

Mount Isa City Council News



If you haven't been to the Mount Isa City Library in a while, now's the perfect time to pop in, because their limited-edition 50th anniversary commemorative library bags are now in stock. You can grab one for yourself or you could gift it to a friend or a loved one.

There's always so much happening at the library with Baby Rhyme Time, Storytime, and the Toy Library.

School holidays will see activities on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to help with any holiday boredom.

Being a member of the library enables you to sign up to Hoopla and Borrowbox which allows you to watch, listen and read material in the comfort



of your own home without having to even make a physical trip down to the library. On Thursday June 20 from 10.30am, Australian author Nick Earls will be holding a Narrative Toolkit Workshop at the library for any aspiring authors.

The June school holidays are

starting at the end of this week, and with Mount Isa's great winter weather, there's no better way to keep the kids active and entertained than by taking them to Mount Isa's free parks.

From the Family Fun Precinct – which includes the Family Fun Park, Splashez, and the Skate Park – to the Gallipoli Park Pump Track, there's something to suit kids of all ages.

The Gallipoli Park Pump Track also has a Ninja Warrior-inspired covered workout area, a pedal park suitable for young kids, shaded seating, and barbecue facilities.

The Family Fun Park is always a popular choice and is open from 9am to 7pm every day. It includes a water-

play area, free barbecue facilities, a bike track, the Copper City Playground towers featuring a megalide and rope bridge, and a variety of play equipment for kids of all ages. The nearby Skate Park is suitable for all skill levels, whether they're on a skateboard, kick scooter, or rollerblades.

The recent soft opening of the Aqua Tower water slides at Splashez was well received by all who attended, and it is an excellent addition to the facility. Staff members put into practice all the training they had done prior to the opening, and it showed with the day going smoothly. The water slides are still open for the month of June on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-4pm.

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Did You Know?

- ADA Law provides a Seniors Legal and Support Services (SLASS) to help provide access to justice and legal advice for older people across western and Outback Queensland. The service aims to help seniors in these regional areas to uphold their rights, have a say in the things that impact their lives, and to live free from abuse and neglect, through ADA Law's legal support and advocacy service. People aged 60+ (or 50+ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) may be eligible. The service can help those in the region with legal information and advice; social worker interventions and assessments; elder abuse and mistreatment; neglect; financial matters; referral to other legal, community and aged care services; and representation in court or before the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). Ahead of their next outreach to Mount Isa, ADA Law welcomes the community to consider World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The United Nations has declared that June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. ADA Australia will be joining individual and community voices to bring awareness about this often hidden yet pervasive abuse of elders. Elder abuse can be difficult to recognise. If you are looking for the opportunity to be better informed about elder abuse, please visit www.adalaw.com.au or call 1800 232 529.

Chlorination Plant First of its Kind

Council recently toured the Mount Isa Sewage Treatment Plant to learn more about the new chlorination plant that has been constructed on the site.

The chloralkaline plant – built and run by company the DGL Group – should be operational by early July and will guarantee deliveries of fresh chlorine for use in the disinfection of recycled water produced by the treatment plant.

Previously, deliveries of sodium hypochlorite (hypo) were being made to the city on a monthly basis from manufacturers within Queensland.

Hypo is relatively safe to handle and is an effective disinfectant.

Chlorine gas is also a very effective disinfectant, but is dangerous to transport and handle.

However, hypo degrades with time, producing potentially carcinogenic chemicals in the process.

Hypo can degrade in as little as 12 days in summer temperatures in Mount Isa.



In early 2021, Council's chlorination system was reviewed.

Chlorinators are installed at each reservoir in Mount Isa, and at Camooweal.

In August 2021, the DGL Group put a

proposal to Council to construct a small chloralkaline plant in Mount Isa.

In December 2021, Council called for expressions of interest from other chlorine suppliers to gauge the level of interest in constructing a small plant in

Mount Isa; only DGL responded.

Council subsequently entered into an agreement with DGL to allow the plant to be built at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

This site was chosen as the majority of Council's hypo is used in the disinfection of recycled water, and the location significantly reduces the need for transporting the chemical.

It can also be dosed straight out of the chloralkaline plant and into the recycled water pipeline.

The DGL plant in Mount Isa is the first such facility in Australia.

DGL is constructing similar plants in Townsville and on the Sunshine Coast.

The plant in Mount Isa will significantly reduce the carbon footprint associated with water treatment and disinfection.

Pictured are, from left, Mayor Peta MacRae, Councillors John Doyle, Travis Crowther, John Tully, and Dan Ballard, and Council's Infrastructure Director Stephen Jewell.

Clean-Up of Dinner Camp Area

Council staff, volunteers, and members of the Kalkatungu Riverbed Cleaning Group conducted a clean-up of the Burke Street dinner camp area on Wednesday June 5.

Litter and debris were removed from footpaths and public areas, and

recyclable materials were collected for sorting. Council Parks and Gardens staff also removed invasive plants and overgrown grass in and around the dinner camp area. Thank you to everyone who took part in the clean-up.



Swim Safety Program Gets Funding

A new swim program to teach water safety skills to young people and adults from refugee and migrant backgrounds will be run in Mount Isa for the first time.

The State Government recently announced the North Queensland Inclusive Water Safety and Swimming Program has received a \$50,000 grant through the Celebrating Multicultural Queensland program, which will enable its delivery in Mount Isa in 2025.

The program for people from culturally diverse backgrounds will

deliver training in CPR and first aid, a TAFE English and water safety course to help them read and interpret water safety signage, and Make a Splash come-and-try days.

Participants will also be encouraged to complete aquatic industry training that could lead to future job opportunities.

"This program will enable participants to feel more confident in and around the water – which is such a big part of our lifestyle," Minister for Multicultural Affairs Charis Mullen said.

Temporary Road Closure in Lae Street

Council wishes to advise that the road surrounding 2 Lae Street is now closed temporarily, as of Friday, June 14, until to Tuesday, July 30.

During this period, a small section of Lae Street and Finschafen Street will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Council plans to excavate the road to complete an underground stormwater upgrade during this period.

Please contact Council on 4747 3200 or email city@mountisa.qld.gov.au if you have any further queries or concerns.

