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#### OUR

Jack and Billy Nolan get busy in the garden in time for Spring

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#### FROM THE

## MAYOR'S OFFICE

Our mining industry is one of the biggest employers in Queensland and in the country.

The Isaac region is the powerhouse of the state and is currently home to 22 operating metallurgical coal mines that produce about 72 per cent of Queensland's steel-making coal.

As a coal mining region, we are facing transformational change and we know we need to be planning now to secure the social and economic future of our communities.

This is why Council has been advocating for funding of the Isaac Resource Excellence Hub.

What started as a place for safety and mine rescue has evolved into a place for innovation, training and access to technology to support research into mine rehabilitation and decarbonisation, and to prepare workers for jobs of the future.

Additionally, this October, my fellow Councillors and I will head to Cairns to call for support from 76 other local Councils for the LGAQ to lobby the State Government to establish and resource a regional authority for Queensland coal mining regions.

We know that steel producing coal has a huge role in the global economy, however, it is important 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.

The transformational change that our coal mining regions face is beyond the economic capability of local councils to manage alone.

We see this statutory regional authority being a place-based model that is responsive to local needs.

We want a bi-partisan multi-level government approach to developing and implementing

transformational strategies for Queensland coal mining communities.

The effective management of this change is critical not just for the coal mining regions but for all Local Government Areas supplying to or reliant on the economic output of coal mining.

Money generated by coal mining communities benefits all of Queensland.

This authority is in the best interest of every Queenslander because when our mining regions are prosperous so is the rest of the state.

In August, the Resource Centre of Excellence hosted the LeadIn Future is Now series in Mackay, Isaac and the Whitsundays.

It was an opportunity for us to show how important it was to back Isaac for the future.

It was fantastic to see academics and business leaders from different walks of life bring their knowledge and experience to reimagine a future for coal mining regions.

It was also a pleasure to see globally renowned futurist Anders Sorman-Nillson and talented entrepreneur Neil Glentworth.

A special mention to the Resource Centre of Excellence, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, BHP/BMA and the Greater Whitsunday Alliance – made up of our local three councils, Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday, this collaboration is transforming our regions.

There is an aura of excitement and caution when it comes to transformation.

As long as communities like ours have a seat at the table, collaboration will see us through this transformation, together.

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Dysart Wellness Expo and Community Markets, Dysart
- Women's Health Week St Lawrence
- **23** Rural Road Safety Awareness, Nebo

#### **OCTOBER**

- 1-31 Queensland Seniors Month
  - Nebo Bush Poets Smoko, Nebo
- Moranbah Miners' Memorial

  24–7 Community Art Project,
  Moranbah
  - 28 RADF Grant Applications due

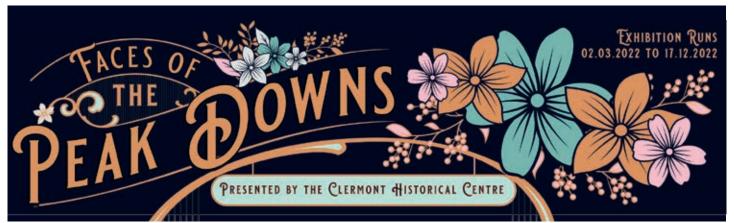
#### **NOVEMBER**

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Moranbah Miners' Memorial
Spring Race Day at the
Moranbah Race Club's
Treasure Park

#### Visit isaac.qld.gov.au/events

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



# **CARDENERS** SET TO RAKE IN PRIZES IN REGIONAL COMPETITION



A popular gardening competition is back to put a spring in the step of green thumbs in the Isaac region this month. The Dig It Isaac competition is in its third year with \$3,450 worth of prizes up for grabs thanks to a partnership between Isaac Regional Council and local businesses.

Mayor Anne Baker said Dig It Isaac is all about the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening.

"Let's put spring in Isaac's step and take advantage of our incredible weather this time of year," Mayor Baker said.

"This competition is for those who absolutely love to grow, whether it is in pots or in the backyard, we have a category for all budgets and abilities.

"I can't wait to see what amazing creations our keen gardeners create, and we could not have done this without our local businesses who have supported this incredible community

Entrants have from 1 August to 18 September to spend \$20 at a

local business, use what you bought for your garden and complete their entry.

Winners will share in \$2,250 worth of Shop Isaac gift cards with the major prize winner walking away with \$500 to spend at Isaac businesses.

A total of 40 entrants will also be randomly selected to receive a water-wise wobble-tee sprinkler as a thank you for entering.

Entries will be accepted for Best Overall Garden, Best Edible Garden, Best Water Wise Garden, Best Lawn, Best Potted Garden, Best School, Kindy or Daycare.

When your garden is ready to go, upload photos or videos of your project plus receipts from your local purchases at www.speakup. isaac.qld.gov.au

The Dig It Isaac panel will then judge entries and announce winners on 30 September 2022.

All the information and entry details are available at www.speakup. isaac.qld.gov.au or by calling 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).





Monday 1 August - Sunday 18 September

Enter at speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au



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Now is the time to start thinking about making your backyard unattractive to flying foxes to prevent them establishing in your yard. Trim thick canopies as flying foxes aren't a fan of thinned out tree span, or plant low dense trees and shrubs around fence lines, forming a barrier around the yard. If flying foxes were established at your property and you wish to take proactive vegetation management to reduce the risk of their return, call Department of Environment and Science on 13 74 68 for advice

## REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS

Artists across the Isaac region can benefit from \$45,000 worth of grants thanks to a Queensland Government and Isaac Regional Council partnership.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions such as Isaac. If you're an individual, cultural group or organisation who has a creative idea to bring to your community, you are encourages to apply.

Each year RADF showcases the extraordinary innovation of the arts and cultural sector in regional communities,

delivers rich arts experiences and provides important professional opportunities for artists and arts workers. The next round closes on Friday, 28 October 2022.

For more information please contact Council's Arts and Cultural Programs Officer on 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227). Application forms can be found at https://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/radf-grants

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Isaac Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.









#### MAJOR GRANTS

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

Round 4

For projects between 12 Augus and 11 November

#### MINOR CRANTS

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

Open all year round

#### APPLY NOW

Open to events and community initiatives, individual or team development grants and school bursaries

Head to speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au or call **1300 ISAACS** (1300 47 22 27)



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Did you know you can apply for a minor grant of up to \$1,000 all year round under our Isaac Community Grants Program? They can be assessed and paid within four weeks of submitting your application and are designed as a one-off helping hand for local not-for-profit community groups and organisations holding events or activities that support our communities. Check out to see if you are eligible for a minor grant at speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au. For larger projects and events, see our major grants, which have four rounds during the year.



# MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL ASSISTS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

More than 300 guests helped raise money for mental health assistance and programs for this great region at the 2022 Mayor's Charity Ball on 3 September 2022. While the tally is still being finalised, the generosity of the community and event sponsors have helped the fund to raise more than \$430,000 for worthwhile causes, particularly mental health initiatives since 2014.

Mayor Anne Baker, who is the chair of the Isaac Regional Charity Fund, said many courageous people from all walks of life were increasingly prepared to speak openly of their challenges with mental illness.

"This is not from a position of failure and fear, but from one of strength, understanding and empathy. I think that sends a positive message to us all," Mayor Baker said.

"We all have a level of responsibility to be aware of our own mental health and that of family members, work mates and community members.

"Let us all continue to empower the conversation about mental health. Thank you to all our supporters, sponsors and guests."





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Our Council handed over a very special trailer to our Isaac SES Unit recently. Council funded the new disaster resilience trailer to support our orange army during activations and community education exercises across our region – which is almost 25 times bigger than the ACT! The new trailer is fully loaded to be a capable mobile station to host land searches and coordinate response activities when required. And it is also designed to go off-road. Thank you, Isaac SES Unit, for everything you do in our communities! I would also like to give a shout-out to local resident Sara Sheridan and a huge congratulations to our community in supporting Sara's fundraising efforts for a much-needed ATV and trailer for our SES. Great job everyone.

# QUEENSLAND'S LARGEST MINING COUNCIL CALLS FOR REGIONAL AUTHORITY TO MANAGE TRANSFORMATION

Isaac Regional Council plans to put forward a motion to 76 local governments to call on the Queensland Government to establish a regional authority to manage transformational changes in coal mining regions.

Council voted unanimously to bring its motion - establishing and resourcing a regional authority for Queensland coal mining regions - to the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference in Cairns this October.

Mayor Anne Baker said councils at the coal face need all levels of government, mining companies and communities at the table to prepare now.

"We know steelmaking coal will play a major role in the future but coal mining regions across Queensland need to be planning now for end of mine life and the climate change response," Mayor Baker said. "This work will take time, money and buy in from all stakeholders at the very beginning of planning stages.

"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."

Mayor Baker said creating the authority would provide the first tangible step towards an inclusive plan that supports a fair future for all.

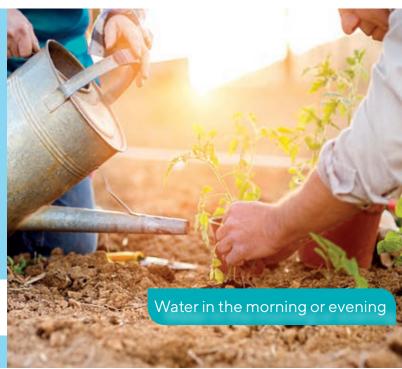
"Without a responsible authority with a clear mandate to manage change, local councils, like ours, will be left fighting for their communities' very existence," Mayor Baker said.

Council will also put up four other motions when it attends the 126th LGAQ conference in Cairns from 17-19 October 2022.



We all have a part to play in creating new habits in conserving Isaac's precious commodity.

Find out more isaac.qld.gov.au/save-water





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Many of our beautiful outdoor spaces around the region are being ruined by illegal dumping. This pollutes our environment, can be hazardous to people and takes away from the enjoyment of our public places. It is also a huge expense to Council in waste management and clean-up costs. Let's help keep Isaac tidy by reporting it. We are encouraging everyone to report illegal dumping by calling 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27) or through the Snap Send Solve app, which can be downloaded on your Apple or Android phone.



### DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Keep an eye out on your mailbox as dog registration renewal notices have been sent.

It has never been a better time to make sure your furry friend is safe, with a 50% discount on renewal notices if paid before 2 September 2022. That deal is fur real!

Follow the instructions on your notice for payment details.

The due date for registration renewals is 30 September 2022.

#### Responsible dog owners are the best. They get:

- Significant discounts for desexed and microchipped dogs.
- Free registration for pension card holders who own a desexed and microchipped dog.
- 50% discount to anyone aged 65 or over who own a desexed and microchipped dog.

 Members of the Canine Control Council (Dogs Queensland) receive 50% off and can take advantage of the early bird discount period to receive a further 50% discount.

#### Why register your dog with Council?

- Your doggos safety is number one, and up to date registration means they can be returned to you quicker.
- Registration fees help to fund essential services for animal management including our Animal Management Centres.
- If it's our first time picking up your wandering pooch, your registered dog will be released for free.
- If an unregistered dog is impounded owners are required to pay the registration fee before the dog is released.





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You won't want to miss the Moranbah Miners' Memorial Community Exhibition, open to the public from 24 October at the Coalface Art Gallery. The Put Out Your Lamps exhibition will feature mining lamps created by students from Moranbah State School, Moranbah East State School and Coppabella State School during a competition running from 3 -21 October. The exhibition will also be open to the public after the Moranbah Miners' Memorial Ceremony on Friday, 4 November and during Moranbah Markets 8am – 12pm Sunday, 25 September.



# AQUATIC WEED CLEARING, CLERMONT AND ST LAWRENCE

Isaac Regional Council has been consulting with other Councils and Biosecurity Queensland on ways to manage the recent expansion of Salvinia weed in St Lawrence and Clermont.

It is the first time Hoods Lagoon at Clermont has had an infestation and as a precaution a surveillance survey on Theresa Creek Dam indicated Salvinia was not present.

Initially used in the aquarium trade because of its hardiness and ease of cultivation, Salvinia weed rapidly covers water surfaces and damages water quality, access, and visual appeal. Its growth rates and the challenges it presents being on water and not on land, has proven difficult to control. Control programs on large infestations are very intensive and require a multi-year commitment. Residents might not see a Council officer at the sites however we are working hard to limit the impacts of Salvinia weed.

#### WHAT WE'VE DONE

In the past six months, Council has used integrated pest management practices to attempt to control the spread of the invasive weed including:

- · Mechanical removal of large dense shallow mats.
- Strategic spraying where the Salvinia is dense and mechanical removal is unsafe and or inhibited by native plants.

 Sourcing and introducing of the Salvinia weevil (Cyrtobagous salviniae). The cold weather has impacted the effectiveness of the biocontrol, but this should improve with warmer weather.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

#### Clermont

Mechanical removal of the weed began at Hoods Lagoon, Thursday 18 August 2022. Works will be ongoing while we undertake a combination of treatment options.

#### St Lawrence

Rainfall at St Lawrence has flushed Salvinia over the weir to the saltwater which kills the weed, and this has addressed the immediate concerns. However, it will re-establish with time and further measures need to be developed to limit the impact. The use for the town water supply limits some of the options that Council can undertake for control. Further options are being reviewed.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Council encourages residents and property owners to be vigilant and if you suspect Salvinia on your property, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27) for identification and information.



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The tyranny of distance is a concept Queensland woman have always understood. In the 1920s, places we now deem remote were often truly isolated. It is against this backdrop the QCWA began to emerge providing a window of relief from the loneliness, offering friendship, support and connection. The Clermont QCWA has been a pillar of our community, as I know the other QCWA branches are across the Isaac region and beyond. Congratulations to QCWA for making it to 100 years in 2022. The deep connection and sense of belonging the QCWA offers, as well as the friendships and the working together for common good, is something that is essential for our regional communities.



# COUNCIL SUPPORTS NATIONALLY RECOGNISED WETLANDS PROJECT

A partnership is set to take flight to help protect the Isaac region's premier wetlands, which boasts more than 250 bird species.

The St Lawrence Wetlands has been selected as one of 10 sites to benefit from Conservation Volunteers Australia's Revive our Wetlands project due to its significance to migratory shore birds and location in the Great Barrier Reef catchment. Isaac Regional Council has teamed up with the Koinjmal People of Koinmerburra Country and Conservation Volunteers Australia to help community-led, on-the-ground actions.

Mayor Anne Baker said the 594.9 sq km wetland area is a significant environmental and social pillar in the Isaac region.

"We already know that more than 50 per cent of Australian wetlands have been lost and it's up to each and every one of us to help protect our prized St Lawrence wetlands," Mayor Baker said.

The project is looking for volunteers to help support wetland conservation activities such as weed management and mapping activities on prickly acacia and giant rat's tail, mapping and camera traps for feral pig and deer activity, marine debris collection, flora and bird surveys, and

vegetation planting around campgrounds and wetland public view platforms.

CEO of Conservation Volunteers Australia Phil Harrison said Australia's wetlands are thriving sites of carbon storage – accounting for around 10 percent of the world's blue carbon ecosystems – but they're disappearing at a rate three times faster than natural forests.

"Growing global research is unlocking the potential of wetlands as natural carbon sequestration and storage systems," Mr Harrison said.

Managing director of Chevron Australia, Mark Hatfield, said that they have been working with CVA to protect the local environment through workplace volunteering and community programs for more than 15 years.

"Chevron Australia is pleased to build on our relationship with Conservation Volunteers Australia and look forward to working together to advance innovative carbon capture and storage research," Mr Hatfield said.

The Revive our Wetlands Project at St Lawrence Wetlands is being delivered by Conservation Volunteers Australia, in collaboration with traditional owners and Isaac Regional Council, and will deliver great benefit to the health and profile of the internationally significant St Lawrence Wetlands.

Conservation Volunteers Australia has recently partnered with Chevron Australia to deliver the \$3.45 million Revive our Wetlands environmental program aimed at restoring and protecting wetlands at locations across Australia over a three-year period.

To get involved and to protect the St Lawrence Wetlands register your interest with Conversation Volunteer Australia's Revive Project Officer, Leah Scoble on 0436 335 037 or email Iscoble@cva.org.au





**CR JANE PICKELS** 

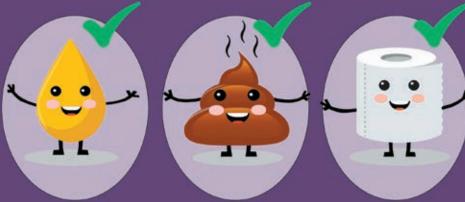
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Our region is home to one of Australia's best tourism experiences – St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend – and to preserve the intent and collaboration with our First Nations people, it is important that we plan for continued success and to provide a benchmark for other opportunities within region. We have done this by working collaboratively through the Mackay Isaac Tourism's Destination Tourism Plan in partnership with Mackay Regional Council which is available to view at https://www.mackayregion.com/ online. The St Lawrence Wetlands has been selected as one of 10 sites to benefit from Conservation Volunteers Australia's Revive our Wetlands project due to its significance to migratory shore birds and location in the Great Barrier Reef catchment.

# ONLY FLUSH THE 3 Ps



When the right things go down the toilet they are flushed away and start a journey through our wastewater treatment network, travelling along pipes to a treatment plant where the waste is taken out and the water is treated

But, when items are flushed down the toilet that should be put in the bin they cause problems in our homes, in the wastewater treatment network and at the wastewater treatment plant.

You can be a worry-free flusher and help in keeping the sewerage where it is supposed to be... the drains!

Remember... only flush the 3Ps - pee, poo and (toilet) paper!

#### NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!





WHAT TO **FLUSH** 



#### YES!

#### **✓** PEE

- **✓** P00 TOILET PAPER
- NO!
- X PAPER TOWEL
- X FACIAL TISSUES X NAPKINS

#### THINK BEFORE **YOU FLUSH**









**NEBO** BUSH POET'S **SMOKO** 

Est. 2001





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We're proud to present the 21st Nebo Bush Poet's Smoko on 23 October. Poet Dan Lockyer, a long-time supporter of the event, will entertain the crowd and invite locals and visitors to step up to the podium and have their say. Entry is free of charge. The gate will open at 8am with raffle tickets on sale and a lucky door prize. Smoko will be available for purchase from the Nebo/Sarina Range QCWA. Get your poems ready to participate or plan to come along and enjoy the day, Stay tuned to Council's Facebook page or at speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au for more information.



# AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 NOMINATIONS OPEN

We are all part of the story - so share yours with us.

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.

Nominate an awesome Aussie by visiting

speakup.isaac.qld.gov.au



Nominations close 30 November 2022



