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Isaac Councillors on Tour

COUNCILLORS on the new Isaac Regional Council have been touring their vast shire, getting to know the communities and people they represent.

Isaac Regional Council was formed in March this year through the amalgamation of the former Belyando, Broadsound and Nebo Shires.

The Isaac Regional Council covers an area of 58,500km² and extends from the coastal communities of St Lawrence, Carmila and Clairview to Glenden, Nebo and the Northern Coalfields towns of Clermont, Dysart, Middlemount and Moranbah.

Adding to the shire's diversity is its range of industries, which include sugar cane, beef and grain production, coal mining and supportive services, fishing and tourism.

The Isaac Regional Council undertook a commitment to travel through the region to enable Councillors and Business Unit Managers to familiarise themselves with the infrastructure for which they are responsible and meet staff and community members.

The tour was held over two trips commencing on May 12 with Councillors visiting Glenden, Nebo, Carmila and St Lawrence.

This week, Isaac Councillors inspected the towns of Dysart, Middlemount and Clermont and met with staff residing in those locations.

Councillors joined staff at the Middlemount Office for morning tea and discussed major development projects and current operational issues affecting the township. Members also inspected areas where further residential and commercial projects are proposed.

A similar meeting with staff was held at the Dysart Office together with an inspection of the township including key infrastructure assets.

A 'Meet and Greet' evening was held in the Clermont Civic Centre supper room last Monday night (May 26) and many Clermont residents took the opportunity to informally meet the Isaac Councillors and Business Unit Managers, and discuss any issues or concerns they had with the new Council.

In welcoming the gathering, Isaac Regional Council Mayor, Councillor Cedric Marshall said part of the Isaac Regional Council's process was to 'meet and greet as many of our staff and communities'.

Cr Marshall said Council was aiming to keep a decentralised system and retaining existing Council offices.

“We want to spread our meetings out into the community,” Cr Marshall said.

The Councillors and Business Unit Managers also introduced themselves, giving the assurance that they were all committed to working together as a team to achieve best outcomes for the entire region.

The Isaac Regional Council intends to meet Moranbah staff and inspect its facilities in conjunction with its June 10th meeting.

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Clermont-based Councillor with the Isaac Regional Council, Councillor Rob Williams (second from right) chats with (from left) Debbie Skinner, Alison Orr, Ivan Bettridge and Gary Skinner at the Meet the Councillors evening in Clermont.

Photograph taken at the Meet the Councillors evening held at the Clermont Civic Centre Supper Room on Monday, May 26 in conjunction with the Isaac Regional Council tour of Dysart, Middlemount and Clermont.

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