



News release

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Christmas cheer shines over city as 90th year draws to a close

Mount Isa Mines is well and truly getting into the Christmas spirit, putting a festive spin on the mine's commemorative 90-year light installation.

Swapping the display's blue and orange for a cheery red and green colour scheme complete with a Santa hat, Mount Isa Mines' Christmas-themed 90-year lights will shine as the city celebrates the silly season and rings in Mount Isa's 91st year.

The 16 x 16 installation has shone brightly since 23 February this year, commemorating 90 years to the day since John Campbell Miles discovered lead-ore in the area that would become Mount Isa.

Steve de Kruijff Chief Operating Officer Copper Assets North Queensland said the seasonal twist given to the 90-year lights was a fun way for the mine to spread some Christmas cheer while paying homage to the city's rich history.

"It's our way of wishing the Mount Isa community a very Merry Christmas, and thanking the city for its support over our city's 90 years," Mr de Kruijff said.

"Mount Isa holds a significant place in Queensland's history books, and this city has contributed enormously to the state's growth and economic prosperity.

"This Christmas, I encourage the community to look back on our city's achievements of 2013, and as our 90th year draws to a close let's celebrate this exciting new chapter in Mount Isa's story."

Mount Isa Mines' Christmas-themed 90-year display will light up the night sky above the mine's historic Urquhart Shaft until the end of December.

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The site includes two copper underground mines, one zinc underground mine and two zinc open cut mines; the copper concentrator and smelter, as well as the zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and zinc filter plant. Together, these represent Australia's largest industrial complex.

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