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Council Continues to Look for Budget Efficiencies

Mount Isa City Council has a great deal to manage in regard to the economic challenges Mount Isa is currently facing, however the Mayor and Councillors have asked that the CEO and Directors continue to look for efficiencies within the budget moving forward, so that rate rises can be kept to manageable levels.

Council has recently obtained the services of two highly experienced Directors in the roles of Corporate Services and Infrastructure Services.

Kelvin Tytherleigh joined Mount Isa City Council in May and heads up the Corporate Services Team. One of his key tasks will be to balance the budget and return Council to a moderate surplus.

Kelvin has extensive experience in senior Local Government roles and in the private sector. He has multiple tertiary qualifications – including an MBA and post-grads in Management, Governance and Public Policy – and is no stranger to the region, having previously served as CEO of Boulia Shire Council several years ago.

“I am looking forward to becoming part of the Council team and the Mount Isa community,” Mr Tytherleigh said.

Andrew Hobbs is Council’s new Director of Infrastructure Services. He recently relocated to Mount Isa from Cloncurry, where he was working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads for the past 10 years.

In early May, Andrew returned to Mount Isa City Council, where he was previously a Planning Officer in the mid-2000s. Andrew has spent most of the past 20 years working in Infrastructure Project Development and Delivery, Community Development, and Regulation in Western Queensland and is very familiar with the requirements of operating in Mount Isa and North West Queensland.

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Andrew has a strong interest in delivering projects and managing resources in a way that is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the Mount Isa community.

Both newly appointed Directors have joined CEO Tim Rose and Director of Community Services Chad King to form a strong Executive Management team.


During Council's Budget workshops that were held before the Special Meeting to adopt the 2025-26 Budget, key areas that could present efficiencies were identified.

The most significant of these is water savings, with Council committed to working on reducing the cost of the allocation of water from Lake Julius and requesting that the dividend from the Mount Isa Water Board be increased from 50% to 100%.

Additionally, Council would like to look for an opportunity to reduce the costs of running the Materials Recovery Facility by seeking to exempt Council from the Queensland Waste Levy. These savings alone would put Council in a significantly greater financial position.

Mayor Peta MacRae said that as a collective, the Council elected in 2024 has strong business management skills and is now working with a highly effective group of Directors and is very keen in the future to be able to bring down a series of surpluses to put Mount Isa in a position to weather the economic downturn and come out the other side.

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