



There is plenty happening in the waste services space for Ipswich City Council, which is committed to providing a quality service to the community. Read more about how council is boosting the city's waste services fleet inside. Pictured left to right: Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland, Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen, Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully, Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic, Mayor Teresa Harding, Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle, Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner, Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan

Welcome to the Spring edition of your council newsletter Community Matters.

Spring is in full swing and as Ipswich warms up, more of us will take the opportunity to get outside and be active.

Our city is Queensland's sporting heartland, the home of Ash Barty, Shane Watson, the Walters Brothers, Ali Brigginshaw and so many more greats, and without the clubs, the coaches and volunteers, our local sporting legends may not have ever come to be.

Council is committed to supporting local sporting clubs and delivering high-quality facilities across the city as we prepare to welcome and nurture world-class athletes for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics.

Council has officially taken off from the starting line in our legacy planning towards the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Brighton Homes Arena in Springfield Central, home to the Brisbane Lions, has been flagged as a potential venue for the 2032 Games and we have committed to working with our community, sporting and business

leaders over the coming months to develop a legacy roadmap for the Ipswich region.

Giving the community an opportunity to discuss and identify the city's priorities in the lead-up to and beyond the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a priority for council.

There is a long list of legacy opportunities for the region including sport and healthy lifestyle pathways, economic benefits from an increased visitor economy and a region that is connected by world class transport and digital infrastructure that drives our economic connectivity.

The runway to 2032 is a golden opportunity to focus on fuelling new economic growth, jobs for the future and improved transport infrastructure.

Council continues to advocate for funding to advance the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct, which would bring a 12,000 capacity rectangular stadium, providing a venue for major events close the city heart.

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games swimmers Ella Ramsey, Mollie O'Callaghan and hockey umpire Steve Rogers are fantastic role models and an inspiration to many of our children who have started dreaming of emulating their success

on home soil for the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

They will be honoured at this year's 2022 Ipswich Sport Awards in November, alongside Ipswich's best athletes, coaches, officials, organisations and sporting volunteers.

Council is delighted to support grass-root community organisations. Through the Community Projects and Events Funding Program, council provides financial support to local community and sporting groups to deliver one-off projects, activities, sporting and community events that are of benefit to the local community.

As Queensland's fastest growing city, we value the contribution of our sporting community and we continue to advocate for social infrastructure that which makes our community more active and healthier while providing an avenue for positive social connections.

With affordable housing, great schools and proximity to Brisbane, now is the time to solidify our reputation as a sports-friendly city capable of producing some to the world's top athletes.

Mayor Teresa Harding

SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH MONTH KICKS OFF

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual celebration of everyday actions we can take as individuals and as a community to create a more liveable city.

With free and immersive activities planned across October, it is an opportunity for the community and businesses to be involved in promoting and celebrating sustainability in all its forms.

Highlights include open gardens, a youth sustainability summit, native plant sales and swaps, workshops on reducing food

waste and a virtual reality experience on the urban heat island effect.

You will be inspired with easy sustainability tips, hacks and actions you can immediately introduce into your everyday life.

The program is a mix of council and community events and activities that will provide great sustainability outcomes for our city and Ipswich's beautiful natural environment.

Find out more at ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability

IPSWICH'S FLOOD RECOVERY CONTINUES

Impacted residents, businesses and community groups are still getting back on their feet after two flood events earlier this year, and there is still a long way to go as our community recovers.

Floodwaters damaged almost 600 dwellings, 300 businesses, more than 250 vehicles, as well as loss of livestock.

Council has allocated \$30 million in its budget for flood recovery, and over the past eight months has filled thousands of potholes, reopening more than 100 roads, bridges and parks, as well as repaired environment estates and conservation reserves.

As part of council's 2022 Ipswich Floods Review, a report will be released to the community in December aimed at improving the city's preparedness and response to future flood events.



If your home was flooded you can register interest in the Resilient Homes Fund with the Queensland Government for retrofitting or house raising, or the voluntary buy-back of homes in severe cases.

If you have issues with an insurance claim or repair job, you can raise concerns with the insurer directly to allow them the opportunity to rectify the issue.

You can also contact the Insurance Council of Australia's consumer hotline on 1800 734 621.

Impacted residents and community groups can access flood recovery information at ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery

NEW PLANNING SCHEME HITS KEY MILESTONE

A new Ipswich Planning Scheme to help manage the city's state-leading growth is a step closer to completion after council endorsed a first draft of the scheme for State Government review.

Council prepared the draft after a series of community engagement activities and it will now be reviewed by the State Government before further community consultation, expected next year.

Council's current planning scheme is one of the oldest in the state and well overdue for updating.

The current scheme has helped provide a framework to manage the growth of the community by 100,000 people.

However, the challenges our city faces today and into the future are not the same as they were when the current scheme was developed.

Our city's population of 241,000 is expected to more than double in the years ahead to 520,000 by 2041.

To manage this growth, we need a planning scheme based on current best practice planning principles to ensure the extra 112,000 dwellings our city will accommodate by 2041 are developed in a sustainable way that enhances our city's way of life.

Residents and stakeholders will remain at the forefront of the scheme's creation with a further round of formal community consultation expected to be held in 2023 after the State Government's review of the first draft.

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 241,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



NEW TRUCKS TO BOOST CITY'S WASTE SERVICES FLEET

Council will soon welcome the arrival of the first 10 new sidearm waste collection vehicles of the initial 28 ordered to replace the current fleet, improving household waste collection across Ipswich.

With our region's continuing high growth rates comes the ever-increasing challenge of maintaining and managing our waste and recycling system.

On top of the additional vehicles needed to keep up with household demand, council are planning and funding the infrastructure to provide the everyday services we know the community expects.

Over this financial year, we will see the first part of an ongoing multi-year investment in Recycling and Refuse Centre upgrades at Riverview and development works for an improved facility in Ipswich's west.

Early development and concept works are also planned for a new

major facility in Ipswich's south to best service some of our fastest growing suburbs.

Furthermore, council has allocated \$6.3 million towards a potential new Materials Recovery Facility, in partnership with Logan and Redlands City councils, to improve Ipswich's recycling processes.

This will likely see site works commence during the current financial year, in preparation for the construction later next year, following the outcomes of final business cases and council approvals.

The strategic investment in the city's waste services is part of council's ongoing commitment to delivering first-class services and keeping pace with rapid growth and transformation of our region.

A long-term Resource Recovery Strategy detailing how council will deliver on the city's vision for waste management and resource recovery has been endorsed by council,

further building on our commitment to the Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Directive.

In addition to this, a new Waste Infrastructure Plan will be delivered this year.

The strategy and upcoming infrastructure plan are designed to make positive changes for the community, including reducing waste generation and increasing resource recovery through best practices, education and collaboration.

In addition to delivering improvements to Recycling and Refuse Centres, council is planning to begin community engagement early next year on Ipswich's new planning scheme, which will include policy mechanisms around waste and industrial developments to better protect the community.

To learn when your household waste is scheduled for collection check council's Bin Collection Calendar on ipswich.qld.gov.au



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Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding says council is working to improve the city's waste service

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES WITH INLAND RAIL

The Australian Rail Track Corporation is proposing the construction of a 1,700 kilometre freight rail line that will connect Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the two local sections of the proposed national rail line area are Helidon-to-Calvert and Calvert-to-Kagaru, passing through Grandchester, Calvert, Ebenezer and Purga.

"The proposed 47 kilometre Helidon-to-Calvert section involves the construction of a new

dual gauge rail line using existing rail corridors," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the proposed 53 kilometre Calvert-to-Kagaru section also included constructing a new dual gauge track.

"The Inland Rail project often organises in-person and online workshops to discuss impacts on the community and the environment as well as employment and businesses opportunities," Cr Ireland said.

For the most up-to-date information about the project phone 1800 732 761 or visit Inlandrail.artc.com.au

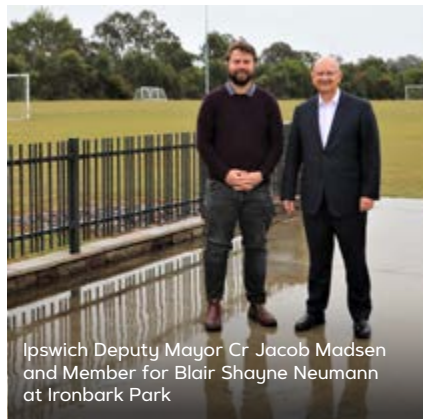
IRONBARK PARK UPGRADES

A modern clubhouse, changerooms and supporting infrastructure are planned for Ironbark Park as part of a \$1.5 million project to upgrade to the popular South Ripley playing fields.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the planned upgrades to the playing fields would include the removal of the existing temporary structures.

"Ironbark Park was South Ripley's first major sports ground and is home to the Ripley Valley Football Club seniors, women's and junior teams as well as being a popular recreation space for families," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the clubhouse project was in final planning stages and was scheduled to commence construction in the first quarter of 2023.



Ipswich Deputy Mayor Cr Jacob Madsen and Member for Blair Shayne Neumann at Ironbark Park

"Council is committed to meeting the needs of local athletes young and old as well as improve the safety and playing conditions of the fields for all age groups," Cr Ireland.

"The new facility will include a meeting space, canteen kitchen, changerooms and modern amenities to better service Ironbark Park users, which will greatly benefit local residents, families and the wider Ipswich sporting community."

For more information about the project visit Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects

NEW LIGHTS FOR FERNBROOKE OVAL

Things are about to get a whole light brighter at Fernbrooke Oval at Redbank Plains.

New LED lights will be installed to improve player and spectator safety at a cost of \$600,000.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said work on the project will start soon.

"The new lights are needed to accommodate the increase in local participation in sport as the region grows," Cr Madsen said.

"As the city grows so do our sports teams and we want to cater for that growth.

"The good thing about LED lights is they significantly reduce running and maintenance costs when compared to other lighting systems."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the new lights will be welcomed by local sports teams and the community.

"The new lighting means these fields can also be utilised both during the day and at night," Cr Ireland said.

"Once complete, the new lights will open up and lighten the park, add to its appeal and also improve safety."

Division 1 stretches from Mt Mort in the west to White Rock in the east and includes Blackstone, Calvert, Deebing Heights, Ebenezer, Flinders View, Goolman, Grandchester, Jeebropilly, Lower Mount Walker, Mount Forbes, Mount Walker West, Mutdapilly, Peak Crossing, Purga, Raceview, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Swanbank and Willowbank.



IN BRIEF

Nominate a local legend

It is time to show thanks to local heroes and those inspiring individuals that better our community. Do you know someone who goes above and beyond? Perhaps you attended an event that greatly benefited our city? Show your recognition and appreciation with the honour of an Australia Day Award. Submit your nomination in three easy steps by visiting ipswich.qld.gov.au

Have you got a plan?

South East Queensland is now officially in its bushfire season and will be until the end of summer. Residents should not assume they will receive a warning as a bushfire approaches or that emergency services and crews will be able to assist every property in danger. For information about how to make a bushfire survival plan visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/emergency_management

Burns reduce fire risk

Council will undertake hazard reduction burns to reduce the risk of bushfires that may threaten properties and the community. Burns will be concentrated within White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation Estate near Paperbark Flats entry, Flinders – Goolman Conservation Estate near Flinders Plum entry, Hillview Drive Reserve near corner of Hillview and Riverside Drive, and in northern and southern sections of Mount Grandchester Conservation Estate.

REDBANK PLAINS ROAD TRANSFORMATION SHIFTS GEARS

Big changes to Redbank Plains Road are underway as the major upgrade project enters its third stage.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said Stage 3 would convert the section from Kruger Parade to Keidges Road into a four-lane carriageway with a footpath, on-road bicycle lanes and additional traffic signals.

“The first phase of works such as relocating underground services, power poles and changes to side streets began in August 2021 on the western side near Highbury Drive,” Cr Madsen said.

“There will be traffic control in place to allow the works to happen safely while maintaining access for residents and local businesses.

“Redbank Plains is consistently one of Ipswich’s fastest growing suburbs, and this major project is a vital part of the city’s road infrastructure that

needs to be in place to cater for local demand.”

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said council would continue to engage with residents and businesses within the project’s construction footprint.

“Major works such as these can cause disruptions, and we thank residents and road users for their patience during this significant transformation,” Cr Ireland said.

“Redbank Plains is a growing and dynamic area, and this major upgrade will bring long-term benefits to the area and the city of Ipswich.”

Stage 3 of Redbank Plains Road upgrade has been funded by the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and Ipswich City Council.

You can learn about council’s capital works program at Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects



State Member for Bundamba Lance McCallum and Ipswich Deputy Mayor Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen are pleased Redbank Plains Road upgrades will continue

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FENCING IMPROVES SAFETY

Additional fencing will be installed in various areas of the popular Robelle Domain Parklands to improve pedestrian safety.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the measures are about creating safe spaces for people to walk and cycle.

"The Robelle Domain Parklands are a paradise for local families with thousands of people using the facilities there every week," Cr Jonic said.

"We want to avoid the area being damaged by vandals who try and enter the grounds with cars or other illegal vehicles and fencing will prevent this."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the \$192,000 investment in new fencing is necessary so residents feel secure while visiting the park.

"There's always someone who will try and do the wrong thing, and this is not only about the safety of park users but also protecting the Domain's facilities," Cr Tully said.

SPRINGFIELD LAKES FLOOD GAUGES

Two flood gauges will be installed in Springfield Lakes as part of council's efforts to improve flood mitigation and drainage across the city.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the safety of the community was a council priority as the region prepares for another wet summer.

"Currently, the storage levels of the three lakes in Springfield are monitored monthly during routine inspections and daily during a flood event," Cr Jonic said.

"The new gauges will provide constant monitoring of storage levels and rainfall events with the data relayed to staff in real-time."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the new flood gauges will cost \$180,000 and be installed at Springfield Lakes in the coming months.

"While the Springfield Lakes are not commonly prone to major flooding, these gauges will form part of an effective dam safety management system in Ipswich to best alert authorities during intense periods of rainfall and potential flood events," Cr Tully said.

For information about how to best prepare you home in an emergency visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/emergency_management

SUBURBS AWASH WITH PURPLE



Division 2 Councillors Paul Tully and Nicole Jonic with jacaranda trees at Goodna

Residents will soon be able to enjoy their annual love affair with jacaranda trees when 100 new examples of the vivid purple species start blooming in local parks.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said new trees were planted last year in Evan Marginson Park, Kippen Park, Leslie Park, Warren Park and Richardson Park.

"Jacaranda's have been adding their splash of colour in our division for almost a century and continue to delight residents with their vibrant flowers during spring," Cr Jonic said.

"It was terribly sad to see the damage caused to trees by storms

and simple old age last year, but it will be amazing to see the new trees add to the purple ground carpet in years to come."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the beauty provided by the jacaranda trees came about by forward-thinking pioneer residents.

"The original trees were planted in 1932 during the Great Depression and most have stood the test of time," Cr Tully said.

"Many of them continue to draw visitors each year with their vibrant flowers, turning lucky streets and parks awash with purple blooms."

Division 2 stretches from Gables in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Carole Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, part of Redbank, Springfield, Springfield Central and Springfield Lakes.



IN BRIEF

Upgrades continue

Works are well underway for Stages 1 through 3 of council's largest road project, the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial duplication and upgrade. Early works such as earthworks, retaining walls, service relocations and the construction of a bridge over Opossum Creek are almost complete. Stage 2 on Springfield Parkway from Hymba Yumba Community Hub to Topaz Road is under design, and Stage 3 is in the final design phase.

Join Garage Sale Trail

Registrations are now open for the Garage Sale Trail, taking place over two weekends in November. Setting up your free listing takes less than five minutes, and you can earn money while saving thousands of kilograms of waste from ending up in landfill. Anyone can register, from households and community groups to a whole street, school and businesses. To register visit GarageSaleTrail.com.au

Chat with your councillors

Community Matters catch-ups are a great way to speak directly with your councillors and learn more about what is happening in your community. The Community Matters program provides residents with an opportunity to regularly engage with councillors and discuss important local issues. For more information visit lpswich.qld.gov.au

FINISH LINE IN SIGHT FOR SPRINGFIELD STADIUM

Construction of the \$80 million Brighton Homes Arena has entered the final quarter as the Brisbane Lions' AFLW team prepares to christen the oval this summer.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the stadium and Elite Performance Centre will be home to the Brisbane Lions' AFL and AFLW teams and provide world-class facilities for local sports, clubs and the community.

"Finishing touches are being made to the complex's many buildings, turf is being laid on the completed playing oval and public art and landscaping will be installed very soon," Cr Jonic said.

"Brisbane Lions operations will move in this month, and in the following weeks the community hub will open featuring a café, Lions-themed bar, function rooms, an auditorium

and space for programs run by Multicultural Australia."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said public facilities including a gym and wellness centre will open progressively toward the end of the year.

"There will also be a childcare centre, a playground and outdoor exercise equipment in addition to sporting events, markets and festivals," Cr Tully said.

"A grand opening event is being planned where fans will be able to meet players, take behind-the-scenes tours, kick the footy on lush new oval and plenty more.

"Council's \$20 million investment into the complex will support our region by drawing visitors from far and wide, provide opportunities for local athletes and generate economic benefits for local businesses."



Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully are excited to see the new Brighton Homes Arena nearing completion

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NEW-LOOK SHOPFRONTS BOOST BUSINESS

Twelve Ipswich businesses are giving their shopfronts a whole new look through council's Façade Improvement Program with council matching dollar for dollar funds up to \$15,000 for the refurbishments.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle highlighted that whether it's a fresh coat of paint, replaced awnings or additional lighting, façade renovations freshen up

the Ipswich Central streetscape and encourage people to walk and stay longer in town and spend more in local businesses.

"Applications that supported local trades and businesses were

scored higher creating a rippling economic boost through Ipswich," Cr Doyle said.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said that for every \$1 council invested through the 2021-22 round of the Façade Improvement Program, \$2.40 was invested by private building owners.

"Council's investment in Ipswich Central has helped to showcase the city centre as a desirable location for commerce with 21 new businesses commencing trade since June 2021," Cr Fechner said.

QUEENS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to funding made available in this year's council budget, pathways have been upgraded at Queens Park.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council has constructed a new section of footpath along Goleby Avenue to provide pedestrian connection from the footpath at the centre of the hill to Merle Finimore Avenue.

"This new concrete footpath has improved park amenity and access," Cr Doyle said. "The new length of footpath required some reconstruction of existing kerb ramps along with additional landscaping and new turf."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said Queens Park is one of the city's most beloved attractions and its footpaths are well used by visitors.

"These improvements will help ensure visitors can continue to enjoy and be proud of the park," Cr Fechner said.

"Queen's Park is a hive of outdoor activity throughout the year and we want to encourage our residents to get out and walk and provide safe ways for them to do so."

Features of the park include the Japanese style Nerima Gardens, the Ipswich Nature Centre, children's playground, Bush House, Bush Chapel, Queens Park Croquet Hall, several sporting clubs, cafe and Environmental Education Centre.

UPGRADES FOR BMX PARK

The Willey Street Park BMX track will receive a \$1.5 million upgrade as part of council's commitment to provide facilities that meet the needs of younger residents.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said council's significant investment reflected the community's passion for parks, sport and the environment.

"The Willey Street Park upgrade will include new pathways, toilets, a canteen and storage facilities," Cr Fechner said.

"This \$1.5 million investment includes a much appreciated \$500,000 grant from the State Government.

"Once completed this will be an even better facility for the local BMX community that's sure to attract the attention of state and national competition organisers."

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council is committed to supporting home-grown sporting clubs and organisations.



Ipswich and West Moreton BMX Club Grant Coordinator Tanya Thompson, Cr Fechner, Club President Karley Bryce, Cr Doyle at the Ipswich BMX track

"Across Ipswich, these are the grounds where skills are developed, fitness is honed and future champions are made," Cr Doyle said.

"The Willey Street Park, home to the fantastic Ipswich & West Moreton BMX Club, is an important facility for local BMX riders.

"Council has listened to the club and riders to help ensure the forthcoming upgrade meets their needs.

"Planning has begun on a design for a new building which will house the canteen, office, first aid, toilets and storage."

Division 3 stretches from One Mile and Leichhardt in the west to parts of Redbank in the east, and includes Basin Pocket, Booval, Bundamba, Coalfalls, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, East Ipswich, Eastern Heights, Ebbw Vale, Newtown, North Booval, Riverview, Sadliers Crossing, Silkstone, Woodend and more.



IN BRIEF

Halloween Spook-tacular

Why didn't the ghost dance at the party? Because she had no BODY to dance with! However, there will be plenty of bodies at the free, family-friendly Halloween events at Tulumur Place, Friday 28 and Saturday 29 October, 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Dress up in your spookiest costume for a Halloween-themed kids disco, a Casper the Friendly Ghost live show, graveyard donut decorating, and prizes for best costumes.

Catch-up with your councillor

Catch-up with Division 3 Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner at your local shopping centre this month.

- **Booval Fair Shopping Centre**
Wednesday 12 October
10.00 am - 11.30am
- **Ipswich Homemaker Centre, West Ipswich**
Saturday 15 October
10.00 am - 11.30am

Nicholas Street Precinct grows

Ipswich's CBD revitalisation continues as more eateries, restaurants, cafes, bars and retail stores open their doors as the Nicholas Street Precinct takes shape. Boutique beauticians Austhetica and Sofia Nails have also signed on alongside Gelatissimo, That Dumpling Place, Zambrero, Sushi Hyo, Hoyts Cinemas and AusHotels. To keep up to date with the redevelopment visit Nicholasst.com.au

COUNCIL TO LIFT POOL TEMPERATURE

Pool users at the Georgie Conway Leichhardt Community Swim Centre will soon feel the summer warmth year-round.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said that council had listened to community calls to increase the pool temperature.

"The Georgie Conway Leichhardt Community Swim Centre is well-loved by the community," Cr Fechner said.

"However, the pool is also an important facility where older residents, people with disability, and those undertaking rehabilitation programs can access water exercise and hydrotherapy activities.

"Through a recent council engagement process, pool users indicated the pool is not warm enough and this was impacting their use of the facility, particularly in winter.

"I'm delighted to say that council will act on these concerns and

transition from gas to electric heaters at the swim centre.

"Once the existing gas heaters are replaced with electric heaters, we intend to heat the pool to the requested 32 degrees.

Concerns about the pool temperature were first raised by local resident Mr Ken Alderton.

A report to council said 29 degrees was consistent with other SEQ pools and that it would be extremely costly to lift the temperature with the outdated gas heaters.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council had listened and found an affordable and sustainable solution.

"Council has already installed a new switchboard to accommodate the new heaters when they arrive," Cr Doyle said.

"I want to thank everyone who shared feedback with us and we are pleased to be able to secure a good outcome for our residents."



Councillor Andrew Fechner, resident Ken Alderton and Councillor Marnie Doyle at the Georgie Conway Leichhardt Community Swim Centre

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BORALLON STATION ROAD UPGRADE

Council is planning to upgrade Borallon Station Road in Pine Mountain to a safer, sealed road surface.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the project will be designed this financial year and construction will be carried out over the next couple of years.

"The \$1.52 million upgrades will convert a 1.2 kilometre stretch of Borallon Station from a gravel surface to a dual-lane sealed road," Cr Milligan said.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said council is committed to ensuring residents

outside Ipswich's urban footprint can drive with confidence on our region's growing road network.

"These road surface upgrades will improve road safety and reduce dust and other impacts on residents," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"I thank local residents for their feedback on rural roads, as council looks to continue upgrading our existing rural road network to keep pace with our region's growth."

Road resurfacing works on nearby Pine Mountain Road are also scheduled over the coming months.

THAGOONA TO BENEFIT FROM IMPROVEMENTS

Significant upgrades are on the way for Thagoona as council has begun designing road surface reconstruction works and culvert rehabilitation along Adelong Avenue.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the council had assessed the condition of Adelong Avenue's road surface and pavement to determine the best course of action for residents.

"Important concept and design work worth \$115,000 will be undertaken this year, with council planning to install better stormwater drainage and undertake pavement reconstruction works that will have a minimum design life of 20 years," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The upgrades will focus on improving the entire length of street, from Thagoona-Haigslea Road to Cummins Road."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the two projects are in the detailed planning stages and is scheduled to be designed over the current financial year.

"Once completed local residents will really notice a smoother drive, and the upgrades will greatly extend the life of the road and improve access to driveways," Cr Milligan said.

For more information about the two projects visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

CREATING A GREENER FUTURE

Further tree and shrub planting will soon be underway as part of council's new Urban Greening Plan.

The Urban Greening Plan has been developed to protect vegetation and wildlife living alongside our urban environment as well as providing greening benefits for the Ipswich community.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said increasing greening projects is one way of supporting peoples' well-being and our native environment, while addressing climate change.

"Planting more trees and shrubs provides shade to protect from heat, improves water quality by reducing runoff, builds better habitats for plants and animals, beautifies the city centre and improves amenity," Cr Kunzelmann said.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said residents and businesses will see many benefits of identifying areas for more tree planting.

"The Urban Greening Plan is more than just building new parks -



Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan and Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann at the urban greening site in John Street, Rosewood

it's about planting native trees and plants in suburban streets, community gardens and business areas," Cr Milligan said.

"We will continue to create more green areas across the city as new street plantings are undertaken."

Residents can also play a part in greening their homes by taking advantage of council's Free Plant program.

Division 4 stretches from Woolshed in the west to Barellan Point in the east, and includes Rosewood, Walloon, Brassall, Amberley, Pine Mountain, Yamanto, Karalee, Marburg and more.



IN BRIEF

Grants up for grabs

Council funding and support is available to your community group, project or partnership, from one-off projects to events sponsorship. Council is committed to supporting local initiatives and partnerships that encourage participation in community life, celebrate our culture and diversity, foster social cohesion and contribute to a vibrant, healthy and sustainable city. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/funding-and-support

App for your bins

Download council's Ipswich Bin app to your smartphone to know when the right day is to put your bin out. The app's features include bin day reminders, whether it is your general waste, recycling or FOGO bin collection week, when your rubbish bins are scheduled for collection, waste sorting tips and updates on other waste services near you. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/waste-and-recycling

Check the mow map

Did you know council's mowing schedule is online? The interactive, colour-coded map allows residents to see when their local park is next scheduled to be mowed. Other area types such as natural areas or bushland are not captured by the schedule. For more information on the mowing map and to see when your favourite park last received a haircut visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TIME IN SUTTON PARK

We are making a list and checking it twice as planning for this year's Christmas in Ipswich events is underway.

Brassall Christmas in the Park is one of the many community-run events supported by council.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said council recognises the important contribution events generate in the community.

"Through the Community Projects and Events Funding Program, council provides financial support to local community groups to deliver events such as Brassall Christmas in the Park," Cr Milligan said.

"The atmosphere is festive with family groups sitting around on rugs or folding chairs, with an ambience of compassion and community, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

"I encourage you join in the festive spirit and come along to one of the many Christmas in Ipswich events."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said there is much to celebrate.

"It's been a challenging year for many residents with floods and the ongoing pandemic, but this event gives our community an opportunity to look forward and celebrate the festive season," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"Christmas in Ipswich is back with the lighting installation in Nicholas Street Precinct to return as well as the Christmas Lights Competition, Christmas Lights tours and a host of community events"

Brassall Christmas in the Park 2022 will be held on Friday 25 November from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm in Sutton Park.



Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan and Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann get into the spirit of Christmas at Sutton Park

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Community Matters

Catch up with your Councillors



Easily catch up with your Councillors in your local area.

- Invite your divisional Councillors to your next community, sport or club meeting.
- Book an appointment to meet at your local library branch – Springfield Central, Redbank Plains and Rosewood.
- Attend a local community catch up in your area.

To organise a meeting email council@ipswich.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3810 6666.

For the full list of locations, dates and times visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters or call (07) 3810 6666.



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