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90 years to light up the Mount Isa sky

Mount Isa, Thursday 21 February

This Saturday 23 February, Mount Isa's 90-year logo will light up the night sky above one of the city's most iconic landmarks, commemorating 90 years to the day since John Campbell Miles discovered lead-ore in outback Queensland, later named Mount Isa.

Mounted on the historic Urquhart Shaft head frame, the 16 x 16 metre installation, which features more than 10,000 LED lights, will be officially launched at 6pm this Saturday and will shine above the city from sunset to sunrise for the rest of the year.

Steve de Kruijff Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland said the installation will stand as a visual reminder of our rich history, and of the progress we have made over the past 90 years.

"From humble beginnings as a network of miners' camps in 1923, we have seen Mount Isa transform into a lively city of 22,000 residents, blending the charm and laid-back feel of the country with the convenience of city life," Mr de Kruijff said.

"As we celebrate Mount Isa's 90th birthday, we reflect with great pride on the significant place our city holds in the history books of Queensland, and the contribution we have made to the state's growth and economic prosperity over the years.

"We hope residents of Mount Isa join in the 90-year celebrations being held in the city throughout 2013. This year will be one to remember as we celebrate this milestone—only a handful of mining towns ever reach it."

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