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Council is committed to listening to the communities of the Isaac region on issues of importance and engaging with residents in a meaningful manner. We are a region driven by pure people power and the voices of our communities play a significant role in guiding Council’s decision-making.

Council took the decision earlier this year to rotate our statutory meetings around the communities of the Isaac region on a bi-monthly basis and to stage an informal community catch-up in each host town. We visited the Isaac coast in July and Glenden in September, and already this exercise has proven itself to be a valuable opportunity for residents to connect directly with the elected Council and senior officers, and talk through local issues in a relaxed atmosphere.

Council is headed for Dysart in late November and I encourage residents to get involved. I’d like to take this opportunity to highlight the range of consultation activity undertaken by Council across the Isaac to ensure ratepayers and residents can have a say in the future direction of the region.

We recently extended the period for community feedback in relation to the draft Proposed Isaac Region Planning Scheme for a month to ensure residents, landowners, business and industry were provided with ample opportunity to comment on the future planning framework for the region. Council received almost 350 formal submissions in response to the consultation which will be reviewed by Council as it progresses the next steps in the process.

During October, we undertook a regionwide consultation on how Council manages flying fox roosts in urban areas, which included community surveying and infoshare sessions in a number of towns. This process was about gaining input from affected communities in relation to the future management of migratory flying fox populations. Again, the outcomes of this process will inform Council’s future direction on this issue.

Also during October, we invited Isaac region primary producers, along with their suppliers and service providers, to participate in a regionwide survey in relation to the impact of the present drought conditions. More than 90% of the Isaac region is currently drought-declared and Council sought to gather information to inform the development and delivery of support initiatives to provide assistance to affected operators. From late August, we also sought feedback from the Clermont community in relation to the Capella Street Footpath Upgrade.

These activities represent just a handful of the ongoing engagement opportunities facilitated by Council to encourage community members to “have their say”. Beyond these opportunities, please do not hesitate to reach out to your local divisional councillor to discuss issues affecting your community.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

3
Glenden Community Christmas Party

10
Moranbah Spring Carnival Race Day

10
Middlemount Community Christmas Carols

11
Remembrance Day

14
Nebo Festival of Small Halls

15
Ilbilbie Festival of Small Halls

17-18
Nebo Barrel Horse Event

24
Clermont Cup Race Day

24
Dysart Community Christmas Party

30
Nebo Community Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

7
Moranbah Carols in the Square

7
Middlemount Festival of Small Halls

7
Clermont Christmas in the Park

8
St Lawrence Christmas Fair

9
Glenden Christmas Carols

15
Carmila Christmas Tree

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Residents in the Isaac region are encouraged to make water conservation a part of their daily habits as the dry conditions continue. More than 90 per cent of the region is currently drought declared, which has resulted in an escalation to formal water restrictions in some communities. This means hand-held hoses only for garden maintenance, no watering on any day between 9am and 5pm and watering only between 5am to 5pm and 9pm on assigned watering days. Automated irrigation systems can be used for garden beds only, no grassed areas. Mobile water tankers, unless used for firefighting, must apply for an exemption to use Council’s raw water or potable water standpipes to fill up their tankers. “We are asking everyone to adopt water-saving habits,” Mayor Anne Baker said. Visit www.isaac.qld.gov.au/water-restrictions for more information on water restrictions and water conservation measures. Ratepayers can sign up to MiWater, a website that provides water consumption information at www.isaac.qld.gov.au/miwater.
Earlier this year, Council made the decision to rotate its statutory meeting around the communities of the Isaac region on a bi-monthly basis. We understand that due to the issues of distance it can be difficult for people outside of Moranbah to get to our monthly meeting so we’re coming to you. We visited our coastal communities in July, Glenden in September and we’re headed for Dysart, November 20. This is a great opportunity to catch up and connect with council.

REGION’S AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS A CELEBRATION OF PURE PEOPLE POWER

Nominations for the annual community awards are now open. Mayor Anne Baker said the Isaac Region Australia Day Awards were an opportunity to acknowledge and say thanks to some of the region’s most remarkable residents.

“We are region rich in resources, but we are also blessed with the greatest resource of all - our people. Pure people power is helping our communities to thrive as we help to energise the world,” Mayor Baker said.

“These awards are a chance to celebrate that people power and honour those individuals, groups and organisations who have made a significant contribution to our social, civic, sporting and cultural life locally, nationally and internationally.”

The Isaac Region Australia Day Awards comprise the regional awards of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year, and local medallions presented to individuals and groups in each community for sport, culture/arts and achievement.

“I am also honoured to choose a recipient for the Mayor’s Award in each community, selected from the award nominees,” Mayor Baker said.

“Nominees can be from all walks of life from youth, to community groups, to senior citizens. We want to shine a light on the outstanding achievements of everyday people who make us proud to be Australian.”

CR NICK WHEELER
DIVISION 2 - DYSART

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NOMINATE NOW

Regional Awards
- Citizen of the Year (age 27+)
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-26)
- Event of the Year

Local Awards
Individual or Group Achievement Medallions
- Sport
- Achievement
- Culture/Arts

Mayor’s Award
- Chosen by the Mayor from all the nominations in each community.

To nominate a deserving local, go to isaac.qld.gov.au/australiaday or visit any Council office for a nomination form. Nominations for the 2019 Isaac Region Australia Day Awards close Friday December 7, 2018.
Moranbah residents will have noticed the activity occurring on Mills Ave between Appleton St and Arkana Terrace. Work has commenced on the much-anticipated Moranbah Youth and Community Centre, which is being delivered by the State Government in partnership with mine operator BMA. It is great to see that this project, which will improve the liveability of our town with a new community facility is moving ahead. I would like to remind people to use caution in the immediate area as this is a construction site.

Positive Art Space to spread the Universal Message of Peace

Pure people power has seen the creation of a colourful public art installation in Pioneer Park, Clermont. Comprising 30 aluminium poles decorated with artworks representing messages of peace, the Clermont Peace Pole Project was unveiled at a community event on Friday, September 21. The initiative of Clermont Artslink, its members facilitated multiple workshops with people of all ages and walks of life from in and around Clermont during the period from March to August this year. Mayor Anne Baker said the project is an exceptional example of pure people power. “Creativity connects and energises our people, powers our communities by improving our health and sense of wellbeing, and provides opportunities for cultural tourism that feed creative industry development,” Mayor Baker said. “Its presence will add to the cultural tourism attractions of the Isaac region.”

The project was made possible by funding from the Queensland Government’s We are Queensland Grant, Isaac Regional Council via a grant from the Regional Arts Development Fund, the Regional Arts Fund, Glencore Clermont Coal and from sponsorship by local businesses and families. Queensland Arts Minister Leanne Enoch said investing in creative and cultural experiences through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) strengthened regional communities, boosted cultural tourism, and enhanced the quality of life in rural and remote towns and cities.

Whether you’re hosting arts or cultural workshops or you’re an artist or performer seeking to develop your career, you may be eligible for funding in the upcoming 2018-19 Isaac Regional Arts Development Fund.

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Operating Hours Isaac Pools

**Clermont**
Monday to Friday 6am to 7pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 6pm

**Dysart**
Monday 6am to 6pm
Tuesday to Thursday 6am to 7pm
Friday 6am to 6pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 6pm

**Gleneden**
Monday to Friday 7am to 8pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm

**Moranbah**
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6am to 8pm
Wednesday and Friday 6am to 6pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm
Public holidays 10am to 4pm

**Nebo**
(reopening November)
Monday to Friday 6am to 8am
2.30pm to 6.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 6pm

**Middlemount**
Monday to Friday 6am to 8pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 6pm

**Flaggy Rock**
Monday to Wednesday 8am to 5pm
Friday to Sunday 12pm to 6pm
Closed Thursday

**St Lawrence**
Open 7 days a week
Key to be collected from Fosseys Store, Railway Parade, Post Office or the Sportmans Arms Pub
(please note Fosseys Store closes at 1pm on Saturdays)
Interactive technology, robots and the skills of enthusiastic youth have been showcased at Isaac Libraries’ 2018 Tech Fest. Some of Isaac’s most creative thinkers and problem solvers demonstrated their coding skill and knowledge at the Dysart Civic Centre on Saturday, September 8, with around 160 people attending the annual robotics challenge.

Five teams of children from Clermont, Dysart, Middlemount and Moranbah were welcomed to the challenge by Councillor Nick Wheeler who was pleased to support the initiative for a third year.

“Each year, Tech Fest provides a great opportunity to showcase the technology programs and opportunities available to our community,” Cr Wheeler said.

“The teams all worked well together on the day and did a fantastic job with the Dysart Aussie Outback Robots having the best run of the day to become the Tech Fest Champions.

“Tech Fest was once again made possible thanks to the efforts and commitment of Isaac Libraries’ staff and the volunteers and mentors who volunteered their time to help with the challenge.”

Mayor Anne Baker congratulated everyone involved for their participation in the innovative and fun program.

“The teams, mentors and libraries’ staff worked hard in preparation for this exciting event,” she said.

“Robotics is the way of the future and Council is proud to play our part in supporting and encouraging children to engage with this technology. Isaac Libraries have so much more to offer than just books and I would encourage people to visit their local library to discover the great collection of free e-resources and apps available to everyone.”

Don’t forget that Council runs 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. If you have any issues at all, whether that be water quality issues, flying foxes, roaming dogs, burst water mains or more, please contact Council. Phone 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227). You can also easily report issues or make a request through the Snap Send Solve app.
Council has recently concluded a community consultation process in relation to how we manage flying fox roosts in urban areas. From August to January each year, flying foxes naturally migrate through and establish temporary roosts in our region. We know when flying foxes have arrived in our towns they cause unpleasant noise, smells and other issues which disrupt residents. I’d like to thank everyone who contributed to this important community conversation about the challenges of flying fox management. Council will review community feedback as it maps out a future direction in this space.

EXPO CREATES PHENOMENAL STEPPING STONE FOR ISAAC’S YOUTH

A platform fuelled by Isaac’s pure people power provided a plethora of careers options and expert advice to the region’s youth in Moranbah. More than 800 students from Clermont, Middlemount, Dysart and Moranbah attended the Education and Career Pathways Expo. Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said the expo’s exceptional collaboration between Council, the schools and the wider business community made the day a phenomenal stepping stone for the region’s youth. “We are a region rich in resources, made richer by its people … their hopes and their dreams,” she said.

Carmila and St Lawrence Library Assistant Desley Jeffs clocked up 40 years of local government service and hitting the 30-year milestone were Clermont-based Overseer Infrastructure Bill Bruggemann and Moranbah-based Senior Water and Wastewater Operator Julie-Ann Smith.

Moranbah-based Waste Management Operator Richard Elly joined the 25-year club of local government service in Isaac.
Water restrictions have been introduced in a number of Isaac communities, but I encourage all residents to adhere to water conservation measures during the continuing dry conditions. Conserving and maintaining water quality is especially important in Australia, the world’s driest inhabited continent. Council has some really good water saving tips on our website. Conserving water especially in this sort of climate is everybody’s business.
As Council’s representative on the board of Mackay Region Tourism, I am constantly reminded of the burgeoning tourism offering we have in the Isaac. We are blessed with 17 unique communities from the coast to the coalfields and beyond. With great outdoor experiences, from watching dugongs at Clairview to striking gold in Clermont, energise yourself by escaping to your own backyard in the Isaac landscape and enjoy what the region has to offer. You’ll also find that our welcoming and friendly people are our greatest asset.
Yarns from the bush and beyond featured as poets of all ages came together for one of Nebo’s most anticipated annual events. Now in its 17th year, the Nebo Bush Poet’s Smoko was held at the historic Nebo Museum on Sunday, October 7, a significant community event dedicated to keeping the Australian tradition of bush poetry alive.

Heading back to its early roots, this year’s event featured a breakfast program led by master of ceremonies Dan Lockyer and included poetry reading by locals and visitors and songs by Kate Lockyer.

A welcome addition to the morning’s program was the hot breakfast cooked up by the local Country Women’s Association which visitors and guests enjoyed.

Mayor Anne Baker said the Bush Poet’s Smoko offered storytellers and poets a unique opportunity to share their stories, tall tales and memories through the art of poetry.

“Poetry is known for evoking meaning, exploring human experience, celebrating our heritage and highlighting the beauty, and sometimes hardships, of regional life,” Mayor Baker said.

“What better place to spin a yarn or tell a good story than in the historic town of Nebo.

“In our fast-paced digital age, it is refreshing to have this chance to slow down, gather as a community and enjoy living stories and songs from both locals and visitors.

“There was something for everyone at the event with a classic car display featuring in the car park and the museum open to the public free of charge before the poetry reading section of the program.”

Bush balladeers waxed lyrical at the recent Bush Poet’s Smoko in Nebo. This local event continues to grow from strength to strength after 17 years and it was great to get along and celebrate with the community at the historic Nebo Museum. In our fast-paced digital age, it is refreshing to have this chance to slow down, gather as a community and enjoy living stories and songs from both locals and visitors. Looking forward to next year.
Introducing the Disaster Dashboard!

This tool is a one-stop desktop for information during emergency and disaster situations.

Communication plays a vital role in disaster preparation, response and community recovery.

Having one place to access all this information will see you better equipped to keep your family and loved ones safe.

Dashboard Link
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