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2022 Spirit of Isaac
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Adebisi of Dysart

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FROM THE

MAYOR'S OFFICE

I would like to acknowledge the Barada Barna, Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala, Jangga, Wangan and Jagalingou, Koinjmal, Widi and Birriah peoples as the traditional custodians of the land within the Isaac region, and we recognise their connection to land, sea and community.

Council also recognises those whose ongoing efforts to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future elders and leaders.

Just before Christmas, the Isaac region was awarded \$16 million in Round 1 of the Queensland Government's \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.

About \$8 million will go towards the Moranbah Community Centre redevelopment project and a further \$8 million to the Isaac Affordable Housing Trust to build 16 units for essential service workers.

We would like to say thank you to the Queensland Government, the Queensland Resources Council and the resource companies who have invested in this fund and for awarding these worthy projects in our Isaac.

We will continue to strongly advocate for more funding especially in critical road infrastructure and health services as a Federal Government election looms.

The positivity continues as we named our Isaac Region Australia Day Award winners and you'll read more about them in this edition. On behalf of the Isaac community, we say thank you to all our nominees for their contribution to our region and commitment to our community. Our five major award winners are:

- Citizen of the Year Alister Lawrence
- Young Citizen of the Year Aaron Kleier
- Event of the Year - Twin Hills Race Club - Race Weekend
- Corporate Contribution - Clermont4Doctors
- Spirit of Isaac - Dr Sunday Adebisi

The winners of these awards are a shining example of Pure People Power and help make the Isaac region a wonderful place to live. Thank you to the community members who took the time to put in a nomination, we wouldn't be able to celebrate these worthy winners without you.

On Australia Day and throughout the year, we reflect, we respect and we celebrate.

We reflect on our modern history – the waves of immigration that have shaped us into one of the world's great multi-cultural success stories.

We respect and honour First Nations peoples' extensive knowledge of land, sea and sky. We also respectfully acknowledge the significance of this date to First Nations peoples and their culture.

We celebrate our people who come from all corners of the globe for the opportunities our Isaac offers – and then they find a reason to stay.

It was such an honour and privileged to welcome more than 60 new citizens in the Isaac region, it would have been one of the biggest I've ever had been involved in as Mayor.

It must be said that Australia Day looked very different this year as COVID cases increased across the region following the reopening of the Queensland borders in December 2021.

There was a lot of tough decisions that had to be made on the operational level and I can't thank the team enough. A total of eight events were conducted, including our citizenship ceremony, and it was done within a 24-hour period. It's a credit to our team who tirelessly work behind the scenes to ensure everything goes seamless. And most importantly, thank you to you, our community for your patience and your co-operation while we navigate this together.

Before I sign off, a special mention and a massive congratulations to our Council's very own CEO Jeff Stewart-Harris. A part of the Australia Day Honour's List, the Queensland Governor General has recognised Jeff's 38-year service to local and state governments. Jeff has been a public sector stalwart for many years and his involvement in complex change management has been instrumental in helping to shape Queensland.

As you can see 2022 has really started with a bang and looks like this year is not going to slow down.

I can't stress enough to keep looking after one another and I look forward to seeing your wonderful faces at our events around the region this year.

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- 9** LeadIN Transformation is Now, Moranbah

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- 5-6** Youth Holiday activities - 2-day Mosaic workshop, Moranbah
- 25** Anzac Day, Isaac Region

MAY

- 3-10** NAIDOC Week, Australia wide
- 21** Acting and Screen Production Workshop, Dysart
- 22** Community Screening Event, Dysart
- 27** Reconciliation Week Breakfast, Dysart

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ISAAC REGION



MORE THAN 60 NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED IN THE ISAAC REGION

Mayor Anne Baker welcomed more than 60 new citizens during a special Australia Day ceremony at Moranbah Community Centre on Wednesday, 26 January 2022.

Socially distanced and wearing masks in a COVIDSafe event, citizens shared this exceptional milestone with family as the new Australians proudly took the pledge.

The citizens who took the oath hailed from Brazil, Britain, Egypt, India, Iran, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and South Africa.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said citizenship ceremonies provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and honour the rich diversity of cultures that exists within the Isaac region and the nation.

"Being part of the ceremony to welcome our new citizens is a real privilege and we are thrilled to help them embark on this exciting new journey in their lives," Mayor Baker said.

"They have all undertaken a journey much greater than most of us could imagine.

"The process to become a citizen can take some people several years to bring to fruition.

"I congratulate them for their commitment, persistence and desire to be officially recognised as an Australian."

Isaac Regional 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. For more details, visit www.isaac.qld.gov.au/citizenship-ceremonies or call 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).



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We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that our drought-affected Isaac communities are facing social and economic challenges on two fronts. A funding program that supports drought-affected communities delivered 22 events brought a positive boost. A total of \$84,000 was allocated to a variety of community groups from Mistake Creek to Mackenzie River and Valkyrie to Twin Hills through the Queensland Government's Community Drought Support Program. Council presented the funding through the Dry Lands to High Hopes events series and community grants program. Thanks for your support!



REGIONAL LEADER RECOGNISED IN NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Isaac Regional Council CEO Jeff Stewart-Harris has received one of the nation's highest honours for his public service to local government.

Mr Stewart-Harris, who took over Council's top job in April 2021, has been awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) for his outstanding career in local and state government, spanning 38 years.

He was honoured through the Governor General's Australia Day Honours list.

Mr Stewart-Harris said he had been very lucky to have worked in a variety of public service roles, taking part in major projects that helped to shape a number of Queensland communities.

"To receive recognition of my life's work by the Governor General through this award is an incredible honour," he said.

"The work I have been involved in spanning more than three decades has been rewarding and given me the opportunity to deliver positive change for the communities I served.

"I am proud to have placed the future wellbeing, economic opportunity and regional prosperity of community at the centre of my decision making.

"The most important thing I have learnt in my career is that community and people are the key to success. Having a sense of community unites us and with the right people around you can accomplish anything."

Since 1994, Mr Stewart-Harris has worked in senior leadership roles as Director, Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer.

While serving in his latest role at Isaac Regional Council, Mr Stewart-Harris redeveloped the culture and function of his directorate, had genuine and thoughtful engagement with stakeholders from Clermont Saleyards and Showgrounds and has been creative, empathetic and inclusive with small coastal communities in the development of a new coastal hazard provisions planning scheme.

Mayor Anne Baker welcomed the Governor General's recognition of Mr Stewart-Harris for his incredible and selfless contribution to communities across Queensland.

"Jeff has been a stalwart of the public sector for many years and his involvement in complex change management has been instrumental in helping to shape Queensland," Mayor Baker.

"As a senior leader, he has strategically and tactically impacted the organisations and the communities he has served in many ways with care, wisdom, inclusion and extraordinary skill,

"In his time at Isaac Regional Council, Jeff has gone above the call of duty to deliver quality outcomes for our region and his outstanding work will leave a lasting legacy."

Meritorious Awards recognise outstanding and distinguished service by public servants, members of an Australian police force, fire, ambulance, corrections, intelligence or emergency service, or in support of outstanding work with an Australian Antarctic expedition.

The Governor-General makes these awards on the recommendation of the responsible Ministers. The Governor-General's Australia Day Honours ceremony will be held later in the year.



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A massive round of applause for Dr Sunday Adebisi, we love you. A very, very deserving Spirit of Isaac winner at the Isaac Region Australia Day Awards. Your 18 years of dedication to our wonderful community of Dysart is so very much appreciated. Congratulations Dr Sunday! And congratulations to our nine trainees and apprentices who are just kicking off their careers. The new additions joined our teams across the region. It's such a fantastic opportunity to begin their working career or gain experience working in local government. What a great way to kick off 2022!



Citizen of the Year
Alister Lawrence, Clermont



Young Citizen of the Year
Aaron Kleier, Clermont



Spirit Of Isaac Award
Dr Sunday Adebisi, Dysart

THE SPIRIT OF ISAAC SHINES AT 2022 LOCAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

A retired rural firefighter, champion bullrider and a 96-year-old bush race weekend are among the major 2022 Isaac Region Australia Day Award winners. Clermont local Alister Lawrence, who was a dedicated auxiliary firefighter for 46 years, accepted the Citizen of the Year Award from Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker in Clermont on Wednesday, 26 January.

Four-time PBR champion Clermont cowboy Aaron Kleier was named Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year went to organisers of the Twin Hills Race Club Race Weekend.

Corporate Community Contribution of the Year winner was Clermont4Doctors, a powerhouse community initiative between Glencore Coal and Mackay Hospital and Health Service to attract and retain doctors to Clermont.

The Spirit of Isaac Award winner was Dr Sunday Adebisi, who has served the community of Dysart diligently for over 18 years, and still maintains such a high level of dedication to his patients and their families.

Mayor Baker said all award winners played an integral part in the community and created a positive difference to the lives of those around them.

"We are a region rich in resources, but we are also blessed with the greatest resource of all - our people, especially through 2021 - another tough year with COVID but we're making it through together," she said.

Mayor Baker said rural firefighters were among the heart of our Isaac's identity.

"Citizen of the Year Alister Lawrence was among those men and women who put themselves in the line of fire. As a dedicated auxiliary firefighter for 46 years, he battled blazes for the sheer love of his local Clermont and Isaac region communities." she said.

Mayor Baker said regional communities truly come alive when the rodeo comes to town.

"Having our very own champion cowboy who is a role model to many adds to the vibrancy of our region," Mayor Baker said.

"Clermont local and professional bull rider Aaron Kleier has made history with four back-to-back Australian PBR Champion titles - 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Aaron's a worthy Young Citizen of the Year. We heard about resilient and hardworking people that personify the spirit of Isaac through their passion and work and so many more. It is people like these who make me proud to be in Isaac. Congratulations to each of our nominees and winners - your hard work and passion is truly inspiring."

Glenden's Australia Day awards ceremony will be held at a later date and will be announced soon.

The 2022 Australia Day Awards is an Isaac Regional Council event assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.



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We've got some fantastic news coming out of the Greg Cruickshank Aquatic Centre. Thanks to the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program the replacement of the aged water park is able to get underway this year. The tender has been awarded for construction of the upgraded water park which will see a range of additions to the much loved community asset. We are hoping that construction will start in March this year taking around six months which will see the project completed in September. Hopefully there are limited project delays and the exciting new water park will be ready for the region's kids next summer.



Event of the Year
Twin Hills Race Club - Race Weekend, Clermont



Corporate Community Contribution of the Year
Clermont4Doctors, Clermont

Mayor's Award

For recognition of service to the community. This award is for our unsung heroes and quiet achievers who vastly contribute to our communities but can sometimes go unnoticed.

- > Ilbilbie Craft Group
- > Grant Oswald
- > Dysart Junior Rugby League, Bulls & Barrels Bash
- > Stacey Barnes
- > Oasis Life Church - Carols by Candlelight
- > Clarke Creek State School 50th Anniversary Celebrations
- > St Lawrence Public Sportsground Committee Inc.

Community Business Award

- > Clermont Agencies, Hoch and Wilkinson and Leonie Keune for Clermont Beef Expo and Trade Display, Clermont
- > Taylored Automotive Services, Dysart
- > Hertz De'Zire, Middlemount
- > Moranbah Dance Centre, Moranbah
- > Carmila Mechanical, Carmila

Individual Achievement Medallions

To recognise an individual who has contributed positively to their community, in their respective category.

Achievement

- > Michael Kai-Lok Chan, Clermont
- > Melissa Travers, Middlemount
- > Tracey Batchelor, Moranbah
- > Senior Constable Andrew Perrett, Nebo

Arts and Cultural

- > Michelle Boyes, Clermont
- > Ashleigh Newton, Moranbah

Sport

- > Justin Barrett, Clermont
- > Sensei Allison Kenny, Dysart
- > Kerri Kenny, Middlemount
- > Will Jaques, Moranbah
- > Jermaine Kynuna, Nebo
- > Ainsley McArthur, St Lawrence

Group Achievement Medallions

To recognise a group who has contributed positively to their community, in their respective category.

Achievement

- > Central Queensland Hike and Explore, Clermont
- > Moranbah Twilight Markets, Moranbah
- > Nebo Emergency Services Day, Nebo
- > St Lawrence State School 150 Years, St Lawrence
- > Carmila Hotel and Carmila Mechanical for the RACQ CQ Rescue Helicopter Fundraiser, Carmila

Arts and Cultural

- > Clermont Artslink, Clermont
- > Easter Eggstranza, Middlemount Junior Rugby League Club, Middlemount
- > Moranbah Arts - Haunted House, Moranbah
- > Ilbilbie Craft Group, Carmila

Sport

- > Twin Hills Youth Camp, Clermont
- > Dysart Junior Rugby League, Bulls and Barrels Bash, Dysart
- > Middlemount Boxing and Fitness, Middlemount
- > Newman Excavation 100, Moranbah
- > St Lawrence Public Sportsground Committee, St Lawrence



Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oi, Oi, Oi!

Congratulations to Ornabellas for winning the 2022 Australia Day Clermont Window Display Competition.

Thank you to Glencore and Terracom for partnering with the local Clermont Isaac Regional Council team.

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Residents may have noticed some work in the median strips in Clements Street. This work is part of the preparation work to re-develop these sections. The aged and faulty irrigation system will be replaced and residents may have noticed that the older trees have been removed due to safety concerns. The majority of those trees were infected with ants and or woodboring beetles and in poor health. When the preparation work is completed the median strips will be planted out with trees and shrubs that are more suitable to the Moranbah climate and will provide a lovely green vista and help to reduce road noise over time. We appreciate your patience while these works occur.



ISAAC'S LARGEST COMMUNITY SPACE RECEIVES \$8M INJECTION

A multimillion-dollar redevelopment for one of Isaac's community centres will change the landscape in how events, education and training workshops will be delivered.

Isaac Regional Council welcomed the \$8 million funding announcement to support the Moranbah Community Centre upgrade thanks to round one of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund in December 2021.

Mayor Anne Baker said the centre is one of the Isaac region's vital hubs which hosts up to 700 social, business and larger community gatherings since 2018.

"This is a community-led project where we have consulted with our stakeholders and we are beyond excited to see this finally come into fruition," Mayor Baker said.

"We'll now be able to redevelop and refurbish the centre, creating even better spaces for the community.

"In a six-month period, the centre attracts nearly 7,500 through industry and community events.

"Locals can look forward to a centre with a new layout, modern décor and electrical and audio-visual systems that will attract better events in addition to delivering world class education and training."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure Steven Miles said resources communities in the Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday region would share in Round 1 of the Queensland Government's \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF).

"The resource sector is vital to our economy and employs around 84,000 workers, directly supporting more than 15,000 Queensland businesses," Mr Miles said.

"Despite the challenges COVID-19 has brought, our resources sector has been able to continue operating throughout the pandemic, helping support our economy."

Minister for Resources Scott Stewart said the Fund is a voluntary partnership between the Queensland Government, resource companies, and the Queensland Resources Council (QRC).

"The government has partnered with resource companies to see investments in the communities that support them," Mr Stewart said.

"These communities are critical to rebuilding Queensland's economy. And these new community infrastructure projects will create more jobs and more opportunities for regional Queenslanders.

"Not only will the 20 projects support even better facilities for their regions, they will also create more employment, creating an estimated 186 jobs for Queenslanders during construction."

Mayor Baker said she would like to acknowledge all those who have been part of the consultation process in providing feedback to the future use of the multi-purpose community asset.

"The centre is over 50 years old and these funds will assist in the significant refurbishment and upgrade," Mayor Baker said.

"Council would like to say thank you to the Queensland Government, the Queensland Resources Council and the resource companies who have invested in this critical community asset."

The funds will be directed to technological upgrades to ensure connectivity needs are met for industry and general community users into the future, as well as replacement of mechanical services, including the air-conditioning system.

The upgrade would see it better fulfil its role as Moranbah's only contemporary multi-functional community space, supporting the needs of the community, mining industry and local businesses.

The Resources Community Infrastructure Fund was established by a voluntary partnership between coal and mineral companies through the Queensland Resources Council and the Queensland Government.

The overall total of the Moranbah Community Centre redevelopment is in excess of \$10 million with Isaac Regional Council co-funding the project.



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Motivating woman throughout our region were recognised recently at our Inspiring Women in Isaac Awards in March 2022. This was a chance to celebrate the incredible strength of women in Isaac and the valuable contributions they make to our communities. Covid-19 restrictions made it difficult for our team to organise these awards however we wanted to recognise our Isaac's powerhouse females. Thank you to all the women in our community who play an extraordinary role in our lives.



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SHINES IN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Sustainable management of finite resources increasingly remains a key priority for Isaac Regional Council during unparalleled times.

Council's 2020-21 Annual Report outlines how the Isaac region is transforming from mining investment boom, to a community evolving with challenging economic and social conditions.

Mayor Anne Baker said the annual report showed the 2020-21 financial year tested the resilience of the Isaac region both economically and socially.

"Between July 2020 and June 2021, 298 events led and supported by Council have been reactivated," Mayor Baker said.

"In 2020-21, tourism, advocacy and reactivating community engagement has been a priority to helping Isaac return to a new kind of normal."

In response to the pandemic's acute social and economic impacts, Council was proactive in implementing a range of financial support measures to assist the most vulnerable sectors and individuals in the Isaac region to safeguard the local economy.

The 2020-21 capital works program, totalling \$54.9 million, saw Council maintain critical infrastructure, bolster economic activity, and support active and attractive communities across the Isaac region.

CEO Jeff Stewart-Harris said there was an increasing demand on Council support, 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," Mayor Baker said.

"The financial year of 2020-21 reinforced our continued focus on

the fundamentals of good local government, delivering critical infrastructure, services and attractive communities.

"This approach reinforces our ability to continually move forward with resilience to deliver quality services to our community, and continue our aim to feed, power and build communities."

Mayor Baker said Council achieved this through a frugal budget approach, allowing Council to ease cost-of-living pressures on our residents and businesses, freezing rates and levies in 2020-21 at 2019-20 levels and implementing a broad range of concessions.

"To further stimulate the local economy and steer the region through the COVID-19 community recovery, Council increased the weighting in our procurement applications, so local companies are weighted higher than non-local businesses," Mayor Baker said.

"Council also brought forward the Shop Isaac program, endorsing local businesses through cards loaded with money and spent in our Isaac businesses.

"These initiatives complemented a \$1 million investment in the COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan, a two-year plan to help re-activate our Isaac communities that the pandemic impacted."

The annual report is Council's most comprehensive report to the community describing how the Council has met its annual objectives.

The central objective is to inform communities and stakeholders of Council's performance during the financial year.

Visit <https://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/about-council/annual-report> to view the 2020-21 Annual Report and previous publications or call 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27).



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How lucky are we to be a part of this amazing community? The dedication of Clermont residents to our community shone through with the announcement on Australia Day that Clermont residents had been awarded four of the five major Australia Day awards across the Isaac region. It was a true honour and privilege to publicly acknowledge their commitment. Our town thrives on community spirit and I am so proud of all our award nominees, and so grateful to those who nominated them. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees and thank you for your continued contribution to our community.

BOOST PROVIDES MORE HOUSING FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS

Isaac region's essential service workers are set to benefit from having access to 16 new affordable housing units thanks to a \$8 million funding boost.

The Isaac Affordable Housing Trust (IAHT) board has welcomed the injection from round one of Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker, who chairs IAHT, said housing is a fundamental social need in the region.

"This funding will provide generational housing security for critical non-mine workers in our region," Mayor Baker said.

"Housing supply in resource communities is challenging, especially those who are essential service workers, such as nurses, hairdressers or check out operators.

"The new units will include five units designed to Liveable Housing Australia's gold standard for tenants supported by the National Disability Insurance Scheme."

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Mayor Baker said the IAHT project was a great social justice initiative that would support housing needs in the Isaac for decades to come.

"When government and industry come together like this and invest in grass roots projects it makes a real difference to the communities that support the resource sector," Mayor Baker said.

The Isaac Affordable Housing Trust acknowledge and thank Isaac Regional Council, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and Rio Tinto as a major funding partner in the delivery of affordable accommodation to residents in Isaac.



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Tourism and Events Queensland, Mackay Regional Council, Isaac Regional Council and Mackay Isaac Tourism are partnering to deliver what in time is hoped will become Australia's largest participatory fishing event. Research shows that fishing, either alone or with friends, helps reduce the stress. We know fishing is a big draw card for tourists and locals alike. We hope people take the bait and get reeled in by this fishing spectacular. Hooked? Find out more at Mackay Isaac Tourism's Facebook page!



NEW TALENT ENERGISED TO PROPEL THEIR CAREERS TO NEXT LEVEL

Arriving in the Isaac region by way of opportunity, trainees and apprentices are taking advantage to live, work and invest in their local government futures.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker welcomed nine trainees and apprentices at the Moranbah Community Centre in January 2022. The fresh faces are from different walks of life and will begin their new roles across the Isaac region.

Mayor Baker said that Isaac is a region rich in resources, made richer by its people, their hopes and their dreams. "Here's an opportunity for our trainees and apprentices to help shape communities and positively impact lives by working in local government," she said. "We're everyday people doing amazing things."

The program is part of creating career paths for those looking to expand their horizons in local government.

CEO Jeff Stewart-Harris said it also enables the possibility of them reaching their goals and bolstering succession planning. "We 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," he said.

The following trainees and apprentices started their new roles at Council this week:

- Administration trainee - Jessica Clancy
- Water and wastewater trainee operator - Shawn Bitcher
- Apprentice electrician - Scott Spark
- Civil construction plant operations apprentice - Jacob White
- Contracts and procurement trainee - Terrie-Sue Holden
- Apprentice plumber - Angus Smith
- Business services trainee - Brianna Purdy-Payne
- Saleyards and Showgrounds trainee - Kimberley Armstrong
- Community engagement, programs and events administration trainee - Hannah Scanlan

Council's 2022 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. Energise your career today by visiting www.isaac.qld.gov.au/employment, call 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227) or email the People and Performance team at recruitment@isaac.qld.gov.au for more information.



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Illegal dumping has been a problem on the Isaac Coast and the region for many years. So, when you see it, stop it by calling 1300 ISAACS. The only way we can keep Isaac tidy is to ask questions about how you can get rid of waste from your place without harming the environment. We need to minimise the incidence of illegal dumping in the region together and it starts with us all driving positive long-term change in community attitudes and behaviours to prevent illegal dumping. If you've got something that you need to throw away, call us on 1300 ISAACS and speak to our waste team. Come on, Isaac, let's keep our region tidy.



Clermont Historical Centre
Gregory Highway, Clermont



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\$6 adults, \$4 pensioners, \$3 children under 12 years
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