



# Celebrating 85 years of Isa

THIS year marks the 85th anniversary of commerce and community in Mount Isa.

A website celebrating the momentous occasion has gone live and promotes Mount Isa as a vibrant community that has played a key role in the economic development of Queensland.

Mount Isa Mayor John Malony said the website [www.celebrateisa.com.au](http://www.celebrateisa.com.au) would showcase the city to the world.

"Mount Isa grew with the mines to become a vibrant community that supports a substantial mining industry, vast agricultural operations and service industries," Cr Molony said.

"Historically we've been the home to Queensland's biggest business and Australia's largest copper mine."

Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce president Brett Peterson said the website acted as a gateway for people to find interesting information about the city, its history, its news and events, and the tourism attractions of the region.

"Over the last 85 years Mount Isa has played an important role in the economic growth of Queensland, from spearheading the revitalisation of the State's railways, to becoming Australia's largest single creator of export income in the 1950s," Mr Peterson said.

As well as providing information about the city, the site features a history page, events calendar, latest announcements, images, news, and links.

85th anniversary banners will be hung throughout the city as a visual reminder of the community's history.

Coinciding with the 85 years of business and commerce is the 85th anniversary of the establishment of Mount Isa Mines.

The occasion is being marked with numerous planned celebrations throughout the year including the erection of an energy-efficient light display on the head frame on site, an exhibition of memorabilia at this year's mining expo and several employee events.

Xstrata Copper North Queensland chief operating officer Steve de Kruijff said the company looked forward to celebrating the city's diverse history with the Mount Isa community.



**BANNER:** Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce president Brett Peterson (left) Xstrata Copper North Queensland chief operating officer Steve de Kruijff and Mount Isa Mayor John Molony hold the promotional banner high.



**SKYLINE:** Mount Isa by night with the 85th birthday symbol blazing from the headframe at Mount Isa Mines.