

Mount Isa City Council News



Council has a couple of important road upgrade and renewal projects happening at the moment.

The first one is the upgrade of six stormwater assets on Tharrapatha Way, to help prepare the area for future footpath-widening works.

In the future, Tharrapatha Way – which runs along Urquhart Street and the Leichhardt River in Soldiers Hill – will be upgraded to a 3m-wide shared path, as part of the broader Soldiers Hill Principal Cycle Network Project.

At the April Ordinary Meeting on April 30, Council resolved to award the Tharrapatha Way Stormwater



Councillor John Tully

Asset Renewal Upgrades contract to Blackform Contracting Pty Ltd, which began works in early May and is due to complete them at the end of the month.

The works include regrading and

reshaping areas adjacent to each stormwater asset, the laying of new pipes, the construction of culverts and a section of new shared path, and the installation of handrails.

The project is funded by the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, which is a jointly funded arrangement by Council and the State Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Tharrapatha Way is a very popular track that's used by walkers, joggers, and cyclists of all ages – as well as by Parkrun enthusiasts each week – so the future widening and improvement

works will undoubtedly be welcome news for many residents.

The other works are a renewal of a section of Moondarra Drive. The project is jointly funded by Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Principal contractor Durack Contracting began the works in mid-May and are set to complete them later this month.

The works include concrete channel work, a road-base vehicle crossing to Tom O'Hara Park, and the reseal of road shoulders and surfaces in selected sections.

Councillors Attend SES Awards Night

Councillors John Tully and Travis Crowther were proud to represent Mount Isa City Council at the Mount Isa SES Awards presentation at the Salvation Army Hall on Wednesday, May 21.

Cr Tully, who presented the SES Meritorious Service Medal to four recipients – Gavin Donnelly, Annette Fray, Geoff Le Noel, and Tina Munokoa – thanked SES volunteers for their dedication to the organisation and to their community.

“SES and its volunteers play a vital role during natural disasters, with the SES acting as a critical support agency, easing the burden on Council resources,” Cr Tully said.

“In Queensland, when cyclones lash our coastlines, when floods cut off communities, or when storms bring destruction to homes – SES volunteers are there, ready to help people during their time of need.

“Their work isn't glamorous. It's difficult and often dangerous, but it's vital, and has saved countless lives over the years.

“On behalf of Council and our community, thank you for everything you do in keeping us all safe and better prepared.”

SES Western Northern Region Area Controller Sandie Wallison said the ceremony was about honouring the dedication, courage, and selfless service of SES volunteers – “those who go above and beyond, who train tirelessly, respond quickly, and always stand ready when needed most”.

The SES Meritorious Service Medal is a state-level award that is presented after providing 10 years of regular and effective participation in the SES.

Other awards presented on the night included



the Area SES Week Award, the SES Week Award, the Queensland Disaster Resilience Champion pin, and the SES Citation.

The Area SES Week Award acknowledges the special contribution by an individual to the SES, through compassion, support, commitment, diligence, or skill.

The SES Week Award is for distinguished services

to the SES. The Queensland Disaster Resilience Champion pin is special recognition for the efforts of SES volunteers during the 2023-24 summer, which was one of the most challenging that Queenslanders have faced.

The SES Citation is in recognition of the significant service all SES staff and volunteers provide to the Queensland community.

Construction Underway for New Wright Road Footpath

Council wishes to advise that works to construct a 1.8m-wide footpath on Wright Road began on Wednesday, May 28.

The fibre-reinforced concrete trial footpath will cover Wright Road from the Brett Avenue intersection to the Scott Crescent intersection.

Principal contractor NQES Industries Pty Ltd will undertake the works from May 28 to Tuesday, June 17, from 7am to

5pm (inclusive of Saturdays) to reduce the construction period.

The new footpath will be located across the nature strip and integrate with existing driveway crossovers.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks residents for their patience and understanding during these works.

For any queries, please contact Project Manager Anthony Liu on (07) 4747 3200.

Splashiez Closed While Pools' Heating Upgraded

Council wishes to advise that Splashiez Aquatic Centre is temporarily closed, as of Monday, June 2, and is set to reopen on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Upgrades to the heating systems for both the 50m and leisure pools will be undertaken during this period.

The upgraded heating system will ensure a more constant water temperature, giving an enhanced experience for pool users.

These improvements are part of ongoing works that Council's environmental funding program has delivered across facilities.

Splashiez has seen more solar

panels installed, as well as more energy-efficient lighting over the pools and around the facility, thanks to this program.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to improve your community aquatic facility.

Please note that when Splashiez reopens in mid-June, it will be operating under its winter trading hours:

- **Weekdays:** 2.30pm to 7pm
- **Weekends:** 10.30am to 5.30pm.

For more information, please contact Splashiez on (07) 4743 2137.



New Indigenous Art Gallery Opens

An Indigenous art gallery that's the first of its kind for Mount Isa has officially opened at Outback at Isa.

The opening of the Maltha Waru Arts Workshop took place on Friday, May 30, with Jerome Pang the emcee, and Councillor Travis Crowther giving one of the speeches.

The art gallery is the culmination of months of work of some of the Mount Isa area's best Indigenous artists, as well as Outback at Isa staff. It began operating in December last year, and was established specifically to display and sell art created by Indigenous artists from North West Queensland.

“Its creation is a result of Outback at Isa recognising a gap in our region: there were no dedicated Indigenous art galleries west of the coast – none in Mount Isa, or in the broader North West. And Outback at Isa wanted to change that,” Cr Crowther said.

“Indigenous artists from our region were often forced to travel to Cairns, Brisbane, or

Alice Springs just to have their works seen and sold. In this gallery, local Indigenous artists have a dedicated, permanent space in Mount Isa where they can proudly display their works to a wider audience.

“Through this gallery, artists are sharing their stories with the world. And on behalf of the Outback at Isa Board, we are proud and honoured to be a part of its official opening. It is a very welcome addition to not just Outback at Isa, but to the Mount Isa community as a whole.”

As well as paintings, it features jewellery, textiles, carvings, spinifex paper, and contemporary works. “Maltha waru” means “many paths” in the Kalkadoon language and represents the many paths that connect art, culture, and community. Some of the artists featured in the gallery include Barbara Sam, Rebecca Sam, Hazel Munro, Sonya Pitjard, Mark Webb, Sheree Blackley, Mick Cooper, William Irvine, Carmel Donnelly, Cungelella Art, and Renae Carson.

News In Brief

• **Blue Gum Farm TV is returning to Mount Isa on Saturday, June 7, for a one-of-a-kind show, complete with cute animals, vibrant music, and all the fun of the farm. “The Border Collie Boogie” combines Cilla's experience as an entertainer with her life as a grazier and stock dog trainer to create a spectacular show for the whole family. Meet Axel the Kelpie, as he shows off his skills as a working stock dog. And get to know the beautiful Ash Barky as she joins in with the singing numbers. Purchase your tickets at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bluegum-farm-tickets-1347311277299.**

• Local ballet fans are in for a treat when the Australian premiere of Ballet Preljocaj's “Swan Lake” is screened for free at the Civic Centre on Friday, June 13, from 7pm. Book your free tickets at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/screening-of-ballet-preljocajs-swan-lake-tickets-1349503233499.

The Civic Centre is one of 17 venues across Queensland that will be hosting special screenings of the performance in June. Ballet Preljocaj's “Swan Lake” is a dystopian juxtaposition of corporate greed – in which Siegfried is the son of a wealthy property developer – and the pristine environment of the swans, which sees Odette and the Prince as eco-warriors battling the fossil-fueled industrialist Rothbart. Founded in 1985 by French choreographer Angelin Preljocaj, Ballet Preljocaj last wowed audiences in Queensland in 2016 with the sellout season of “Snow White” at QPAC. The QPAC International Series is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland.