



Mount Isa Mail

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The Isa Street Festival, and the Isa Rodeo, have come and gone for another year, and what a week of memorable events it was!

The Street Festival and Street Parade knocked it out of the park again this year, and it was fantastic to see thousands of people come along and celebrate Mount Isa's 100th year.

It was especially great to see so many entries – more than 30 in total – in the Street Parade, with local schools, community groups, and local businesses taking part. I would like to thank the many Council staff who worked so hard over many months to make this event



Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick

happen. This year's Isa Rodeo was also celebrating Mount Isa's centenary and pulled out all the stops to put on an event to remember.

In exciting news, the construction of the new recycling facility is now underway at the tip, so there may be a few interruptions to opening hours in the short term.

This recycling plant will pave the way for a future for recycling of waste in the city and the region when it is commissioned in the next six months. We also expect Centennial Place to be completed in the next six to eight weeks, as the main pieces of infrastructure are now being hoisted into place by cranes and there will be much new and beautiful artwork on the site.

The Progress and Prosper street art mural on Railway Avenue is now waiting for the landscaping to be completed and is already looking fabulous.

Council recently welcomed Australian cricket legend Merv Hughes, Brownlow

Medal-winning former AFL player Gavin Wanganeen, and representatives of the Jodi Lee Foundation to chat about the importance of getting tested for bowel cancer.

Merv and Gavin chatted with staff and signed miniature cricket bats and footballs.

Mayor Danielle Slade, Cr MacRae, Council staff and I took part in the Variety Queensland Active Kids Sports Day at the Mount Isa Multipurpose Sports Centre recently. The sports days are designed to increase sports participation for kids living with disabilities and spread awareness about sports inclusivity.

What's Happening in The Isa?



Mount Isa City Council – Ordinary Meeting

Date: Wednesday 23 August 2023

Time: 9am

Where: Council Chambers, 23 West Street



Cuppa With the Councillors

Date: Friday 25 August 2023

Time: 10am

Where: Downstairs, Mount Isa City Library



Camooweal Drovers' Camp Festival

Date: Friday 25 August – Sunday 27 August 2023

Time: From 7am

Where: Drovers' Camp, Camooweal



Mount Isa Motor Show

Date: Sunday 27 August 2023

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Buchanan Park

Get Local Nominations In

Local nominations are being accepted for the 2023 North Queensland Sportstar Awards.

Is there a remarkable individual who has left you in awe with their exceptional skills, unmatched dedication, and unwavering determination?

This is your chance to shine a spotlight on the extraordinary talents and achievements of local sporting legends.

Submit your nomination at <https://nqsports.com.au/nq-sportstar-awards-2>.

Mount Isa nominations close on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

The 32nd NQ Sportstar Awards will be held on Saturday, November 4, at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

The NQ Sportstar Awards are proudly presented by the North Queensland Sports Foundation.



Did You Know?

• Council advises that **Water Consumption Notices for non-residential properties** for the period ending 30 June 2023 were issued on Friday 11 August, with a due date for payment in full by 4.30pm on Monday 11 September. Pay your Water Consumption Notice with ease using one of the many payment options that Mount Isa City Council offers. For further details, visit www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/pay-my-rates.

rates. Water Consumption Notices have been posted to the last known address registered with Council. It is the owner's responsibility to notify Council in writing of any change of address. If you have not received your Water Consumption Notice by Friday 18 August, please contact Council to obtain a copy. If you are unable to pay your Water Consumption Notices in full, please feel free to contact the Revenue Team to discuss available options on 4747 3200.



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Latest Council News

Mayor Welcomes Decision

Mount Isa Mayor Danielle Slade has welcomed news that the Queensland Government is providing an extra \$7 million in funding over the next five years to focus on tackling the complex causes of youth crime and support community safety in Mount Isa.

"When I met with the Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk in March this year, she committed to implementing a number of initiatives to support Mount Isa and address the current youth offending issues, including by appointing

a Community Coordinator," Cr Slade said.

"I thank Premier Palaszczuk for this initiative, and I want to congratulate local leader Alan Baillie on his appointment as a Community Coordinator."

A wide range of diversionary programs to complement the tough laws introduced earlier this year will tackle youth offending, including a new Youth Co-Responder Team in Mount Isa, enhanced bail monitoring, and a Safer Homes trial to help seniors upgrade the security of their homes.

Mount Isa is adopting the Stronger Communities Early Action Group model, a whole-of-community approach that has shown promising results in addressing youth crime in Townsville. Mr Baillie will drive coordinated service delivery and planning within the Mount Isa community.

Mr Baillie has worked extensively in the education and community sectors in regional areas of Queensland and the Northern Territory, delivering for rural and remote communities.

"While we've seen a fall in

youth crime in Mount Isa, we continue to see a small group of serious repeat offenders who continue to offend," Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said.

"These young people have a range of complex issues such as drug and alcohol use, poor mental health, disability, and childhood trauma. We know that intervening early to break the cycle of disadvantage and youth offending is critical, and our investment in early intervention programs are important in doing that."

Out and About and Council Updates

MURALS IMPRESS: Here's a sneak peek of the shipping containers that will soon be taking pride of place at Centennial Place and have been decorated with beautiful murals, thanks to artists Joel "The Zookeeper" Fergie and Travis "DRAPL" Vinson.

The murals depict local landscapes, flora and fauna, as well as a sunset over the Mount Isa skyline with a silhouette of a man riding a horse.

The shipping containers – which can be used as pop-up food outlets – will eventually be installed at Centennial Place in the city's CBD, on the corner of Miles Street and Grace Street.

Joel and Travis have been busy doing amazing artworks throughout Mount Isa recently, including a large mural near Bambino Espresso on Miles Street, and a wrap-around mural on the former Ergon substation building on Railway Avenue that pays homage to the Progress and Prosper train, which



was the first train to roll into Mount Isa, arriving in April 1929.

The substation building mural is funded from the Mount Isa Regional Art Development Fund's Council-Initiated Projects budget.

TOP TALENT: Mayor Danielle Slade, Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick, Councillor Peta MacRae, Councillor Paul Stretton, and Council staff enjoyed a meet-and-greet with Daryl Braithwaite upstairs at the Civic Centre before the start of the Isa Street Festival on August 9.

Our heartfelt thanks to Daryl and his band for a fantastic concert, and to the members of Bjorn Again for keeping the party going with much-loved ABBA hits that had the crowd dancing.

The winners and place-getters from the Isa Street

Parade are:

Best School Entry:

1st – St Kieran's Catholic School; 2nd – St Joseph's Catholic School; 3rd – Townview State School.

Best Community

Group Entry: 1st – Gecko Outdoor Sports; 2nd – Royal Flying Doctor Service Mount Isa; 3rd – Mount Isa City Council.

Best Themed Entry:

1st – Feral Fitters; 2nd – headspace Mount Isa; 3rd – Happy Valley State School.

Best Costume: 1st

– Sunset State School; 2nd – Happy Valley State School; 3rd – Eileen Fisher Memorial Kindergarten.



CONCERT: Music ensemble Topology will be back in Mount Isa in September, following their performance at the MICE 100 concert in July.

Topology will bring together the music, stories and people they have encountered along the way in their main stage performance, "Queensland Stories".

It will be held at the Mount Isa Civic Centre on Saturday, September 2, from 7pm. Book your tickets at <https://topologymusic.com/events>.

Combining music composed by Topology along with songs written by locals, "Queensland Stories" celebrates the creative landscapes of this vast state.

CELEBRATION:

Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick was welcomed by the Indian community at an Indian Independence Day

function held by Community Action for a Multicultural Society Mount Isa at the Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Centre on August 15. "It was lovely to celebrate the 77th Indian Independence Day with the Mount Isa Indian community. I enjoyed talking with the families about living in the city and their Australian journey, and sharing the beautiful homemade Indian cuisine," Cr Barwick said.

