

A guide to Mount Isa life



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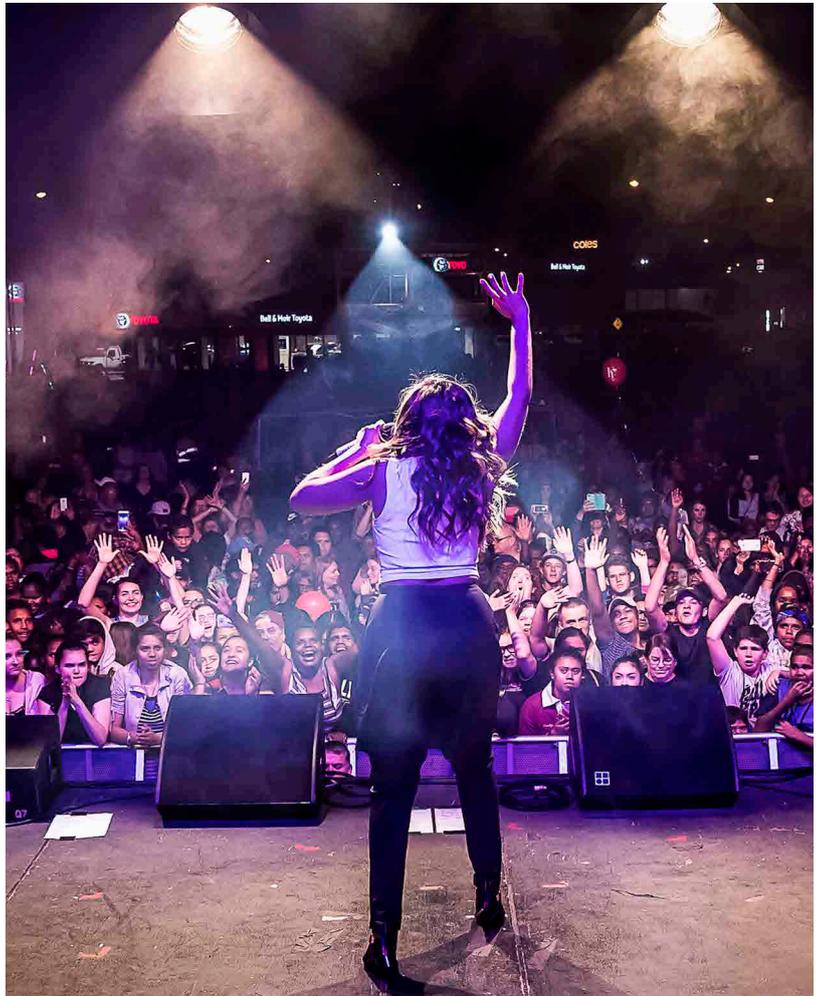
Just a two hour flight from Brisbane, Mount Isa is the beating heart of Queensland's vast North West Minerals Province; an inland oasis and a thriving hub of activity, set against the beauty of Australia's outback.

Founded as a frontier mining town in the early 1920s, Mount Isa is now the largest city in Queensland's western interior and one of Australia's major outback centres, blending the charm and laid-back feel of the country with the convenience and opportunities available on the coast.

With a strong sense of history, a friendly, tight-knit community and career and lifestyle opportunities in abundance, this diverse and surprising city is a great place to live, work and play.



The Mount Isa community is like an extended family that meets regularly at places like the family fun park, town pool, the lake, live music and entertainment venues, the golf course or the local cinema.



COMMUNITY

Mount Isa is a hive of activity with a friendly community vibe. With about 22,000 people calling the city home and a strong multi-cultural presence, Mount Isa retains the spirit and pride of a quintessential regional centre while offering the benefits, convenience and cosmopolitan lifestyle you'd come to expect of a much larger city.

The resources industry has attracted people from all over Australia and the world who are drawn to the ideal of launching or developing a mining career with the added benefit of a family-friendly and comfortable residential-based work arrangement. Once here, newcomers fall in love with the unique lifestyle, adopted sense of family and abundant opportunities that Mount Isa offers.

Throughout the year, the community comes together en masse for major events like the Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo (Australia's biggest and richest rodeo), and year round gala balls and glamorous race days.

Attending the Julia Creek Dirt and Dust Festival, Boulia Camel Races and Quamby Rodeo are a rite of passage for anyone who has moved to north-west Queensland. It all adds to the vibrancy of a city in the country and celebrates the pioneering history of the west.

The traditional owners of the land in and around the Mount Isa region are the Kalkadoon people whose rich cultural heritage has been retained by the preservation of their traditional customs, carvings, paintings, storytelling and sacred sites.

SERVICES AND RETAIL

Moving to Mount Isa certainly doesn't mean you need to leave your big city comforts behind.

Mount Isa is a hub for regional business, transport, services and government which brings the advantages of diversity and choice, particularly with the retail, health, fitness, religious, education facilities and community services available.

The city has a comprehensive range of alternative therapies, specialist medical practitioners and a regional base hospital.

There is something to suit all tastes, with a wide variety of both boutique and franchise retail and food options on offer in the CBD.

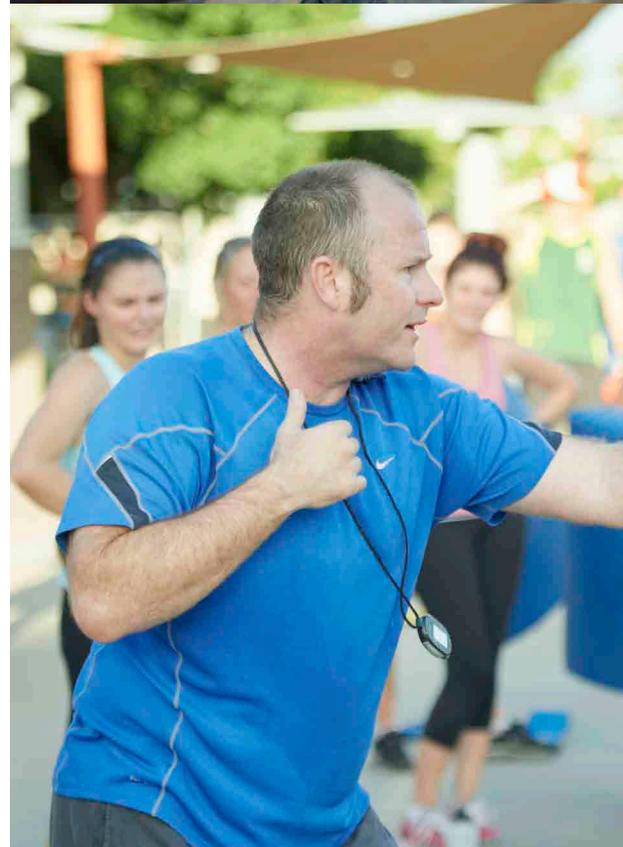
With a burgeoning café society, you can nip caffeine cravings in the bud with a quality coffee from a barista who knows your name and exactly how you like your latte.

If the café scene isn't your thing, there are a number of fast food outlets, quality pubs with legendary counter lunches and restaurants offering cuisine for all tastes. You won't need to ditch your diet either with vegetarian, vegan and paleo options readily catered to.

Contrary to what you might think, you don't have to don an Akubra and bedazzled jeans to fit in when moving to Mount Isa. The city's fashion hub boasts a suite of high-end boutiques offering a carefully curated collection of Australian and international designer labels, with well-known retailers and affordable chain stores all located within the thriving CBD.

Award winning beauty salons, gyms and supermarkets to boutiques and major retailers offering fashion, furnishings and everything needed for the car, boat, camp and tool shed are all located in Mount Isa's convenient city centre.

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With a surface area of almost 24 km², Lake Moondarra is only a stone's throw away from the city centre and provides the perfect conditions for any number of water sports and recreation activities with large groups of Isans taking to the water in their boats, jet skis and kayaks every weekend.

LIFESTYLE – THINGS TO SEE AND DO

While the decision to move to Mount Isa can often be motivated by a career path, people choose to stay in Mount Isa for the lifestyle. Sunny days, starry skies, friendly locals and the short commute to work every day all contribute to a lifestyle that is hard to beat.

Keep driving and you will be enjoying some of the best natural scenery in Australia: secret waterfalls, spectacular gorges and caves, mountain ranges, ancient rock paintings and the country's best fossil trails. Why not enjoy a picnic at Warrina Park, famous for its beautiful peacocks, and just around the corner from Mount Isa's crown jewel – Lake Moondarra.

Mount Isa brings out the adventurous spirit in everyone, with ample places to

explore and discover, fish, camp, 4WD or unwind as the sun sinks below the horizon across a red outback plain.

Rugged tracks are perfect for 4WD thrill seekers or mountain biking and the lakes and rivers attract fishing enthusiasts looking to do battle with the local barramundi.

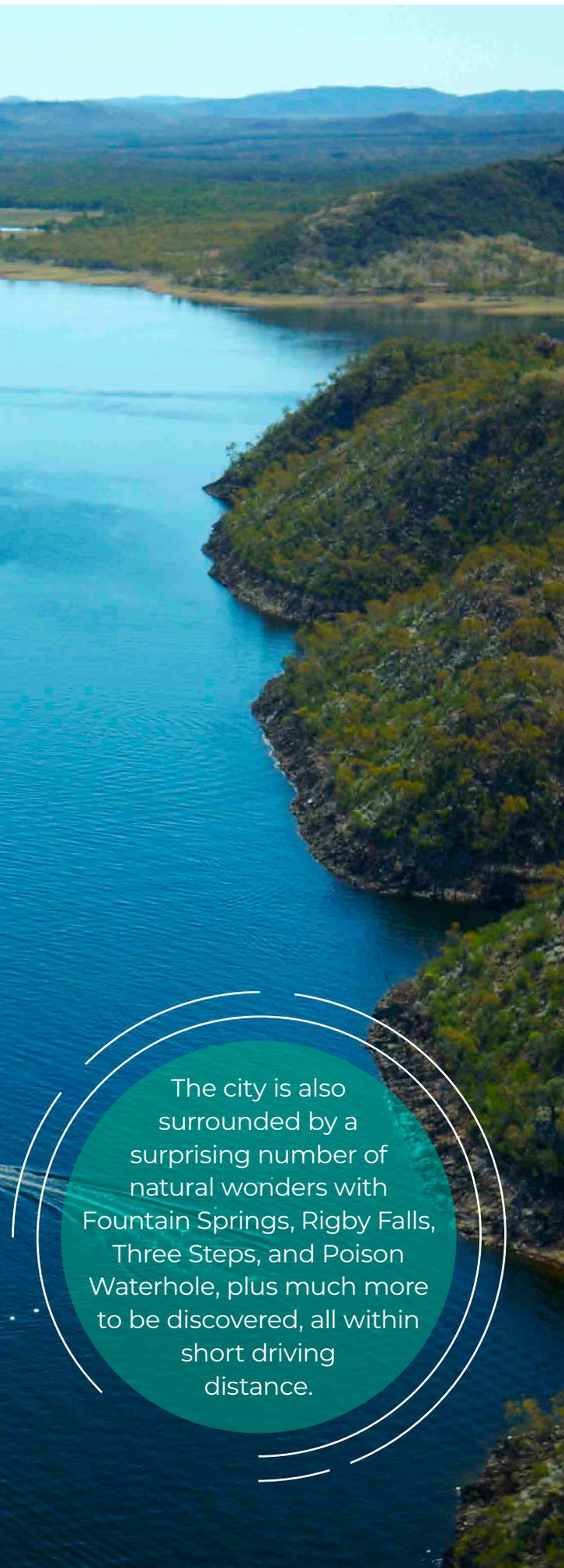
One can't consider themselves a true local until they have fully embraced the outback sense of adventure in all its glory. Take a trip along one of the many off road tracks and enjoy all that nature has to offer with a plethora of natural flora and fauna on display from kangaroos and wild pigs to emus and camels.

Back in town, there is an abundance of sport and recreational activities competing for your attention,

from rugby league, rugby union, Australian Rules, soccer and hockey, to gymnastics, acrobatics and trapeze, martial arts, go-karts and paintball! Mount Isa is arguably one of the most sport-centric cities in Australia, which possibly explains how it's produced champions like tennis great Pat Rafter, golf legend Greg Norman and football star Scott Prince, who were all born and/or raised right here in the Isa.

Equally, Mount Isa is recognised for its arts, various disciplines of dance, quilting, performance and visual arts and a fantastic live music scene means there is something for everyone.

There truly is something special about the Isa way of life and sense of adventure that you just don't get to experience in the big cities.



The city is also surrounded by a surprising number of natural wonders with Fountain Springs, Rigby Falls, Three Steps, and Poison Waterhole, plus much more to be discovered, all within short driving distance.



An average Mount Isa weekend:

- Sports in every code
- Retail therapy
- Race Days
- Nightlife
- Eclectic live music
- Sunday markets
- Catch a movie
- Weekend outback bush adventures – cave exploring, camping, 4WDing



FAMILY LIFE

There is an overwhelming sense of security which comes with raising your children in a tight-knit community like Mount Isa. With a cohesive community vibe, newcomers are embraced with open arms and it doesn't take long for new families to develop their own local support network.

Somewhat unique and highly sort after in the mining industry, working and living residentially means you get to go home to your own bed and see your family at the end of each work shift.

A workday commute of a few minutes, rather than hours spent battling traffic means you have more time to spend with the people who matter most. Making it to school and sporting functions, which previously may have required significant planning and precision, is no longer a barrier to fruitful family involvement.

Mount Isa has a resilient sporting culture, something that has been passed down and embraced by our youth. With almost all sporting codes represented and a number of excellent community groups such as Girl Guides and Scouts entrenched in our community, and numerous welcoming playgroups, children and families are spoilt for choice with unlimited options to keep them busy outside of school hours and on the weekend.

Schooling is an important aspect of any upbringing, with parents giving it priority when weighing up a decision on where to live. Mount Isa offers full-circle schooling options, catering for everything from childcare to public and catholic education, special needs and flexible education, TAFE and even university.



CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

- Five well established long day care facilities in addition to numerous family day care and holistic approach family day care options.
- A thriving au pair community, with many au pairs from all over the world choosing to call Mount Isa home as part of their Australian experience.
- Eleven kindergartens/facilities offering a kindergarten curriculum aimed at ensuring children are well equipped to start their schooling adventure.
- Eight primary schools spread across the town, including two private catholic schools. A number of the schools and local community groups also offer outside of school hour's care for a range of age groups.
- Two high-schools including a state school with a junior, senior and residential campus, and a private catholic school.
- Mount Isa Special School for students aged 5–18 years with an intellectual impairment, vision, hearing and/or physical disability. Mount Isa also has a number of essential services which cater to people with special needs.
- Mount Isa School of the Air offers distance education from Prep to Year 10 for isolated students in north-west Queensland.
- Mount Isa Flexible Learning Centre offers an alternative learning environment targeted towards students from diverse social, cultural and religious backgrounds with a particular sensitivity to Indigenous culture.
- Rounding out educational options, Mount Isa also has a TAFE Queensland North campus offering a wide vocational training options and a remote James Cook University campus offering a growing range of tertiary health care courses.



The Mount Isa Family Fun Park, Skate Park, Splashez Aquatic Centre, Kruttschnitt Oval and PCYC create a handy and popular recreational hub, for families year round all within short walking distance of each other.



Things to do with the family

- The big three – Family Fun Park, Skate Park, Splashez Aquatic Centre
- Tenpin bowling
- Catch a movie
- Mount Isa Library for story time, rhyme time and toy library playgroups
- Lunch dates at family-friendly pubs and restaurants





TRANSPORT

Getting around town is a breeze. Whilst the primary mode of public transport is by Taxi service, many essential services are all within walking distance.

Many of Mount Isa's popular clubs, and essential medical and community support services offer convenient courtesy bus services.

While Mount Isa may seem like a long way away from the coast, it is fully accessible by sealed roads, rail and plane.

Mount Isa Airport offers twice daily services to Brisbane and Townsville, and daily flights to Cairns. Mount Isa Airport also offers gateway services to remote outback communities in western Queensland. The area is serviced by Qantas/Qantas Link, Virgin and Regional Express (REX).

Mount Isa is also connected to the coast and the Northern Territory by regular bus and train services.

AIR

QANTAS

Mount Isa to Brisbane and Townsville

VIRGIN

Mount Isa to Brisbane

REX

Mount Isa to the Gulf and Cairns

BUS

BUS QUEENSLAND

Mount Isa to Brisbane and Townsville

GREYHOUND

Mount Isa to Brisbane, Townsville and Tennant Creek (NT)

RAIL

QUEENSLAND RAIL

The Inlander service between Mount Isa and Townsville



JANUARY

- New Year's Day Celebrations
- Australia Day Awards & Celebrations



MAY

- MINEX (biennial)
- St Kieran's Catholic School Mother's Day Fete
- Mount Isa Mother's Day Races



SEPTEMBER

- Mount Isa Spring Cup Race Day
- Cloncurry Spring Cup Race Day
- Mount Isa Multicultural Festival
- Mayor's Spring Charity Event



FEBRUARY

- Super Sports Expo
- Mount Isa Race Day
- Ronald McDonald Charity Ball



MARCH

- St Patrick's Race Day
- Mount Isa Beach Party Race Day
- Zonta International Women's Day Dinner



APRIL

- ANZAC Day Events
- Julia Creek Dirt 'n' Dust Festival
- Gregory River Canoe Marathon



JUNE

- Mount Isa & District Show
- Cloncurry & District Show
- Mount Isa Cup Race Day
- Great Western Games (biennial)
- Mount Isa Health Expo (biennial)
- Casa Grande Ball
- Mount Isa Eisteddfod



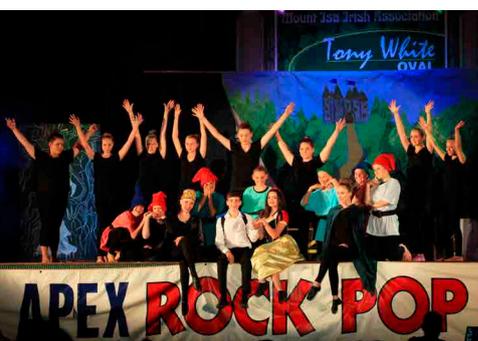
JULY

- Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge
- Mount Isa Winter Race Day
- Rockhana Gem & Mineral Festival
- Boulia Camel Races
- Outback to the Stack
- Quamby Rodeo
- NAIDOC Celebrations



AUGUST

- Isa Street Festival
- Mailman Express
- Mount Isa Mines Rodeo
- Rodeo Ball
- Curry Merry Muster
- Camooweal Drover's Camp
- Mount Isa Health Expo (biennial)



OCTOBER

- Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic
- Rock Pop Mime Show
- Northern Outback Business Awards
- Mount Isa Breast Cancer Race Day
- Cloncurry Cup Race Day



NOVEMBER

- Cloncurry & District Derby Day
- Mount Isa Melbourne Cup Race Day
- St Joseph's Catholic School Christmas Fair
- Mount Isa Mines Employee Christmas Party
- Mount Isa Carols by Candlelight



DECEMBER

- Mount Isa Christmas Race Day
- Mount Isa Mines Employee Christmas Party
- New Year's Eve Celebrations

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