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FROM THE

# MAYOR'S OFFICE

Coal mining is in Isaac's DNA.

Isaac Regional Council is strongly advocating about ensuring our communities are set up to embrace a future in a changing world.

Council has been working with the Queensland Government to ensure consistent coal royalties' investment happens in the Isaac region.

Just before Christmas, Treasurer Cameron Dick announced the Isaac region will share in a \$120 million investment for critical community infrastructure.

It will be for priority commitments to the Isaac Resources Excellence Hub and the upgrade of Phillips Creek Bridge near Dysart.

This funding win for resource regions hasn't come by accident.

It has followed years of being a strong voice on behalf of our Isaac communities.

The return of royalties is important to regions like ours especially when Isaac coal mines continue to support the growth and prosperity of Queensland and the nation.

The replacement of Phillips Creek Bridge has been on Council's priority project list to both the Queensland and Australian government for several years.

The bridge on Saraji Road is a key link between Dysart and Moranbah that provides access to several coal mines and for community safety.

The total funding, Council has received is \$14.4 million budgeted by the Australian Government and \$3.6 million budgeted from the Queensland Government.

The Isaac Resources Excellence Hub's vision is to help unlock innovation and access to technology to support research into mine rehabilitation and decarbonisation.

It will also deliver education and reskilling opportunities at the coalface.

This announcement follows critical new Moranbah Hospital investment to service the Bowen and Galilee basins, the beating heart of Queensland's resources.

What makes me proud as we start 2023, Council successfully advocated for nearly \$90 million in the past 12 months for 23 local projects through state and federal partnerships.

Behind the scenes, we will continue to push for the improvement of health services, jobs and transformation, mining and renewable project frameworks regional connectivity and social sustainability.

There's a lot of work that we will continue through this year to make sure the Isaac region secures futures for 17 of our unique communities.

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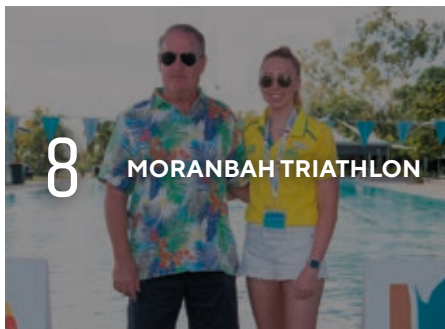
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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## MARCH

- 10 Dysart Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 11 Middlemount Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 16 Moranbah Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 18 Clermont Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 24 Nebo Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 25 Isaac Coast Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards
- 26 Glenden Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards

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# NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Eleven citizens have been warmly welcomed to the Isaac region during a special Australia Day ceremony on Australia Day morning.

The new Australians proudly took the pledge at an intimate ceremony at Moranbah Community Centre.

The Isaac region's newest citizens originally hailed from four countries, including the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan and South Africa.

Mayor Anne Baker said citizenship ceremonies perfectly showcases how vibrant and diverse the Isaac Regional Council area is.

Our ceremonies are a reminder that cultural diversity is one of the Isaac region's greatest assets and we are stronger because of it.

Council, under direction of the Department of Home Affairs, conducts Australian Citizenship Ceremonies throughout the year for registered applicants.

Australian citizenship represents commitment to Australia and its people, the values we share and our common future.

Since the first Australian citizenship ceremony was hosted in 1949, more than four and a half million people have chosen to become Australian citizens.

Any persons interested in becoming an Australian Citizen should contact the Department of Home Affairs on 131 881 during office hours from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



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We have recently farewelled Steve and Maryann Nicholson as managers of Theresa Creek Dam. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for everything they have achieved at the dam over the past 5 years. I would like to congratulate Ange Robertson and Glenn Johns for a great first few months as the new managers. If you haven't been out to say hello, make sure you pop in and grab some lunch. Just a reminder fees for overnight camping at Theresa Creek Dam are \$20 a night. The great views and facilities remain free for day visitors.



# RESIDENTS OFFERED FREE MICROCHIPPING AS DOG'S TICKET HOME



chip n check

MAKE SURE YOUR DOGGY FRIEND CAN BE FOUND IF THEY BECOME LOST!

Free microchipping  
this March

This is available until 28 March 2023 through  
[speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au](https://speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au)

A microchip stores your pet's unique identification number, which is linked to a microchip database registry which includes important information about your pet's breed and your contact details.

THIS MICROCHIP DEAL IS FOR DOGS ONLY.

Scan the QR code or click on the Chip N Check icon to register.  
Drop into your local Isaac Regional Council office or library for a hardcopy or call 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227) for assistance.

A free microchipping initiative to give pet owners the edge on being more responsible for their dogs will be unleashed in March.

The Chip N Check program, a partnership between Isaac Regional Council and seven veterinary clinics, is open to all dogs from 12 weeks of age.

The microchipping incentive helps pet owners save money on something that is compulsory by law.

Cr Simon West, who chairs the Domestic Dog Advisory Committee, said microchipping is one of many ways people can fulfill their legal requirements and become a responsible dog owner.

"How many times do we see lost and wandering dogs? It's too many. It's our job as a community to encourage responsible dog ownership and microchipping is amongst it," Cr West said.

"A microchip stores your pet's unique identification number, which is linked to a microchip database registry which includes important information about your pet's breed and your contact details."

The initiative is supported by Clermont Veterinary Surgery, Moranbah Veterinary Clinic, Sarina Veterinary Surgery, Torenbeek Vet Clinic and Valley Vet branches in Marian, Mackay and Walkerston.

The free Chip N Check incentive is one of many ways Council is encouraging responsible pet ownership across the Isaac region. Council is also conducting two inspection programs – selective and systematic – to encourage responsible dog ownership.

The selective inspection program is for all Isaac region residents that had a dog registered to 31 August 2022 but did not renew.

The other program – systematic – will focus on all residential properties in Moranbah, where over 60 per cent of the region's reports of wandering dogs come from.

Cr West said the programs are about improving the lives of pets, getting lost dogs' home safely and reducing the number of wandering dogs in the streets.

"To clear up any confusion about the programs, Council officers will only come on to your property to knock on your front door," Cr West said.

"The team conducting the inspections will not enter backyards or other parts of your property without your presence."

Visit <https://speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au> for more information on the Chip N Check incentives and Council's two inspections programs.



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The Dysart Civic Centre is the hub of events and activity in our community, and it is important to have the best facility we can to continuing supporting Dysart residents well into the future. If you haven't had a chance yet, make sure you pop over to the Dysart Civic Centre and check out the works currently being done to update the car park and install exterior LED lighting. Works will be completed shortly. Over the last year, we have also installed a new air conditioning system, with plans to build disabled access to create an all-inclusive civic space for our community. The Dysart Civic Centre car park upgrade was proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program in association with Isaac Regional Council.



Kevin Huges, Mayor Anne Baker and Councillor Carolyn Moriarty with Citizen of the Year Frank Finger of Clermont



Councillor Kelly Vea Vea and Councillor Viv Coleman with Young Citizen of the Year Layney Deguara of Nebo

# CREAM OF THE ISAAC CROP CELEBRATED THIS AUSTRALIA DAY

A Clermont cattle grazier who shot to national TV stardom for building community bonds, a Nebo barrel racer champion and a rainbow gala event that is leading social change are among the major Australia Day winners in the Isaac region.

Frank Finger accepted the 2023 Isaac Region Australia Day Citizen of the Year award from Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker at Clermont Showgrounds during local Australia Day celebrations.

The national award winner of the ABC TV's Muster Dog series has a persistent determination to the agricultural and tourism industry, love for his muster dogs and for sharing his stories with residents at MontCler.

Layney Deguara has been named the 2023 Young Citizen of the Year for her passion and dedication to her sport, local club and her community.

Moranbah Rainbow Collective's inaugural Rainbow Gala won the 2023 Community Event of the Year for breaking barriers and creating an inclusive, and socially aware safe space.

2023 Corporate Contribution of the Year is Dysart News and Post for demonstrating

a strong commitment to their continuous support of local groups, sporting clubs and events.

Former Isaac Regional Councillor and long-time Dysart resident Nick Wheeler accepted the 2023 Spirit of Isaac Award for 44 years of countless achievements and contributions to his community.

Mayor Baker said recognising the outstanding work of Isaac residents is important as Council held eight ceremonial events announcing 51 award winners.

"Congratulations to Frank, Layney, the Moranbah Rainbow Collective, Dysart News and Post and Nick Wheeler, you are the cream of Isaac's crop today," Mayor Baker said.

"What we do everyday matters and today's awards recognise the great things you do.

"Thank you to all our nominees and everyone who attended these events over the past 24 hours.

"We also welcomed 11 new Australian citizens as well and thank you for being persistent in your journey.

"Isaac is a region that's celebrates our diversity with good intentions, and we

reflect on the past with acknowledgement.

"On behalf of myself, Councillors and Council staff, I would like to thank our 2023 Australia Day Ambassadors Lakeisha Patterson OAM and Kevin Hughes BM for being part of our celebrations."

"A very special thank you to our Council team and community for their efforts in making these events happen."

The 2023 Australia Day Awards is an Isaac Regional Council event assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.



Spirit of Isaac Winner Nick Wheeler, Dysart



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We are committed to assisting local not-for-profit community groups and organisations through our Isaac Community Grants. It funds local projects, events and activities that help develop resilient, adaptive, and vibrant communities while contributing to the social well-being of our residents, workers, and visitors. There are only two major grant rounds left for 2022-23, so you don't miss out. Round 3 closes 12 March, for projects between 12 May and 11 August while round 4 closes 12 June, for projects between 12 August and 11 November. Minor grants of up to \$1000 can be processed all year round. To find out more or apply online visit <https://speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au/isaac-community-grants> or call Council on 1300 ISAACS to speak to our grants team.





**Event of the Year**  
**Rainbow Gala, Moranbah Rainbow Collective**  
 with Mayor Anne Baker and Councillor Kelly Vea Vea



**Corporate Community Contribution of the Year**  
**Dysart News and Post**  
 Chris and Melysse Cowan with Kevin Hughes

## Citizen of the Year

- > Frank Finger, Clermont

## Young Citizen of the Year

- > Layney Deguara, Nebo

## Event of the Year

- > Rainbow Gala, Moranbah Rainbow Collective

## Corporate Community Contribution

- > Dysart News and Post, Dysart

## Spirit of Isaac Award

- > Nick Wheeler, Dysart

## Mayor's Award

- > Lashona Peterson, Carmila
- > Kait Halter, Clermont
- > Douglas Brown, Dysart
- > Tamara Waerea, Glenden
- > Mark Anderson, Middlemount
- > Kate Hardwick, Nebo
- > David Armstrong, St Lawrence

## Community Business Award

- > Clermont Country Practice
- > Dysart Community Support Group for the Dysart Community Carols by Candlelight
- > Central Fitness, Dysart
- > Middlemount Bakery
- > Emergency and Long-Term Accommodation (ELAM)

## Individual Achievement Medallions

### Achievement

- > Kristie Thompson, Carmila
- > Danny McKay, Clermont
- > Tyler Macklin, Dysart
- > Alison Hely, Glenden
- > Kim Deluca, Middlemount
- > Veronica Johnstone, Moranbah
- > Cherry Paine, Nebo
- > David Armstrong, St Lawrence

### Arts and Cultural

- > Angela Kai-Sum Chan, Clermont
- > Ellie Anderson, Middlemount
- > Josh Sondergeld, Moranbah

### Sport

- > Taya Jeffrey, Carmila
- > Michael Erickson, Clermont
- > Douglas Brown, Dysart
- > Milissa Payne, Glenden
- > Lunetta Friend, Middlemount
- > Camden Hopes, Moranbah
- > Lisa Rapmund, Nebo

## Group Achievement Medallions

### Achievement

- > Carmila Christmas Tree
- > Clermont Show Society
- > Glenden State School Parents and Citizens Association
- > CTM Links for their Middlemount Men's Health Week Activities
- > Moranbah State Emergency Service
- > Queensland Country Women's Association Nebo and Sarina Range Branch
- > St Lawrence Public Sportsground Committee Incorporated

### Arts and Cultural

- > Wombat Festival by Clermont Artslink
- > Dysart Santa Run by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services in Dysart
- > Middlemount Community Gardeners
- > Moranbah Arts
- > Nebo State School for their A Meussical Adaptation production

### Sport

- > Carmila Sports Reserve Association Inc.
- > 2022 Battle of the Mines by Clermont Bears Rugby League Club
- > Middlemount Community Sports Association
- > 2022 Nebo Rodeo organised by the Nebo Bushman's Carnival Incorporated



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Fires at our waste management facilities have significantly increased in recent times. Fires can be caused from items brought in as scrap metal are processed for recycling and have not had their batteries removed. To help ensure that Council's scrap metal contractor and Council staff remains safe and are not exposed to further risks of fire, Council is increasing its vigilance over what customers are bringing to our waste management facilities. Certain batteries such as lithium-ion can combust if they are damaged or broken and encounters air or water. Many common household devices are now powered by lithium-ion batteries, which are compact, powerful and easy to charge. When arriving at Council's waste sites, please explain to the site staff that you have brought a powered item with the battery removed and follow the staff's instructions.

# MORANBAH AUSTRALIA DAY TRIATHLON



Moranbah Australia Day Triathlon attracted more than 110 competitors at the Greg Cruickshank Aquatic Centre. Well done to the organisers, volunteers and a special thank you to our Isaac Region Australia Day ambassador and Paralympian gold medallist Lakeisha Patterson OAM for your support.

## RESULTS

### LONG COURSE (ages 16+)

#### MEN'S TRIATHLON

600m Swim | 20km Cycle | 5km Run

- 1st Jared Havemann
- 2nd James Leonard
- 3rd Luke Gottke

#### WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

600m Swim | 20km Cycle | 5km Run

- 1st Demi Caldwell
- 2nd Fee Lezyne
- 3rd Samantha Sticklan

#### AQUABIKE

600m Swim | 20km Cycle

- 1st Peter Benson

#### MEN'S AQUATHON

600m Swim | 5km Run

- 1st Glendyn Smith

#### WOMEN'S AQUATHON

600m Swim | 5km Run

- 1st Kristen Pinnington

#### DUATHLON

2.5km Run | 22km Cycle | 5km Run

- 1st Jeffrey Hoare

## TEAMS

### TRIATHLON

600m Swim | 22km Cycle | 5km Run

- 1st Rheeder Rumbler
- 2nd Team M
- 3rd Faster than James K

### ENTICER (ages 12+)

#### MEN'S TRIATHLON

300m Swim | 12km Cycle | 2.5km Run

- 1st William Nancarrow
- 2nd Caleb Caldwell
- 3rd Hugh Brond

#### WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

300m Swim | 12km Cycle | 2.5km Run

- 1st Ava Kearns
- 2nd Antoinette Mitai
- 3rd Cristina Bagnus

### MINI KIDS (ages 7 - 12yrs)

#### GIRLS TRIATHLON

50m Swim | 2km Cycle | 500m Run

- 1st Alexis Shears
- 2nd Georgia Cross
- 3rd Sara Heckscher

#### BOYS TRIATHLON

50m Swim | 2km Cycle | 500m Run

- 1st Maverick Curtis
- 2nd Hamish Curtis
- 3rd Brock Shears



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Council staff gathered to commemorate and remember a wonderful friend and colleague we lost two years ago on 20 January 2023. The loss of Julie is personal and incomparable for Isaac. Julie was a friend with an incredibly vibrant personality, clocking up 33 years with Belyando Shire Council and Isaac Regional Council. In that time, for many of us, she was warm and compassionate, ready with sound and sensible advice whenever asked. That's what makes her memorial bench at the Moranbah Water Treatment Plant so significant. The colour purple of the bench represents the passion Julie shared for Cancer Council Queensland's Relay for Life.



# MORE THAN \$3M INJECTED INTO 18 COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN ISAAC

More than \$3 million will be invested into community infrastructure and signage projects across the Isaac region thanks to the Australian Government.

Improving 18 local assets and existing infrastructure to enhance community wellbeing in a geographically challenging area like the Isaac region.

These projects help make our communities better through historical preservation projects in Clermont to light replacements at Middlemount's sporting facilities.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said improving essential infrastructure plays a pivotal role in local communities.

"This funding will deliver upgrades to pool fencing, historic building rectification projects, lighting replacements and upgrades at local sporting fields plus tourism signage," Mayor Baker said.

"We will continue to work together towards enabling strong, vibrant, diverse and sustainable communities and look forward to working collaboratively with the Australian Government to deliver the projects that will make a difference in our communities."

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King said getting shovels in the ground on local construction projects was important for maintaining jobs and economic growth in Central Queensland.

"This funding provides a vital boost for communities throughout the Isaac while delivering important projects that will benefit residents for years to come," Ms King said.

"Every single job that the Australian Government supports makes a difference in our local communities in the coalfields."

The 18 Isaac Regional Council projects were made possible through the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## The projects are:

- Upgrade Clermont Swimming Centre car park
- Upgrade Middlemount Pool car park
- Upgrade fencing at Nebo Pool
- Revitalising the Nebo Memorial Hall, administration, library, and Historic Nebo Museum
- Restoring the Pioneer Slab Hut at Clermont Historical Centre
- Pool fence upgrades at Greg Cruickshank Aquatic Centre and Glenden Pool
- Renewing tourism signage around the region
- Copperfield Store rectification project
- Town Entry Statement for Nebo
- Dump point alarm system at Carmila and St Lawrence
- Upgrading recycled water pipeline at Eastern Sporting Fields, Moranbah
- Replace solar lighting at Centenary Park, Clermont
- Refurbish the amenities block at Rose Harris Park, Clermont.
- Moranbah Town Square lighting upgrade
- Light replacement at Middlemount touch fields
- Light replacement at Middlemount netball courts
- Light upgrade at Middlemount rugby league fields
- Footpaths and parking accessibility upgrades at Centenary Park, Nebo.



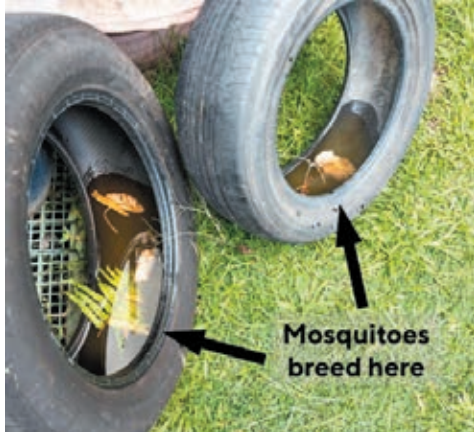
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It was an entrance to the Australia Day celebrations I'll never forget. Mayor Anne Baker and I hitched a ride in a horse and carriage with our Australia Day ambassador Kevin Hughes BM, making our way to the Clermont Showgrounds Pavilion. Clermont businesses and community groups' imagination and Aussie spirit truly shone, which made us so proud. Congratulations to Clermont Performing Arts for winning the Most Original Float, Clermont Bears for winning Best Float Overall and Ornabellas for winning the Best Shop Front display. I look forward to seeing next year's displays.



**Tip It**

Tip water from containers and objects around your home.

**Store It**

Store items out of the weather when not in use to avoid collection of water.

**Throw It**

Throw away items you no longer need or do not use.

# MOSSIES OUT IN FORCE THIS WET SEASON

Mosquitoes are a fact of living in the wet and dry tropics of Queensland. It is important residents are familiar with how to manage mosquitoes around the home and how to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquito borne diseases. The Isaac region is home to many mosquito species, some can be found in and around your house and can cause diseases such as Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and possibly Dengue Fever. How can you protect yourself?

There are a number of ways you can protect yourself and control mosquitoes around your home.

- Use insecticides (available at a hardware store) to control mosquitoes. Apply where mosquitoes rest (shaded areas, near dense vegetation and shrubs) a few hours before enjoying your yard to help in reducing mosquito numbers.
- Do not over irrigate.
- Maintain drains and gutters around your home so that water can flow.
- Dispose of all containers which hold water.
- Screen all septic tank vents and seal all gaps.

- Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill them with sand.
- Drain depressions in the ground that hold water or fill holes with sand.
- Wear recommended protective clothing and always follow instructions when spraying and handling insecticides.

Mosquitoes are not just a nuisance, they can be dangerous. Use these tips and guidelines to help protect and stay safe when out and about.

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Many of our communities saw heavy rainfall over the last couple of months, and while it's been lovely for our gardens, some of our roads have been seriously affected. Potholes form when moisture gets into the pavement gravel and underlining natural soil. The weight of vehicles travelling over the moisture affected gravel pumps the water through the seal and causes the potholes. In addition to the potholes, irregularities in the road surfaces can allow water to pond which can cause aquaplaning when tyres hit the water. As council works hard to program repairs across our vast road network, it's so important to drive cautiously, especially when you see the signs up. If you see a pothole, drive to conditions and please report it to Council on 1300 ISAACS.





# SERVING COMMUNITY IS THE FOCUS FOR 11 FRESH-FACED EMPLOYEES

An apprentice and trainee program that helps futureproof Isaac region's skills and knowledge continues to shine as 11 fresh-faced employees start their new careers.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker welcomed the new apprentices and trainees at Moranbah Community Centre in January.

"This is a great opportunity for this group of vibrant individuals to pave their way as our Council delivers in a changing world," Mayor Baker said.

"At Isaac Regional Council how we do that as a team and with our communities' matter."

Council onboarded 59 apprentices and trainees between 2017-2022 with a completion rate sitting around 85 per cent.

The new employees will be based in various positions from compliance to community engagement and traditional trades such as plumbers and electricians in Moranbah, Dysart, and Clermont.

CEO Jeff Stewart Harris PSM said Council's mission is to pursue long-term sustainable futures for Isaac communities.

"Community focus, caring, teamwork and a positive work ethic will be the four values the 11 apprentices and trainees will be

tasked with in going about their day-to-day work," Mr Stewart-Harris said.

"We are committed to working safely and caring about the wellbeing of our people and communities.

"We believe that people matter, and Council officers have the opportunity to teach and mould our trainees and apprentices into exactly what we require so they become an integrated part of our organisation culture."

Council's 2023 Energise Your Career

trainee and apprentice program is proudly funded by the Queensland Government through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program.

Council offers a range of career and employment opportunities for school leavers, professionals, and tradespeople at family friendly locations throughout the region. Visit [www.isaac.qld.gov.au/employment](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/employment), call 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227) or email [recruitment@isaac.qld.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@isaac.qld.gov.au) for more information.



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Tourism plays a massive part in our region and we have been working hard on our whole region Tourism Trails Master Plan. Capturing our attractions, assets and potential projects is vital for the future of Tourism in Isaac. We are also excited for the next stage of the Nebo Showgrounds Masterplan project, Community consultation on the draft plan will come out soon, so keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for the opportunity to have your say. Isaac community groups and Council are committed to revitalising the Nebo Showgrounds facility, one of the region's most utilised assets with infrastructure, parking and camping upgrades.

# SAVE THE DATE!

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