



Mount Isa Mail

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Last month's news about the closure of Glencore's copper-mining operations in 2025 have raised a lot of concerns in the community.

Council is now part of a working group that includes Glencore and all levels of government, and our priority will be ensuring local miners are given absolute priority for jobs in Mount Isa.

It's been a difficult start to spring, with large grass fires affecting large tracts of land around the city in late October.

The fires didn't cause any structural damage, and fortunately no one was injured.

Emergency services



Mayor Danielle Slade

personnel – and indeed businesses and individuals in the community – did an amazing job in working together to combat the fires.

To thank them for their efforts, Council invites everyone to Council's official opening of our Centennial Place community facility on the corner of Miles and Grace streets in the

CBD on Thursday, December 7, to show our appreciation to all those who helped during the recent bushfires.

The Christmas season is nearly here and Council is holding its free Christmas in the City event, which will be on Saturday, December 2, from 6pm at the Civic Centre. I hope to see you all there!

And Council is offering seniors the opportunity to enjoy a free Christmas High Tea at the Terrace Gardens Function Centre on Tuesday, December 5. More information about both of these events can be found in this newsletter.

Don't forget about the

Mount Isa School of Dance's major end-of-year production, "Rotten to the Core", with two concerts to be held at the Mount Isa Civic Centre – on Saturday, November 25, from 6pm, and on Sunday, November 26, from 1pm. The shows are proudly supported by Council.

This edition of "Mount Isa Mail" is the final one for 2023.

It will return in January 2024.

On behalf of Council, I wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

If you're driving for the holidays, please stay safe on the roads. See you in 2024!

What's Happening in The Isa?



"Rotten to the Core" – School of Dance Shows



Christmas in the City



Seniors' Christmas High Tea



QCWA Christmas Night Markets

Date: 25 and 26 November 2023

Time: 6pm (25th) and 1pm (26th)

Where: Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street

Date: Saturday 2 December 2023

Time: From 6pm

Where: Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street

Date: Tuesday 5 December 2023

Time: 9.30am and 1pm

Where: Terrace Gardens Function Centre

Date: Friday 8 December 2023

Time: From 6pm

Where: QCWA Copper City, 3 Isa Street

Christmas in the City

Council's free annual community event, Christmas in the City, will kick off festive season celebrations in Mount Isa on Saturday, December 2, from 6pm. The family-friendly event will be held indoors in airconditioned comfort at the Mount Isa Civic Centre, as well as in the surrounding gardens.

The event will include the City Library Christmas Show and Santa's Workshop, as well as a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas in the City will feature performances by Bethany Fisher from the Christmas Spectacular; Garret Lyon, who performed on The Voice Australia; the Mount Isa Community Ensemble Strings; the Mount Isa School of Dance; and local singers including John Collins, Emily Watson, Peta Laffin, Ashlea Lavell and David Whitehead.

Mayor Danielle Slade said Christmas in the City always features performances from lots of local talent and the event is sure to be a great night out for the whole Mount Isa community.

"There'll also be food and market stalls, and a free photo booth, so be sure to head down to the Civic Centre on December 2 and celebrate the Christmas season with us with this always-popular event," Cr Slade said.

Did You Know?

- Council has organised for a free Christmas High Tea to be held for Mount Isa's seniors. It will be held on Tuesday 5 December, at 9.30am and 1pm, at the Terrace Gardens Function Centre on Duchess Rd. Bookings are essential – 9.30am event: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2023-seniors-christmas-high-tea-morning-session-tickets-752963142027 or the 1pm event: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2023-seniors-christmas-high-tea-afternoon-session-tickets-752970052697.
- Council wishes to advise that rate notices for the period ending 31 December 2023 were issued on 30 October, with a due date for payment by 4.30pm on Wednesday 29 November. If you have any queries about your rates notices, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Revenue or Customer Services team on 4747 3200 for more information.



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Latest Council News

New Process Now in Place

Council has reviewed its process to distribute tip tokens to improve accessibility and utilisation of the scheme.

Previously, tip tokens have been issued by Council in conjunction with the rates notices, often limiting access to the refuse facility as tokens have been lost, misplaced, or not made available to the tenants of rental properties.

Council now wishes to advise that, in lieu of physical tip tokens, residents can present their current rates notice or driver's licence with a residential Mount Isa address to claim free residential refuse disposal. This came into effect on Monday 6 November. This can be accessed on six occasions per residential property and will be valid until 30 June 2024.



The same conditions will apply as per the previous scheme – free entry into the Waste Management Facility, valid only for domestic vehicles carrying domestic/residential waste. This includes:

- Cars
- Box trailers

- Vans
- Utilities.

This means that a car towing a trailer, both carrying waste for disposal, would count as two allocated visits for that individual property.

Mayor Danielle Slade said Councillors reviewed the updated scheme, which will improve access to the refuse facility, potentially reduce illegal dumping and be fairer and more equitable for ratepayers and residents alike. “The new scheme is hoped to be easier and more accessible for all and it will be reviewed at the end of next financial year to see if residents have seen improvements with getting access to their tip token entitlement,” Cr Slade said.

Out and About and Council Updates

FUNDING: Seven local community organisations will share in almost \$35,000, thanks to Round 1 of Council's 2023-24 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program.

The successful Community Grants recipients are:

- **Barkly Highway State School:** \$2500, to install eight IBC wicking garden beds. The garden beds are self-watering and allow water to be fed from below the surface of the soil, reducing evaporation.
- **Estelle Cardiff Kindergarten:** \$5000, to install a new and secure fence to meet Australian standards.
- **Football Queensland:** \$5000, to install a new commercial PA system at the Mount Isa Football Park.
- **Mount Isa Pistol Club Inc.:** \$5000, to install a target

transport system, to enable the use of one system for shooting with air pistols or air rifles at a distance of 10 metres.

- **Mount Isa Clay Target Club Inc.:** \$4806, to construct a trap house for a clay target thrower. The successful Events Sponsorship recipients are:
- **Commerce North West:** \$3500 for their 2023 Jemena Northern Outback Business Awards, which were held on Saturday, November 4.
- **Mount Isa School of Dance:** \$9116, for their end-of-year concert, “Rotten to the Core”. The recipients were presented with their funds by Mayor Danielle Chambers during the November Ordinary Meeting. Council agreed to award the funding to the recipients at its Ordinary Meeting held on October 25.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: We all know someone who makes a difference, who serves without seeking accolades or to make a profit.

The Mount Isa City Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community groups in our region, and nominations for the 2024 awards are now open.

The awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those who have made an outstanding contribution or an exceptional achievement.

If you know of a person or community group dedicated to making the Mount Isa region a better place, help us recognise their efforts and nominate them for a Mount Isa City Council 2024 Australia Day Award at www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2HHLZ3.

Nominations close on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

ENGINE IMMOBILISERS: Council is encouraging local residents to apply for a \$500 Queensland Government voucher to install a secondary engine immobiliser to protect their cars.

Mount Isa Mayor Danielle Slade said Mount Isa, along with Townsville and Cairns, were selected to participate in a trial of immobilisers, with 900 vouchers allocated for Mount Isa.

“More than half of the 20,000 vouchers allocated for the trial have been issued,” Cr Slade said.

“I urge Mount Isa residents to apply for a voucher and get their immobiliser installed locally. We want the Queensland Government to be able to see this trial work.”

According to report of Queensland Police Service data, there were 274 unlawful use of motor vehicle offences reported in Mount Isa last year; a 33% increase on the 205 offences reported in 2021.

Car immobiliser provider Lisa Cohen said the Queensland Government should be congratulated for the trial and nominating three separate regions.

“I am working with local installers, including Cava Hydraulics and Engineering, Quantum Auto Electrics and Autobarn Mount Isa, to be able to assist residents who want the added protection for their vehicle,” she said.

More information about the trial is available at www.police.qld.gov.au/initiatives/vehicle-immobiliser-subsidy-trial.

