



Mount Isa Mail

March 22 – April 5, 2024 | FREE

The Local Government elections in Queensland are now complete, with voting day on Saturday, March 16.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland is in the process of completing the counting of the votes – including postal votes – and will declare the final results in due course. Following this, the new Council will be sworn in in the Council Chambers.

The next edition of the newsletter will introduce the new Council to the community.

There are three sitting councillors who did not run for re-election – Cr George Fortune (12 years on Council), Cr Mick Tully (eight years on Council),



Council Acting GEO Tim Rose

and Cr Paul Stretton (eight years on Council). I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the Mount Isa and Camooweal communities, and for all of their hard work during their respective terms.

International Women's Day was on Friday, March 8, and this year's theme was "Inspire Inclusion". Here at Mount Isa

City Council, we are proud to have a diverse and inclusive workplace, and are proud of the contribution and achievements of our many female staff.

Recently, Camooweal was under a boil-water notice for about two weeks, with the notice lifting on March 13. To assist Camooweal residents during this period, on March 1 Council delivered one pack of bottled water to each residence in the town.

If you haven't registered for this year's Free Plant Day to receive free native plants, the last day to sign up is March 22. The Free Plant Day collection day will be held on Saturday,

June 1, from 8am-5pm at Buchanan Park.

Participants are asked to ensure they are available to pick up their plants on that day, or that a family member is available to collect them on their behalf. Camooweal residents will be contacted separately regarding pick-up times and locations.

Congratulations to Outback at Isa for winning the Best Grey Nomad Attraction in Australia category at the recently announced 2023 Grey Nomad Awards. Also recognised at the awards was the Sunset Tourist Park, which won the Best Dog-Friendly Stay category.

What's Happening in The Isa?



A Night of One-Act Plays

Date: Saturday 23 March 2024

Time: 7pm-10pm

Where: MITS Theatre, Transmission Street



Vanessa Larry Mitchell Stand-Up Show

Date: Saturday 23 March 2024

Time: 8pm

Where: Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street



Mount Isa Mines Family Fun Day (Free)

Date: Saturday 13 April 2024

Time: From 4pm

Where: Kruttschnitt Oval, Church Street



Zonta International Women's Day Evening

Date: Saturday 20 April 2024

Time: From 6.30pm

Where: Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street

Water Notice Lifted

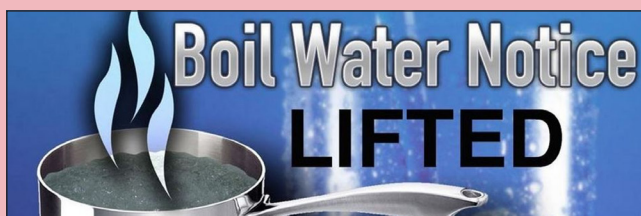
Council wishes to advise that, following repairs to the chlorinator at Camooweal, the town's water is being effectively disinfected and is again safe to drink, as of Wednesday 13 March. The chlorinator was repaired earlier in March.

Recent testing has confirmed the absence of E. coli or any other microorganisms.

Routine testing has confirmed that chlorine levels are now stable throughout the Camooweal reticulation.

Consequently, the Townsville Public Health Unit has approved the lifting of the Boil Water Advisory Notice.

Residents can use the water directly from the tap, with no special precautions required.



Did You Know?

- Are you a local artist, performer, entertainer, singer or band? Council is seeking talented locals to be a part of an entertainment register for consideration for future Council events and projects. Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6L622WX. Categories include: artists, choirs, comics/comedians, dancers or dance groups, drone photographers/videographers, face painters,

graphic designers, instrument ensembles, bands, emcees, painters, photographers, musicians, street artists, videographers, and cinematographers.

- **Much-loved Australian country music singer-songwriter Graeme Connors is bringing his "My Lyrical Life" concert to the Civic Centre on July 10 from 7pm. Get your tickets at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/graeme-connors-my-lyrical-life-tickets-853255348717.**



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Latest Council News Changes at Waste Facility

The existing weighbridge at the Waste Management Facility is out of operation, as of Monday, March 11, until Friday, April 12.

The change is due to the construction of the Materials Recovery Facility building now being complete.

The sorting and packing machinery will be installed over the next six months, with the overall facility expected to be operational by October.

From March 11, all customers entering the Waste Management Facility will instead be directed to the gatehouse.

The gatehouse will become the “virtual weighbridge”.



All of the normal details will be recorded, and customers will be directed from there to the appropriate drop-off point at the landfill.

As weights will be estimated, there will be no need for the vehicles to re-enter the weighbridge on returning from the landfill.

Waste collected at the transfer station will be periodically removed and deposited in landfill. Temporary roads will be delineated to control the traffic flow and ensure safety. Blue indicates the way in, and red the way out.

Once the weighbridge is relocated, recalibrated and commissioned, operations will revert to normal, whereby all waste taken to landfill will pass over the weighbridge, the vehicles weighed, and then reweighed on return from landfill.

Council thanks Waste Management Facility customers for their patience and understanding during this period.

Out and About and Council Updates

OUTGOING: Councillor George Fortune finished up 12 continuous years of being a Mount Isa City Councillor in mid-March.

He provided the following farewell message to share with the community:

“I would like to thank the people of Mount Isa for the opportunity to serve as your Councillor on the Mount Isa City Council.

“The knowledge I have gained with helping manage the strategic direction of our community over the past 12 years has been an eye-opening and satisfying experience for me.

“Being a Councillor in Local Government is not an easy position to understand or fill.

“I hope our community has some patience with our new Council and give



them the chance to perform.

“I want to thank all those who have supported, mentored and inspired me to function as a councillor these past 12 years. It is an honour to serve the community in such a responsible position and the experience will be with me for the rest of my life. Thank you, Mount Isa.”



RETIRING: In mid-March, Councillor Mick Tully finished up his tenure as a Mount Isa City Councillor. This is his farewell message to the community:

“It is with mixed emotions that, after eight years serving this great community, I announce my retirement as Councillor in Mount Isa.

“Serving this community has been one of the greatest honours of my time here in Mount Isa, and I am truly grateful for the trust you have placed in me over the eight years. As I reflect on my time, I am filled with a profound sense of pride in what we have accomplished together.

“From infrastructure improvements to community events, we have worked tirelessly to make this great town a better place to live, work and raise a family. I have had the privilege of working alongside some extraordinary, dedicated and passionate colleagues and community members, as well as municipal staff who are an asset to this town. While my time has come to an end as a Councillor, my commitment to this community will not stop, having several business interests here to manage. I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your support, encouragement and friendship throughout my tenure. It has been an incredible journey to serve as your representative. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife and family who have supported me throughout this entire journey, keeping me grounded when it was warranted.

“To the incoming council, I wish nothing but the absolute best to you all.”

PRODUCTION: Opera Queensland's new production, “Do We Need Another Hero?”, will be performed at the Civic Centre, West Street, on Friday, May 10, from 7.30pm. Get your tickets at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/do-we-need-another-hero-tickets-862523830997.

The show is a joyful celebration of songs about bravery and heroism.

From pop to opera, country to classical, this musical tribute features chart-topping anthems and unique mashups that will have you dancing in your seat.

It features timeless hits about bravery and heroism from artists like the Beatles, David Bowie, John Farnham and more, intertwined with opera classics from composers like Beethoven and Bizet, and is from the creative minds behind “Are You Lonesome Tonight” and “Lady Sings the Maroons”.

This show will delight and encourage you to reflect on the idea that everyone can be a hero, if only for a day.

