in parliament after remarks made by Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles relating to Adult Time, Adult Crime laws, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- As part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells says some events may need to be held in other states. Executives from World Rowing will visit Rockhampton in the coming months to check if the Fitzroy River is up to standard. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has already flagged the possibility for Sydney's Penrith to host rowing, and Melbourne for tennis. Meanwhile, Queensland Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie says if the Fitzroy River is okay for a rocky Queensland rower, then it should be fine. [Stream](#)



## 11am NEWS

### 4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** has taken aim at the **State Opposition** in parliament after remarks made by **Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles** relating to **Adult Time, Adult Crime laws**, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- The caravan sector is calling for subsidised towing and road safety courses for Queenslanders. Research reveals 80% of RV owners would change their on-road behaviours if they had access to proper education. Caravan and Trade Industries Association Queensland CEO Jason Plant states detailed advice would help drive down the road toll. [Stream](#)

## 10am NEWS

### ABC Radio Brisbane

- A 15yo boy is due to appear in Brisbane Children's Court today, charged with murder after a 58yo man was found dead at a house party on Oriel Road, Clayfield. Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman says the other teenagers at the house weren't involved. The charge is being treated as a domestic violence offence. [Stream](#)

### 4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** backs the LNP's **Adult Crime Adult Time** laws following backlash from the Opposition that the legislation will not work in Qld. **Bleijie** says the Opposition's claims are 'ridiculous'. [Stream](#)

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## Radio Mornings and Afternoon interviews

### Brisbane

**4BC Mornings** – Interview with **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie**, replying to **Steven Miles**, discussing **Adult Crime Adult Time**, land tax policy, Brisbane 2032 and the **State Government's** Logo change. [Stream](#)

#### Deputy Premier:

- **Steven Miles' Budget Reply Speech** was lacklustre; he reheated policies he's announced before and defended his time as Premier.
- **Miles** lied to 4BC listeners, saying that **Adult Crime, Adult Time** hasn't worked because it didn't solve all the issues of the world one month after the election, and if he didn't think the laws would work, why did he vote for the bill?
- He is a puerile, childish juvenile that is just not up to the job of Opposition Leader, or indeed, Premier before the election.
- **Miles** has his crayons out, and he's worried about the colour of budget documents; that's his priority, not the victims of crime.
- Our priority in the **LNP Government** under **David Crisafulli** is the same issues we talk to the election because they're the issues that People talk to us about youth crime, housing, cost of living and the health crisis.
- I think we saw **Steven Miles' first and last Budget Reply Speech**, since we know **Cameron Dick** and **Meaghan Scanlon** and **Shannon Fentiman** are coming for his job, but they are all as incompetent as each other.
- **Miles** went on 4BC this morning and used four examples of build-to-rent programmes and projects that were already being built before Labor changed the land tax policy.

- Additionally, no land tax exemptions were applied for by developers and no land tax exemptions were given by the **Treasury** and the **Queensland Revenue Office** while Labor was in power, so the Opposition have just reheated policy.
- The Coat of Arms has not changed, the colour has changed, and the Logo for this Government is 'Delivering For Queensland'.
- The **Premier** exposed yesterday when the last budget was handed down by the Labor government, their health documentation was colour blue – they changed it.
- The funding deal with the Federal Government for Brisbane 2032 is progressing well, and I have been in talks with Federal Infrastructure Minister, Catherine King, and it will be in the best interests of the Queensland taxpayer.
- We have already gone to market with the 17,000 seat Brisbane Arena, and there is already a strong, positive interest from the private sector - Brisbane will have an arena on the **Go Print** site before 2032.
- We have kept the funding envelope for the Games at \$7.1 billion, and we have also removed Best Practice Industry Principles – aka the CFMEU tax.
- Regarding the blue origin jersey, I suspect Steven-the-stuntman will carry on with his puerile attacks on the **Premier** rather than concentrating on what matters to Queenslanders.

**ABC Radio Brisbane Mornings** – Interview with State Parliament Ethics Committee Chair **Ray Stevens** discussing Labor MPs being absent during parliamentary sittings. [Stream](#)

**Ray Stevens:**

- We have absences for different reasons, medical reasons, for example, but for members to deliberately skip Parliament for other activity is highly unusual, I've been there 19 years and I haven't seen that behaviour before
- Labor definitely did not make a play towards the Speaker or anybody else in relation to the absences that were there, there were just empty seats which was very disappointing from the point of view of representing their constituencies and their electorates
- **Steven Miles** saying he sent them to regional Queensland doesn't change anything, it sounded more like an excuse why they weren't there
- Government ministers absolutely have a responsibility to answer the questions and they answer in the way that they feel is appropriate
- This was a budget that was very difficult for the Treasurer to bring down in the circumstances of huge debt and unfunded projects by the previous government, and that was the core of the answers that the ministers were giving

*Compere plays excerpt of interview with Shadow Treasurer **Shannon Fentiman** discussing regional tour by Labor MPs.*

**Sunshine Coast**

**ABC Sunshine Coast Mornings** – Interview with Gateway Care Managing Director Tom Lew discussing recent **State Budget** funding. [Stream](#)

**Tom Lew:**

- This funding will help with our operating costs because we have had to scale back some of our operations in recent times
- The demand in our community is significant, we don't see that necessarily going away anytime soon and the continued period of pressure on families has meant things like domestic violence and mental health issues are being escalated
- We operate as a social enterprise and so apart from government funding, we also operate a program where we buy in low-cost food and then distribute it on a no-cost, low-cost and affordable basis
- We're trying not to be a burden on the taxpayers and the **State Government** for funding, but it will add to our budget and potentially we could increase services into additional sites



- We currently help more than 1000 families a week in Caloundra, but our stretch goes beyond that because we work with around 30 different charities and similar crisis care and community group partners to support them with food items

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### ABC Online

#### Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues

The Jardine River ferry in Far North Queensland has broken down for the fourth time in as many weeks. The ferry has since been repaired and is operational again but there are concerns ongoing breakdowns will damage the reputation of the area.

### Morning Bulletin

#### Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Grazier-turned-politician **Glen Kelly** is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

### Queensland Country Life

#### How this university aims to make Qld the ag education capital of the country

A major university is chasing a partnership with the **Department of Primary Industries** in an effort to encourage more people to enter the agricultural workforce.

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### HOT TOPICS

- The [Courier Mail](#) leads widespread coverage reporting Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson was allegedly stabbed to death by a 15-year-old boy at a house party in Clayfield, with police charging the teen with murder. Premier David Crisafulli declined to comment on whether the case would be the first test of the 'adult crime, adult time' laws, citing respect for the grieving family. Meanwhile, the [Courier Mail](#) reports retired magistrate Ron Kilner has called the youth justice policy a "Band-Aid approach" with limited long-term effect.
- The [Courier Mail](#) and [ABC Online](#) report Premier David Crisafulli was found by the Ethics Committee to have failed to disclose \$200,000 in settlement payments to liquidators but was cleared of contempt of parliament. Mr Crisafulli said he acted in good faith but admitted he should have sought advice.
- The [Courier Mail](#) reports shadow minister Shannon Fentiman has called for an overhaul of laws requiring schools to report the sharing of nude images by children on social media,



warning schools should face penalties for failing to notify police. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said he had written to the accreditation board to ensure schools comply.

- The [Courier Mail](#) reports the Queensland Government will hire 150 staff to deliver a \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade aiming to meet modern safety standards by 2030, Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said. About \$5.5 billion will go towards wide centre line treatments, targeting high-risk areas north of Gympie to reduce head-on collisions.

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## KEY PUBLICATIONS

### House party horror

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Iwan Jones & Tayla Couacaud, Page 1

The co-founder of clothing chain Universal Store, 58-year-old Greg Josephson, was found unresponsive in his multimillion-dollar home in the exclusive suburb of Clayfield on Thursday night after he was allegedly stabbed. [...] Premier David Crisafulli on Friday declined to comment on whether the teenager would be the first to be tried for murder under the government's 'adult crime, adult time' policy.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#)

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### Class action on nudity

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Kylie Lang, Page 3

The state government is being called on to urgently overhaul laws around the reporting of nude imagery shared by children on social media with schools which fail to notify police to face criminal charges. [...] Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek did not respond to questions from The Courier-Mail around reviewing legislation or hosting a summit.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### Premier league gambling inquiry

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Chelsea Bunting & Erin Smith, Page 4

Police are investigating claims a Gold Coast soccer player was approached by a Chinese company's representatives to help manipulate a state premier league match outcome. [...] A Queensland Police spokeswoman confirmed it was investigating

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## 'Rubber hitting road' on \$9bn fix

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 6

The state government will hire 150 full-time employees to deliver the \$9bn Bruce Highway upgrade plan, now backed by a newly released priority list that aims to see Queensland's deadliest road fixed by 2030. [...] Premier David Crisafulli said works on Bootooloo Rd between Bowen and Ayr and the Toomulla Intersection at Townsville and Ingham would begin "within weeks".

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## 'Careless' but in the clear

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 9

Premier David Crisafulli has been labelled "careless" for failing to disclose a \$200,000 settlement on his register of interests but has been cleared of contempt of parliament. The powerful Ethics Committee on Friday found Mr Crisafulli failed to disclose three payments he made to liquidators between March 12, 2020 and July 19, 2021 over his involvement as a director of failed training company SET Solutions.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## 'The world is watching'

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 28/06/2025, Natassia Wheele, Page 10

As someone who started out in a visitor information centre and built a career across every level of tourism, I know its power to change lives my own included. [...] The Honourable Andrew Powell Environment and Tourism Minister and Science and Innovation Minister: Tourism is more than an industry in Queensland; it's the foundation of tens of thousands of small businesses, and the livelihood of more than 270,000 Queenslanders.

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## Bleijie: Games will stay up here

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 19

Concerns that Olympic Games events could be taken outside Queensland have been dismissed by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie. Mr Bleijie insisted all events would remain in Queensland, per the government's plan announced in March.

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## Finger on the pulse of city

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Rachel Riley, Page 24

Brisbane's brains trust pumps out a new baseline for our future branding "I think at the moment the liquor laws across Queensland don't represent who we want to be, and that's my job, to work towards with the (state) government, to come up with taking some restrictions off," he said. [...] "I think if the (state) government, which it says it's committed to, gets out of the way of opening up of the opportunities, opening up the river, I think that could really add a whole lot of vibrancy."

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## Shiploads of drugs

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Shayla Bulloch, Page 27

International drug syndicates are smuggling cocaine into Queensland in sea chests and attaching packages to cargo ships in extreme operations to get drugs ashore. It comes as the Australian Border Force (ABF) braces for a 70 per cent increase in cargo coming to the nation's waters over the next decade, bringing with it the threat of more illicit drugs hidden onboard ships.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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## No butts about it

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Peter Carruthers, Page 35

A dramatic raid of illicit tobacco and vapes during which authorities were unlawfully locked inside has netted a haul of alleged illegal cigarettes, vapes, bongos valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. Queensland Health environmental health officers ran a compliance inspection of the Urban Tobacconist and Snacks shop on Grafton St in central Cairns this week.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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## Jack's keeping streets safer

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 38

Together, Brett and Belinda Beasley are responsible for one of Queensland's most historic and far-reaching public safety laws. But it's a distinction they wish was never bestowed on them, and one they'd forgo in a heartbeat, if only they could bring their boy Jack back.

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## EX-magistrate says LNP wrong with youth crime mantra

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Jeremy Pierce, Page 75

A retired Gold Coast magistrate who returned to work on the other side of the bench has hit out at the state government's adult crime, adult time laws, saying they were "kidding themselves" if they think "a clever catchphrase" will achieve meaningful results. [...] A spokesman for youth justice minister Laura Gerber said the LNP government was committed to solving the youth crime crisis.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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## Dual genocide claims from MP

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

In an astonishing outburst in Queensland parliament this week the only surviving Greens MP likened the "genocide" against Palestine by Israel to the "genocide" against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by white Australians. The inflammatory comments came from Member for Maiwar, Michael Berkman, whose electorate straddles suburbs including Indooroopilly, Auchenflower and Toowong.

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## **Oddball week in state parliament**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

Welcome to my brain tumour. Pity poor Palestine. "Clowns on the left, jokers on the right." [...] David Crisafulli rarely speaks about his wife Tegan or his daughters, but he did this week.

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## **Start spreading the news about Brissie**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Regardless of whether we consider Brisbane's "big country town" label a sledge or a badge of honour, the reality is we have the next seven years to capitalise on hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games - and we can't miss the chance. Yesterday, some of the state's brightest and boldest brains came together to discuss how Brisbane can sell itself to the world, and the challenges ahead.

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## **Bruce upgrade off and running at last**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel as works begin to bring the Bruce Highway up to standard. [...] Queensland's Transport and Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg says high-risk sections of the highway north of Gympie are being targeted as a priority, with wide centre lines, overtaking lanes, and intersection upgrades.

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## **Disgraced greyhound trainer takes aim at QRIC during appeal**

Courier Mail, Sport, 28/06/2025, Adam Dobbin, Page 109

Former Hall of Fame greyhound trainer and convicted live baiter Ron Ball issued a stinging broadside to Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) officials in a lastditch attempt to return to the industry this week. Ball, who prepared the great Flying Amy during his six-decade training career, fronted the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel on Thursday in a bid to have a 10-year disqualification overturned.

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## **Was it murder at the mansion? Boy, 15, held after tycoon stabbed during 'school party'**

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan & Marcus De Blonk Smith, Page 1

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain has allegedly been stabbed to death by a teenage boy, who police say was known to him, during an afterschool party at his Brisbane mansion. [...]

Queensland Police Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said it was alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the boy.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## Olympics out of Brisbane's league

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Noel Pearson, Page 23

It's not too late for Brisbane to withdraw from hosting the 2032 Olympics. [...] The new Liberal National Party government of Premier David Crisafulli has inherited a liability, and no doubt is excited and enthusiastic about likely being the government in charge when Brisbane 2032 comes around.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## CEO dies in party stabbing

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan, Page 4

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing company and chief executive of another company has been stabbed to death during a house party in a ritzy Brisbane suburb. [...] Acting assistant commissioner Rhys Wildman said police alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the teen.

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## What to do when girls go out of control

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 78

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures. It's a cliché so old that it uses the imperial system, but its metrics stand true today. [...] Which is why the Queensland Government's \$50m commitment to 'crime prevention schools', including \$10m to the Gold Coast's own Men of Business (MOB) Academy, makes cents - even with the state debt now ballooning past \$200bn.

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## George St Beat: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Mikaela Mulveney, Chris Burns & Taylah Fellows

Welcome to a calm and methodical, budget-themed edition of George Street Beat. [...] David Crisafulli wants to change Queensland's colour to blue so I've got a surprise for him," Mr Miles this week said.

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## Queensland GP chain DoctorLink goes bust, owes creditors millions

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Perillo

A group of medical companies across Queensland have collapsed into administration owing millions of dollars to creditors. Several entities under the popular GP brand DoctorLink entered administration late last month, a notice lodged with the corporate regulator reveals.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **QEM to progress environmental assessment for Julia Creek vanadium and energy project**

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025

The finalised TOR outlines the scope and requirements for the EIS, enabling QEM to begin preparations which can be carried out concurrently with its pre-feasibility study. [...] Its potential scale has been recognised by the Queensland Government, which granted a 'Coordinated Project Declaration' in December 2024 that will streamline the entire approvals process, making it easier and faster to get through regulatory requirements while still meeting environmental and community standards.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## **Universal Store co-founder's death to test adult crime, adult time laws**

Brisbane Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Cameron Atfield, Cloe Read & William Davis

The teenage boy charged with Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson's murder looks set to be the first major test of Queensland's controversial adult crime, adult time legislation. Under the new laws, which were a key plank of Premier David Crisafulli's election pitch last year, juveniles can face life sentences for serious criminal offences.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## **Ethics committee finds David Crisafulli failed to declare \$200,000 payment to liquidators**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Liam Walsh

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found. The failure of Mr Crisafulli to list the liability on his MP register of interests was "careless", the bipartisan ethics committee found in a report tabled on Friday.

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## **Hospital study finds link between La Niña events and spread of deadly *Vibrio vulnificus* infection**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, James Taylor

Anamika Ganju had not seen anything like it in more than 20 years as an intensive care clinician. [...] In a statement, Queensland Health says the department issues public health advice about the risks of exposure to floodwaters, particularly around severe weather events.

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## East-west link in spotlight

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

Northern Australia's east-west connectivity will be a major focus of an upcoming conference set to host more than 400 delegates, including leading decision makers and policy influencers. The Developing Northern Australia Conference will sit at the Convention Centre for three days from July 22, with the event "strategically" lured to Cairns, in line with the beginning of a new federal parliament term, TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen said.

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## Reckless actions rampant

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 5

Not a single penalty has been issued for reckless human behaviour around crocodiles since the introduction of tough new laws in Queensland, sparking calls for further reform. [...] Cairns Division 1 councillor Brett Moller said he believed the men were not locals, and on Monday, June 16 lodged a complaint to the Department of Environment Tourism, Science and Innovation.

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## Rate rise of \$155 a year

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 3

The average ratepayer on the minimum general rate in Cairns will pay \$155 a year more in rates this year. [...] "The state government's recent land revaluation with an average increase of 30 per cent across our region placed significant pressure on rates.

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## Giving a boost to FNQ

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Lizzie Vigor, Page 4

Far North Queensland has welcomed a multi-billion-dollar makeover after Premier David Crisafulli unveiled the 2025-26 state budget, pitching it as a "fresh start" that tackles youth crime, health backlogs, housing shortages and cost-of-living pain. Key spending includes \$560 million for early-intervention programs such as a new regional reset scheme for highrisk teens and a youth justice school for offenders on court orders.

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## Budget is fresh start for state

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 5

The Crisafulli government's 2025-26 \$116.8 billion budget lays the foundation for the fresh start Queenslanders voted for, addressing Labor's youth crime, health, housing and cost of living crises. Premier David Crisafulli said the Queensland budget was "delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland".

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## Legacy's \$5.7m crusade

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dallan, Page 7

A petition has been launched to try to secure nearly \$6 million for the proposed FNQ Legacy House, a vital new hub for veterans and their families in Far North Queensland. Barron River MP Bree James is leading the call for \$5.7m in state and federal government support to deliver a purpose-built facility that will provide crisis accommodation, mental health and wellness services and ongoing support for over 300 beneficiaries across the region.

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## Far North Queensland kids face life-threatening delays as support services face cuts despite 300-day cardiac waitlists

Cairns Post, Other, 27/06/2025, Emma Cam

Far North Queensland families have been left out of the state budget despite heart disease being the leading cause of death in remote areas of Australia. [...] Member for Hill Shane Knuth accused Health Minister Tim Nicholls of inaction on a solution to a second cardiologist for Cairns kids.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Far North's economic strengths, challenges hit the road

Cape York Weekly, Other, 27/06/2025, Cape York

The latest economic and employment data for Far North Queensland will be unpacked at a series of free Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tropical North forums across the region in June and July [...] A longer session will be held in Cairns, with RDA Tropical North giving an update on current priorities alongside AusIndustry, the Office of Northern Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and nbn.

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### Kirwan High's nursing program gets national nod

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Evan Morgan, Page 3

Kirwan High has been named as a double finalist in the prestigious 2025 Australian Education Awards honours that showcase the principals, teachers and best performing schools in the country. [...] Developed in partnership with Queensland Health and local aged care providers, the program offers year 12 students from not just Kirwan High but other schools in the region, the opportunity to gain real-world industry qualifications and employability skills in the healthcare sector.

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## **Katter runs into brick wall**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Josh Mercer, Page 4

Traeger MP Robbie Katter says a developer is ready to take on the challenge of turning defunct parts of Eventide Aged Care Facility into social and affordable housing. [...] Mr Katter put a question on notice to the Health and Ambulance Services Minister, Tim Nicholls, in parliament in May asking if he supported repositioning the proposed Charters Towers Hospital so the Eventide Aged Care Facility can be repurposed for housing.

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## **Help to protect women**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Page 5

A Townsville chief executive, who has been helping support NQ women in need for almost two decades, has started work as part of the state government's newly established Sexual Violence Review Board. [...] Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support Laura Gerber said the Sexual Violence Review Board is another step towards ensuring victims' rights are front and centre.

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## **Copper clock ticking down**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Chris Burns, Page 7

Queensland's critical mineral supply faces a "five minutes to midnight" threat on the proverbial doomsday clock, with industry insiders fearing the closure of its only copper smelter could derail the \$13.9bn CopperString transmission project. [...] High-level discussions have been held between Glencore and Premier David Crisafulli, with the company indicating it would need \$2bn over a decade to justify keeping the smelter open.

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## **Airport celebrates 20 years with QAL**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Daneka Hill, Page 22

It's been a crazy 20 years for Townsville Airport, with passenger numbers growing 45 per cent and \$118m in upgrades completed. Our little airport was acquired by its current owner, QAL (Queensland Airports Limited), on March 15, 2005 a time when fire engines made ceremonial water archways for planes carrying the Cowboys NRL squad, and the 2004 mining boom was making FIFO a household acronym.

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## **Gold Coast fast rail is the untold State Budget story - and it could make a big difference to the gridlocked M1**

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Paul Weston

The untold Gold Coast story from the State Budget is not about funding for light rail going south to the border being on pause. It's about faster train services north to Brisbane. [...] Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg, in a Budget chat with your columnist about light rail and the Coomera Connector, when asked about fast rail, provided some stunning statistics.

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## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

### Rates rise

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, McKenzie Neal, Page 1

Longreach ratepayers will see an average increase of 2.7 per cent in their rates bills this financial year, following the adoption of Longreach Regional Council's 202526 Budget.[...] A further \$8 million will be spent on roads, streets and stormwater maintenance, with \$7 million allocated to contract works in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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### Millions are committed for the West

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Gregor Mactaggart, Page 1

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 202526 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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### Telstra wins tower appeal

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Matthew Pearce, Page 3

Telstra has won an appeal to build a new 5G tower near Longreach's Stockman's Hall of Fame on Ilfracombe Road. After the proposal was rejected by Longreach Regional Council in November, Telstra appealed the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

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### Big month at Blackall-Tambo

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Andrew Martin, Page 9

June is almost over. [...] The Queensland Government is partnering with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC) to support a trial designed to increase transport connections to essential medical, education and community services,' he said.

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### Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Morning Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025

A Central Qld grazier-turned-politician is lauding wind and solar farm legislation which will empower local voices, but the peak state body has warned there could be negative outcomes. Grazier-turned-politician Glen Kelly is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## CQ's 'fresh start on Budget

CQ Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacIaggart

A new high school in Gracemere, a TAFE Centre of Excellence, and close to \$2 billion for the Rockhampton Ring Road headline a 2025–26 State Budget the Queensland Government says delivers a "fresh start" for Central Queensland. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday.

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## Millions committed in state budget to Western Queensland

Emerald Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Jin Hui

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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## WIDE BAY

### Council supports housing action in Gin Gin

Bundaberg Now, Other, 27/06/2025, Nalasha Harth

In another win for Bundaberg Regional Council's Housing Action Plan a State Government social housing project has been delivered in Gin Gin after Council gifted land to the State. [...] Queensland Government Minister for Housing and Public Works Sam O'Connor said the project was representative of the collaborative approach needed.

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### State Budget commits \$4.4 billion to Paradise Dam

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacIaggart & Tahlia Facer

Rebuilding Paradise Dam headlines a number of Wide Bay–Burnett initiatives in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget handed down on Tuesday. The State Government allocated \$4.4 billion to construct a new wall at Paradise Dam, which Deputy Premier and State Development Minister Jarrod Bleijie said was a long-awaited step to restore water security in the region.

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### Council conditions major intersection upgrades on 256 lot development approval

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

East Bundaberg is set to welcome yet another housing development with council approving a 256 lot subdivision at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday. Encompassing almost an entire block between Telegraph Rd, Ashfield Rd and Bargara Rd, the development will be established upon land previously used for cropping.

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## WESTERN QUEENSLAND

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## SUNSHINE COAST

### Budget delivers funding

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 3

Gympie South will benefit from a new Queensland Fire and Rescue Station as part of a \$36 million investment outlined in the 202526 Queensland Budget, handed down this week. [...] "This Budget is delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland," Premier David Crisafulli said.

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### Highway fix starts

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Arthur Gorrie, Page 7

The \$9 billion joint federal-state government project to "fix the Bruce" got started just north of Gympie on 20 June with major works at Bauple. [...] State Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg, Federal Assistant Regional Development Minister Anthony Chisholm and state Primary Industries Minister and Gympie MP Tony Perrett also welcomed the projects, which are being informed by advice from the Bruce Highway Advisory Council.

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### Fishing shackles released

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 27

A media statement from the Crisafulli Government has said it is revoking investment warnings for the state's commercial fishing industry a move, it says, will restore confidence, improve financial access, and support industry growth. [...] Minister for Primary Industries and Gympie MP Tony Perrett said the change was vital to the future of the industry, which contributes around \$354 million annually to Queensland's economy while supporting about 2835 jobs.

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### Step in the right direction

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 28

The Gympie Regional Council, and specifically the Cooloola Coast, is set to benefit from next month with \$30,000 to improve walking track facilities in the area. [...] Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said that through this round of grants, more than \$8.8 million will be invested in regional Queensland to help deliver improved pathways for children travelling to school and for people walking or cycling in their neighbourhoods.

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## GOLD COAST



## Labor's green dreams put out of their misery

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Matt Canavan, Page 81

The Queensland Budget this week revealed that the former Labor government wasted a rainy-day fund on various renewable and hydrogen pet projects. When the Labor party increased coal royalties a few years ago, it knew that Queensland would lose part of the windfall revenue to other states as part of the GST redistribution.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#)

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## Here's what \$380m buys in south east

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 26

The Sunshine State has become the nation's new money magnet for property seekers, with the top 20 biggest sales of the financial year in Queensland eclipsing all other states except for NSW. A whopping \$380m was spent on just 20 residential properties in the past 12 months five in Brisbane and the rest scattered across the Gold Coast and Noosa with agents reporting an exodus of Melbourne buyers and an influx of local buyers.

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## We need a new model for mental health emergencies

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Carly Hudson, Page 78

There's a growing crisis in how we respond to mental health emergencies, and it's playing out in hospital emergency departments every day. [...] I note the recent announcement from the Queensland Government of a dedicated low-stimulus space for mental health ED presentations at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

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## What we're doing with your money

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Tate, Page 79

The Gold Coast continues to experience record population growth and residents have an expectation that council, and other levels of government, will focus on delivering core services and infrastructure. [...] The City has funding set aside for the detailed business case for Stage 4 yet we have now learned the State Government is still yet to match that funding in their 2025-26 state budget.

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## Gold Coast Turf Club: \$1bn lifestyle precinct Sunshine development's big step forward

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Andrew Polls

A \$1 billion Gold Coast Turf Club transformation plan for a "world-class" residential and retail entertainment precinct will burst out of the gates after more than a year of delays. [...] "This has never been about moving fast, it's about doing it properly, and with the community beside us (and) to have that support, and the backing of Gold Coast City Council and the State Government, gives us the confidence to now take the next step.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## TOOWOOMBA

### 17 lives within 24 years

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive funding boost to upgrade it, as part of funding within the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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### Public service spending spree ahead of new cap

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

Millions of dollars will be spent appointing new public service executives before the government's hiring cap kicks in next week. Job advertisements for three senior positions in the Treasury department were posted on Seek on Wednesday June 25 the day after Treasurer David Janetzki announced a public service hiring freeze in his first budget.

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### Delay to protect disgrace: Vonhoff

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 5

Deputy mayor Rebecca Vonhoff has lashed council bureaucrats over a seven-month delay in developing environmental protections for the Toowoomba region, calling it a "damn disgrace" to ratepayers. Dr Vonhoff secured enough support from colleagues at last week's ordinary meeting to continue work by the council's planning department into the "management of significant vegetation".

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### Housing projects ditched and delayed

Toowoomba Chronicle, Real Estate, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 8

More than a quarter of Brisbane's apartment projects are at risk of not getting off the ground, as new figures reveal more than 1100 units are stuck in limbo as construction costs and productivity delays continue to plague the industry. [...] "Queensland has the worst construction productivity in the country and we need to get things moving if we have any hope of realising Queensland's Olympic dreams and ensuring every Queenslanders has a roof over their head," Caire said.

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### Toowoomba council accused of stopping development of 100 new affordable homes in Glenvale over earthworks opposition

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

A Brisbane developer has slammed the Toowoomba Regional Council for holding up the construction of 100 houses for first homebuyers, over requirements he has described as "stupid". [...] "Our objective is to sell lowset homes for under \$750,000 — the land price is \$300,000, and the house is \$400,000, and the state government is encouraging us to move ahead with these," he said.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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## **Qld government to start work on \$27m upgrade of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road after 25 years of carnage**

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Torn Gillespie

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive boost to upgrade it, as part of funding in the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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## **Future farming: CQU's collaborative vision with Ag department**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Melanie Groves

A major university is chasing a partnership with the Department of Primary Industries in an effort to encourage more people to enter the agricultural workforce. Representatives from Central Queensland University met with the Primary Industries Minister, Tony Perrett, at the Belmont Research Station near Rockhampton last week, on June 18.

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## **Council rates rise across Queensland by up to 10 per cent**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Zac Braxion-Smith

Ratepayers in most of Queensland's rural and regional areas will pay between 2.7 and 9.5 per cent more to councils from July 1, but the rate increase could be even higher in one local government area. Most of Queensland's 77 councils had voted to increase their FY25-26 rates by June 26, with a handful of exceptions.

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## **Toowoomba-Cecil Plains road upgrades underway**

WEB The Toowoomba Minute, Other, 27/06/2025

Construction has officially commenced on the Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road safety upgrade project, following extensive community consultation in 2024. Led by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), the project will deliver several targeted safety improvements aimed at reducing crash risks and improving efficiency on this key agricultural corridor.

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## **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

### **Ipswich households to receive a new green lid bin**

Moreton Border News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 20

Ipswich is improving the way it handles waste, with an important change on the way for households. [...] The new GO bin will be delivered to every Ipswich household kerbside at no additional cost to residents, with funding from the State Government.

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## **TMR looks to Germany for Bremer River bridge woes**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

With no silver bullet in sight to fix the Warrego Highway's westbound Bremer River bridge, the Transport and Main Roads Department has turned its attention to Germany, where laboratory testing could see the damaged bridge effectively patched, sparing commuters a re-decking project after two long years of waiting. Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, who attended last Thursday's Pine Mountain and Districts Progress Association AGM confirmed the growing whispers behind closed doors.

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## **Fitzroy's loss is local's gain**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Questions have been asked since the state government's decision to divert the 2032 Olympic rowing events from SEQ to Rockhampton's Fitzroy River, but criticisms of the Olympic facility are getting louder following a big change to the rowing calendar. Rockhampton was supposed to host the 2025 Queensland Schools Championship Regatta but it has been moved back to the Queensland State Rowing Centre (Wyaralong Dam) – the venue overlooked by the State when making its games choice.

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## **Waft a stench! Mangrove smelly season pongs again**

Redlands Coast Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Some Redlands Coast residents living close to mangrove wetlands are experiencing the annual 'pong-a-thon'. [...] Queensland Health has previously advised Council and residents that there are no long-term health impacts associated with exposure to hydrogen sulphide odours produced by mangrove seeds breaking down, as the levels are well below those known to cause health effects.

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## **Helping hand for Moreton Bay businesses**

Moreton Daily, Other, 27/06/2025, Nick Crockford

Seven small and family businesses in Redcliffe and Pumicestone have been selected for State Government Business Basics Grants. [...] Small and Family Business Minister Steve Minnikin said the Business Basics Grants program was part of the Small and Family Business First Action Statement.

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## **New transport sub-committee drives push for better connectivity on Tamborine Mountain**

[beaudesertbulletin.com](http://beaudesertbulletin.com), Other, 27/06/2025

The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Transport Sub-Committee, formed in response to mounting concerns about the region's limited public transport options. The Committee is currently updating its formal submission to the Queensland Government to reflect: Current service usage and gaps, 2021 Census data, Economic benefits of expanded transport for tourism and employment, A business case for weekend and late-service transport

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NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE METRO



## Olympic rivalry a national sport

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 14

Sibling rivalry certainly is a thing for federations as well as families. [...] This week's Queensland budget set out the parlous position of the state's economy, which is sliding deeper into debt.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## Third surplus in Chalmers' sights

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 1

Treasurer Jim Chalmers will come close to delivering a shock third budget surplus this year, even as new research showed state and federal government debt repayments were on track to reach their highest share of economic activity in at least two decades.

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## Victoria leads the country in building homes

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Myriam Robin, Page 18

A year ago on Tuesday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese gave the nation five years to build 1.2 million homes, divided proportionately by population among all the states and territories.

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## QLD Premier David Crisafulli should have declared \$200k settlement

The Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Elks, Mackenzie Scott & Michael McKenna

G'day readers and welcome to this week's Feeding the Chooks, your regular insight into the fascinating world of Queensland politics. Trading barbs David Crisafulli failed to disclose to the parliament a \$200,000 legal settlement he made to liquidators to avoid being sued for insolvent trading, the powerful ethics committee has found.

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## All the changes coming on July 1, and what they mean for your wallet

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/06/2025

It's not just end-of-financial-year sales that could hit your hip pocket from July 1. [...] Penalty unit rates are being indexed by the Queensland government from July 1, meaning people convicted of a crime will pay \$5.60 more per penalty unit for most offences under state legislation.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## Teen held on murder charge after businessman's stabbing

Canberra Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Fraser Barton & Laine Clark

A teenager will be held in custody on a murder charge after the multimillionaire co-founder of a national clothing chain was fatally stabbed at a house party packed with youths. [...] Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said there had been "some sort of altercation" before Mr Josephson was found dead.

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## **CCTV emerges in case of teen accused of murdering Universal Store founder Greg Josephson at Clayfield mansion**

West Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Peta Rasdien

The teen accused of killing the millionaire co-founder of popular clothing retailer Universal Store at an affluent Brisbane home allegedly phoned police before his arrest. [...] Queensland Premier David Crisafulli declined to speculate on whether the boy would face the State's tough new "adult crime, adult time" policy, under which youth offenders can be sentenced as adults for serious crimes like murder.

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## **Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Brendan Mounier, Adam Stephen & Christopher Testa

Getting to mainland Australia's northernmost point is difficult at the best of times but constant ferry breakdowns at the final river crossing has made it all the harder. [...] Tourism Tropical North Queensland estimates tourism is worth \$175 million annually to Cape York.

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## **Solar power: Kangaroo Point Bridge leads winners as Queensland architecture awards put spotlight on sustainability**

The Guardian, Other, 27/06/2025, Kelly Burke

The newest bridge spanning the Brisbane River – the longest cable-stayed pedestrian bridge in the country – has taken out top honours in the 2025 Australian Institute of Architects Queensland awards. A week after Sydney's new network of city metro stations collected architecture's most prestigious prize in New South Wales, Brisbane's Kangaroo Point Bridge was lauded at Friday night's award ceremony as another example of the significant value of state governments investing in architecture to realise major infrastructure projects that raise the bar beyond the realm of mere functionality.

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## **The CFMEU 's\*\*\* fight' after High Court decision**

The Saturday Paper, Other, 28/06/2025, Martin McKenzie-Murray

It was a significant victory for the CFMEU's administration, however predictable the outcome seemed to observers. Last Wednesday, the High Court unanimously rejected a challenge to the administration's constitutional validity, made last year by expelled Queensland officials.

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## Rob Morrison

**From:** Townsville Chamber of Commerce <members@townsvillechamber.com.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 July 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** Rob Morrison  
**Subject:** Business Awards Update



Dear ,

We've been absolutely blown away by the response to this year's Townsville Chamber Business Awards. A record number of applications came through, so many, in fact, that we had to call in extra judges to get through them all.

It's been genuinely heartening to see how many of you took the time to apply. There's so much to be proud of in our business community, and it's a real privilege to help shine a light on your work.

We've also been deeply humbled by the level of sponsorship support this year. With just two award categories still available, it's clear how strongly our business community backs each other. And for the first time, we're proud to welcome a naming rights sponsor: **QSG (formerly QSolutions Group)**.

QSG has spent the past 20 years supporting businesses across our region and around Australia through complex challenges in health and safety, environmental, quality, and information security. With a national footprint, they offer specialist consultancy, auditing, and business advisory services across a wide range of industries — all grounded in strong relationships and a commitment to delivering practical, client-focused outcomes. We're proud to have them involved in such a meaningful way.

A heartfelt thanks also goes to our volunteer judging panel, to Gerard for hosting the application workshops, and to all of you who've supported the process so far.

We know many of you are eagerly waiting to find out if you're a finalist. We'll be announcing the finalists at a special event on **Wednesday 16th July from 5:30–8:00pm at Tiny Mountain Brewery**. It'll be a relaxed evening to connect and celebrate members of our business community. Free for members \$30 for non-members [book here](#). The Gala Awards Night will be at the Pavillion at the Ville and [tickets](#) are already halfway sold, it's going to be a very special evening (happy dance!)

Have a great weekend



### Finalist Night: QSG Townsville Chamber Business Awards

- 🕒 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5:30pm
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- 📍 Quarterdeck, The Ville

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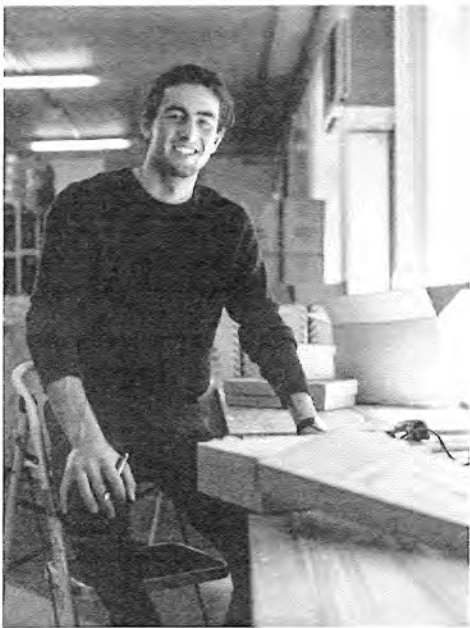
Thanks to everyone who joined us bright and early for meaningful conversation and networking at yesterday's CBD Coffee event. It's always inspiring to see our local business community come together to share ideas and build strong relationships.

A special thank you to **Aligned Corporate Residences** for sponsoring the coffee. Your commitment to supporting business travelers and professionals with flexible,

long-stay pet friendly accommodation solutions is a great example of how our members are helping drive Townsville forward.

We love seeing the strength of our local network in action.

## BUSINESS



### CHANGES FOR BUSINESSES FROM 1 JULY 2025

Australian Government

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of July there have been changes for business come into effect including minimum wage changes, registration fees, superannuation, energy bill rebates and reporting obligations for business owners. Read more below about how this effects your business

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AVOIDING INSOLVENCY**

**CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR FINANCES? You are not alone**



The 2024–25 financial year has seen a record number of business insolvencies across Australia, highlighting the growing pressures facing small business owners. Too often, business owners know something isn't right but wait until it's too late to ask for help.

Last year, we spoke with Moira Carter from BRI Ferrier — a registered liquidator and registered trustee in bankruptcy with 29 years' experience in insolvency. In our podcast, Moira shared valuable insights into this very challenge and urged business owners to seek advice early.

She explained how a **Small Business Restructure** can offer a pathway forward for eligible businesses, allowing them to compromise their debts and improve their prospects of future profitability. Importantly, it also enables owners to remain in control of their business throughout the restructuring period.

If you're concerned about your financial position, don't wait. Reach out early — the sooner you act, the more options you may have.

Have a listen to what Moira had to say <https://rss.com/podcasts/townsvillechambercast/1725829/>

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The Port of Townsville are asking the city of Townsville to have your say in their anonymous 2025 customer satisfaction survey. The survey is divided into 5 sections:

- Infrastructure Delivery
- Service Delivery
- Your Business Needs
- Communication and Engagement
- Final Overall Rating

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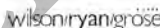
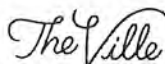
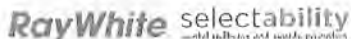
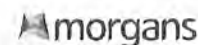
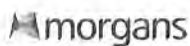
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## HOT TOPICS

- [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#) reports Queensland families who have lost loved ones in road crashes have called for a dedicated road trauma support service, citing a lack of government support. Youth Justice and Victim Support Minister Laura Gerber said the government is working to deliver a Victims Advocate Service to improve support throughout the justice process.
- [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#) reports the Australian Medical Professionals Society and Nurses' Professional Association of Queensland have warned a new directive linking hospital funding to discharging emergency patients within 24 hours will compromise care and encourage data manipulation. A Queensland Health spokesman said funding adjustments align with national practices and patient safety remains a priority.
- [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#) reports more than \$12 million in domestic violence-related fines remain unpaid in Queensland, raising concerns among advocates about accountability and

system failures. Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Minister Amanda Camm said perpetrators are expected to be held accountable.

- **Brisbane Times** reports the Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union will make an announcement on Monday amid stalled pay negotiations. Union secretary Sarah Beaman said the profession will not back down on staffing and patient safety, while Health Minister Tim Nicholls has said the government remains committed to a nation-leading pay deal.

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## KEY PUBLICATIONS

### Abandoned in grief

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 29/06/2025, Andreas Nicola, Page 1

Distraught families whose loved ones died in horror crashes say they are slipping through the cracks and have called on the Queensland government to fall in line with other states and introduce a road trauma support service. [...] Youth Justice and Victim Support Minister Laura Gerber said the government was working towards "delivering a dedicated Victims Advocate Service, to ensure victims are supported throughout the entire justice process and have better access to support services".

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### 'Dangerous' order sparks ED 'panic'

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 29/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerford, Page 4

Frontline emergency department medics across the state have been directed to turn over patients within 24 hours or hospital funding will be lost, sparking outrage from already overwhelmed doctors and nurses who say the "beat-the-clock" pressure will blow up patient care and encourage data concealment. [...] " Ms Thomas has asked Health Minister Tim Nicholls and Queensland Health director-general David Rosengren in an email.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### DV offenders owe \$12m

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 29/06/2025, Tayla Couacaud, Page 5

Millions of dollars in fines related to domestic violence offences that have been referred to the State Penalties Enforcement Registry are going unpaid. [...] Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Minister Amanda Camm said the government was committed to holding perpetrators to account.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### Lifeline for free swim lessons

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 29/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 5

A life-saving learn-to-swim subsidy will be funded, the government says, despite it not appearing in the state budget. [...] A spokeswoman for Sports Minister Tim Mander said round two of the SwimStart scheme recently finished and round three would soon begin.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Locals sick of outsider speakers

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Edition Changes, 29/06/2025, Jeremy Pierce, Page 17

Some Queensland Indigenous leaders believe Welcome to Country ceremonies have lost their relevance after being infiltrated by "every Tom, Dick and Harry" chasing an easy pay cheque. [...] Juru representative Randal Ross said the ceremonies were being conducted by people who were, in some cases, "just putting their hand out" for lucrative payments.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#)

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## Support in face of senseless loss

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Editorials, 29/06/2025, Page 64

Thirty Queensland families a year deal with the grief of losing loved ones in car crashes caused by the drivers who flaunt the road rules. [...] Victim Support Minister Laura Gerber says she is working to set up an advocacy service.

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## Questions over ED funding threat

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Editorials, 29/06/2025, Page 64

It is reasonable to impose time limits on emergency departments. As the name suggests EDs are designed for emergencies, not long-term care.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#)

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## Queensland Police prepare report for Coroner to determine what happened to Roma mum Tayla Spies

The Courier Mail, Other, 28/06/2025, Jessica Klein

After months of searching for Roma woman Tayla Spies who went missing in February, police made the tragic discovery of her remains on a remote property in southwest Queensland. [...] Two-months on from the heartbreaking discovery, Queensland Police have announced a report into her death has been prepared for the coroner.

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## Tributes flow for Beattie-era Labor minister Rod Welford

The Courier Mail, Other, 28/06/2025, Brendan O Malley

Beattie-era minister Rod Welford has been remembered as a great reformer who rose above Labor factional wars, saving the fights for his beloved environment and other causes. [...] " Premier David Crisafulli said Mr Welford entered politics at a time of great change for the state.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Nurses and midwives union at loggerheads with government in wage negotiations

Brisbane Times, Other, 28/06/2025, William Davis

An announcement from the nurses and midwives union is planned on Monday, as months-long negotiations over pay and conditions continue. [...] Health minister Tim Nicholls put out his own statement on Friday night.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## Former Queensland minister Rod Welford dies

Brisbane Times, Other, 28/06/2025

Former Queensland minister Rod Welford, who served during the Goss, Beattie and Bligh Labor governments from 1989 to 2009, has died. Labor luminaries including current state leader and former premier Steven Miles and Senator Murray Watt paid tribute to Welford on social media on Saturday.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## Crocodile 'housing crisis' inspires sanctuary in Far North Queensland

ABC Online, Other, 28/06/2025, Chris Calcino & Adam Stephen

A potential "housing crisis" for crocodiles has inspired one Far North Queensland grazier to build a croc sanctuary on the family farm. Removals of problem crocs from the wild have been on an upward trend since 2020 and hit a record high last year, according to data from the Queensland government.

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## FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

### Qld crocodile laws: Conservationist's calls for fines on rule-breaking videos

Cairns Post, Other, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann

Not a single penalty has been issued for reckless human behaviour around crocodiles since the introduction of tough new laws in Queensland, sparking calls for further reform. [...] Cairns Division 1 councillor Brett Moller said he believed the men were not locals, and on Monday, June 16 lodged a complaint to the Department of Environment Tourism, Science and Innovation.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Developing northern Australia Conference agenda for Cairns revealed

Cairns Post, Other, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann

Northern Australia's east-west connectivity will be a major focus of an upcoming conference set to host more than 400 delegates including leading decision makers and policy influencers. The Developing Northern Australia Conference will sit at the Convention Centre for three days from July 22, with the event "strategically" lured to Cairns, in line with the beginning of a new federal parliament term, TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen said.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## NORTH QUEENSLAND

### Remote Queensland areas like Julia Creek push for tax relief

North Queensland Register, Other, 28/06/2025

A north west Queensland mayor believes increasing the tax allowance for those relocating to work in remote areas would go a long way in helping alleviate labour shortages in the bush. [...] Cr Fegan said council supplied a council-owned house for the new doctor, but the actual wages were paid by Queensland Health.

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## MACKAY WHITSUNDAY

### Big spend, bold promises in LNP's first budget

Mackay Life, General News, 27/06/2025, Amanda Wright, Page 3

Queensland's new LNP Government has wasted no time making its mark, handing down a bold first budget that Premier David Crisafulli says will reset the state's financial future. Unveiled on Tuesday by Treasurer David Janetzki, the budget comes less than nine months after the October election win and is shaped by what he called "the biggest redistribution of GST revenue in Australian history".

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### State budget promises 'fresh start' for Whitsundays

Whitsunday Life, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 3

With Major Investments In Health, Housing & Tourism The 2025 State Budget has been unveiled, promising a "fresh start" for Queensland with a strong focus on health care, housing, infrastructure, and community safety. [...] Premier David Crisafulli said the budget marks a new direction for Queensland.

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## Winter Wins For Mackay

Mackay Life, General News, 27/06/2025, Nigel Dallon, Page 8

You know it's winter in Mackay when the jumpers come out and people start talking about "the chill" even if it's still warmer here than most of the country! [...] We've made Jack's Law permanent, giving police the power to use handheld metal detectors in public places to help prevent knife crime.

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## Stronger industries and links a boost For Bowen

Whitsunday Life, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 22

Providing opportunities for primary industry, supporting small business and improvements to the Bruce Highway are all on Bowen's horizon according to Member for Burdekin, Dale Last MP. Whilst the broad base of industry calling Bowen home provided a challenge when it came to delivering broad-scale improvement, Mr Last said that the Crisafulli government had homed in on key issues that would make a real difference.

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## International spending is up in the Whitsundays

Whitsunday Times, Other, 28/06/2025

Visitors are splashing the cash in the Whitsundays, with the latest data showing international tourism is on the rise. [...] Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor Ry Collins said the data confirmed what everyone already knew — the Whitsundays shines as one of Queensland's leading tourism destinations.

Also reported by: [Whitsunday Community News \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

### Callide MP: Biloela Hospital's birthing services will return

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart, Page 5

Maternity services will return to Biloela Hospital after being closed for more than two years, following a funding commitment in this week's State Budget. The birthing unit was placed on bypass in August 2022 due to a shortage of specialist staff, forcing women to travel more than 120 kilometres to hospitals in Rockhampton or Gladstone to deliver their babies.

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### Not too late, declares mayor

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Matthew Pearce, Page 5

Despite the State Budget's release this week, Rockhampton Region Mayor Tony Williams says it's not too late to "bin the bin tax". [...] Environment Minister Andrew Powell said there was nothing new about the waste levy.

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## Dillon says State Government is 'backing the bush'

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Page 6

Gregory MP Sean Dillon says the State Government is "backing the bush" and delivering on an election promise of three renal dialysis chairs for Emerald. Mr Dillon said the 2025/26 State Budget delivered targeted investment in the services, infrastructure and industries that matter most to people living in the Central Highlands and Western Queensland.

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## Donations policy review

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Di Stanley, Page 16

Future annual donations to the Royal Flying Doctors Service and RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service are in jeopardy as the Central Highlands council flags a policy shift. At its Wednesday, 18 June, ordinary meeting, councillors voted to approve a donation of \$7500 to each of the charitable organisations that provide life-saving services to the Central Highlands, but not before Cr Gai Sypher questioned whether other non-state government aligned recipients could be considered as beneficiaries in the future.

Also reported by: [CQ Today \(Online\)](#), [Emerald Today \(Online\)](#)

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## Hydrogen hub dreams fade

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Senator Matt Canavan, Page 17

Over the past few years many politicians have promised Central Queenslanders thousands of hydrogen jobs. [...] The \$90 million that governments had provided to Fortescue is just the start. We are not exactly sure how much was spent on those transmission towers which were built by a state government owned agency, Powerlink.

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## Bill will bring consistency

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Nigel Hutton, Page 18

This week in Parliament, I had the opportunity to stand and speak on behalf of the people of Keppel, in support of the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 to support a better, fairer way forward. [...] I'm proud to be part of the Crisafulli LNP Government that is stepping up.

Also reported by: [CQ Today \(Online\)](#)

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## Finding black swans to unlock the housing crisis

CQ Today, General News, 28/06/2025, Adam Beloi, Page 19

It was a pleasure to meet with the University of the Third Age in Yeppoon recently to discuss the "Black Swan Theory". You may ask, "What have Black Swans got to do with the council?"

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WIDE BAY

## **TMR 'acknowledges challenges'**

Bundaberg Today, Other, 28/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

As East Bundaberg businesses located along Princess St continue to suffer through a period of low trade and financial strain, the Department of Transport and Main Roads have maintained they are doing all they can to complete works as quickly as possible. [...] Mr Price is calling on the State Government to provide some form of monetary compensation given the delayed roadworks have had a significant impact on trade.

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## **Yarraman a footnote in budget**

Burnett Today, Other, 28/06/2025, Julian Lehnert

The Toowoomba Regional Council handed down its latest budget last week, celebrating an operating surplus – but, as rates climb by nearly 10 per cent, mentions of Yarraman in the \$705 million financial plan were nearly entirely absent. Toowoomba mayor Geoff McDonald touted his council's 2025-26 budget, adopted on 18 June, as a "sustainable financial plan" bringing savings to local government while still maintaining hundreds of millions in funding for road repairs and water projects.

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## **Live-streamed lessons come to Burnett**

Burnett Today, Other, 28/06/2025, Julian Lehnert

A half dozen South Burnett schools are set to benefit from a new Queensland Government initiative bringing digital lessons in specialist subjects to rural and regional classrooms. [...] The Queensland Government claims over 4,000 students across the state are set to benefit from the QVA's launch.

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## **Isla Marschke's mother speaks out on mental health failures, calls for urgent reform**

WEB NewsMail, Other, 28/06/2025, Lexa Smith

Christie Jacobsen is speaking publicly for the first time about the immense difficulties she faced trying to get mental health support for her 14-year-old daughter Isla Marschke. [...] Her message to government is urgent: Queensland needs urgent reform.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **WESTERN QUEENSLAND**

### **Budget day education**

WEB Western Downs Today, Other, 28/06/2025, Sarah Dimond

Premier David Crisafulli invited senior high school students from Chinchilla State High and Tare Shire State College to spend Budget Day at Parliament House, to learn about the importance of the Budget to Queenslanders and what is being delivered where they live. [...] "Our first Budget will deliver for all of Queensland and these future leaders have a front-row seat to watch the day unfold," Premier Crisafulli said.

Also reported by: [Goondiwindi Argus \(Online\)](#), [Maranoa Today \(Online\)](#)

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## SUNSHINE COAST

### More units vital: CEO

Noosa Today, Other, 28/06/2025, Jim Fagan

New CEO of Katie Rose, Rebecca Grisman, has been in the job six months and she says it is clear "more and more people from within our local community wish to spend their final days at the hospice, in the care of our professional palliative care nurses. [...] "Our services are free but the reality is that we're also seeking Queensland Health support to significantly increase funding of our nurses wages. As yet we have not got any option to charge fees to patients so rely on government funding.

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## TOOWOOMBA

### Progress at last on sugarcane's role in producing clean energy and fuel

Queensland Country Life, Other, 28/06/2025, Owen Menkens

As this is my first column for Queensland Country Life, I'm pleased to be kicking off with some genuinely good news. The Queensland government recently announced a parliamentary inquiry into the role sugarcane can play in producing clean energy and fuel – and what that could mean for jobs and investment in the regions.

Also reported by: [North Queensland Register \(Online\)](#)

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## SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

### Ratepayers feel two stings

Ipswich News Today, Other, 28/06/2025

With the Ipswich City Council 2025-26 Budget and Annual Plan expected to be handed down next Tuesday, the pockets of Ipswich ratepayers are set to be lightened with not one, but two additional levies, ICC has confirmed. Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said the Queensland Government Waste Levy was introduced in 2019 with a promise that no household would be directly impacted, but that was no longer the case.

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## Springfield fire HQ is 'go'

Ipswich News Today, Other, 28/06/2025

Work to build the Greater Springfield Fire and Rescue Station is set to begin, following more than four years of delays and squabbling. [...] With significant earthworks now completed, and the site ready for construction to begin, Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers Ann Leahy was in attendance for the announcement.

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## NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE METRO

### More older children relying on NDIS help

Sun Herald, General News, 29/06/2025, Natassia Chrysanthos & Olivia Ireland, Page 1

One in 10 older children are on the National Disability Insurance Scheme in some parts of the country, indicating families' reliance on the \$48 billion scheme is extending past what is considered the age for early intervention. [...] The trend underscores the equity issues as the federal and state governments seek to move children off the scheme and onto an as-yet undesignated "foundational supports" system in the long term, with the NDIS serving as a lifeline in areas without other services.

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### 100,000 people have accessed this payment. Now, it's being made permanent

Brisbane Times, Other, 29/06/2025, Millie Muroi

More than 100,000 people have accessed up to \$5000 each in financial help to leave violent relationships over the past four years, with the program set to become permanent from July. [...] Federal and state governments will also contribute a further \$700 million to frontline services from July 1, including funding for women's refuges, community outreach services and men's behaviour change programs focused on high-risk perpetrators.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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### Debate grows over Australia's surrogacy laws as couples go overseas to find a baby

ABC Online, Other, 28/06/2025, Shannon Schubert & Jean Bell

For Daniel and Michael Montgomery-Morgan, becoming parents wasn't easy. It took four years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring their daughter Spencer into the world. [...] This month, Queensland police confirmed they would not lay charges against a Brisbane couple who entered a \$140,000 commercial surrogacy arrangement with an overseas company.

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## **NDIS travel allowance cuts could leave regional kids without care**

ABC Online, Other, 28/06/2025, Alexandria Utling & Janel Shorthouse

Outback physiotherapist Keegan Simpson can drive thousands of kilometres just to see one patient. "We cover an area from Quilpie up to Cloncurry, which is about a quarter of the Queensland state," he said. [...] The Longreach resident said cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) set to come in from July 1 would make it harder to see patients living with disability on properties in remote parts of the state.

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## **Red tape and silver bullets: tough task for housing fix**

Canberra Times, Other, 28/06/2025, Jacob Shleyman

Where do you start in cutting back the "thickets of red tape" strangling Australia's construction sector and putting the nation's housing supply targets beyond reach? [...] State governments across the country have vowed to simplify processes but the issues facing the sector are complex and policy-makers hoping for a silver bullet will be disappointed, warns Ben Hendriks, founder of planning consultancy Mecone

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## **David Crisafulli found to be 'careless' in not declaring \$200,000 in payments related to company he ran**

The Guardian, Other, 28/06/2025, Andrew Messenger

The Queensland premier, David Crisafulli, was "careless" in not declaring \$200,000 in payments he made after a company he had run became insolvent, the state's parliamentary ethics committee has found. Crisafulli became sole director and chief executive of Southern Edge Training Solutions after losing his north Queensland seat at the 2015 election.

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Musk pledged to start a new political party and Trump threatened to use the federal government to punish his former adviser's companies

### 2 Worst year on record for businesses unable to pay debts

The tax man is cracking down, with more Australian businesses going insolvent than ever before. But, the worst could be behind us.

### 3 Swyftx buys into crypto-hungry US hype

Australian cryptocurrency exchange Swyftx has sealed a deal believed to be worth \$100m to buy a Melbourne-based, US-focused crypto brokerage targeting the rich.

#### Editor's picks



MARGIN CALL

## ASIC tightening the screws on Keystone's key players

ASIC is closing in on criminal charges against the duo at the centre of Keystone Asset Management's \$480m labyrinth of missing money – and they are feeling the heat.

By NICK EVANS





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## Blackstone checks out of Top Ryde City

Private equity giant Blackstone is offloading Sydney's Top Ryde City shopping complex to a buyer known for its centre turnarounds.

By BEN WILMOT

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### DataRoom

#### → **Dexus pauses redemptions on \$1.5bn healthcare fund**

Real estate manager Dexus has frozen investor withdrawals from its healthcare property fund due to challenges valuing an Adelaide proton therapy centre which has been hit by equipment delays.

#### → **Malaysian giant emerges as Fletcher bidder**

Malaysian infrastructure group Gamuda, worth \$10.5bn, is interested in the Australia and New Zealand listed company's construction arm, which includes road builder Higgins.

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## HOT TOPICS

- The **Courier Mail** leads widespread coverage reporting Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson was allegedly stabbed to death by a 15-year-old boy at a house party in Clayfield, with police charging the teen with murder. Premier David Crisafulli declined to comment on whether the case would be the first test of the 'adult crime, adult time' laws, citing respect for the grieving family. Meanwhile, the **Courier Mail** reports retired magistrate Ron Kilner has called the youth justice policy a "Band-Aid approach" with limited long-term effect.
- The **Courier Mail** and **ABC Online** report Premier David Crisafulli was found by the Ethics Committee to have failed to disclose \$200,000 in settlement payments to liquidators but was cleared of contempt of parliament. Mr Crisafulli said he acted in good faith but admitted he should have sought advice.
- The **Courier Mail** reports shadow minister Shannon Fentiman has called for an overhaul of laws requiring schools to report the sharing of nude images by children on social media,

warning schools should face penalties for failing to notify police. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said he had written to the accreditation board to ensure schools comply.

- The [Courier Mail](#) reports the Queensland Government will hire 150 staff to deliver a \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade aiming to meet modern safety standards by 2030, Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said. About \$5.5 billion will go towards wide centre line treatments, targeting high-risk areas north of Gympie to reduce head-on collisions.

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## KEY PUBLICATIONS

### House party horror

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Iwan Jones & Tayla Couacaud, Page 1

The co-founder of clothing chain Universal Store, 58-year-old Greg Josephson, was found unresponsive in his multimillion-dollar home in the exclusive suburb of Clayfield on Thursday night after he was allegedly stabbed. [...] Premier David Crisafulli on Friday declined to comment on whether the teenager would be the first to be tried for murder under the government's 'adult crime, adult time' policy.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#)

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### Class action on nudity

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Kylie Lang, Page 3

The state government is being called on to urgently overhaul laws around the reporting of nude imagery shared by children on social media with schools which fail to notify police to face criminal charges. [...] Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek did not respond to questions from The Courier-Mail around reviewing legislation or hosting a summit.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### Premier league gambling inquiry

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Chelsea Bunling & Erin Smith, Page 4

Police are investigating claims a Gold Coast soccer player was approached by a Chinese company's representatives to help manipulate a state premier league match outcome. [...] A Queensland Police spokeswoman confirmed it was investigating

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **'Rubber hitting road' on \$9bn fix**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 6

The state government will hire 150 full-time employees to deliver the \$9bn Bruce Highway upgrade plan, now backed by a newly released priority list that aims to see Queensland's deadliest road fixed by 2030. [...] Premier David Crisafulli said works on Bootooloo Rd between Bowen and Ayr and the Toomulla Intersection at Townsville and Ingham would begin "within weeks".

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## **'Careless' but in the clear**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 9

Premier David Crisafulli has been labelled "careless" for failing to disclose a \$200,000 settlement on his register of interests but has been cleared of contempt of parliament. The powerful Ethics Committee on Friday found Mr Crisafulli failed to disclose three payments he made to liquidators between March 12, 2020 and July 19, 2021 over his involvement as a director of failed training company SET Solutions.

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## **'The world is watching'**

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 28/06/2025, Natassia Wheele, Page 10

As someone who started out in a visitor information centre and built a career across every level of tourism, I know its power to change lives my own included. [...] The Honourable Andrew Powell Environment and Tourism Minister and Science and Innovation Minister: Tourism is more than an industry in Queensland; it's the foundation of tens of thousands of small businesses, and the livelihood of more than 270,000 Queenslanders.

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## **Bleijie: Games will stay up here**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 19

Concerns that Olympic Games events could be taken outside Queensland have been dismissed by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie. Mr Bleijie insisted all events would remain in Queensland, per the government's plan announced in March.

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## **Finger on the pulse of city**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Rachel Riley, Page 24

Brisbane's brains trust pumps out a new baseline for our future branding "I think at the moment the liquor laws across Queensland don't represent who we want to be, and that's my job, to work towards with the (state) government, to come up with taking some restrictions off," he said. [...] "I think if the (state) government, which it says it's committed to, gets out of the way of opening up of the opportunities, opening up the river, I think that could really add a whole lot of vibrancy."

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## Shiploads of drugs

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Shayla Bulloch, Page 27

International drug syndicates are smuggling cocaine into Queensland in sea chests and attaching packages to cargo ships in extreme operations to get drugs ashore. It comes as the Australian Border Force (ABF) braces for a 70 per cent increase in cargo coming to the nation's waters over the next decade, bringing with it the threat of more illicit drugs hidden onboard ships.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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## No butts about it

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Peter Carruthers, Page 35

A dramatic raid of illicit tobacco and vapes during which authorities were unlawfully locked inside has netted a haul of alleged illegal cigarettes, vapes, bongos valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. Queensland Health environmental health officers ran a compliance inspection of the Urban Tobacconist and Snacks shop on Grafton St in central Cairns this week.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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## Jack's keeping streets safer

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 38

Together, Brett and Belinda Beasley are responsible for one of Queensland's most historic and far-reaching public safety laws. But it's a distinction they wish was never bestowed on them, and one they'd forgo in a heartbeat, if only they could bring their boy Jack back.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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## EX-magistrate says LNP wrong with youth crime mantra

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Jeremy Pierce, Page 75

A retired Gold Coast magistrate who returned to work on the other side of the bench has hit out at the state government's adult crime, adult time laws, saying they were "kidding themselves" if they think "a clever catchphrase" will achieve meaningful results. [...] A spokesman for youth justice minister Laura Gerber said the LNP government was committed to solving the youth crime crisis.

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## Dual genocide claims from MP

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

In an astonishing outburst in Queensland parliament this week the only surviving Greens MP likened the "genocide" against Palestine by Israel to the "genocide" against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by white Australians. The inflammatory comments came from Member for Maiwar, Michael Berkman, whose electorate straddles suburbs including Indooroopilly, Auchenflower and Toowong.

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## **Oddball week in state parliament**

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

Welcome to my brain tumour. Pity poor Palestine. "Clowns on the left, jokers on the right." [...] David Crisafulli rarely speaks about his wife Tegan or his daughters, but he did this week.

*Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)*

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## **Start spreading the news about Brissie**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Regardless of whether we consider Brisbane's "big country town" label a sledge or a badge of honour, the reality is we have the next seven years to capitalise on hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games - and we can't miss the chance. Yesterday, some of the state's brightest and boldest brains came together to discuss how Brisbane can sell itself to the world, and the challenges ahead.

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## **Bruce upgrade off and running at last**

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel as works begin to bring the Bruce Highway up to standard. [...] Queensland's Transport and Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg says high-risk sections of the highway north of Gympie are being targeted as a priority, with wide centre lines, overtaking lanes, and intersection upgrades.

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## **Disgraced greyhound trainer takes aim at QRIC during appeal**

Courier Mail, Sport, 28/06/2025, Adam Dobbin, Page 109

Former Hall of Fame greyhound trainer and convicted live baiter Ron Ball issued a stinging broadside to Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) officials in a lastditch attempt to return to the industry this week. Ball, who prepared the great Flying Amy during his six-decade training career, fronted the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel on Thursday in a bid to have a 10-year disqualification overturned.

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## **Was it murder at the mansion? Boy, 15, held after tycoon stabbed during 'school party'**

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan & Marcus De Blonk Smith, Page 1

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain has allegedly been stabbed to death by a teenage boy, who police say was known to him, during an afterschool party at his Brisbane mansion. [...] Queensland Police Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said it was alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the boy.

*Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)*

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## Olympics out of Brisbane's league

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Noel Pearson, Page 23

It's not too late for Brisbane to withdraw from hosting the 2032 Olympics. [...] The new Liberal National Party government of Premier David Crisafulli has inherited a liability, and no doubt is excited and enthusiastic about likely being the government in charge when Brisbane 2032 comes around.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## CEO dies in party stabbing

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan, Page 4

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing company and chief executive of another company has been stabbed to death during a house party in a ritzy Brisbane suburb. [...] Acting assistant commissioner Rhys Wildman said police alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the teen.

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## What to do when girls go out of control

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 78

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures. It's a cliché so old that it uses the imperial system, but its metrics stand true today. [...] Which is why the Queensland Government's \$50m commitment to 'crime prevention schools', including \$10m to the Gold Coast's own Men of Business (MOB) Academy, makes cents - even with the state debt now ballooning past \$200bn.

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## George St Beat: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Mikaela Mulveney, Chris Burns & Taylah Fellows

Welcome to a calm and methodical, budget-themed edition of George Street Beat. [...] David Crisafulli wants to change Queensland's colour to blue so I've got a surprise for him," Mr Miles this week said.

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## Queensland GP chain DoctorLink goes bust, owes creditors millions

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Perillo

A group of medical companies across Queensland have collapsed into administration owing millions of dollars to creditors. Several entities under the popular GP brand DoctorLink entered administration late last month, a notice lodged with the corporate regulator reveals.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## **QEM to progress environmental assessment for Julia Creek vanadium and energy project**

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025

The finalised TOR outlines the scope and requirements for the EIS, enabling QEM to begin preparations which can be carried out concurrently with its pre-feasibility study. [...] Its potential scale has been recognised by the Queensland Government, which granted a 'Coordinated Project Declaration' in December 2024 that will streamline the entire approvals process, making it easier and faster to get through regulatory requirements while still meeting environmental and community standards.

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## **Universal Store co-founder's death to test adult crime, adult time laws**

Brisbane Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Cameron Atfield, Cloe Read & William Davis

The teenage boy charged with Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson's murder looks set to be the first major test of Queensland's controversial adult crime, adult time legislation. Under the new laws, which were a key plank of Premier David Crisafulli's election pitch last year, juveniles can face life sentences for serious criminal offences.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## **Ethics committee finds David Crisafulli failed to declare \$200,000 payment to liquidators**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Liam Walsh

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found. The failure of Mr Crisafulli to list the liability on his MP register of interests was "careless", the bipartisan ethics committee found in a report tabled on Friday.

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## **Hospital study finds link between La Niña events and spread of deadly *Vibrio vulnificus* infection**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, James Taylor

Anamika Ganju had not seen anything like it in more than 20 years as an intensive care clinician. [...] In a statement, Queensland Health says the department issues public health advice about the risks of exposure to floodwaters, particularly around severe weather events.

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FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

## East-west link in spotlight

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

Northern Australia's east-west connectivity will be a major focus of an upcoming conference set to host more than 400 delegates, including leading decision makers and policy influencers. The Developing Northern Australia Conference will sit at the Convention Centre for three days from July 22, with the event "strategically" lured to Cairns, in line with the beginning of a new federal parliament term, TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen said.

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## Reckless actions rampant

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 5

Not a single penalty has been issued for reckless human behaviour around crocodiles since the introduction of tough new laws in Queensland, sparking calls for further reform. [...] Cairns Division 1 councillor Brett Moller said he believed the men were not locals, and on Monday, June 16 lodged a complaint to the Department of Environment Tourism, Science and Innovation.

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## Rate rise of \$155 a year

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 3

The average ratepayer on the minimum general rate in Cairns will pay \$155 a year more in rates this year. [...] "The state government's recent land revaluation with an average increase of 30 per cent across our region placed significant pressure on rates.

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## Giving a boost to FNQ

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Lizzie Vigar, Page 4

Far North Queensland has welcomed a multi-billion-dollar makeover after Premier David Crisafulli unveiled the 2025-26 state budget, pitching it as a "fresh start" that tackles youth crime, health backlogs, housing shortages and cost-of-living pain. Key spending includes \$560 million for early-intervention programs such as a new regional reset scheme for highrisk teens and a youth justice school for offenders on court orders.

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## Budget is fresh start for state

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 5

The Crisafulli government's 2025-26 \$116.8 billion budget lays the foundation for the fresh start Queenslanders voted for, addressing Labor's youth crime, health, housing and cost of living crises. Premier David Crisafulli said the Queensland budget was "delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland".

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## Legacy's \$5.7m crusade

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 7

A petition has been launched to try to secure nearly \$6 million for the proposed FNQ Legacy House, a vital new hub for veterans and their families in Far North Queensland. Barron River MP Bree James is leading the call for \$5.7m in state and federal government support to deliver a purpose-built facility that will provide crisis accommodation, mental health and wellness services and ongoing support for over 300 beneficiaries across the region.

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## Far North Queensland kids face life-threatening delays as support services face cuts despite 300-day cardiac waitlists

Cairns Post, Other, 27/06/2025, Emma Cam

Far North Queensland families have been left out of the state budget despite heart disease being the leading cause of death in remote areas of Australia. [...] Member for Hill Shane Knuth accused Health Minister Tim Nicholls of inaction on a solution to a second cardiologist for Cairns kids.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## Far North's economic strengths, challenges hit the road

Cape York Weekly, Other, 27/06/2025, Cape York

The latest economic and employment data for Far North Queensland will be unpacked at a series of free Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tropical North forums across the region in June and July. [...] A longer session will be held in Cairns, with RDA Tropical North giving an update on current priorities alongside AusIndustry, the Office of Northern Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and nbn.

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## NORTH QUEENSLAND

### Kirwan High's nursing program gets national nod

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Evan Morgan, Page 3

Kirwan High has been named as a double finalist in the prestigious 2025 Australian Education Awards honours that showcase the principals, teachers and best performing schools in the country. [...]

Developed in partnership with Queensland Health and local aged care providers, the program offers year 12 students from not just Kirwan High but other schools in the region, the opportunity to gain real-world industry qualifications and employability skills in the healthcare sector.

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## **Katter runs into brick wall**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Josh Mercer, Page 4

Traeger MP Robbie Katter says a developer is ready to take on the challenge of turning defunct parts of Eventide Aged Care Facility into social and affordable housing. [...] Mr Katter put a question on notice to the Health and Ambulance Services Minister, Tim Nicholls, in parliament in May asking if he supported repositioning the proposed Charters Towers Hospital so the Eventide Aged Care Facility can be repurposed for housing.

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## **Help to protect women**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Page 5

A Townsville chief executive, who has been helping support NQ women in need for almost two decades, has started work as part of the state government's newly established Sexual Violence Review Board. [...] Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support Laura Gerber said the Sexual Violence Review Board is another step towards ensuring victims' rights are front and centre.

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## **Copper clock ticking down**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Chris Burns, Page 7

Queensland's critical mineral supply faces a "five minutes to midnight" threat on the proverbial doomsday clock, with industry insiders fearing the closure of its only copper smelter could derail the \$13.9bn CopperString transmission project. [...] High-level discussions have been held between Glencore and Premier David Crisafulli, with the company indicating it would need \$2bn over a decade to justify keeping the smelter open.

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## **Airport celebrates 20 years with QAL**

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Daneka Hill, Page 22

It's been a crazy 20 years for Townsville Airport, with passenger numbers growing 45 per cent and \$118m in upgrades completed. Our little airport was acquired by its current owner, QAL (Queensland Airports Limited), on March 15, 2005 a time when fire engines made ceremonial water archways for planes carrying the Cowboys NRL squad, and the 2004 mining boom was making FIFO a household acronym.

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## **Gold Coast fast rail is the untold State Budget story - and it could make a big difference to the gridlocked M1**

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Paul Weston

The untold Gold Coast story from the State Budget is not about funding for light rail going south to the border being on pause. It's about faster train services north to Brisbane. [...] Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg, in a Budget chat with your columnist about light rail and the Coomera Connector, when asked about fast rail, provided some stunning statistics.

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## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

### Rates rise

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, McKenzie Neal, Page 1

Longreach ratepayers will see an average increase of 2.7 per cent in their rates bills this financial year, following the adoption of Longreach Regional Council's 202526 Budget.[...] A further \$8 million will be spent on roads, streets and stormwater maintenance, with \$7 million allocated to contract works in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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### Millions are committed for the West

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart, Page 1

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 202526 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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### Telstra wins tower appeal

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Matthew Pearce, Page 3

Telstra has won an appeal to build a new 5G tower near Longreach's Stockman's Hall of Fame on Ilfracombe Road. After the proposal was rejected by Longreach Regional Council in November, Telstra appealed the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

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### Big month at Blackall-Tambo

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Andrew Martin, Page 9

June is almost over. [...] The Queensland Government is partnering with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC) to support a trial designed to increase transport connections to essential medical, education and community services,' he said.

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### Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Morning Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025

A Central Qld grazier-turned-politician is lauding wind and solar farm legislation which will empower local voices, but the peak state body has warned there could be negative outcomes. Grazier-turned-politician Glen Kelly is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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## CQ's 'fresh start on Budget

CQ Today, Olher, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart

A new high school in Gracemere, a TAFE Centre of Excellence, and close to \$2 billion for the Rockhampton Ring Road headline a 2025–26 State Budget the Queensland Government says delivers a "fresh start" for Central Queensland. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday.

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## Millions committed in state budget to Western Queensland

Emerald Today, Olher, 27/06/2025, Jin Hui

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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## WIDE BAY

### Council supports housing action in Gin Gin

Bundaberg Now, Olher, 27/06/2025, Natasha Harth

In another win for Bundaberg Regional Council's Housing Action Plan a State Government social housing project has been delivered in Gin Gin after Council gifted land to the State. [...] Queensland Government Minister for Housing and Public Works Sam O'Connor said the project was representative of the collaborative approach needed.

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### State Budget commits \$4.4 billion to Paradise Dam

Bundaberg Today, Olher, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart & Tahlia Facer

Rebuilding Paradise Dam headlines a number of Wide Bay–Burnett initiatives in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget handed down on Tuesday. The State Government allocated \$4.4 billion to construct a new wall at Paradise Dam, which Deputy Premier and State Development Minister Jarrod Bleijie said was a long-awaited step to restore water security in the region.

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### Council conditions major intersection upgrades on 256 lot development approval

Bundaberg Today, Olher, 27/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

East Bundaberg is set to welcome yet another housing development with council approving a 256 lot subdivision at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday. Encompassing almost an entire block between Telegraph Rd, Ashfield Rd and Bargara Rd, the development will be established upon land previously used for cropping.

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## SUNSHINE COAST

### Budget delivers funding

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 3

Gympie South will benefit from a new Queensland Fire and Rescue Station as part of a \$36 million investment outlined in the 202526 Queensland Budget, handed down this week. [...] "This Budget is delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland," Premier David Crisafulli said.

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### Highway fix starts

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Arthur Gorrie, Page 7

The \$9 billion joint federal-state government project to "fix the Bruce" got started just north of Gympie on 20 June with major works at Bauple. [...] State Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg, Federal Assistant Regional Development Minister Anthony Chisholm and state Primary Industries Minister and Gympie MP Tony Perrett also welcomed the projects, which are being informed by advice from the Bruce Highway Advisory Council.

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### Fishing shackles released

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 27

A media statement from the Crisafulli Government has said it is revoking investment warnings for the state's commercial fishing industry a move, it says, will restore confidence, improve financial access, and support industry growth. [...] Minister for Primary Industries and Gympie MP Tony Perrett said the change was vital to the future of the industry, which contributes around \$354 million annually to Queensland's economy while supporting about 2835 jobs.

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### Step in the right direction

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 28

The Gympie Regional Council, and specifically the Cooloola Coast, is set to benefit from next month with \$30,000 to improve walking track facilities in the area. [...] Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said that through this round of grants, more than \$8.8 million will be invested in regional Queensland to help deliver improved pathways for children travelling to school and for people walking or cycling in their neighbourhoods.

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## GOLD COAST

## Labor's green dreams put out of their misery

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Mall Canavan, Page 81

The Queensland Budget this week revealed that the former Labor government wasted a rainy-day fund on various renewable and hydrogen pet projects. When the Labor party increased coal royalties a few years ago, it knew that Queensland would lose part of the windfall revenue to other states as part of the GST redistribution.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#)

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## Here's what \$380m buys in south east

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 26

The Sunshine State has become the nation's new money magnet for property seekers, with the top 20 biggest sales of the financial year in Queensland eclipsing all other states except for NSW. A whopping \$380m was spent on just 20 residential properties in the past 12 months five in Brisbane and the rest scattered across the Gold Coast and Noosa with agents reporting an exodus of Melbourne buyers and an influx of local buyers.

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## We need a new model for mental health emergencies

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Carly Hudson, Page 78

There's a growing crisis in how we respond to mental health emergencies, and it's playing out in hospital emergency departments every day. [...] I note the recent announcement from the Queensland Government of a dedicated low-stimulus space for mental health ED presentations at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

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## What we're doing with your money

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Tate, Page 79

The Gold Coast continues to experience record population growth and residents have an expectation that council, and other levels of government, will focus on delivering core services and infrastructure. [...] The City has funding set aside for the detailed business case for Stage 4 yet we have now learned the State Government is still yet to match that funding in their 2025-26 state budget.

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## Gold Coast Turf Club: \$1bn lifestyle precinct Sunshine development's big step forward

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Andrew Potts

A \$1 billion Gold Coast Turf Club transformation plan for a "world-class" residential and retail entertainment precinct will burst out of the gates after more than a year of delays. [...] "This has never been about moving fast, it's about doing it properly, and with the community beside us (and) to have that support, and the backing of Gold Coast City Council and the State Government, gives us the confidence to now take the next step.

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## TOOWOOMBA

### 17 lives within 24 years

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive funding boost to upgrade it, as part of funding within the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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### Public service spending spree ahead of new cap

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

Millions of dollars will be spent appointing new public service executives before the government's hiring cap kicks in next week. Job advertisements for three senior positions in the Treasury department were posted on Seek on Wednesday June 25 the day after Treasurer David Janetzki announced a public service hiring freeze in his first budget.

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### Delay to protect disgrace: Vonhoff

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 5

Deputy mayor Rebecca Vonhoff has lashed council bureaucrats over a seven-month delay in developing environmental protections for the Toowoomba region, calling it a "damn disgrace" to ratepayers. Dr Vonhoff secured enough support from colleagues at last week's ordinary meeting to continue work by the council's planning department into the "management of significant vegetation".

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### Housing projects ditched and delayed

Toowoomba Chronicle, Real Estate, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 8

More than a quarter of Brisbane's apartment projects are at risk of not getting off the ground, as new figures reveal more than 1100 units are stuck in limbo as construction costs and productivity delays continue to plague the industry. [...] "Queensland has the worst construction productivity in the country and we need to get things moving if we have any hope of realising Queensland's Olympic dreams and ensuring every Queenslanders has a roof over their head," Caire said.

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### Toowoomba council accused of stopping development of 100 new affordable homes in Glenvale over earthworks opposition

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

A Brisbane developer has slammed the Toowoomba Regional Council for holding up the construction of 100 houses for first homebuyers, over requirements he has described as "stupid". [...] "Our objective is to sell lowset homes for under \$750,000 — the land price is \$300,000, and the house is \$400,000, and the state government is encouraging us to move ahead with these," he said.

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## **Qld government to start work on \$27m upgrade of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road after 25 years of carnage**

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive boost to upgrade it, as part of funding in the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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## **Future farming: CQU's collaborative vision with Ag department**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Melanie Groves

A major university is chasing a partnership with the Department of Primary Industries in an effort to encourage more people to enter the agricultural workforce. Representatives from Central Queensland University met with the Primary Industries Minister, Tony Perrett, at the Belmont Research Station near Rockhampton last week, on June 18.

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## **Council rates rise across Queensland by up to 10 per cent**

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Zac Braxton-Smith

Ratepayers in most of Queensland's rural and regional areas will pay between 2.7 and 9.5 per cent more to councils from July 1, but the rate increase could be even higher in one local government area. Most of Queensland's 77 councils had voted to increase their FY25-26 rates by June 26, with a handful of exceptions.

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## **Toowoomba-Cecil Plains road upgrades underway**

WEB The Toowoomba Minut, Other, 27/06/2025

Construction has officially commenced on the Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road safety upgrade project, following extensive community consultation in 2024. Led by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), the project will deliver several targeted safety improvements aimed at reducing crash risks and improving efficiency on this key agricultural corridor.

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## **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

### **Ipswich households to receive a new green lid bin**

Moreton Border News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 20

Ipswich is improving the way it handles waste, with an important change on the way for households. [...] The new GO bin will be delivered to every Ipswich household kerbside at no additional cost to residents, with funding from the State Government.

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## **TMR looks to Germany for Bremer River bridge woes**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

With no silver bullet in sight to fix the Warrego Highway's westbound Bremer River bridge, the Transport and Main Roads Department has turned its attention to Germany, where laboratory testing could see the damaged bridge effectively patched, sparing commuters a re-decking project after two long years of waiting. Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, who attended last Thursday's Pine Mountain and Districts Progress Association AGM confirmed the growing whispers behind closed doors.

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## **Fitzroy's loss is local's gain**

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Questions have been asked since the state government's decision to divert the 2032 Olympic rowing events from SEQ to Rockhampton's Fitzroy River, but criticisms of the Olympic facility are getting louder following a big change to the rowing calendar. Rockhampton was supposed to host the 2025 Queensland Schools Championship Regatta but it has been moved back to the Queensland State Rowing Centre (Wyaralong Dam) – the venue overlooked by the State when making its games choice.

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## **Waft a stench! Mangrove smelly season pongs again**

Redlands Coast Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Some Redlands Coast residents living close to mangrove wetlands are experiencing the annual 'pong-a-thon'. [...] Queensland Health has previously advised Council and residents that there are no long-term health impacts associated with exposure to hydrogen sulphide odours produced by mangrove seeds breaking down, as the levels are well below those known to cause health effects.

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## **Helping hand for Moreton Bay businesses**

Moreton Daily, Other, 27/06/2025, Nick Crockford

Seven small and family businesses in Redcliffe and Pumicestone have been selected for State Government Business Basics Grants. [...] Small and Family Business Minister Steve Minnikin said the Business Basics Grants program was part of the Small and Family Business First Action Statement.

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## **New transport sub-committee drives push for better connectivity on Tamborine Mountain**

[beaundesertbulletin.com](http://beaundesertbulletin.com), Other, 27/06/2025

The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Transport Sub-Committee, formed in response to mounting concerns about the region's limited public transport options. The Committee is currently updating its formal submission to the Queensland Government to reflect: Current service usage and gaps, 2021 Census data, Economic benefits of expanded transport for tourism and employment, A business case for weekend and late-service transport

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## Olympic rivalry a national sport

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 14

Sibling rivalry certainly is a thing for federations as well as families. [...] This week's Queensland budget set out the parlous position of the state's economy, which is sliding deeper into debt.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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## Third surplus in Chalmers' sights

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 1

Treasurer Jim Chalmers will come close to delivering a shock third budget surplus this year, even as new research showed state and federal government debt repayments were on track to reach their highest share of economic activity in at least two decades.

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## Victoria leads the country in building homes

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Myriam Robin, Page 18

A year ago on Tuesday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese gave the nation five years to build 1.2 million homes, divided proportionately by population among all the states and territories.

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## QLD Premier David Crisafulli should have declared \$200k settlement

The Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Elks, Mackenzie Scott & Michael McKenna

G'day readers and welcome to this week's Feeding the Chooks, your regular insight into the fascinating world of Queensland politics. Trading barbs David Crisafulli failed to disclose to the parliament a \$200,000 legal settlement he made to liquidators to avoid being sued for insolvent trading, the powerful ethics committee has found.

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## All the changes coming on July 1, and what they mean for your wallet

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/06/2025

It's not just end-of-financial-year sales that could hit your hip pocket from July 1. [...] Penalty unit rates are being indexed by the Queensland government from July 1, meaning people convicted of a crime will pay \$5.60 more per penalty unit for most offences under state legislation.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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## Teen held on murder charge after businessman's stabbing

Canberra Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Fraser Barton & Laine Clark

A teenager will be held in custody on a murder charge after the multimillionaire co-founder of a national clothing chain was fatally stabbed at a house party packed with youths. [...] Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said there had been "some sort of altercation" before Mr Josephson was found dead.

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## **CCTV emerges in case of teen accused of murdering Universal Store founder Greg Josephson at Clayfield mansion**

West Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Peta Rasdien

The teen accused of killing the millionaire co-founder of popular clothing retailer Universal Store at an affluent Brisbane home allegedly phoned police before his arrest. [...] Queensland Premier David Crisafulli declined to speculate on whether the boy would face the State's tough new "adult crime, adult time" policy, under which youth offenders can be sentenced as adults for serious crimes like murder.

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## **Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues**

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Brendan Mounier, Adam Stephen & Christopher Testa

Getting to mainland Australia's northernmost point is difficult at the best of times but constant ferry breakdowns at the final river crossing has made it all the harder. [...] Tourism Tropical North Queensland estimates tourism is worth \$175 million annually to Cape York.

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## **Solar power: Kangaroo Point Bridge leads winners as Queensland architecture awards put spotlight on sustainability**

The Guardian, Other, 27/06/2025, Kelly Burke

The newest bridge spanning the Brisbane River – the longest cable-stayed pedestrian bridge in the country – has taken out top honours in the 2025 Australian Institute of Architects Queensland awards. A week after Sydney's new network of city metro stations collected architecture's most prestigious prize in New South Wales, Brisbane's Kangaroo Point Bridge was lauded at Friday night's award ceremony as another example of the significant value of state governments investing in architecture to realise major infrastructure projects that raise the bar beyond the realm of mere functionality.

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## **The CFMEU 's\*\*\* fight' after High Court decision**

The Saturday Paper, Other, 28/06/2025, Martin McKenzie-Murray

It was a significant victory for the CFMEU's administration, however predictable the outcome seemed to observers. Last Wednesday, the High Court unanimously rejected a challenge to the administration's constitutional validity, made last year by expelled Queensland officials.

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### How Horton, Phelps, swayed US Congress to get tough on drug cheats

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## **Payten confirms Cowboys' Cobbo interest – with a catch**

Cowboys coach Todd Payten has confirmed the club's interest in securing the signature of Selwyn Cobbo, but made it clear the club will only throw the unwanted Broncos winger a life...

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## **Ponga vs Walsh: 80 minutes to decide Maroons' No.1 dilemma**

Queensland selector Darren Lockyer has declared Reece Walsh and Kalyn Ponga have one final chance to claim the Maroons No. 1 jersey for the Origin decider. Who will win? VOTE in ou...

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## **Campese unloads on Lions: Captain, coach, tactics torched**

The war of words between the Wallabies and the British and Irish Lions has exploded with Australian Test legend David Campese ripping into the tourists.

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## **Revealed: Shock get-out clause could sink PNG expansion side**

Peter V'landys has revealed the Australian government has a \$600 million get-out clause if Papua New Guinea reneges on a security arrangement involving the NRL's 19th team.

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## **Medical marvel Sheehan to lead Lions, 'boy wonder' to start**

Medical marvel Dan Sheehan has been announced as the shock new British & Irish Lions captain, while wonder kid Henry Pollock will make his first start for the touring side.

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## **'Lost faith': Fifita's Titanic mystery deepens after conflicting reports**

Gold Coast Titans enigma David Fifita hasn't been sighted in the NRL in two months despite running freely. Now he's eyeing a big game to announce his return.

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## **Wallabies star makes mad dash back to Perth after Beale injury**

Western Force coach Simon Cron has explained the dialogue with the Wallabies that made possible Ben Donaldson's return for the upcoming match against the Lions, following Kurtley B...

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## Reality check: Proof Australia's problems ran deeper than Marnus

If Australian selectors thought the long-mooted axing of Marnus Labuschagne would solve their batting ills, they were jolted back to reality at Kensington Oval

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## Dragons coach subject to abusive social media attacks

The NRL integrity unit has been alerted to abusive rants directed at the Dragons coach Shane Flanagan and his son in recent weeks after being contacted by St George Illawarra boss...

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## Future Wallabies: The 11 names to watch at under-20s World Cup

Australia's next generation World Cup rugby prospects will feature at the World Rugby Under-20 Championships. These are the names you should be following.

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## Leaked document: Every NRL club's commercial revenue revealed

A secret NRL document has revealed the enormous financial gulf between the

Broncos and their 16 premiership rivals. See the breakdown of every NRL club's commercial revenue.

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## Late Mail: Axed Sea Eagle earns reprieve

Manly have made a late change ahead of their Wests Tigers clash, with an axed back earning a recall after another Sea Eagle was ruled out. See all the predicted Round 17 team chang...

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## Beale given second shot at renewing Lions rivalry

Injury ruled out what was supposed to be Kurtley Beale's first shot at renewing his rivalry with the British and Irish Lions, 12 years on, but he is set to get a reprieve, selected...

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## Gollan 'itching to get back' to fulfil Group 1 dream with rising mare

Tony Gollan was eager to return home from Royal Ascot as he shoots for the stars with improving mare Floozie in the Group 1 Tatt's Tiara.

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## Khawaja rejects SEN interview after journo sacking

Usman Khawaja has declined a post-play interview with broadcaster SEN, seemingly in protest with the radio station's decision to sack journalist Peter Lalor earlier this year.

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## Paro destroys Navarro with monstrous left, targets world titles

Liam Paro has destroyed Jonathan Navarro to bounce back into the winner's circle, as he and Liam Wilson kept their world title hopes alive. Relive the action live here.

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## ASSRL insider: Qld 14-15 years schoolboys league team deep dive

Who were the mini-Maroons set for battle at the ASSRL national championships to be staged in Townsville from this weekend? Here the state's 40 best of the best schoolboy league pla...

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## While you were sleeping: Windies tyro gets last laugh as Konstas cops it

Shamar Joseph copped a brutal rebuke from an Australian legend after calling out Sam Konstas pre-series. The West Indies quick got the last laugh, with Aussie rookie suffering a ro...

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## SuperCoach DPP updates: Keaon biggest winner among 10 changes

The final round of position updates for 2025 will flush through when lockout ends after this weekend. See who's earned dual status and check our watchlist for next year.

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## Aussies left hanging on night of huge NBA draft drama

Two of the top-10 picks in the NBA Draft were left seething after being drafted to clubs they were desperate to avoid. Recap the drama and watch highlights of the top 30 picks here...

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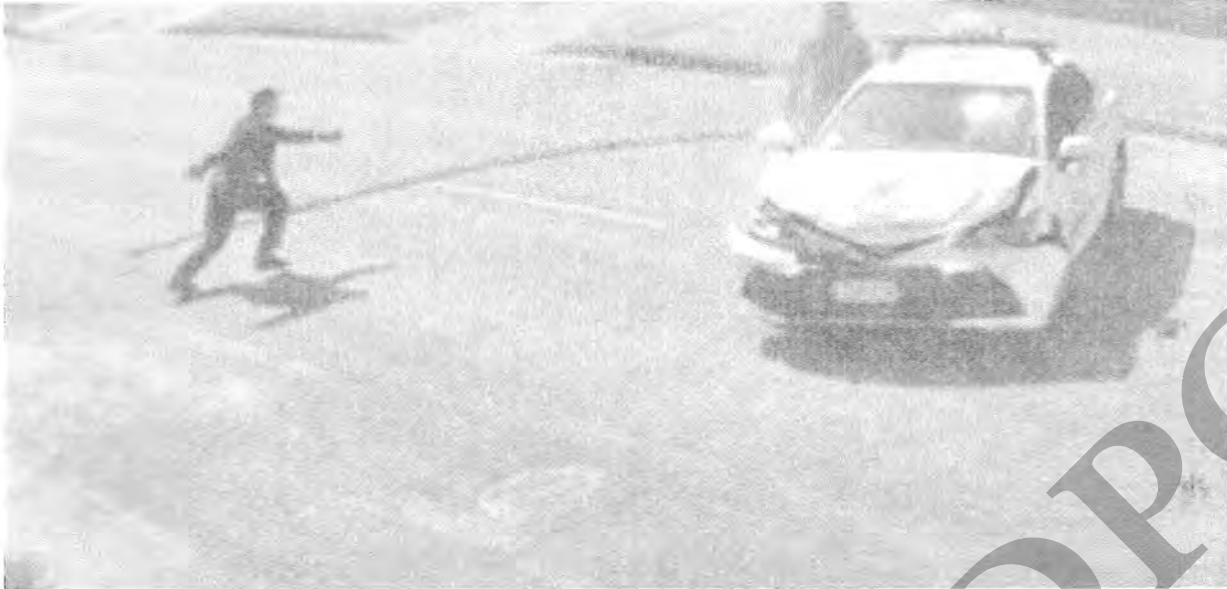
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- 3 Phone recording twist in bid to halt Lehrmann's rape trial
- 4 Inside the fiery collapse of Hembrow's whirlwind marriage

## Dramatic takedown of alleged teen taxi jacker





**An alleged teen taxi jacker was arrested in dramatic circumstances.**

Dramatic video has shown the moment angry police threw road spikes down to stop a repeat teen offender alleged to have stolen one car before carjacking a taxi.

In the footage, the boy crashes the car into the back of a parked car in an attempt to avoid the spikes, before exiting the vehicle and attempting to flee.

A quick-thinking officer grabs the teen, throws him to the ground and places him under arrest. [See the video and read what happened next here.](#)

## **'Don't they turn up to work?': Crisafulli torches Labor**



David Crisafulli wasn't impressed with the Labor turnout.

David Crisafulli has let fly at the Opposition after six Labor MPs failed to show up to parliament today.

The MPs were sent to locations across the state to hold press conferences to rip into the LNP's budget, released 24 hours prior.

Attorney-General Deb Frecklington taunted "maybe there's a beach somewhere calling them... or a bar". [Read on for the latest from parliament.](#)

## Inside the fiery collapse of Hembrow's marriage



**Were the smiles and romance just for the camera?**

When fitness mogul and social media queen Tammy Hembrow wed Love Island Australia star Matt Zukowski in a dreamy Byron Bay ceremony, it looked like the ultimate influencer fairytale.

But behind the filtered posts and picture-perfect smiles, the cracks were already showing.

Here's the full story of how their romance began, raced toward marriage, and collapsed spectacularly under the glare of the public eye. [Read on for the inside story.](#)

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## **'Maybe they're at the bar?': AG lashes Labor MPs missing in action**

Attorney-General Deb Frecklington has let fly at the six Labor MPs who travelled to the regions to criticise the LNP's first budget. FOLLOW LIVE.

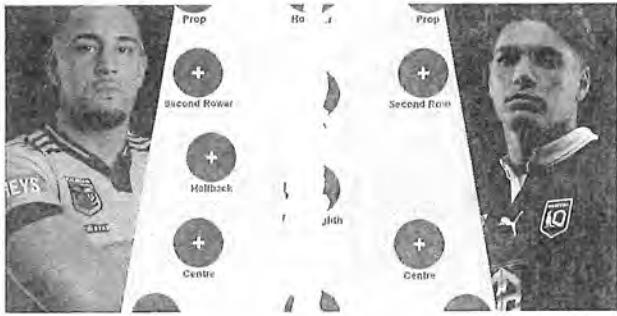
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Behind the filtered posts and picture-perfect smiles, the cracks were already showing in Tammy Hembrow's marriage with Matt Zukowski. This is why it all went spectacularly wrong.

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## Origin III team picker: Keaon vs Stefano, Ponga vs Walsh

Will Laurie Daley and Billy Slater stick to their guns or gamble on some fresh faces for Origin III? Put yourself in the hot seat and pick your NSW and Queensland teams as we count...

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## Their mum slain. Their dad charged with murder. Two little boys left with 'no one'

A fight is being waged to unite two tiny boys - left with no one after their mum was allegedly murdered by her husband and his brother - with family trapped on the other side of th...

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## ABC to pay \$70k to unfairly sacked journo

Antoinette Lattouf has won her legal stoush with the ABC, with the Federal Court ruling she was unlawfully sacked before chaos erupted outside court.

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## US, Iran to resume talks; White House fumes over leak

The US and Iran have quietly reopened talks on Tehran's nuclear program after a furious Donald Trump dropped the F-



bomb and a report into the impact of US strikes on Iran was leake...

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## Mega gallery: Flashback to Birdees in the 2010s

It was one of the hottest nightclubs in Brisbane in the early 2000s and now it's making a comeback. Did you party at Birdees in the 2010s?

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## Phone recording twist in bid to halt Lehrmann's rape trial

Questions over police recordings of phone calls involving Bruce Lehrmann's lawyer are at the centre of a bid to halt his Queensland rape trial, a court has heard.

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## Qld Rail worker's mindblowing cannabis reading

A man who worked in a 'safety critical' role shunting trains for Queensland Rail has been denied compensation for his sacking.

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Hugh Jackman and Deborah-Lee Furness have finalised their divorce nearly two years after they announced their separation.

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## **'Just minutes': Diddy's lawyers stun with short defence**

Sean "Diddy" Combs' lawyers presented their case on sex-trafficking charges that could land the rapper in prison for life. And it wasn't what everyone was expecting.



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## Georgia Love's divorce takes \$1m twist

Bachelorette Australia ex-couple Georgia Love and Lee Elliott's split has taken another turn.

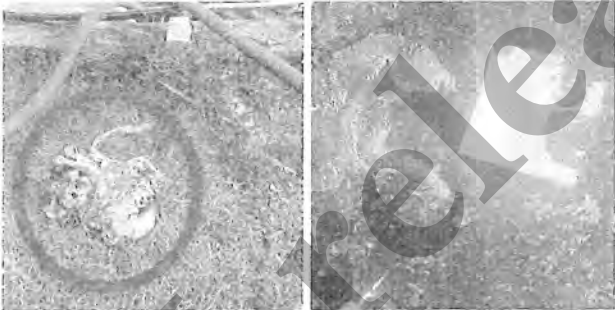
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In a daring move, an Aussie state is shaking up the housing concession wars by giving the 'most attractive' chance in the nation to first home buyers.

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## 'Life-threat': Hazard find in Aussie backyards

A fresh call to double check this one area of Aussie backyards has emerged following a string of "life-threatening" finds. Warning: Graphic images

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A patch about the size of a 50-cent coin that can track hydration in real time with no needles and no blood tests has been developed in Queensland that could be a game changer for ...

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## Bezos' wedding party 'moved' amid security concerns

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and Laura Sánchez are set to hold an opulent three-day wedding in Venice this week. And locals – as well as tourists – are not happy.

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One Direction star Liam Payne's final TV appearance has been revealed as Netflix released the trailer for the tragic singer's last show.

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Insiders have revealed that the Prince and Princess of Wales have made a choice regarding their daughter's future education. See what they have arranged.

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The Chase Australia's official Shark, Brydon Coverdale, has created a new daily quiz challenge. Test yourself.

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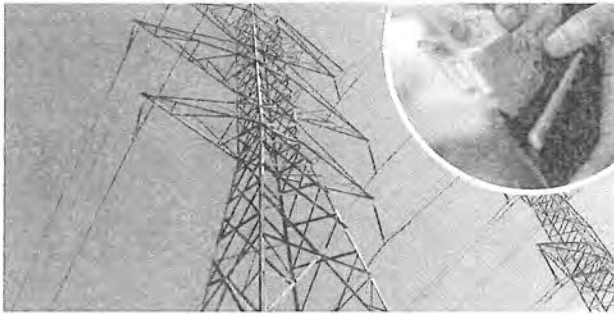
## Russell Crowe look alike caught in 'low act' at pub

A man has been caught on camera stealing a charity box from a Yorke Peninsula hotel. But that wasn't the only



thing that sent the internet into a frenzy.  
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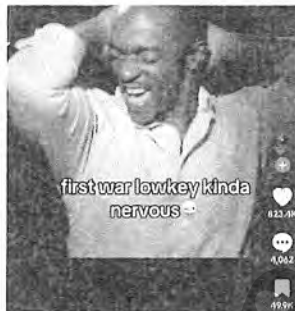
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Two of the biggest power retailers have disclosed details of their next round of electricity price hikes, with big hits for hundreds of thousands of households. Find out what you'll...

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### Hot Topics

#### Insolvent trading claim

- [ABC Online](#) reports **Premier David Crisafulli** failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found.

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### Hourly news bulletins

#### 4pm NEWS

##### 4BC Brisbane

- Suncorp Stadium will host a match between the Rabbitohs and Dolphins, as well as the Brisbane Broncos against the NZ Warriors this weekend. General Manager Alan Graham states it will be a challenge. [Stream](#)

##### KIIS FM

- The **Premier** has slammed comments by the **Opposition Leader** accusing the LNP of stealing Labor policies for its latest budget. **David Crisafulli** told Parliament the Budget is making up for the former government's inaction. [Stream](#)

#### 3pm NEWS

##### ABC Radio Brisbane



- The **Queensland Government** and **Opposition** had a debate in Parliament over the cost-of-living measures in the State Budget. Last year's temporary relief measures, including the \$1000 energy rebates and rego discounts, have ended. Opposition Leader **Steven Miles** questioned the lack of support for households and **Treasurer David Janetzki** responded by detailing the LNP's cost-of-living measures. [Stream](#)
- Early childhood education safety will be highlighted at the first meeting of the country's **Education Ministers** since the federal election. In March, the ABC's *Four Corners* exposed systemic issues plaguing the sector, including cases of abuse, neglect, and injury. [Stream](#)

#### 4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** backs the LNP's 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' laws following backlash from Opposition Leader **Steven Miles** that the legislation will not work in Queensland. **Mr Bleijie** says the crackdown on youth offenders will take time. [Stream](#)

## Radio Afternoon and Drive interviews

### Brisbane

**ABC Brisbane Drive** – Interview with former Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda discussing the potential impacts of Olympics infrastructure on cultural heritage laws. [Stream](#)

*Host plays an excerpt of a presser conference by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie yesterday, during which he responds to a question on whether the government intended to honour the Indigenous heritage of Victoria Park, a traditional bora ring and Aboriginal birthing place.*

#### Mick Gooda:

- The **Deputy Premier** said no one spoke about an concerns Victoria Park, well, we just heard Yuggera Elder Sandra King OAM talk about her story of that place and how important it was in her life
- It's just that people like **Jarrod Bleijie** haven't been part of that conversation
- The whole purpose of Truth Telling is to make public the complete history of Queensland, not just one side
- It's part of the blindness that goes on in Australia around the significance of those places
- It reflects the attitude that we're seeing right now, particularly in places like Queensland and the Northern Territory
- If the **Olympic Games Organising Committee** didn't have Indigenous people, it would not be representative of the whole community
- It should be representative of women, migrants and Indigenous people

**4BC Brisbane Afternoons** – Interview with 4BC host Sophie Formica discussing ideas promoted at the Brand Brisbane event where she was part of a special guest panel. [Stream](#)

#### Sophie Formica:

- They looked at how Brisbane looks now as we look towards the future, with the city evolving and going through a period of transformation
- Also discussed was how we make sure we change and grow wisely while remaining very clear about the essence of who we are and ensuring the DNA of the city doesn't change
- Our regional areas also offer much value, such as the beautiful Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast beaches

- There are opportunities that'll be realised, not just as **Games** infrastructure, but as pieces of infrastructure in the city that will be used for generations to come
- We aren't in the shadow of Sydney and Melbourne; we've got a lot to offer and we can stand on our own two feet and we should be really proud of the city that we are and the city that we will become

**4BC Brisbane Afternoons** – Interview with **Queensland Academy of Sport** Advisory Board member Cate Campbell discussing Brisbane 2032. [Stream](#)

**Cate Campbell:**

- My long-term goal is to get involved with the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and the delivery of the Games
- There are so many facets of what goes into make a good Games, including infrastructure, legacy planning, and good investment in athletes
- Ultimately, our Games will be measured on how successful our athletes are, and that investment needs to come early
- I'm super excited to be joining the board of the **Queensland Academy of Sport**
- We'll be looking at World's Best Practice, what are the best people in the world doing and how we can emulate that in Queensland
- But also, what is our pathway looking like? Are we identifying new talent? Where is that coming from? How can we plug them into Olympic sports?

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## NRL Rookie of the Year race: One club dominating Dally M contenders

The race for the Dally M Rookie Of The Year award is shaping up as one of the most hotly contested fields in recent seasons - and one club is dominating the contenders list. Vote f...

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## Why Wallabies star stayed loyal despite World Cup snub

He's now among the best fullbacks in the game, but two years ago Wallabies star Tom Wright was snubbed for the World Cup. He reveals why he stayed loyal to Australian rugby.

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## Quips, clips and the night a Giant roared: 29 years of The Back Page

From Gibbo to Gout Gout, Fox Sports' The Back Page spotlighted the best, worst and whackiest moments in Australian sport. ROBERT CRADDOCK bids farewell to the 29-year institution.

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## Fresh NRL club snub set to force Selwyn Cobbo to Sydney

Selwyn Cobbo's Broncos future is hanging by a withering thread, with the out-of-favour star now set for an inevitable Sydney move after a Queensland suitor pulled out of the race t...

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## The little-known 'future Olympian' who is Australia's newest NBA champion

Amid the celebrations and euphoria of the Oklahoma City Thunder winning their first NBA championship was a little-known Aussie who has the potential to be a future Boomers great.

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## Aussie boxer's 'young, hungry lion' Maroons inspiration

For Queensland, it was 'out with the old and in with the new' which delivered an Origin II upset - and Liam Paro is drawing inspiration from the Maroons for his own boxing resurrec...

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## Ricciardo and Piastri's Monte Carlo reunion

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## 1000s of kids with nowhere to play: Basketball alarm bells ringing

Basketball is booming in NSW right now, but the sport is struggling to keep up with the growing need for facilities. It's put a system that reared some of the country's greatest ev...

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## Broncos miracle: 26 minutes that could close door on Cobbo

Every win the Broncos make without Selwyn Cobbo pushes him ever closer to the exit door of the only club he has ever wanted to play for. ROBERT CRADDOCK reveals the 26 minutes that...

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## Magic Minjee: Aussie ace wins PGA to clinch third major

Australian star Minjee Lee moved another step closer to golfing greatness by



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## **Hazlewood hits back at Johnson criticism after priorities questioned**

Having battled injuries for the past two years, Josh Hazlewood drew the ire of Mitchell Johnson when he opted to return to the IPL. The Australia quick has responded to his former ...

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## **Pressure on Payten after under-fire Cowboys embarrassed again**

North Queensland must make some bold decisions this week to turn around the side's stunning drop in form. With results slipping and pressure mounting, just how safe is Todd Payten'...

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## **100 v 200: Where Gout Gout's focus lies**

Set to make his European debut this week, Gout Gout has outlined the work he has been doing behind the scenes since his last race, and nominated his preference between the 100m and...

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## Watch: One-legged Walsh ignites Broncos comeback, Shark hospitalised

Reece Walsh looked like pulling out of the match minutes before kick-off after tweaking his troublesome knee in the warm up. 80 minutes later he helped seal Brisbane's Suncorp Stad...

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## Langer Trophy's best new faces named ahead of Rd 4 bouts

The best new faces of the Langer Trophy include a Wavell playmaker making up for lost time, a PBC SHS Kiwi duo, a Peninsula speed demon and a Cairns junior who has been an Ipswich ...

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## West Indies hero's chilling warning for Aussie teen

Shamar Joseph has already rattled Australia's cage – and won. And now the West Indian tearaway quick has set his sights on taking down teen sensation Sam Konstas.

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## Immortal's call for Tigers to hand No.7 to boom rookie over Luai



Benji Marshall needs to pull the trigger on the halves combination of Jarome Luai and Latu Fainu this week, with one Immortal believing the rookie Fainu should be the one to wear t...

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Two rival tennis players have ripped into each other post match following a sarcastic act from the match's loser.

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## Why the Lions' loss to Argentina is bad news for the Wallabies

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