

Mount Isa City Council News



At the April Ordinary Meeting, my Council portfolio was recently expanded. In addition to Community Development, I'm now proud to also be overseeing Tourism and Events, which ties in with my role as interim chair of Outback at Isa. It's been fantastic to see the momentum Council has built in this space over recent months, and there's even more to look forward to in the future!

Anzac Day this year was truly something special. Although I wasn't in Mount Isa for this year's commemorations, I was fortunate to attend the Dawn Service at Gregory



Downs, where more than 70 people gathered to pay their respects. It was a moving and memorable service, showing just how strong the Anzac spirit remains across our entire region.

The turnout in Mount Isa was

equally remarkable. Both the Dawn and the Main services were extremely well attended, and it was wonderful to see people of all ages taking part in the Anzac Day March – with every school in Mount Isa represented. Well done, Mount Isa! A huge shout out to the Apex Club of Mount Isa for once again putting on a delicious, free gunfire breakfast for our veterans, their families, and carers straight after the Dawn Service. You always go above and beyond, and Council was proud to support you again this year by providing the Civic Centre as the breakfast venue.

This week, the North West MPX is at

the Civic Centre from Wednesday, May 7 to Thursday, May 8 (with Thursday open to the public).

Council is proud to be a Gold Sponsor of this major event, which showcases the best of our region's mining, energy, and exploration industries. And here's something new for 2025 – the Regional Jobs Committee (RJC) Jobs Expo will be joining the North West MPX on Thursday, May 8, from 10.30am to 4pm. It's shaping up to be a fantastic couple of days, and I strongly encourage everyone to head down to the Civic Centre, get involved, and be part of Mount Isa's future!

Hundreds Turn Out for Anzac Services

Hundreds of people attended the Mount Isa Anzac Day Dawn Service and Main Service, both of which were held at the Memorial Cenotaph in front of the Civic Centre on Friday, April 25.

Many Main Service attendees also took part in the Anzac Day March, which began at 9.30am on the Isa Street Bridge and made its way up West Street, finishing at the Civic Centre's front lawns in time for the Main Service.

At both services, the emcee was Mount RSL Sub-branch member Jason Corradi, bugler Keith Cox sounded The Last Post and the Reveille, Mark Skinner played a lament on the bagpipes, and the Mount Isa Community Ensembles (MICE) Choir sang the New Zealand and Australian national anthems, as well as hymns including "Abide With Me".

The Main Service marked the last as bugler for Keith Cox, who has been the bugler at every Anzac Day service (as well as others, including Remembrance Day) since 1999.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of Council by Councillors John Tully and Dan Ballard and Mayor Peta MacRae.

Cr MacRae also gave a speech as part of the Dawn Service.

Father Mick Lowcock led the reflection and prayer at the Main Service, while Pastor Dave Quilty did the same at the Dawn Service.

The Ode of Remembrance was recited by Mount Isa RSL Sub-branch president Jim Nuttall at both services.



Mayor Visits Kalkadoon Exhibition

Mount Isa Mayor Peta MacRae recently visited the "Unbroken Spirit of the Kalkadoons" exhibition currently on display in the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane.

The exhibition opened on March 22 and will run until August 24, and shares Kalkadunga artist Colleen Sam's family story through paintings, digital stories, and archival materials. "The exhibition was an eye-opening experience, and I would encourage anyone visiting Brisbane to pop in and take a look," Cr MacRae said.

"It's of great cultural significance that the stories of the Sams, and the Kalkadoon people, are on display in

the State's capital, where they will potentially be seen by thousands of people over the coming months.

"We will work towards getting this display to Mount Isa in the future for everyone to enjoy."

The stories showcased in the exhibition follow the Sam family's journey of survival from the first contact in the 1850s through to the 1900s, highlighting key figures such as Kalkadoon senior law keepers King Jimmy and Queen Nellie, along with the resilient warrior Wild Harry, a survivor of Battle Mountain.

Find out more at www.slq.qld.gov.au/discover/exhibitions/unbroken-spirit-kalkadoons.



Mount Isa PCYC, Salvos Recipients of Fundraiser

The PCYC Mount Isa and the Salvation Army Mount Isa are the latest recipients of Council's ongoing Casual for a Cause monthly fundraising initiative.

The donation to the PCYC Mount Isa – \$171.65, representing February's proceeds – was presented during Council's March Ordinary Meeting.

At the meeting, PCYC Mount Isa Youth Engagement Officer Sergeant Aimee Sewell thanked Council for the contribution and said it would go towards assisting some of the PCYC's programs, such as Chilling in the Park or After Dark, as well as purchasing food and resources.

"Our focus is working with youth development and keeping our community safe through positive engagement," Sergeant Sewell said.

Mayor Peta MacRae said the Mount Isa PCYC is a very highly valued organisation in the community that does a lot to help the city's young people.

The donation to the Salvation Army Mount Isa – \$162.45, representing March's proceeds – was presented during the April Ordinary Meeting.

"I see Evelyn and Glen everywhere I go – they're at so many different community events, and real supporters of our community and our city," Cr MacRae said.

May is the Salvation Army's signature fundraiser, the Red Shield Appeal, which helps the charitable



organisation carry out its community service work.

"All funds are gratefully received. What's donated in Mount Isa stays in Mount Isa," Evelyn said.

One of the local Salvation Army's initiatives, in partnership with the other local churches, is its weekly free Crossroads Community Meals, which are held each Thursday night on the back deck of the Salvation Army's premises at 43 West Street (entry via Helen Street).

The meals are open to everyone. People interested in volunteering, such as by helping to cook the meals, are always welcome.

For more information, contact the Salvation Army Mount Isa on 4744 5309.

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News In Brief

- Council is committed to reducing landfill waste and moving towards a circular economy – where materials are reused, repaired, repurposed, and recycled to reduce environmental impact and create local opportunities. Council is in the process of developing a Circular Economy and Waste Reduction Strategy, and we want to hear from you. Have your say and help shape the future of waste and recycling in Mount Isa: <https://forms.office.com/r/Q5Jwwf1dFx>. Plus, by participating in this survey, you have a chance to win a \$50 gift card to buy local in Mount Isa. The survey will be open until Friday, May 30, 2025. Find more information about the Circular Economy at www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/Home-Property/Waste-Recycling/Circular-Economy.

- Following the recent launch of the Future Ready Economy Roadmap, Mount Isa City Council is excited to announce the creation of a quarterly Economic Development newsletter. The newsletter will help share information, resources, and project updates. Community, small business, and industry are highly encouraged to subscribe: <https://tinyurl.com/ecdevnewsletter>. Businesses that are interested in providing content for the newsletter are welcome to email us at city@mountisa.qld.gov.au. For more information about economic diversification in the city and the Mount Isa Future Ready Economy Roadmap, visit www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/City-Council/Corporate-Publications/Economic-Diversification.