



# Mount Isa Mail

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It is an honour to have been elected as Mayor of Mount Isa City Council and to represent – and be a strong advocate for – the communities of Mount Isa and Camooweal.

On March 26, the Electoral Commission of Queensland made a formal declaration of my election as Mayor, and a week later, formally declared the election of Mount Isa's new councillors – Dan Ballard, James Coghlan, incumbent Kim Coghlan, Travis Crowther, John Doyle, and John Tully.

You can find more information about each councillor on the next page of this newsletter.



Mayor Peta MacRae

This is my third term on Council, but my first as Mayor, and I am excited by the many opportunities and challenges that lay ahead.

I am confident this Council will work well together and cohesively to make the right decisions that support the future betterment and growth of the community, and ensure the

city continues to be a vibrant, liveable community that attracts residents and visitors alike.

I believe Mount Isa's best days are still ahead of us.

We as a Council are passionate about Mount Isa and Camooweal and are committed to seeing these communities go from strength to strength.

Mount Isa is facing a challenging time right now, and I know many local families are hurting or worried about the future.

Council's priority from day one will be working with the community, listening to residents' concerns and ideas, growing the local economy, and

revitalising the community.

I encourage residents to let Council know of any local issues or concerns – working together will help achieve positive outcomes across the board.

Thank you to the community for putting your faith in your new elected members of Council.

We will strive to do the best we possibly can for the Mount Isa and Camooweal communities now and into the future.

A reminder that Mount Isa's Anzac Day ceremonies will be held at 6am and 10am at the Mount Isa Civic Centre, with the parade to start at 9.30am.

## What's Happening in The Isa?



### A Morning For Fi Fundraiser

**Date:** Sunday 7 April 2024

**Time:** 10.30am-1.30pm

**Where:** Mount Isa Race Club, Simpson Street

**Date:** Saturday 13 April 2024

**Time:** From 4pm

**Where:** Kruttschnitt Oval, Church Street

**Date:** Saturday 20 April 2024

**Time:** From 6.30pm

**Where:** Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street

**Date:** Thursday 25 April 2024

**Time:** 6am & 10am – Parade at 9.30am

**Where:** Civic Gardens/Cenotaph, 23 West Street



### Mount Isa Mines Family Fun Day (Free)



### Zonta International Women's Day Evening



### Anzac Day Services – Mount Isa

## New Musical Show

Mount Isa City Council presents Opera Queensland's new production, "Do We Need Another Hero?", a live musical fusion of classical and contemporary songs.

It will be performed at the Civic Centre, West Street, on Friday, May 10, from 7.30pm.

Get your tickets at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/do-we-need-another-hero-tickets-862523830997](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/do-we-need-another-hero-tickets-862523830997).

"Do We Need Another Hero?" is a joyful celebration of songs about bravery and heroism.

From pop to opera, country to classical, this musical tribute features chart-topping anthems and unique mashups that will have you dancing in your seat.

It features timeless hits about bravery and heroism from artists like the Beatles, David Bowie, John Farnham and more, intertwined with opera classics from composers like Beethoven and Bizet.

The production is from the creative minds behind "Are You Lonesome Tonight" and "Lady Sings the Maroons".

This show will delight and encourage you to reflect on the idea that everyone can be a hero, if only for a day.

## Did You Know?

- **Multiple ARIA Award-winning Australian band Eskimo Joe are performing in Mount Isa for one night only, and tickets are on sale now. Purchase your tickets at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eskimo-joe-tickets-823218668197](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eskimo-joe-tickets-823218668197). The concert will be at the Civic Centre on Friday, July 26, from 7.30pm.**
- Are you a local artist, performer, entertainer, singer or band? Council is seeking

talented locals to be a part of an entertainment register for consideration for future Council events and projects. Sign up at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/6L622WX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6L622WX). Categories include: artists, choirs, comics/comedians, dancers or dance groups, drone photographers/videographers, face painters, graphic designers, instrument ensembles, bands, emcees, painters, photographers, and musicians.



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# Latest Council News

## Meet Your New Councillors

Following the March 16 Local Government elections in Queensland, on Tuesday, April 2, the Electoral Commission of Queensland formally declared the Mount Isa results: Dan Ballard, James Coghlan, incumbent Kim Coghlan, Travis Crowther, John Doyle, and John Tully have been elected to Council. Here is some information about them:



**Cr Dan Ballard**

A champion country jockey, Cr Ballard was born and raised in Mount Isa. He started a jockey apprenticeship in Grade 11 and lived on the Gold Coast for three-and-a-half years to complete his training.

He moved back to Mount Isa in 2006 and undertook an apprenticeship as an auto electrician. He then worked in the mining industry and has held a range of jobs in the resources sector since.

Today, he is the manager of the Mount Isa branch of mining technology business RCT, and has been married to Lacey for 11 years.



**Cr James Coghlan**

Cr Coghlan was born and raised

in Mount Isa before leaving in his late 20s to live in Brisbane to increase his opportunities in sport.

He and his wife returned 20 years ago and have lived here ever since.

"We need to encourage people to come and stay in Mount Isa. I believe that requires anybody here having the same opportunities as those on the coast," Cr Coghlan said.



**Cr Kim Coghlan**

Born and raised in Mount Isa, Cr Coghlan is proud to call Mount Isa her home. Her priorities for the next four years include:

- Telstra Hill – Upgraded to a safe standard then secure funding to revitalise the entire area;
- A business case to develop the Multisport Centre into a larger centre with five inside courts, a climbing wall, and a safer parking area;
- North West School Sports – Continue to work with the State to improve the opportunities for local children to represent in all sports at a state level, and for a North West Sport officer to be based in Mount Isa;
- Clear out the Leichhardt River of debris and foliage to allow water to flow more freely into Lake Moondarra; and
- Finalise the North West Water business case, to ensure any savings that are highlighted can be passed on to the community.



**Cr Travis Crowther**

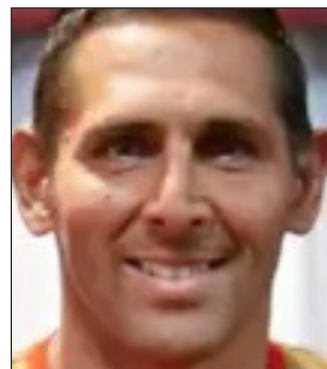
Cr Crowther is a local business owner, father, and an active member of Commerce North West and a range of sporting clubs.

His priorities are growing the local economy by implementing sustainable development projects and promoting job creation; enhancing liveability by delivering local infrastructure for the benefit of all residents; bringing transparency and accountability to local governance; and strengthening community engagement and involvement.

After completing an electrical apprenticeship, he worked in the mines for several years, later working at Malouf Autos.

Today he is the owner of The Boss Shop Mount Isa. He is married to Megan and they have three sons.

His community involvement includes being the president of Mount Isa Netball, Warrigals Rugby Union Club, and Commerce North West.



**Cr John Doyle**

Through Cr Doyle's business and community volunteering, he

works alongside young people in the community every day.

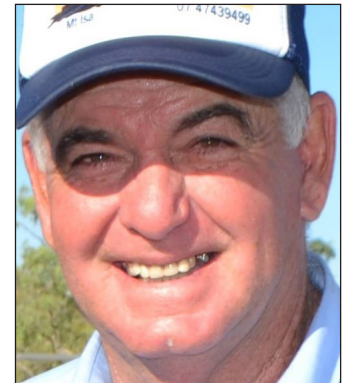
He is a family man and is passionate about sport and the opportunities it can bring for communities, especially for youth.

Cr Doyle played in the NRL for the North Queensland Cowboys, Sydney Roosters, and for Queensland in the 2001 and 2002 State of Origin.

He tries to bring the knowledge and experience from this time of his life to the young people he works with.

He trains kids every afternoon in several sports, and on weekends you can find him down at the Rugby League or Captain Cook Oval.

He also works with schools and other organisations.



**Cr John Tully**

Originating from a property near Bedourie, Cr Tully returned to Mount Isa with his family in 2013.

He has had a deep connection to the city since the 1980s and is committed to investing in the town's progress.

His objective is to enhance the town, making it a more liveable and appealing community to attract an increased influx of residents.

By fostering improvements and creating a positive environment, Cr Tully aims to contribute to the town's growth and make it an even more desirable place to live.

His aim is to improve the town's appeal and presentation to make it more welcoming for locals and visitors.