

# Building our Regions

## Mount Isa Civic Centre and Library Upgrade



### Funding\*

<b>Total project cost</b>	<b>\$2.41 million</b>
BoR funding	\$1.084 million
Council funding	\$1.325 million

Human thermal comfort—that’s the technical term for how hot or cold you feel inside a building. In Mount Isa, where the mean maximum annual temperature is 31.9 degrees, appropriate thermal control inside community facilities such as the library and civic centre is a priority.

Research shows that library visitation and membership increases when human comfort is improved. Upgrades to the Mount Isa civic centre and library will allow these vital community facilities to continue to provide a comfortable place for local residents and visitors.

It will also ensure that the 40-year-old civic centre can cater for major events and activities.

The Mount Isa City Council project was funded in partnership with the Queensland Government, through Building our Regions. It includes replacing the existing heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems in the library and civic centre, as well as all auxiliary systems, ducting and exhaust fans. A new ducted system will also be installed in the currently unused upper floor, allowing for this space to be used by community.

The work will ensure that the civic complex can be appropriately temperature-controlled every day of the year.

According to Mount Isa City Council Mayor Joyce McCulloch these are key facilities for community education and cultural activities, and also provide a venue for touring events.

“Arts and cultural development contribute to community wellbeing, social inclusion and a sense of identity, particularly important given how isolated Mount Isa is,” she said.

“Providing quality arts and cultural infrastructure is essential for us to build a safe, caring and connected community.

“The civic centre is the main performing arts venue in the region and Northern Australia Live Entertainment Circuit, and it hosts local and touring shows that include major Queensland arts companies.



*Mount Isa Civic Centre and Library*



“Mount Isa is part of the Public Libraries Network supported by the State Library Queensland, which provides the community with access to local and statewide collections.”

Local services include a Toy Library and Kids’ Space with regular storytelling sessions—a great way of sharing the joy of books with very young children. Research indicates that children who are read aloud to on a regular basis when they are young, are readily able to learn to read more easily once they start school.

The library also provides its members and visitors with free Internet and word-processing access, and maintains a number of book collections for people with special needs.

\* Funding amounts referenced are as approved.