



# Mount Isa Mail

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A lot has been happening in the community, and there's so much more on the horizon to look forward to.

I am proud to have been appointed – along with Mayor Peta MacRae – to Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee.

I would like to thank the RADF Committee for the excellent work they have done in the community over the years in making decisions that have helped foster and grow the local arts sector, particularly with regard to public art.

Some of the more recent examples include the murals on the former Ergon substation



Councillor Travis Crowther

building on Railway Avenue, and the murals on the southern wall and the pop-up containers at Centennial Place, both of which pay homage to the history and culture of the city and surrounding area.

There is another mural that will soon be going up on the western-facing wall near the Splashez Aquatic Centre's main

entrance, which will be sure to add a welcome splash of colour to that space.

A reminder that Round 3 of Council's 2023-24 RADF opened in mid-May, with funding applications to be accepted until Wednesday June 12.

The Civic Centre has recently hosted a variety of significant community events, including the Anzac Day services, the Zonta Club of Mount Isa's International Women's Day cocktail evening, and the North West MPX mining exhibition and conference event.

I would like to give you an update on works at the Civic Centre.

Council has approved the budget for the replacement of the facility's lift, and procurement processes are currently underway.

We are well aware of the difficulties people have been experiencing due to the Civic Centre not having an operational lift, and are prioritising its replacement.

Council has also approved the replacement of the auditorium's existing worn-out flooring with a new, durable surface.

Budgetary allocation for the work has been granted, and the procurement process is underway.

## What's Happening in The Isa?



### Mount Isa Race Day

**Date:** Saturday 25 May 2024

**Time:** 11am

**Where:** Mount Isa Race Club



### Redearth Food & Wine Festival

**Date:** Saturday 25 May 2024

**Time:** From 1pm

**Where:** Redearth Boutique Hotel, Rodeo Drive



### Go Green Isa

**Date:** Saturday 1 June 2024

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Where:** Entertainment Centre, Buchanan Park



### St Kieran's Winter Wonderland Ball

**Date:** Saturday 1 June 2024

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** St Kieran's Primary School, Short Street

## Apply for RADF Grant

Have you got a great idea for an arts or cultural project?

Do you need a grant to help get your project off the ground?

Why not apply for a Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant?

It could cover up to 65% of your total project costs!

Applications for the 2023/24 Round 3 of the RADF program – for projects commencing after 27 June 2024 – are now being accepted.

Applications close on Wednesday 12 June.

All projects, big and small, will be considered.

Contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer on 4747 3200 or email [radf@mountisa.qld.gov.au](mailto:radf@mountisa.qld.gov.au) to discuss your project and find out if RADF funding can help to get your project off the ground. Visit [www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/radf](http://www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/radf) for more information.



## Did You Know?

- Tickets for the 2024 Isa Rodeo are on sale now! It will be held from August 8-11 at Buchanan Park. Purchase your tickets at [www.isarodeo.com.au/mount-isa-mines-rodeo/2024-tickets](http://www.isarodeo.com.au/mount-isa-mines-rodeo/2024-tickets). The 2024 Isa Street Festival – proudly brought to you by Mount Isa City Council – will be held on Wednesday, August 7. A free event held in the Mount Isa CBD, it will include a multitude of food and market stalls, a show alley, beer

garden, and live music. This year's entertainment will include 2024 Australian Idol winner Dylan Wright and band, followed by Lucy Holmes, star of the 100% KYLIE stage extravaganza.

- Attention horse paddock lessees: if you have horse manure and would like to become a provider for composting practices, we want to hear from you! Please contact our Environmental Services team at [enviroteam@mountisa.qld.gov.au](mailto:enviroteam@mountisa.qld.gov.au).**



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# Latest Council News

## Weekly Newspaper On Way

Council has agreed to invest in a free, independent, weekly local newspaper, "The North West Weekly", with the newspaper resuming publication from Thursday, May 30.

At its May Ordinary Meeting on May 22, Council agreed to allocate \$100,000 per year for three years to secure community advertising in the newspaper each week.

Council believes having a free local newspaper has multiple positive social outcomes, thanks to increased access to local news, activities, and opportunities to all demographics.

"The North West Weekly" will have a locally based journalist and editor.

An online version of the newspaper will also be available free of charge on the masthead's website.

As well as focusing on news



stories covering Mount Isa and the North West Queensland region – including Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Hughenden, Boulia, Normanton and Karumba – it will publish stories about the region's sports, tourism, events, and activities.

A classified ads section will include notices about local employment opportunities, buy/swap/sell, and death/funeral notices.

Speaking at the Ordinary

Meeting, Deputy Mayor Kim Coghlan said the newspaper is a great step forward for the people of North West Queensland.

"I'm really happy that this is going ahead. We've got a large proportion of the community who aren't on Facebook and they don't actually get to see what's happening around the town," Cr Coghlan said.

"We've got people going to a newsagency or a shop

and picking up the paper, and that's the only time they have interaction with what's going on in Mount Isa.

"And it'll be great for the little kids to finally see themselves in print."

Councillor John Tully said a significant benefit of having a local printed newspaper is it will help with bringing local issues to the attention of politicians in Brisbane and Canberra.

Councillor Dan Ballard agreed: "I'm excited about the return of the printed paper to Mount Isa," Cr Ballard said.

"I'm looking forward to the value that it'll bring, both as a tool for lobbying, and also as a means of sharing information and showcasing our events in the community."

"The North West Weekly" is owned and run by former "North West Star" journalist Matt Nicholls.

## Out and About and Council Updates

**GO GREEN:** This year, Council is proud to elevate our Free Plants Day collection day into an event commemorating International Environmental Day, with a focus on recycling – Go Green Isa.

Register for the event at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WastePractices](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WastePractices).

Please tick the boxes at the bottom of the survey if you would like to participate in one or more of the activities.

Go Green Isa will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 9am-3pm at Buchanan Park.

The event's special guest will be Phil Dudman, the horticultural editor of the ABC's "Gardening Australia" magazine.

Phil will be holding composting and worm-farm workshops.

There will be some exciting prizes up for grabs, including a raffle featuring a Chicken Tractor coop and five chickens, and 16 composters to kickstart your at-home food-composting journey.

The event will include food stalls.

There'll also be exciting activities available for kids to participate in on the day, such as DIY seedling pot plants, craft activities, and obstacle courses.

**ANNUAL AUCTION:** Council's annual vehicle/heavy equipment auction will begin at 9am on Monday 3 June, and will run until Wednesday 5 June, online via Pickles Auctions. Eighteen items will be on offer, including a:

- 2017 Canycom Underbelly ride-on mower
- 2016 Caterpillar 140M articulated motor grader
- Caterpillar skid steer loader
- 2018 Caterpillar backhoe

- 2006 Caterpillar integrated toolcarrier
- 2018 Isuzu D-MAX ute
- 2017 Isuzu D-MAX ute
- 2014 Mitsubishi Canter crew-cab table top
- 2017 Toyota Landcruiser Prado
- 2011 Mitsubishi Fighter crane tipper.

More information about the items is available at [www.pickles.com.au](http://www.pickles.com.au) – enter "Mount Isa" in the search bar.

**ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM:** Council is pleased to announce applications are now open for its 2024 Environmental Grants Program. Applications will close on Friday, May 31.

This program provides funding of up to \$5000 per grant to local not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and schools to support the Mount Isa and Camooweal communities in creating local environmental and sustainable outcomes that benefit the region.

The EGP seeks to support proposals focusing on:

- **Environmental enhancement:** Revegetation, habitat improvement, landcare and bushcare initiatives;
- **Environmental initiatives/sustainable ideas:** Community gardens, worm farms, recycling systems, composting systems;
- **Environmental management/conservation:** Flora and fauna protection, native fish restocking, riverine area improvements; or
- **Environmental education/community capacity building:** Workshops, networking events, training and skill development, establishment of environmental groups, development of capacity-building material, development of strategic plans, land management for community groups.

Or, choose the Theme of the Year Project – this year, it's Food Organic Green Organic Composting Systems – and get project essentials valued up to a maximum of \$5000 from Council.

To apply for a project through Theme of the Year, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPPM3Q9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPPM3Q9).