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FROM THE

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Whether we are facing end of mine life, decarbonisation or other events that impact our community's longevity, we will always work to secure a prosperous future for Isaac.

Through partnerships with community, business, industry and all levels of government, Isaac Regional Council is working hard to preserve the Isaac way of life.

We saw incredibly positive signs emerging of the recovery in the events and tourism space through meticulous and bold planning for community-centric investment.

We know that steel producing coal has a huge role in the global economy, however it is important that we plan early for the end of mine life and the global climate change response.

A statutory authority would assist coal mining regions by energising existing community capability, leading collaboration, supporting innovation, and ensuring the global benefits of decarbonisation are not achieved at the expense of mining communities.

Our coal mining regions face a transformational change that will be beyond the economic capability of local councils to manage alone.

Council received support from our local government counterparts at the LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns in October to lobby the government about the need for a regional transformational authority plus another four motions including regional university program funding.

We will work with LGAQ to lobby to the Queensland and Australian Government to move our motions forward.

We will be there every step of the way as it's futureproofing our communities at the coal face of this major change.

Council is committed to asserting its place in the new economy to ensure that its future enjoys both social and economic prosperity.

We are focusing on making strategic social

investments, promoting public policies that support social sustainability and partnering with other businesses and levels of government to improve the lives of our community members.

There is unprecedented increasing demand for Council services and resources, yet there is not a corresponding increase in our rate base to support the cost of services, nor increases in funding from the state or federal governments.

In the recent Federal Budget we have received commitments of \$2.8 million for the Nebo Showgrounds Master Plan Stage 1 and \$2 million towards enabling the Isaac Resource Excellence Hub. We also received \$400 million as part of a collective partnership with six other Councils with Queensland Beef Corridors. A massive win for connectivity in our beef roads.

The Queensland Government announced the following for our region through its budget announcements: a new Moranbah hospital which is set to begin in 2023, \$8 million towards the Moranbah Community Centre Revitalisation Project, \$8 million towards the Isaac Affordable Housing Scheme's 16-unit project and \$2.9 million for the Pioneer Road upgrade.

We value our partnerships with the Australian and Queensland Governments and we will continue to build on these relationships, so our Isaac gets its fair share. Money generated by coal mining communities' benefit all of Queensland.

We continue to punch well above our weight and have done so for years, in terms of economic contribution by way of royalties. Our region should not be left wanting for its fair share when it comes to critical infrastructure like hospitals, roads, and education.

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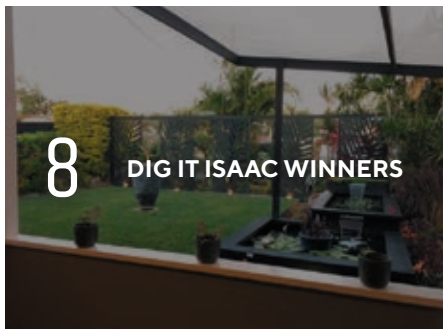
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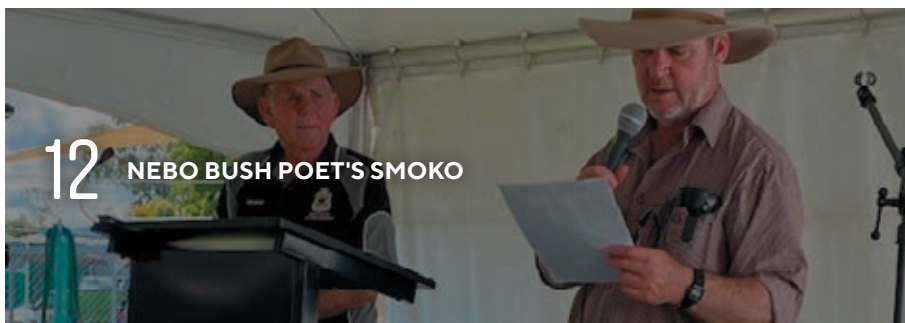
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OPERATION PRESERVATION

The Isaac region's historical collection is now digitised



Isaac Libraries and Museums are home to a vast collection of historical paper-based and artefactual collections. Our Isaac Museums Online Public Access Catalogue allows you to dive deeper into our history, explore our collections and exhibitions within the comfort of your own home.



EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 10** Carmila Christmas Tree Fair, Carmila
- 10** Carols by Candlelight, Dysart

JANUARY

- 26** Australia Day events across the region

FEBRUARY

- 11** John Allen Charity Gold Day, Moranbah

Visit isaac.qld.gov.au/events

Click 'Add an event', complete the simple form and save. Council reserves the right to approve event listings.



COUNCIL MEETING TAKES TO THE ROAD

Kilcummin hall transformed into an official place for decision-making business for Council's October Ordinary Meeting. Council hosted a special question and answer session to allow the Year 6 Kilcummin State School students to ask questions of our Councillors and leadership team. It was great to see the school's team engage with us in a meaningful way.

The young leaders also took the Council team on a school tour where they shared stories about living in a unique Isaac community.

Council would like to thank Kilcummin for its hospitality from some of the region's future leaders.



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Thank you to everyone who has provided their feedback for our beloved Theresa Creek Dam. We kicked off by asking locals and visitors their vision for our tourism asset and more than 550 of you answered. This helped us put together the draft concept development plan. To refine this draft, we're thankful for the feedback we gathered in October. It's important we have these ongoing conversations with our community. I, like my fellow Councillors, are very much looking forward to seeing the updated concept development plan. Keep following Council's Facebook page to stay up-to-date with what's happening.



AUSTRALIA WIDE EIGHT EXHIBITION AT THE DYSART ART SPACE

Vibrant colours were stitched across Dysart Art Space as it became a quilters' paradise recently.

The nationally touring exhibition - Australia Wide Eight - featured 36 unique quilts all individually designed by members of Ozquilt Network Inc.

The exhibition was an opportunity to raise the profile and status of art quilters, art quilts and art quilt making in Australia.


Its membership includes quilters who have achieved national and international success as well as promising emerging artists.

Cathy Jack Coupland described her part within the exhibition as an expressive colour linking life with natural, verdant world, rampant with thriving, prolific, lush greens.


Quilting is a passion of many Isaac residents and is the proud home to Clermont Patchworkers and Quilters, Clermont Artslink's Sewing Outback group, the Ilbilbie Craft Group and Flaggy Rock Quilters.


Visit www.ozquiltnetwork.org.au to discover more of the network's extraordinary work.

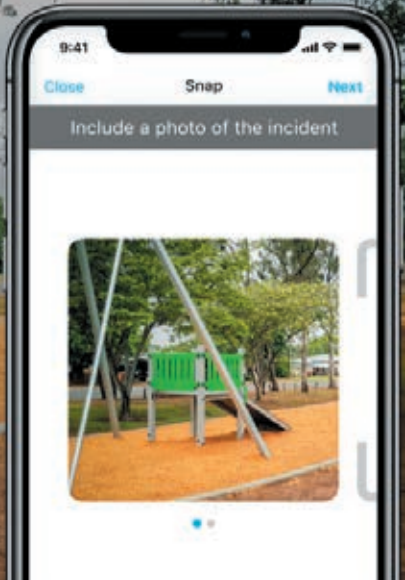
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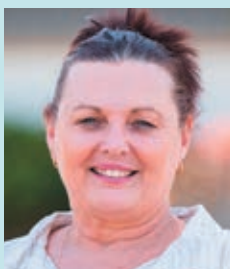


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MORANBAH COMMUNITY CENTRE REVITALISATION PROJECT

The Moranbah Community Centre has been the social and economic centerpiece in the Isaac region since 1974.

It's the place where the community comes together to celebrate and learn.

Following years of consultation with the community and the development of a masterplan, the Moranbah Community Centre Revitalisation Project is set to become reality.

The construction phase is expected to take 12 months when the centre temporarily closes from 2023.

Thousands of people gather in the centre annually, generating more than \$640,000 since 2018.

The multi-functional community space's upgrade will appeal to existing user groups while ensuring the facility is well placed to cater for future needs.

This project is proudly funded by the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund in association with Isaac Regional Council.

The fund was established by a voluntary partnership between the Queensland Government and the resources industry through the Queensland Resources Council.

Bookings are still available up to and including Thursday, 6 April 2023 by calling 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).

As the project progresses, community updates will be provided through Council's official Facebook page and website.



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With holiday's just around the corner and more people on the roads travelling to see their friends and family, I want to reach out to remind everyone to stay prepared and be safe. Keep an eye on Council's Disaster Dashboard which has the latest updates on weather warnings, power outages and road conditions for the Isaac region. Visit <http://dashboard.isaac.qld.gov.au/> for the Disaster Dashboard and follow Isaac Local Disaster Coordination Centre on Facebook to stay-up-to-date.



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK 7-11 NOVEMBER

Isaac Regional Council teamed up with PlanetArk recently to help our communities be more focused on reducing waste and reusing materials.

As always, our region responded well and shared some fantastic tips on how they avoid the landfill and do their recycling at home.

Communities learned about the importance of sustainability and how every individual plays a vital role in conservation.

If all contributed, even by keeping scraps for compost, it could save up to 42 per cent of all waste going to landfill.

Recycling can even put some cash in the wallet.

By correct disposal, a 10-cent refund is

available on eligible containers through Containers for Change.

MobileMuster is another waste saving initiative designed to safely dispose of potentially hazardous materials that are built within mobile phones, laptops, iPads and tablets.

These electronics that are placed in the MobileMuster bins are recycled and made into something useful again.

Each office around Isaac region has a bin where old mobiles and such can be safely disposed of.

By thinking about where waste goes when its disposed, it can help reduce the number of unnecessary materials entering the landfill. Remember, waste isn't waste until it's wasted.





ISAAC COMMUNITY GRANTS

Isaac Regional Council is committed to assisting local not for profit community groups and organisations through the 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.

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2022/2023

Round 1
Closes 12 September
For projects between 12 November and 11 February

Round 2
Closes 12 December
For projects between 12 February and 11 May

Round 3
Closes 12 March
For projects between 12 May and 11 August

Round 4
Closes 12 June
For projects between 12 August and 11 November

MINOR GRANTS

Applications must be received four weeks before the project, event or activity date.

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The Isaac Region Australia Day Awards is something I look forward to every year. It's a great opportunity for us to recognise members of our community who inspire others through their accomplishments in service to our community, culture and sports, and challenge others to contribute to a better Australia. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate. Without your nomination we would not have the chance to honour those who have made a significant contribution to the Isaac way of life. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Australia Day celebrations.



DIG IT ISAAC WINNERS

More than 40 green thumbs who entered the 2022 Dig It Isaac competition dug deep to showcase their beautiful and well-kept gardens.

It is the third year Council has hosted the competition and residents either started a new garden, finessed the backyard lawn, or completed a project that had been sitting on the to-do list for a bit too long. Congratulations to all our winners.

Winner Best Overall Garden

Sponsored by @AG Middlemount

Scott Green, Moranbah

Winner Best Edible Garden

Sponsored by High Country Enterprises Mitre 10

Brett & Jane Kinnon, Clermont

Winner Best Waterwise Garden

Sponsored by Water & Waste and Livability & Sustainability at Isaac Regional Council

Lorraine Tonkin, Moranbah

Winner Best Potted Garden

Sponsored by Gone Potty and Engaged Communities at Isaac Regional Council

Rebecca Cook, Dysart

Winner Best Lawn

Sponsored by Economy & Prosperity at Isaac Regional Council

Bevan & Geraldine Curran, Moranbah

Winner Best School Kindy or Daycare Garden

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We will always remember Brian Maloney, Bruce Robertson, Athol Parry, Ian Veitch, Ronald Miller, Peter Reynolds, Selwyn Humphreys, Gordon Wood, Jason Blee, Ravi Chandra, Donald Mason, Daniel Springer, Bradley Hardwick, Brad Duxbury, and Gavin Feltwell who we tragically lost earlier this year. As we approach Christmas, it's an incredibly difficult time for our coal mining families, friends, and workmates. Our thoughts are very much with the families and friends of the miners' we've lost everytime the sun sets over the coal fields.

CELEBRATING SENIORS MONTH

Living rural can often be difficult for people to connect, especially for the Isaac region's elderly residents.

During October people of all ages, cultures, and abilities will connect through inclusive events and activities, celebrating the important and essential roles older people play in our communities.

The Seniors Month activities focused on social connections through workshops, trivia, games and more, Council helped facilitate community participation and enhance connection that can often be lost as we grow old.

Moranbah Community Workers Club hosted a fun bingo along with a tasteful roast, while Nebo's The Deck had a specialised dancing program that got the people moving regardless of mobility.

Clermont's Blair Athol Hall had a morning tea followed by a fashion parade and Middlemount as well as Dysart put their residents to the test with trivia.

Glenden and the Isaac Coast's events were a huge success with some informative workshops such as macramé making and soap making.



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Passionate community voices tell me how much people care about our region. This is what encourages me daily to do my best as a Councillor. I am always open to having conversations about what we can do to improve the quality of our Isaac communities and I know my fellow Councillors feel the same. I understand the community's sentiments on Salvinia weed at Hoods Lagoon and the annual influx of little red flying foxes. I can assure you that Council is working as hard as we can to solve these issues and are asking for some patience and understanding.



ISAAC SHINES IN TOURISM SPOTLIGHT

The Isaac region continues to grace the awards stage through its unique events and experiences on the road less travelled.

St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend scored bronze at the Queensland Tourism Industry Council Awards at the Gold Coast early November after the three-day event won gold last year in the Festival and Events Category.

The premier culinary, cultural and nature-based event is proudly brought to the region by Isaac Regional Council in partnership with the Koinjmal People from Koinmerburra Country and the community.

The Wetlands Weekend is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland.

Isaac again stamped its star power in front of nearly 200 people at Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre at the 2022 Mackay Isaac Region Tourism Awards.

The Wetlands Weekend won gold again but this time in the Outstanding Regional Event category after it attracted more than 4,000 attendees this year.

Clermont Historical Centre took home gold in the Outstanding Tourism Attraction category for its Faces of the Peak Downs exhibition.

It focused on the town's history, the families who have lived here for generations, and the pioneers who built our communities.

This win was made possible through the longstanding partnership between volunteers and Council staff.

Another fantastic win for the Isaac region was from Clermont local Michael Pugh who took home gold in the Outstanding Volunteer Individual category. His not-for-profit group Central Queensland Hike and Explore won silver for Outstanding Volunteer Group.

These are exceptional wins as Mr Pugh and his crew of volunteers work hard to promote the Isaac region's rugged beauty.

A group of graziers who brought the Homestead at Lotus Creek back to life received a special mention from the tourism body on the night.

Another special mention is the region's biggest and beloved Nebo Rodeo which continues to bring social and economic prosperity to the Isaac annually.

Council is continuing to explore opportunities and partnerships that help protect, share, and promote our natural resources, local heritage, and stories.

Council thanks everyone who continues to make the Isaac region the place to explore, keep sharing the beauty of our open spaces and the opportunities it brings.



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This time last year I made a resolution to myself to climb more mountains. I am pleased to say I lived up to that promise. As 2022 comes to a close, this is the time to start thinking about what you can aim for and what you hope to achieve in 2023. We in the Isaac region are a hardworking and resilient bunch, and I know when we set our minds to it, we can take on any challenge. With every "mountain" we scale, we make ourselves, and our community, a better place to live.



LANGUAGE OF THE BUSH ECHOES ACROSS NEBO

Story tellers, yarn spinners and rhyming enthusiasts from across the region congregated to celebrate 21 years of Nebo Bush Poet's Smoko in October.

The Historic Nebo Museum turned into a poetry sanctuary for more than 50 attendees to connect and celebrate.

Ten poets shared their personal stories of life in the wide-open country life of Australia to artful tributes to pioneers of the past.

Dan Lockyer, a loyal event supporter, entertained the crowd with his well-spoken and emotional words alongside long-time attendees Graeme Ware and John Logan.

The pair brought the audience to tears and laughter with their original and published poems.

It was clear the locals could relate to the flow of the words, which told the stories of the region's people, places and environments that has shaped the today's communities.

The smoko is a collaboration between Council, Council staff, Dan and Jeannie Lockyer, the Nebo Community Sport and Recreation Club committee and the Nebo-Sarina Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association.



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I am so very proud of our local school students, parents, teachers & principles, in all our Isaac communities. Recognising that our schools in Division 8, Carmila, St Lawrence, Nebo, Coppabella, Clarke Creek and Valkyrie all tackle the unique challenges of being small school in a region as big as Tasmania and often isolated in their own capabilities. The teamwork displayed during 2022 is exceptional and this kindness, resilience and family environment is not often seen in our city counterparts. I am grateful to be invited to your end of school awards and presentations to hear all about your achievements and meet the leadership teams for 2023. I hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to hearing all about it in my visits next year.

Isaac Regional Council

Festive period closures and information



Council's **customer service counters, community facilities, halls, centres, branch libraries and Historic Nebo Museum** will close from:

Close of business **Thursday 22 December 2022**, re-opening **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.



Clermont Historical Centre will close from:

Close of business **Saturday 17 December 2022**, re-opening **Wednesday 29 March 2023** to allow for the resetting of exhibitions and collections.



Kerbside waste and recycling collections will go ahead **as normal on public holidays** across the region.



Waste management facilities are closed on public holidays over the festive season on **Sunday, 25 December to Tuesday 27 December 2022, Sunday 1 January 2022 and Monday 3 January**. To find out about waste management facility operating hours in your community, visit Council's website.



Some changes to opening hours for **Isaac region pools** apply from **Monday, 12 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023**. To find out about pool closure times in your community, visit Council's website.



Water restrictions in the region:

Level 1 water restrictions, Middlemount
Residents are encouraged to comply with water conservation measures all year round.

24/7 CONTACT

You are able to contact Council by calling 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227) 24 hours, 7 days a week. If you experience any Council related issues over the festive period, Council staff are available to assist.

Find out more on the closures in your community at Council's website www.isaac.qld.gov.au or by calling 1300 ISAACS.