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DOUGLAS SHIRE BOOK FESTIVAL: A CELEBRATION OF STORIES & COMMUNITY

The Douglas Shire is set to come alive with the magic of storytelling during the inaugural **Douglas Shire Book Festival**, a two-day literary celebration taking place on **2–3 August 2025**. This vibrant festival will shine a spotlight on the region's rich literary talent and foster a love of reading across generations.

Spanning the weekend, the festival will kick off in **Mossman on Saturday** before moving to **Port Douglas on Sunday**, offering a diverse range of activities for book lovers, families, and market-goers alike.

At the festival's heart is a **bustling book market**, where local authors will showcase and sell their works. This is a unique opportunity for readers to meet the storytellers behind the books, discover fresh voices, and celebrate the literary talent of the Douglas Shire.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be **roaming entertainers**—poets, performers, and beloved book characters—who will bring stories to life while guiding attendees through the event. Outside, **food and beverage vans** will offer a variety of delicious refreshments, ensuring a feast for both mind and body.

Families are warmly invited. The festival promises a dedicated lineup of children's activities, including face painting, storytelling stations, and hands-on creative experiences. It promises to be a space where imagination takes flight for all ages.

The Douglas Shire Book Festival also celebrates collaboration, working closely with local businesses to create a dynamic and inclusive community event. As President of the organising committee and a proud major sponsor, Crystal Leonardi said:

"The Douglas Shire Book Festival is more than an event—it celebrates creativity, community, and

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connection. We're thrilled to offer local authors a platform to shine and to bring together people of all ages to share in the joy of stories."

This event aspires to become a cornerstone in the local calendar, attracting residents and visitors alike. With its unique blend of literary showcases, entertainment, and family-friendly fun, the Douglas Shire Book Festival is set to leave a lasting impact on the region's cultural landscape.

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Festival details:

Saturday 2nd August 2025

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Mossman Community Hall

8-14 Mill Street, Mossman QLD

Sunday 3rd August 2025

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Port Douglas Community Hall

13-29 Mowbray Street, Port Douglas QLD

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