

Mount Isa City Council News



May was an extremely busy month in the North West. Council held a crime forum, attended the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils board meeting in Cloncurry, North West MPX, and had a Ministerial Advisory Committee on mining.

We have had the Queensland Water Directorate visit, and Council's CEO and I have been to Brisbane to meet with proponents of new projects for the city. It is a very exciting time.

The Councillors and I had the chance to tour the new nurses' quarters at the hospital and it is indeed something our town can be proud of. I am sure the upgraded staff quarters, along with the new residential



development in Brilliant Street, will help attract and retain quality staff in the healthcare sector.

The purchase of the former The Club building on Isa Street by Queensland Health will further add to and extend the services provided by the North West Hospital and Health Service

and improve the amenity of the CBD.

The Mount Isa Country Universities Centre had a soft launch on June 1 in the City Library.

If you would like to be in the inaugural group of 2024, make sure you register for the centre. You just need to be studying to register.

The new building on Miles Street is coming along nicely and should be ready in mid-July.

It is that time of the year again when Council starts to look at the budget.

The Councillors are well aware of the cost-of-living crisis and that people are doing it tough in the community. One thing that is highlighted each year

is that our general rates are among the lowest in the State, however, our water is the highest, and this leaves Council and our community at a distinct disadvantage.

Through our local member Robbie Katter MP, we were able to organise a meeting with Minister for Water Glenn Butcher to start conversations to progress North West Water.

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to come to the crime forum at the Civic Centre on May 16, and for the respectful contributions provided by the attendees.

Working together, we can provide local solutions to local problems to help our community.

RJC Expressions of Interest

Mount Isa City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for the Mount Isa Regional Jobs Committee (RJC).

The RJC Program is designed to identify and address workforce issues within the region/community, drive job growth, and plan for the future by:

- Identifying cohorts and/or barriers to training, workforce participation, and business growth;
- Developing strategies that address workforce and skills issues;
- Identifying future community growth or industry expansion, and subsequent new skills while

maximising employment opportunities;

- Ensuring strategies are in place to support communities to grow their own workforce or access services to fill future jobs; and
- Providing connections between stakeholders.

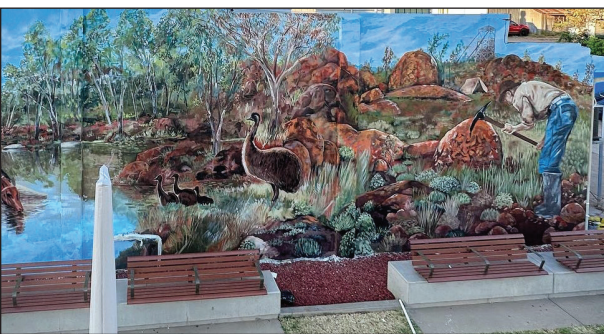
Council is seeking expressions of interest from Mount Isa and Camooweal local business, government, community leaders, training providers, industry representatives, high schools, small business, and tourism to ensure training and employment solutions are more accurately aligned with local skills

needs and economic activity to support regional jobs growth.

Submit your Expression of Interest at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MountIsaRJCEOI.

Regional Jobs Committees provide an opportunity for local community and/or stakeholders to work together to align regional skills and workforce development with local industry and employer needs. The committee will provide advice on the development, implementation, delivery, and evaluation of RJC projects, contribute to and drive the development of the

RJC Action Plan, work to establish priorities, objectives, and outcomes consistent with the RJC program, and provide specialist advice regarding RJC Action Plan items and local workforce issues as raised by the RJC Project Manager. For more information, contact Mount Isa RJC Project Manager Natasha Storey on 4747 3312 or email natasha.storey@mountisa.qld.gov.au. The Mount Isa Regional Jobs Committee is proudly supported and funded by the Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT).



Applications for RADF Grants Now Open

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 percent 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 to discuss your project and find out if RADF funding can help to get your project off the ground.

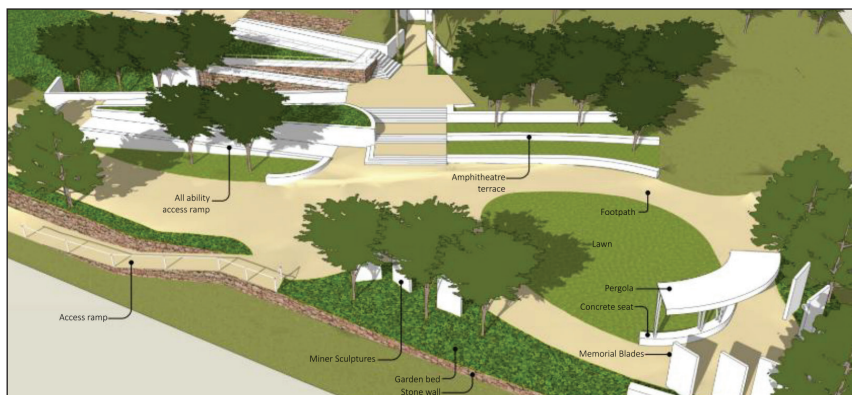
Visit www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/radf for more information.

Mount Isa Residents Go Green

Hundreds of people flocked to the Mount Isa Mines Entertainment Centre at Buchanan Park on Saturday, June 1, for Council's Go Green Isa/Free Plants Day event.

Attendees were able to pick up free native tree saplings, shrubs and seedlings; enjoyed informative workshops from "Gardening

Australia" editor Phil Dudman about how to start a worm farm, and how to master compost-making; and kids' activities. There were also giveaways of food-scrap caddies for at-home composting, information displays from Council and local community organisations, and food and drink stalls.



Update on Mine Workers Memorial

Council has received an update about the proposed Mine Workers Memorial project, with design drawings and costings – as well as the Mount Isa CBD RV Parking Strategy – presented to Council at its May Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, May 22.

Council has been working collaboratively with the Mine Workers Memorial Advisory Committee for the past couple of years on the associated works for the design, development, and construction of a Mine Workers Memorial for Mount Isa.

CA Architects have completed

detailed concept drawings and a design for a memorial, as well as a masterplan for Frank Aston Hill.

In January this year, construction consulting firm Rider Levett Bucknall provided Council with a construction cost estimate for the Mine Workers Memorial of \$3.9 million.

Council intends to seek funding opportunities for the construction of the Mine Workers Memorial. Any potential future works will be considered in a phased approach across multiple years. Pictured is a concept design of the proposed Mine Workers Memorial.

Current Job Opportunities at Council

Council has an opportunity for two Function and Event Support Officers to join our Economic and Community Development team on a casual basis. Council also has an opportunity for two Local Laws Rangers to join our Regulatory Services team on a temporary basis. To apply for these roles, or for more information, visit www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/current-vacancies.



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Did You Know?

- Council wishes to advise that the First and Final Reminder Notices issued on Thursday May 2 2024 contain an incorrect Biller Code for payments, due to a mix-up at the printers. Please note that the correct Biller Code is 94052. Payments that have been made using Biller Code 196287 should be returned to your bank account within days of the payment being made. If the funds are not returned, please contact your financial institution to assist in reversing the payment. Please ensure that when making payments to Mount Isa City Council, you use Biller Code 94052. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding and cooperation. For further assistance, please contact Mount Isa City Council's Customer Service team on 07 4747 3200 or email city@mountisa.qld.gov.au.

- Mount Isa City Council wishes to advise that the weighbridge at the Waste Management Facility is now back online, with operations commencing on Tuesday, May 28. New signage has been installed providing directions to designation, landfill, and the Materials Recovery Facility. Council asks that customers comply with traffic light directions and follow all signage, as these may have changed since they were last at the facility. Council thanks Waste Management Facility customers for their patience and understanding during this period.