



# Mount Isa Mail

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This year is gearing up to be a busy one for Mount Isa City Council.

Local Government elections will be held across Queensland on Saturday, March 16, and as part of that, all Local Governments – including Mount Isa – entered into caretaker mode on Monday, January 29.

This will remain in effect until the new Council is sworn in, likely sometime in April.

During the caretaker period, I will be looking after the columns for this Council newsletter.

Council was pleased to bring another day of Australia Day festivities and activities to



Council Acting CEO Tim Rose

the community on January 26, with the Mount Isa Australia Day Awards presentation and citizenship ceremony, as well as all-day free entry to Splashez Aquatic Centre, and a locals' open day at Outback at Isa.

Another popular community event that never fails to draw in big crowds is the community Sign On Expo, for local sports

clubs, and community and arts groups and organisations.

This year it will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 9am to 12 noon at the Mount Isa Mines Entertainment Centre, Buchanan Park.

The construction of the Materials Recovery Facility, at the Waste Management Facility, is progressing very well, with the building itself almost complete.

The handover of the site back to Council is expected to be carried out in February, following which the installation of the processing equipment will be carried out.

This should be completed

by the middle of the year. It's anticipated that not long after this, the facility will be up and running.

Unfortunately, there has been a significant delay in getting the new water slide equipment that will be installed at Splashez Aquatic Centre.

It has been manufactured and is now on a wharf in Turkey, waiting to be shipped to Australia.

Due to worldwide shipping delays that are being experienced, Council is not expecting the equipment to arrive before March.

We'll be sure to keep the community posted about this.

## What's Happening in The Isa?



### Australia Day Awards

**Date:** Friday 26 January 2024

**Time:** 9am-11am

**Where:** Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street



### Australia Day at Splashez - Free Entry

**Date:** Friday 26 January 2024

**Time:** 10.30am-5.30pm

**Where:** Splashez Aquatic Centre



### Australia Day at Outback at Isa

**Date:** Friday 26 January 2024

**Time:** 8.30am-4.30pm

**Where:** Outback at Isa, 19 Marian Street



### Sign On Expo

**Date:** Saturday 3 February 2024

**Time:** 9am-12 noon

**Where:** Entertainment Centre, Buchanan Park

## Applications to Open for Funding Program

Mount Isa City Council is pleased to announce that Round 2 of its community funding program will open on Thursday, February 1, and close on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Applications for the Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program should be received in full within these dates, with a decision to be made by the elected officials of Council.

There are two programs of assistance available from Council:

- Community Grants Program (up to \$5000)
- Events Sponsorship Program

Local community groups and organisations with eligible projects or events which make positive contributions to the quality of life in the local government area of Mount Isa city are encouraged to apply for funding assistance.

Visit [www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/grants-funding-donations](http://www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/grants-funding-donations) for all application forms and further information.

## Did You Know?

- Have you seen instances of illegal dumping in the Mount Isa area? Report them quickly and easily online at [www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/illegal-dumping](http://www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/illegal-dumping) or on the Snap Send Solve app or website at <https://report.snapsendsolve.com>.
- Following concerns raised by the Mount Isa Base Hospital, Council will be linemarking and installing new "No Parking" signs in Doreen St, adjacent to the

hospital's goods-delivery entrance. The narrow road and parked cars make it difficult at times for delivery trucks to reverse into the loading dock at the hospital. Parked cars also make it difficult for trucks to exit Doreen St and enter Landy St, due to the road's narrowness. The signage will provide a clear zone to facilitate deliveries. Parking is restricted between 6am and 6pm on weekdays, and is available at other times.



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# Latest Council News

## Drop Off Your Used Batteries

Have you got a drawer full of used, dead batteries?

You can now drop them off for free at the Mount Isa City Library on West Street, or the Animal Management Facility on Richardson Road, for recycling.

Council has partnered with environmental foundation Planet Ark to have collection boxes at the above facilities, to enable members of the public to drop off their household batteries – including AAA/AA batteries, button-cell, coin, 9V, or single-use

lithium batteries.

Also accepted are batteries found in laptops, mobile phones, power tools, and cameras.

Did you know that up to 95 per cent of the materials in old batteries can be reused in manufacturing projects, or used to make new lithium-ion batteries?

Many types of batteries also contain hazardous materials which can degrade in landfill (or even in your home, if stored improperly).

When batteries degrade, they release toxic chemicals that can leach into soil or waterways.

Batteries also pose a significant fire risk if they are not disposed of or stored responsibly.

Recycling your old batteries ensures we all make the most of the materials that have already been extracted. This means new materials will not have to be mined to make new batteries and other products, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

## Out and About and Council Updates

**WATER NOTICES:** Due to a change in Mount Isa City Council's Internal Operating System in September 2023, water account details for Water Consumption Notices

have changed. As such, any ratepayers who had previously registered to receive electronic notices will now need to re-register with eNotices in order to receive future Water Consumption Notices electronically. You can re-register at <https://mountisa.enotices.com.au>. Sign up using your email address and unique eNotices Reference Number. The eNotices Reference Number can be found in the top right-hand corner of your rates or water consumption notice. Please note, rates and water consumption notices have different eNotice Reference Numbers, and should you wish to register for both rates and water consumption notices, you will need to register using both eNotice Reference Numbers.

**BIG EVENT:** Road to Rodeo Mount Isa is back for 2024. It will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 12 noon at Buchanan Park, and is a lead-up event to the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo in August.

Road to Rodeo 2024 will bring the rodeo action all afternoon and into the night, capped off with a concert headlined by multiple Golden Guitar winners Jetty Road, Route 33, and rising country star Brooke Schubert, as well as local band Pacific Groove.

Isa Rodeo Limited CEO Natalie Flecker said Road to Rodeo – which is being staged in partnership with Mount Isa City Council and Mount Isa Mines – was an important event for the Outback and the local community.

"I'm thrilled to also announce that as part of Isa Rodeo's commitment to supporting and growing young Indigenous rodeo competitors, the second Isa Rodeo School Clinic, supported

by the Queensland Government's Department of Sport, will be held the day before, on Friday May 10, from 3.45pm in Buchanan Park's Kalkadoon Arena," Ms Flecker said.

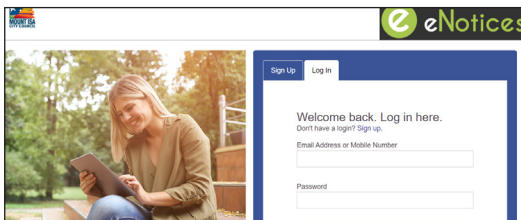
"It will be led by legendary cowboy Darren Brandenburg, along with famed Isa Rodeo leadership team members Steve Hilton and Darryl Chong."

Road to Rodeo 2024 will also include kids' rides and activities, community food trucks, and market stalls.

The rodeo action will start in the Kalkadoon Arena from 2pm and run until 9pm, when the Rodeo Rock concert takes over into the night. At 6pm, the official opening and grand entry will be held.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, and free for children aged 17 and under, and can be purchased at [www.isarodeo.com.au/road-to-rodeo-mount-isa/tickets](http://www.isarodeo.com.au/road-to-rodeo-mount-isa/tickets).

For more information, visit [www.isarodeo.com.au](http://www.isarodeo.com.au).



**SIGN ON EXPO:** Many of Mount Isa's sports clubs, community groups, and arts organisations will be represented at the 2024 Sign On Expo, which will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 9am-12 noon at the Mount Isa Mines Entertainment Centre, Buchanan Park.

This popular annual event is free to enter and gives local sports clubs and community groups a chance to expand their member numbers, as well as boost residents' awareness of their events, competitions, and activities.

A Council spokesperson said the event showcases what's on offer in Mount Isa to the community, and is a terrific way for residents to try out new recreational opportunities and discover what's available in the city, with something for people of all ages.

"The Sign On Expo attracts and represents a wide range of groups and sporting clubs every year and is one of the best ways to put your name down and get involved, get active, have fun and make new friends," they said.

"Just about every local sporting code is represented at the Sign On Expo and they are always happy to welcome new members, so I encourage people to come along.

"It's always a great time and is perfect for kids and adults alike."