

# Keep boiling water as test results delayed

## Man on trial for photos up skirt

WATER bottles and tanks have been distributed to schools south of Cairns as delayed test results mean residents must keep waiting to find out if their water supply is contaminated.

Cairns Regional Council had expected to receive the results from Brisbane yesterday, after the discovery of a diarrhoea-inducing parasite in the supply for the Gordonvale area.

The council and other authorities have received reports of people feeling ill – and even the local state MP believes he may have fallen victim.

Mulgrave MP Curtis Pitt said his office had received reports of people experiencing symptoms linked to cryptosporidium.

"I've actually been pretty off-colour for a little while and I'm putting two and two together and

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thinking I might be affected by it," Mr Pitt said. "But whether it's just a general bug that's around, that could be another thing."

Seventeen 10-litre samples of water, taken from across the network south of Bayview Heights, have been sent to a Queensland Health laboratory for testing. But results expected yesterday are now unlikely to be known before this afternoon.

"Basically, we've overloaded their capacity to process the samples but they will get back to us as soon as possible – hopefully tomorrow," Cairns Regional Council water boss Bruce Gardiner said

yesterday. "We will then discuss the results with Queensland Health and hopefully be able to lift the boil water warning on Thursday."

Residents between Fishery Falls and Yarrabah Rd, including Gordonvale and Goldsborough Valley, are advised to continue boiling their water before drinking it.

An estimated 20 million litres of fresh water has been flushed through the network in an attempt to clear the problem.

Mr Pitt's office yesterday advised bottled water had been distributed to Gordonvale State High School, Gordonvale State School, Alooomba State School and MacDonnell Creek State School.

Fifteen-litre water wells were supplied to both Gordonvale schools.

A MAN on trial for taking photos up a woman's skirt with his phone responded with a "smirky grin" after being caught out.

Giving evidence against Scott Patrick Maitland, 33, in the Cairns District Court, Jacinta Eyre said the incident in the Bungalow Ginger & Pickles shop where she was working on February 20, 2008, only took "a split second or two".

"I saw the gentleman behind (the alleged victim) – he was crouching down, he had a phone in his hand and his hand between her legs underneath her skirt," Ms Eyre said.

Asked what Mr Maitland's response to getting caught was, Ms Eyre replied "a smirky grin", after which he paid and left.

Defence barrister Kevin McCreanor suggested his client was retrieving his dropped phone from the floor behind the 56-year-old woman. The trial continues today.

## Mountain of a bike challenge

FATE drew Lesley Sutton into a world of biking adventure, and she is determined fate will see her through.

The 34-year-old single mum and part-time hairdresser has had both her hands and feet commandeered since she won entry to the 1200km Croc Trophy mountain bike race while competing in the 50km RRR race from Mt Molloy to Port Douglas last year.

"At the moment, apart from my daughter, it's my life," she said.

Ms Sutton said she has cycled since her youth in the Adelaide Hills "for fitness and time out".

But though she said she has never been a serious or competitive rider, she is training hard for the Outback pro-am mountain bike race in October that she so wants to finish.

Early morning rides of up to six hours, a diet high in carbs and protein, and weights, yoga and Pilates are par for the course.

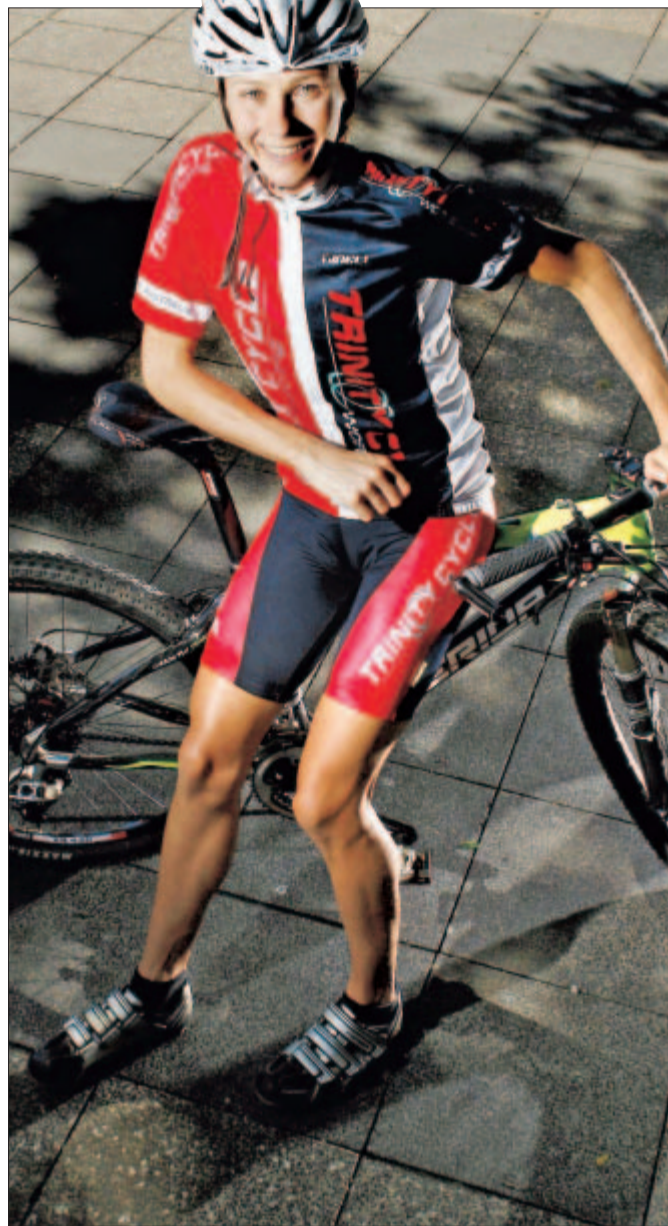
Ms Sutton is looking for business sponsors to pay for her back-up team, who will put up her tent on the 10-stage race through the Outback terrain between Cairns and Cape Tribulation, and to pay for petrol, extra bike parts, and energy foods.

Her only back-up person at the moment is her friend Gabrielle Cooney, who will drive and who has supplied the support vehicle and sponsored Ms Sutton's website.

"It will be a hardcore and rough, big adventure," Ms Cooney said.

"It certainly won't be a holiday." The Croc Trophy (October 19-28) draws entries from all over the world and attracts international media.

▶ To sponsor Lesley or to make a donation visit her website, [www.lesleysutton.info](http://www.lesleysutton.info).



**Help wanted:** Lesley Sutton is seeking business sponsors to pay for her back-up team in the Croc Trophy mountain bike race.

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