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OUR COVER

Indigenous artist
Jenuarrie at the
St Lawrence
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FROM THE

MAYOR'S OFFICE

REMEMBERING THE ANZACS

On April 25 we honoured the Anzacs in communities throughout the Isaac region. Unlike Anzac Day last year, this year's commemorative events across the nation will return to something much closer to our traditional events, with people gathering together in our towns (though still observing COVID-safe practices). Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the 1915 landing on Gallipoli. We remembered all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service past and present. Isaac communities' paid tribute to the sacrifices of Diggers past and present. We will forever remember the tenacity, resilience and heroism the men and women our armed services have displayed. Head to Council's Facebook page to view our image galleries from the 10 services held in the Isaac region this year.

QUEENSLAND BEEF CORRIDOR

In early May, I will be attending Beef Australia 2021 in Rockhampton to meet with fellow Mayors from across Central Queensland and work on a campaign to upgrade road networks and improve efficiency of cattle transport. This is an important meeting and an important campaign. Although much of the focus in the Isaac region is on coal, our agricultural production is approaching \$500 million annually, and beef cattle contribute the largest single component of that figure. The Queensland Beef Corridors project will bring seven councils together to help lobby for upgrading of roads important for the movement of beef cattle. If ultimately successful, this will in turn boost economic returns to the industry through Central Queensland and benefit the broader community as well through increased profitability and increased spending and employment.

MINING SAFETY CONFERENCE

On May 12, I will be representing Isaac at the Mining Health and Safety Forum in Moranbah. The forum is designed to help ensure that every worker in the mining industry goes home safe at the end of every shift, and our Council believes this is an absolutely vital goal in Isaac.

ST LAWRENCE WETLANDS WEEKEND

The award-winning St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend this 11-13 June will not only teach you all about nationally significant coastal wetlands right here in the Isaac but also tantalise your taste buds and invoke your creativity. In fact, this fun eco-tourism festival is a "must do" for everyone who loves food, adventure and nature. Celebrity chef Matt Golinski and Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis will be back to both headline the event hosting appetising demonstrations. Head to wetlandsweekend.com to book your ticket or packages.

THANK YOU TO GARY STEVENSON PSM AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW CEO

Gary Stevenson PSM has guided the organisation through significant challenges and milestones during his time, with more to be achieved. When he leaves Isaac, he will have clocked up 40 years of service to local government; 26 of those as a CEO. Since joining us in early 2016, Gary has been instrumental in shaping the future direction of our council and the region we proudly serve. We have now appointed Jeff Stewart-Harris as our new CEO from 30 April 2021. Jeff was among a competitive field of 23 applicants for the top job to lead the Isaac region into the challenging COVID-19 economic recovery phase. Jeff has worked with council since January 2017 where he performed the role of Director Planning, Environment and Community Services. Among other roles, Jeff has performed senior management roles in local and state governments for nearly 25 years including 11 as CEO. The recruitment process was part of an orderly transition plan initiated after Gary advised council of his plans to step down by 30 June 2021. I wholeheartedly would like to thank Gary for his incredible service to the Isaac and we wish him the best in his next chapter as we welcome Jeff into the CEO role as he steers us into Council's next phase.

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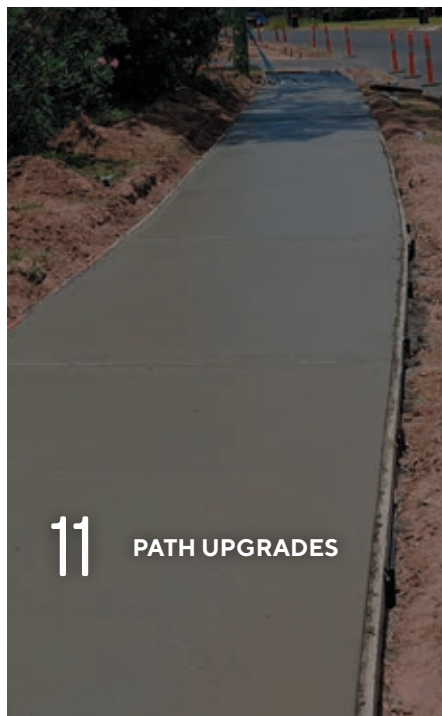
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- 24 Pop Ups @ The Park, Clarke Creek
- 25-26 Clermont Show, The Isaac Region's Show, Clermont

JUNE

- 4 Pop Ups @ The Park, Moranbah
- 4-11 NAIDOC Week, Regionwide
- 11-13 St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend, St Lawrence
- 25 Pop Ups @ The Park, Middlemount

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Cricket, art, dive-in movie nights at the pool and scary film trailer making were among a bunch of seriously cool activities in the inaugural Isaac Region Youth Month.

Thank you to all of our youth who attended events.

This program supported and involved young people and it encouraged them to build social connections and engage in fun activities to support their health and wellbeing.

Council is extremely grateful to the community groups, organisations and businesses who partnered with us.



TICKETS ON SALE

St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend

11 - 13 JUNE 2021

Featuring Matt Golinski + Costa Georgiadis
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We are paving the way to a healthier, more environmentally friendly future by upgrading footpaths in Dysart. This will make recreational walking easier in the towns and divert plastic waste away from landfill, with recycled plastic used in place of steel mesh for reinforcing concrete. The works are now completed, just in time for perfect walking weather. On another quick note, thank you for your feedback on the new playground in Centenary Park. Your suggestions helped Council find a design that most suited the community's wishes within budget and ready to be installed by 30 June!

NEW CEO APPOINTED TO LEAD POWERHOUSE COUNCIL IN NEXT PHASE



Isaac Regional Council has appointed Jeff Stewart-Harris as the new Chief Executive Officer following a nation-wide hunt to succeed Gary Stevenson PSM.

Mr Stewart-Harris was among a competitive field of 23 applicants for the top job to lead the Isaac region into the challenging COVID-19 economic recovery phase.

Mayor Anne Baker made the announcement during the March Ordinary Meeting in front of Councillors and members of the executive leadership team.

"I am very pleased to announce that Council unanimously appointed Mr Stewart-Harris to this extremely important leadership role," Mayor Baker said.

"Mr Stewart-Harris has worked with Council since January 2017 where he has competently performed the role of Director Planning, Environment and Community Services.

"During the interview process which included fellow Councillors and I, Jeff presented a creative, energetic and sustainable vision for the Isaac region's future and the role Council will play in it.

"We were extremely impressed and without a doubt he was the best candidate to lead us into the next chapter of our Isaac story. Jeff is a genuine manifestation of the Isaac region's Pure People Power mantra and our vision statement – Helping to Energise the World – and importantly our core values.

"He has strategically and tactically impacted the organisations and the communities he has served in so many ways with care, wisdom, inclusion and extraordinary skill."

Mr Stewart-Harris' resume includes the following:

- Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer – North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (7 years)
- Chief Executive Officer – Mackay Port Authority (2 years)
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer – Maroochy Shire Council (3 years)
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer – AquaGen Water and Renewable Energy (3 years)
- Chief Executive Officer – Mackay City Council (4 years)
- Chief Executive Officer – Pittsworth Shire Council (5 years)

This intensive recruitment process was part of an orderly transition plan initiated after current CEO Mr Stevenson advised Council early last year, he planned to step down by mid-2021.

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INSPIRING WOMEN RECOGNISED DURING ISAAC-WIDE AWARDS

The spotlight shone bright on 13 incredible women and young women as they were recognised at Inspiring Women in Isaac events across the region.

The 2021 Inspiring Women in Isaac awards paid tribute to women of all ages who inspire, encourage and make a positive difference to the lives of those around them.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said all nominees made daily contributions, making the lives of many in the regional communities brighter.

“We received 65 nominations for 53 powerhouse females, whose daily contributions make our lives and communities brighter,” Mayor Baker said.

“The stories of these women - their triumphs, struggles and successes - is what makes our communities vivacious and diverse.

“We heard stories about a veterinarian with an undeniable devotion to the community and animals, tireless volunteers that help weave the social fabric of an entire

community and champions of sport, working hard so our youth are not punished by the tyranny of distance to a city.

“It is women like these who create a region that chooses to challenge an unequal past and embrace a future for equality and respect. Congratulations to each of our

nominees and winners; your hard work and passion is truly inspiring.”

Inspiring Women in Isaac celebrations were held during Queensland Women’s Week and are an extension of International Women’s Day, recognising and celebrating the achievements of Queensland’s women and girls.



Nebo Inspiring Woman Award Winners; 2021 Cherry Paine, 2020 Mary-ellen McEvoy, 2019 Sue Rapmund, front - 2017 Sharon Ward and 2018 Joy Cooper



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Thanks for the party, Moranbah! Thanks to COVID-19, we got a second chance to celebrate our great town’s 50th birthday this May Day long weekend. Council was proud to partner with Moranbah the Good Old Days and local community groups to present the long weekend celebration - a major shout out to Mark and Toni Hollands for their great work in seeing this event through.

Moranbah has reached its golden jubilee and it was great to see the community celebrate what makes Moranbah so unique for its birthday.



Dysart Inspiring Woman in Isaac Award Winner
Donna Mallinson with Cr Sandy Moffat



Glenden Inspiring Woman Award Winner
Jana Schewitzer



Isaac Coast Inspiring Woman Award Winner
Tanya Jeffrey



Middlemount Inspiring Young Woman
and Woman Award Winners
Taylor Lennane and Lucy Hampton



Moranbah Inspiring Woman Award Winner
Alaina Earl with Mayor Anne Baker



Nebo Inspiring Woman Award Winner
Cherry Paine



Clermont Inspiring Woman in Isaac Award Winner
Dr Tessia Salmond with Cr Lyn Jones



Isaac Coast Inspiring Young Woman Award Winner
Sydney and Kinley Dennis with Cr Viv Coleman



Dysart Inspiring Young Woman Award
Winner Ciara Storch



Glenden Inspiring Young Woman Award Winner
Tamara Coleman with Cr Greg Austen



Moranbah Inspiring Young Woman Award
Winner Emilee Metcalfe



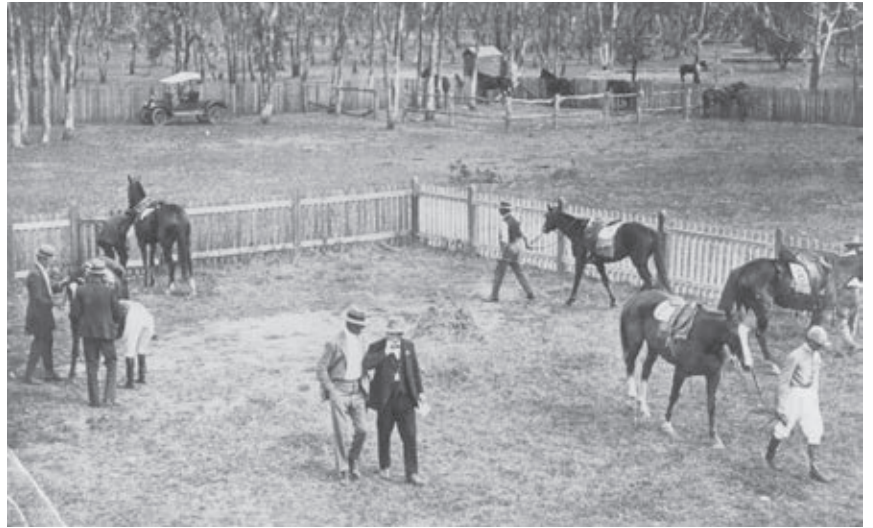
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The new Isaac Regional Planning Scheme is now in effect as it consolidates the former Broadsound, Belyando and Nebo local government area schemes. Some of the key provisions in the new planning scheme include reduced assessment requirements for reuse of existing commercial premises, encouragement of nature-based tourism, as well as increased opportunities for infill development in our towns. This project has been recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia, for its responsiveness to community concerns and delivery of a contemporary planning framework which exceeded state policy expectations, demonstrated a leading approach for a small council with limited resources.

TROT DOWN MEMORY LANE IN COUNTRY RACING EXHIBITION



Country racing in the exceptionally brutal 19th Century existence in colonial Peak Downs was a stroke of luck for punters in Clermont and surrounds.

The weather at that time was blistering, the land mostly unforgiving and the people worked hard and laboriously to make a livelihood.

Clermont Historical Centre will present its latest exhibition Back on Track as it opens to the public on Wednesday, 24 March 2021.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said the highlight of a rural year for many – and a tradition that continues to this day – was attending the races.

“Country racing is an essential part of the social fabric of the Isaac region and we are excited that Clermont Historical Centre will dive into this history,” Mayor Baker said.

“Clermont’s inaugural race was held in 1864 and up until this day, horse racing has been one of Clermont and the Isaac region’s most popular pastimes.”

Clermont-based Division 6 Councillor Lyn Jones said the exhibition illustrated a brief history of the establishment of the district’s historical racing clubs.

“A heartfelt thank you to the Twin Hills and Clermont race clubs for their incredible support in the lead up to this exciting exhibition,” Cr Jones said.

“The exhibition’s focus will be on the evolution of local racing clubs and stories of the characters, horses and jockeys.”

Clermont Historical Centre, which is located on Gregory Highway, will be open from Wednesdays to Saturdays between 9am and 3pm.

Admission prices for entry are \$6 for adults, \$4 for pensioners, \$3 children under 12 years and \$15 per family with two or more children. The Back on Track Exhibition runs from 24 March 2021 to 18 December 2021.

Reflections of Resilience which chronicles the colourful past of Clermont’s Hospital and delves into nursing tales of resilience will also be showcased at the centre.

For more details on Clermont Historical Centre’s opening times please visit www.isaac.qld.gov.au or call Council’s Customer Service Centre available 24 hours a day seven days a week on 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).

EXHIBITION RUNS 24.03.2021-18.12.2021

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A year off will only energise the community more, as The Clermont Show – The Isaac Region’s Show is back in 2021. Mark your calendars for 24-26 May 2021, and prepare your senses for another great year of rocking music from the rides; the scent of Dagwood Dogs; giant vegetables weighing in the hundreds of kilos and fantastic competitors showcasing their skills, produce or livestock, hoping to take home a coveted coloured ribbon. I know I am looking forward to a revitalised event at the oldest show in Queensland.



CLERMONT'S 5ML WATER RESERVOIR BOOSTS WATER SECURITY

The quality and security of drinking water for Clermont has been boosted with the completion of a new five-million-litre reservoir.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said the reservoir was a key component in the broader plan to significantly improve Clermont's water supply.

"In relatively dry inland areas like much of the Isaac, with limited natural water assets, meeting the water needs of our towns – and Clermont in particular – has traditionally been a challenge," Mayor Baker said.

"However, keeping Isaac residents' taps flowing with top-quality water remains a high priority and will see spending of \$5.9 million in the current 2020-21 Council budget. More than 80 per cent of this regional water budget – approximately \$4.9 million – will go to projects benefitting Clermont," Mayor Baker said.

"This spending is part of Clermont's Water Quality Response Plan, an ongoing program to improve the quality and security of the town's drinking water."

Mayor Baker said design and construction of the new five-megalitre reservoir in Clermont – a partnership between Isaac Regional Council and Dowdens Pumping & Water Treatment – has cost \$2 million.

Also, \$1.39 million is being spent on replacement of water mains in Lime Street and East Street, and \$1 million on de-silting the raw water offtake structure at Theresa Creek Dam.

"Along with the existing three megalitre reservoir on the same site, and refurbishment of the 1.4-megalitre Capricorn Street reservoir, this new five megalitre reservoir will take total secure water in the Clermont network to almost 10 megalitres," Mayor Baker said.

"This means we will have a minimum of three days' supply of clean, clear drinking water stored at any one time, ready to provide to residents in Clermont and the surrounding area should there be an event like discoloured water coming from Theresa Creek Dam after heavy rain. In that case, water can be supplied from these reservoirs while the raw water from Theresa Creek Dam is given extra treatment to clear it up."

Mayor Baker said the new reservoir would be officially opened in coming weeks but was already online, supplying water to Clermont residents.

She added that it had been built in nine months, coming in on time and under budget.

Note: A time-lapse video of the reservoir's construction is available here: <https://bit.ly/3qtv36>

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Middlemount's terrific community spirit has been demonstrated spectacularly, with a fund-raising social evening for children's gymnastics netting almost \$20,000. (Yes, that is twenty thousand dollars!) The Middlemount Community Sports Association (MCSA) was formed in 2010 and currently offers gymnastics, netball, swimming and social tennis. MCSA Gymnastics recently hosted their inaugural gala event, with great support across the broader community. I am so pleased Isaac Regional Council was able to provide a grant for this event, and I want to add my congratulations to the organisers and my thanks to the wonderful sponsors and supporters.

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**ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTION OF:
ISAAC REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
PLANNING SCHEME POLICIES
CHARGES RESOLUTION (NO.3) 2021**

Notice is given in accordance with the Planning Act 2016 that, on 24 February 2021, Isaac Regional Council adopted a new planning scheme – Isaac Regional Planning Scheme. The purpose and general effect of the planning scheme is to give strategic direction for land use and to provide a framework for managing development within the Isaac Regional Council local government area.

The planning scheme's part 4 incorporates a Local Government Infrastructure Plan whose purpose and general effect is to:

- a. Integrate infrastructure planning with land use planning identified in the planning scheme.
- b. Provide transparency regarding Council's intentions for the provision of trunk infrastructure.
- c. Enable Council to estimate the cost of infrastructure provision to assist its long-term financial planning.
- d. Ensure trunk infrastructure is planned and provided in an efficient and orderly manner
- e. Provide a basis for the imposition of conditions about infrastructure on development approvals.

The planning scheme's schedule 4 included the following the planning scheme policies:

- a. Development works planning scheme policy
- b. Acid sulfate soils planning scheme policy
- c. Bushfire hazard planning scheme policy
- d. Coastal hazard planning scheme policy
- e. Dust planning scheme policy
- f. Flood hazard planning scheme policy
- g. Landslide hazard planning scheme policy

The purpose and general effect of the planning scheme policies is to support the development outcomes sought by the Isaac Regional Planning Scheme. The Isaac Regional Planning Scheme, that includes the Local Government Infrastructure Plan and Planning Scheme Policies applies to the Isaac Regional Council local government area; except where the Moranbah Priority Development Area or an area identified in the Galilee Basin State Development Area Development Scheme 2014, have force and effect.

The Isaac Regional Planning Scheme shall supersede the Belyando Planning Scheme 2009, Broadsound Planning Scheme 2005 and Nebo Planning Scheme 2008.

At its meeting on 24 February 2021 Isaac Regional Council also resolved to adopt Charges Resolution (No 3) 2021 that was formulated with reference to the Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

Charges Resolution (No 3) 2021 shall supersede Charges Resolution (no 2) 2108. The Isaac Regional Planning Scheme, including the Local Government Infrastructure Plan and Planning Scheme Policies, plus Charges Resolution (No 3) 2021 will have effect on and from 1 April 2021.

From this date the Isaac Regional Planning Scheme and Charges Resolution (No 3) 2021 shall be:

- a. available for inspection and purchase at the Moranbah Customer Service Centre, Batchelor Parade, Moranbah
- b. available for viewing and download from Council's website: isaac.qld.gov.au

For more information call the Planning Section via Council's Customer Service Centre available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).

Gary Stevenson PSM
Chief Executive Officer



ISAAC PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER, FITTER FUTURE

Isaac Regional Council is paving the way to a healthier, more environmentally friendly future by upgrading footpaths in Clermont and Dysart.

The upgrades will make recreational walking easier in the towns and divert plastic waste away from landfill.

Mayor Anne Baker said the environmental benefits were generated by use of recycled plastic in place of steel mesh for reinforcing concrete.

“The steel mesh that would normally go into these footpaths is being replaced by small recycled plastic fibres, which obviously takes plastic out of the environment and locks it away in concrete,” Mayor Baker said.

“The manufacturers also claim production and use of these plastic fibres reduces carbon dioxide emissions and reduces ozone depletion compared with steel mesh, and has a range of other environmental benefits.”

Mayor Baker said the current upgrades to footpaths in selected locations in Clermont and Dysart would benefit recreational walkers.

“We expect the works will be completed in April, just in time for perfect walking weather, so this will help people who want to exercise for their health with a brisk walk on smooth, level paths.

“Upgrading these footpaths is part of Council’s commitment to promoting safety, health and wellbeing for our communities.

“The project will see the construction of new footpaths, as well as upgrading of some of our more popular footpaths, and installing disability and pram ramps on existing paths.”

Mayor Baker said the work is being fully funded by the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Program (LRCI)

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry welcomed the news of upgrades being made to footpaths in Clermont and Dysart, through the Australian Government’s LRCI Program.

“Through the 2020–21 Budget, the Australian Government announced a \$1 billion extension of the LRCI Program, following strong community and local government support.

“This program is doing exactly what it was set out to do by supporting local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, and indeed Capricornia.

“In phase 1 of our Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Program, the Australian Government committed over \$6.9 million to local governments in Capricornia to undertake important road and community infrastructure projects.” Ms Landry said.

PATHS TO BE UPGRADED ARE:

CLERMONT

- Parts of Hoods Lagoon footpath
- Francis Street extension of footpath from Beatty Street to Clermont Hospital
- Monash Street from Tropic Street to Francis Street
- Tropic Street from the railway line crossing to Playfair Street
- Playfair Street from Tropic Street to Francis Street
- Installation of disability/pram ramps on existing footpaths

DYSART

- Beardmore Crescent from Queen Elizabeth Drive to McCartney Street
- Shannon Crescent from Queen Elizabeth Drive to Brown Street

Works for the footpaths are scheduled to occur from 6am to 6pm weekdays and 6am to 2pm Saturdays until 30 April 2021.

For further information, please contact Council’s Customer Service Centre available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).



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Nebo residents and visitors have recently had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the future of one of the region’s most popular facilities. The showgrounds at Nebo is one of Council’s most utilised recreational facilities. It has several local community user groups and other regular facility hirers accessing it about 80 days of the year, attracting 20,000 visitors with an estimated local economic return of \$1.2 million. Thank you to everyone who engaged with the consultation. It will help Council better understand what the community considers is important to them for the future of this facility. The feedback will also help spur on the need for a strategic 20-year plan to maximise the potential but also to enable management of the existing facility needs and renewal.



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EXHIBITION OPENS 23 MARCH 2021 TO 18 DECEMBER 2021






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