

# Mount Isa City Council News



While the recent heavy rainfall has been very welcome, with more than 100mm falling in the last week of March, it's a timely reminder that Council's five river crossing cameras are now up and running – and they can be viewed at any time.

The cameras are at five locations across the city: the Moondarra Drive Crossing; Davis Road Crossing; Miles Street Crossing (off Ryan Road); Alma Street Crossing; and the Twenty-Third Avenue Crossing.

The cameras take real-time photos every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, which



can be viewed on Council's Disaster Dashboard at <https://dashboard.mountisa.qld.gov.au>.

Simply click on the "Flood Camera" button on the page and zoom in on

the map to show the five green camera icons, then click on an icon to view the latest photo from its respective camera.

Remember: if it's flooded, forget it.

Please stay out of floodwaters, because even in shallow floodwater, your car's steering, engine and electrics can stop working, making it extremely difficult to escape.

It's now April, which means the Anzac Day events Council holds in partnership with the RSL Mount Isa Sub-branch are just three short weeks away.

There'll be a 6am Dawn Service, as

well as a 10am Main Service, both at the Memorial Cenotaph in front of the Civic Centre on West Street.

The Anzac Parade will start at 9.30am, with form-up on the Isa Street Bridge from 9am.

If you would like to lay a wreath at either service – or take part in the Parade, or attend the Gunfire Breakfast – be sure to register your details at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXTM3JG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXTM3JG)

Please remember that the weather on Anzac Day can be hot, so it's a good idea to wear a hat and sunscreen, and to bring a bottle of water with you.

## Locals Enjoy Feast for Harmony Day

Locals enjoyed a delicious spread of dishes from all over the world on Friday, March 21, at the Harmony Day Feast at the Mount Isa City Library.

The event was held in conjunction with Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS) Mount Isa and was the Library's biggest Harmony Day Feast yet.

Platters of food were kindly donated by Adobo Avenue, Tin Tin Thai, Dominos Mount Isa, Grants Cakes and Pies, Sweet Treats Boutique, the Redearth Boutique Hotel, and Outback at Isa, as well as cooked or purchased by Library and Council staff, CAMS representatives, and community members.

In attendance were Mayor Peta MacRae and Deputy Mayor Kim Coghan, as well as Council CEO Tim Rose and Council staff.

The cuisines included Indonesian, Thai, Filipino, Spanish, and Australian.

The two winners of the best cultural dress competition each won a gift voucher, kindly donated by Kmart Mount Isa.

Harmony Day recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all backgrounds.

It promotes inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Cr MacRae acknowledged the hard work put in by Library and Council staff and CAMS members to organise and hold the Harmony Day event.

"Every year we have this event for Harmony Day, and it's gone from strength to strength," Cr MacRae said.

"I think it's great that community groups are joining in with our Council staff to put on this new and improved event.

"It's testament to their success by the number of people who were in attendance.

"Harmony Day is all about celebrating the different cultures in our community and enjoying their culture together. Mount Isa is a Welcoming City and we're very proud of that.

"We have a very rich multicultural city, and a lot of the things that we do and take for granted in Mount Isa would not happen if we didn't have such a diverse and multicultural workforce.

"We're so proud that these people have chosen to come to Mount Isa and call it their home. They contribute so much to our community."

The Library will hold a Welcoming Week activity



in late September that will welcome new citizens to the community as well as celebrate Mount Isa's multicultural aspects.

Mr Rose congratulated Library staff for the event.

"Harmony Day is a reminder of the diversity that makes our community strong and vibrant," Mr Rose said.

"Each one of us brings something unique to the table – whether it's our cultures, our stories, or our traditions.

"We also share in the richness of these differences.

"Harmony is about respect, inclusion, and the understanding that our diversity is something to be celebrated. It's the spice of life that makes our world more colourful, more exciting, and more united.

"Let's remember that, just like the ingredients in our dishes, our diversity is what makes us stronger and more beautiful."



## Idea for Special Economic Zone

Mount Isa City Council was proud to be a gold sponsor of the Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone's (MITEZ) Regional Resilience Series Forum 1, which was held at the Civic Centre on Thursday, March 20.

Mayor Peta MacRae gave a speech

in which she outlined the case for a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the North West to be established, in response to the upcoming closure of the Mount Isa Mines copper-mining and copper-processing operations.

"Our city has a positive future, however we need to take immediate action," Cr MacRae said.

"We must take bold steps now to ensure a strong and resilient economy moving forward, not just for Mount Isa, but for the North West and North Queensland.

"The situation in Mount Isa has caused Mount Isa City Council to take



decisive action – it cannot be 'business as usual', or we will look at a scenario like Mary Kathleen or Gunpowder.

"To meet the scale of Mount Isa's challenge, we have been required to devise an equally significant response.

"We understand that to attract investors, we need a clear strategy that is evidence-based."

She said creating a SEZ for the North West would attract foreign direct investment, increase trade, and create jobs by offering a more business-friendly environment than the rest of the country.

A SEZ is a designated area within

a country where business and trade laws differ from the rest of the country, promoting economic growth through favourable regulations regarding trade, customs, taxation, and investment conditions, as well as other financial incentives.

"SEZs often have better infrastructure, including roads, ports, and telecommunications, to facilitate business operations and are typically managed by a single body, which can streamline processes and make it easier for businesses to operate," Cr MacRae said.

The MITEZ forum included representatives of North West junior miners discussing their specific challenges, as well as representatives from key government departments, including Natural Resources, Environment, Transport, State Development, Water, and Energy.

## Mount Isa Hosts Tourism 'School'

Savannah Guides Limited held its 83rd Field School in Mount Isa recently, with tour guides, tourism operators, Traditional Owners, National Parks Rangers, and tourism and government representatives from across northern Australia taking part.

Participants visited Lake Moondarra, the Underground Hospital and Museum, Outback at Isa (which included a Hard Times Mine tour and a Bush Tucker Experience) and the Kalkadoon Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, went birdwatching, and toured the city. The Field School – a professional development workshop – was held from March 19-23. Savannah Guides was established in 1988 and is a network of professional tour guides and operators dedicated to helping visitors experience and understand their respective natural and cultural histories.

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- Free Plant Day is back for 2025, and registrations are now open. Sign up at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Freeplantday2025](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Freeplantday2025). Registrations close on April 21. Free Plant Day will be held at the Mount Isa Mines Entertainment Centre, Buchanan Park, on Saturday, May 31, from 9am-2pm, where those who have registered prior to the event will be able to pick up their free plants. Attendees will also learn more about growing their own herb/veggie seedlings, with a seed-planting stall to be held on the day. Camooweal residents will be contacted separately regarding their plant pick-up times and location. If you cannot make it to the Free Plant Day event, please arrange for another person to pick up for you. For more information, please call our Environmental Services team on 07 4747 3200.

- Did you know you can use the Payble online payment system to self-manage your rates payments? With Payble, you can: choose to pay in full or set up a flexible payment schedule that suits you; select the start date you want the payments to be made from; choose from weekly, fortnightly, or monthly instalment options; and get helpful reminders before your scheduled payments are due. Simply scan the Payble QR Code on your next (or most recent) Council rates notice using your mobile phone to get started. Please note: Mount Isa City Council now issues yearly rates notices. If you would like to find out more information about Payble, or other rates payment options that Council offers, please contact our Revenue team on 4747 3200 during business hours.