



2023 Ipswich Australia Day Award winners, left to right, Sport and Recreation Award winner Mat Britton, Cultural Award winner Robin 'Tallman' Wakkajinda, Senior Citizen of the Year Award winner Rita Langer, Citizen of the Year Award winner Donna Cavanagh, Young Citizen of the Year Award winner Noah Springall, and Community Group of the Year Award winner Marburg and District Residents Association, represented by president Barry Gratton

Welcome to the first edition of Community Matters for 2023.

One of the things we are known for in Ipswich is our strong sense of community and how we look out for each other. I was recently at the 60th birthday celebrations for Lifeline Queensland with the wonderful team at Lifeline Ipswich and West Moreton.

A common comment from many of the team who are from all over South East Queensland, is that Ipswich has a noticeable strong sense of community.

Volunteers are our unsung heroes, working tirelessly to provide support to our community.

One way we as a community can give back to people in our city who make a positive impact, is to nominate them for one of the 2024 Ipswich Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Ipswich Australia Day Awards, and I encourage everyone to take some time to think about who you admire, who you look up to, and why. Whether it's a devoted volunteer, a positive role model, or a community group that has gone above and beyond, these Ipswich residents deserve to be recognised. The quiet achievers, and those behind the scenes, should be celebrated and appreciated.

The 2024 Ipswich Australia Day Award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Cultural Award
- Sport and Recreation Award
- Community Group of the Year

To nominate, visit council's website – nominations close 5 November 2023.

Autumn is also the time for celebrations – not least the Ipswich Show's 150th anniversary, set for 19, 20, and 21 May. It's going to be an incredible event, and council is proud to provide a \$63,000 partnership to support the Show's expanded program.

That 150th celebration will be proudly backed up by the annual Rosewood Show on 30 June to 1 July, and the Marburg Show on 13 May.

Ipswich's agricultural shows are the pinnacle of regional communities, bringing everyone from farmers to city-dwellers together.

It's a testament to our community that each year these shows grow bigger and better. I can't wait to stroll through the stalls, enjoy the ringside entertainment, admire the produce and craft exhibits. Ipswich City Council will have a stand at the Ipswich Show, please feel free to drop in for a chat.

Mayor Teresa Harding

BUDGET BALANCING FOR GROWTH AND INCREASED COSTS

Annual budget discussions are well advanced and council is striving to find the right balance between delivering for our growing city and managing rising costs.

Ipswich remains Queensland's faster growing city and is not immune from the cost and infrastructure challenges that arise when trying to provide a great lifestyle for residents.

The world is still recovering from the effects of COVID-19 and the

ongoing conflict in Ukraine on global supply chains and the cost of products.

"Council, much like households, is facing rising costs but is committed to doing all that we can to keep rates reasonable while providing quality services," Mayor Harding said.

A special meeting for the adoption of council's 2023-2024 Budget has been set for 9.00 am on Thursday 22 June 2023.

UPDATE ON OUR CITY'S FLOOD RECOVERY

More than one year on from the devastating February 2022 flood that inundated Ipswich causing massive damage, recovery projects are continuing across the city.

Recovery from the February flood was delayed when a smaller flood came through Ipswich just months later in May.

Since then, council has been focused on rebuilding the lives and livelihoods of our residents, restoring our city to be more resilient, and supporting our community in recovery.

Council has spent more than \$24 million on Ipswich's flood recovery, including \$8.7 million on the Voluntary Home Buy-Back program, and \$8.2 million on emergency response and repairs.

More than \$6.5 million has been spent on the reconstruction of roads, parks, drainage, street and sports field lighting.

Major recovery work that has been completed include the reopening of Joseph Brady and Bob Gamble parks, fencing for David W Coultas Park Dog Park, Romulus Court stormwater drainage, culvert reconstruction for Piepers Road in Marburg and a new flood gauge at Colleges Crossing.

More than one third of council's 415 recovery projects have been completed, but our city still has a long way to go.

In March, council partially reopened River Heart Parklands.

For the latest on council's flood recovery efforts, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery)

WASTE TRUCKS BINNING MORE THAN TRASH



Mayor Teresa Harding and Crime Stoppers State Manager Renae Long with an Ipswich waste truck displaying new sticker

A visible reminder for residents to contact Crime Stoppers and share information anonymously will be travelling across Ipswich on the back of council's waste collection trucks in an effort to keep our city safe.

Crime Stoppers Queensland and council have partnered to place Crime Stoppers stickers on 40 Ipswich Waste Services trucks, reminding residents how to report crime anonymously to help solve and prevent issues in their area.

The partnership is a re-establishment of a previous collaboration from 2011 where stickers were placed on waste trucks.

"I am delighted council and Crime Stoppers Queensland are partnering once more on what really is a terrific initiative," Mayor Harding said.

"We want to keep reminding our community to stay vigilant and be on the lookout for anything that may be suspicious."

The stickers will be placed on all of Ipswich Waste Services' new waste trucks in the coming months as its new fleet of 28 trucks is rolled out, as well as others in the fleet, and will also be placed on some specific Ipswich bins and skips for hire.

For all anonymous reporting of crime and suspicious activity, contact Crime Stoppers Queensland on 1800 333 000 or [Crimestoppersqld.com.au/make-a-report](https://crimestoppersqld.com.au/make-a-report)

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 243,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



ADRENALINE-CHARGED LONG WEEKEND FOR PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOS

Astounding horsepower, heritage locomotives and warbird flyovers will take place over Ipswich across four huge days as Planes, Trains and Autos returns bigger and bolder from 28 April to 1 May.

The festival will again celebrate all things aviation, rail and automotive, and promises to be a series of adrenaline-charged low-cost events for the whole family and all-ages to explore.

“Now in its third year, this fantastic festival will pay tribute to our city’s rich history as the heartland of Queensland’s industrial development, while celebrating our present and future as a hub for defence, logistics and advanced manufacturing,” Mayor Harding said.

“The city’s leading adrenaline-charged festival also celebrates the region’s deep connection to the men and women who have served the nation.

“Ipswich is home to Australia’s largest operational RAAF base at Amberley, and we are a proud defence city that appreciates the service and sacrifices made by the men and women of the Australian Defence Forces.”

There will be spectacular high-energy aerobatic displays by reigning Red Bull Air Race world champion and former RAAF top-gun pilot, Matt Hall, so the main event can be heard, seen and enjoyed by residents all across Ipswich.

The long weekend kicks off with the Australian Superbike Championships returning to Queensland Raceway from Friday 28 April for a three-day smorgasbord of two-wheeled racing action.

The centrepiece of this year’s festival will be at The Workshops Rail Museum on Saturday 29 April with an exciting line-up of military displays, interactive family-friendly

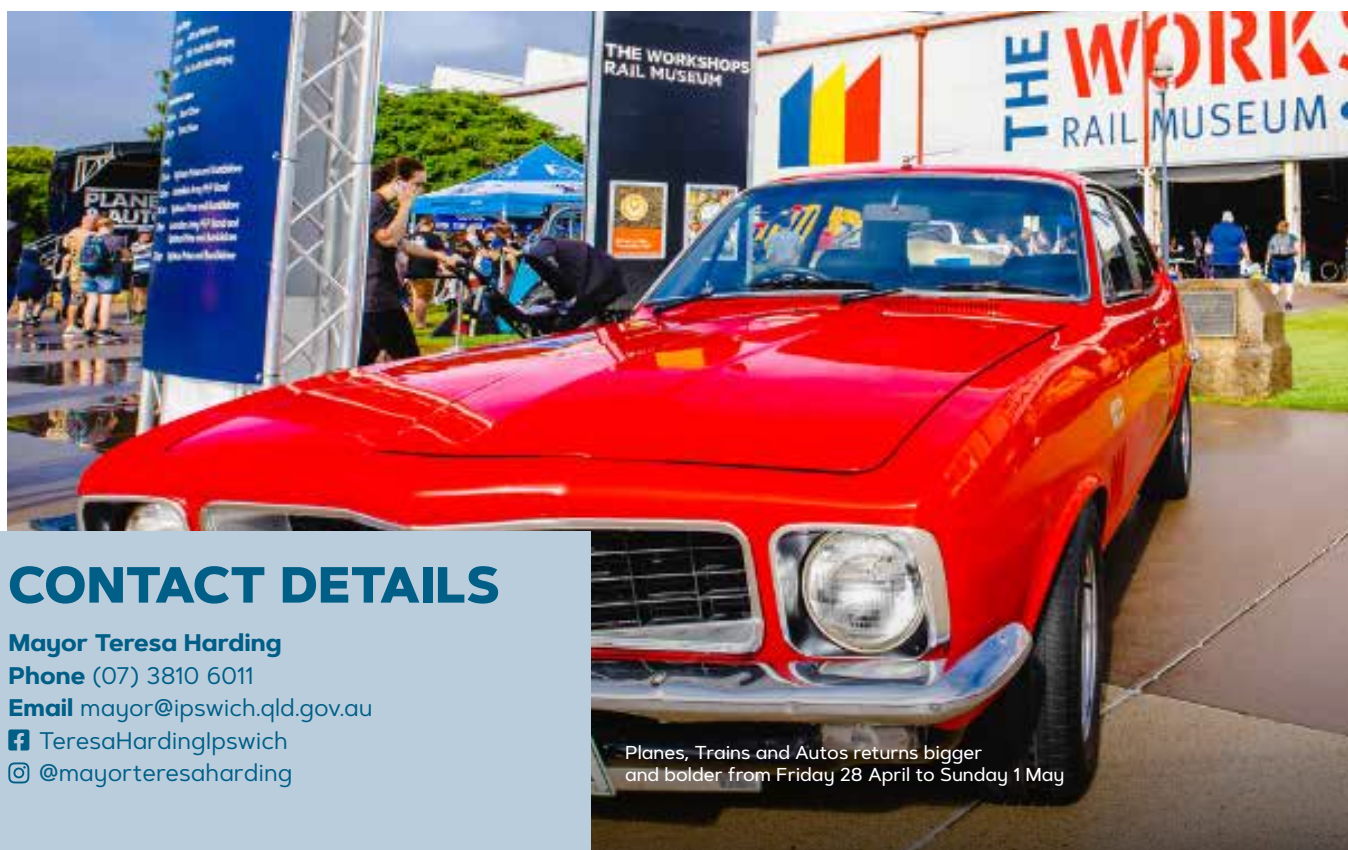
activities and a huge variety of awe-inspiring machinery.

The Queensland Auto Spectacular will then take over Willowbank Raceway on Sunday 30 April with a huge swap meet, car club displays from historic to muscle, the Australian Rocker Cover Racing Championships and quarter-mile test and more.

The pace will then slow on the Labor Day public holiday for the festival’s final event, Retro Picnic at Goodna’s Evan Marginson Park on Monday 1 May.

Planes, Trains and Autos is one of Ipswich’s favourite festivals with a huge range of exhibits and activities, so come revel in the beauty and power of hundreds of incredible Queensland machines.

For more information follow Ipswich Festivals on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



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Planes, Trains and Autos returns bigger and bolder from Friday 28 April to Sunday 1 May

MORE FAMILY FUN AT REDBANK PLAINS LIBRARY

The Redbank Plains Library now has more floorspace and meeting rooms, new furniture, a larger collection, a beautiful new children's area and has been freshly painted inside and out.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the refurbishment was a rewarding endeavour.

"Councillor Ireland and I listened to the community and worked hard for these new technologies and amenities, which will enhance the library's ability to serve its community," Cr Madsen said.

"This includes the digital interactive activity table, which is designed to run a variety of games that encourage children to be creative and problem solve."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the redesigned space could now host family programs.

"Council's popular children's programs will now run on a regular basis, and this includes Toddler Time and Book and Blocks," Cr Ireland said.

"Cr Madsen and I also continue to advocate for an upgrade to the carpark."

BLACKSTONE DRAGONS SCORE NEW FLOOD-PROOF CANTEEN

The mighty Blackstone United Dragons now have a mobile food van that will become their flood-proof game-day canteen after their Thomas Street kitchen was destroyed during the February 2022 floods.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the football club received \$15,000 from council to purchase their ingenious flood-proof canteen and become self-sufficient.

"Thanks to council's community projects funding program, Blackstone United FC have been able to replace their canteen to ensure they can return to their operating capacity for their 2023 season," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said more local sports clubs should



Blackstone United Dragons president Jeremy Bruce (centre) with Division 1 Councillors Sheila Ireland and Jacob Madsen

consider applying for funding and support through council's Community Projects and Events Funding Program.

"Applications for council funding of up to \$15,000 for one-off projects and events can be made during three funding rounds in each financial year," Cr Ireland said.

"If your not-for-profit group needs more infrastructure, a facility upgrade, new equipment or has an important project in mind, please consider applying."

For more information about the program visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/funding-and-support

MAJOR ROAD UPGRADE TAKES SHAPE

Redbank Plains Road motorists are closer to increased capacity, safety and accessibility as upgrades continue on schedule.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said recently completed asphalt surfacing work allows the traffic switch to take place between Argyle Street and Verran Street.

"The traffic switch allows our contractors to open up the Highbury Drive and Redbank Plains Road intersection," Cr Ireland said.

"This will mean new kerbs, channels and shared pathways will be laid along Redbank Plains Road to coincide with the re-opening of Highbury Drive."

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen thanked motorists for their patience during this phase of construction.

"Upon completion, the upgrade will convert a 1.5km section of road into a four-lane carriageway with a shared use pathway, on-road bicycle lanes and additional traffic signals," Cr Madsen said.

"We are expecting the major road civil works to be complete in about 12 months."

This project is jointly funded by council and the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

To find out more about these works or the project, contact contractor Allroads on 1800 600 163 between 8.0 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or email redbankplains@allroads.net.au

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

Pony Club arena upgraded

The Deebing Heights arena for the City of Ipswich Pony Club is now safer for animals and riders of all ages after \$15,000 in council-funded upgrades. The works included repairing water damage to the sand arena, fencing upgrades and refurbishment of the club's canteen. To apply and find more information about council's Community Projects and Events Funding Program visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/funding-and-support

Help shape city's future

Our city is growing and changing. We need to make sure there is enough land and spaces available in the right locations to support our community's needs, whilst also supporting the local economy and jobs, and protecting what we value for our future. For more on how you can help shape this growth, see the *Ipswich Plan 2024* feature in this newsletter.

Boost for waterways

Council is moving forward with special wetland projects to improve two urban waterways. The projects will transform urban creeks at Bremervale Park in Raceview and Harry Ratnam Park in Redbank Plains into native wildlife havens. These projects are currently undergoing technical design, which will include considerations such as community feedback, site requirements and maximising water quality improvements.

IPSWICH DELEGATION PUSHES RAIL CASE WITH CANBERRA

A recent delegation to Canberra to meet with key government stakeholders to discuss the vital Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S) was well received.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the delegation included representatives from council, Sekisui House, Multicultural Australia and Ipswich Show Society, and advocated for federal support and investment for the rail corridor at Springfield to expand and connect to Ipswich Central.

"Councillor Ireland and I travelled with the delegation to our nation's capital to help raise the profile and awareness of our city's most critical infrastructure project, the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor," Councillor Madsen said.

"By 2041 Ipswich expects to welcome 296,000 new residents, with around 70 per cent of growth to occur between Ipswich, Ripley

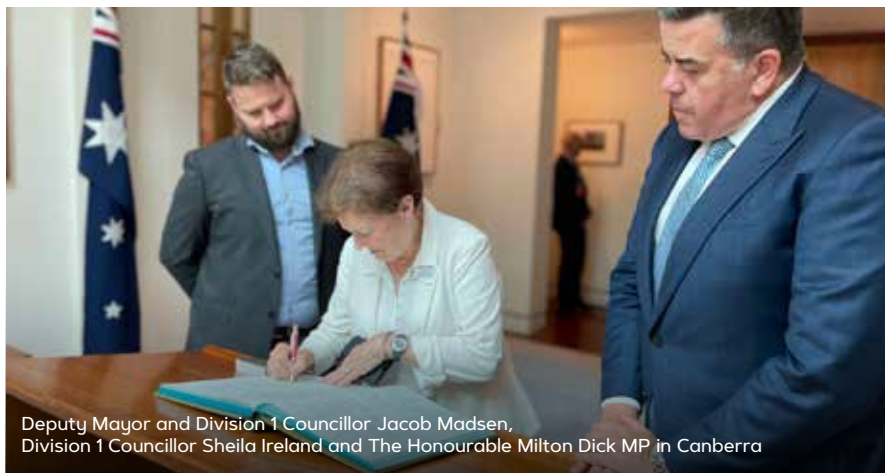
and Springfield, making I2S vital to keeping our city moving.

"The I2S corridor would link the city's two population centres through the fast-growing suburbs of Ripley, Redbank Plains and Deebing Heights, avoiding forecast congestion costs of more than \$1 billion."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said council is committed to further briefings in Canberra and will continue to advocate for federal government investment in essential infrastructure projects for Ipswich.

"The proposed 25-kilometre public transport corridor will provide significant social, economic and environmental benefits, especially in suburbs growing with young families that have limited access to public transport such as Redbank Plains," Cr Ireland said.

The next stage of delivery for I2S is the Options Analysis and then a Detailed Business Case, which will get the project shovel-ready.



Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen, Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland and The Honourable Milton Dick MP in Canberra

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BUY-BACK PROGRAM HELPS RESIDENTS MOVE ON

More flood-impacted homes in Goodna have been purchased and will be demolished under the Voluntary Home Buy-Back program, part of the \$741 million Resilient Homes Fund.

The program, a jointly funded initiative delivered through Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), is the first of its kind to be offered in Australia.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said 27 homes in Goodna have purchased and will be demolished in coming months.

"Six have already been demolished, allowing flood-affected homeowners the freedom to find other homes elsewhere," Cr Tully said.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said 12 other properties are under contract in Goodna.

"Council continues to work closely with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to give flooded Goodna residents peace of mind about their future," Cr Jonic said.

At time of print, in total across Ipswich, 31 homes had been purchased, 51 were under contract and six had been demolished.

E-SCOOTER TRIAL FOR SPRINGFIELD

Electronic scooters will deliver sustainable, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly transport options in Springfield as part of a six-month trial for the popular mobility devices.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said she was excited about potentially travelling around her community using a green mode of transport.

"Springfield Central is the ideal location for an e-scooter trial, to test if they can improve commuting, travelling to and from public transport, or even trips to the local shops," Cr Jonic said.

"The trial forms part of council's iGO Intelligent Transport Systems Strategy and is progressing after community engagement found there was support for an e-scooter scheme in Ipswich."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Springfield is the perfect community for the trial thanks to its many parks and pathways.



Division 2 Councillors Paul Tully and Nicole Jonic with e-scooter rider Finn at Springfield Central

"E-scooters are commonplace in cities globally. They arrived in south-east Queensland several years ago and are a great way to replace short car trips, reducing emissions and helping residents be more active," Cr Tully said.

CITY'S LARGEST ROAD PROJECT ON TRACK

Ipswich's largest road upgrade project for the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial remains on track.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Stage 1 and Stage 3 construction was progressing smoothly across multiple work fronts, with several important milestones reached.

"Traffic switches along Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial were completed as planned, allowing construction of new lanes in front of Hymba Yumba Independent School and the escarpment," Cr Tully said.

"Pavement and asphalt sealing is also continuing along the Brighton Homes Arena frontage between Springfield Central Train Station and Eden Station Drive, in preparation for a traffic switch in the April to June quarter."

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said it was exciting to see more infrastructure that would improve the quality of life for residents.

"Electricity works are nearing completion with the installation of a new transformer adjacent to the multi-level park 'n' ride and other services relocations have started," Cr Jonic said.

Stage 2 is currently in design phase with early works anticipated to start in late 2023.

This project is jointly funded by council and the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

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

New load limit

A load limit will soon be in place on Brisbane Terrace, Goodna between Layard Street and George Street, Goodna. The load limit is required to protect the culvert crossing. The load limit will be restricted to 12 tonnes, and new routes will be required for heavy vehicles. More communication will be provided prior to the load limit implementation.

Intersection upgrade complete

Council has installed traffic lights and upgraded the intersection of Albert Street and Queen Street, Goodna. The \$850,000 project was completed over a nine month period, with the contractor undertaking site works for about six months. The lights are now turned on and active. Follow local road projects at [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

New Springfield Central link

Australia Avenue is a new road that will soon link Eden Station Drive with Springfield Central Railway Station and through to Southern Cross Circuit and Orion Springfield Central. Australia Avenue is being constructed by Springfield City Group who are currently finalising aspects of the roadway which should see the opening of Australia Avenue shortly.

RESILIENCE UPGRADES FOR FLOOD IMPACTED SPORTS CLUBS

Efforts to help sporting clubs in Division 2 and across the city to fully get back on their feet after the February 2022 floods are continuing.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the clubhouses of Goodna Netball Association and Goodna Gladiators Rugby Union Club in Evan Marginson Park were severely impacted by floodwaters.

“Council’s resilience upgrades have provided financial relief for sporting clubs like the Goodna Netball Association, who have been unable to fully return to their beloved clubhouses for almost a year,” Cr Jonic said.

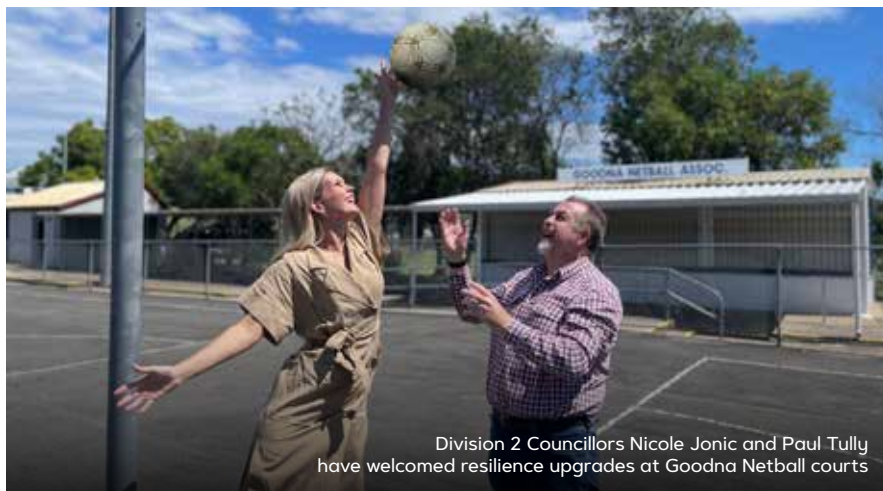
“The refit of their clubhouse and canteen included pressure cleaning of walls, internal demolition works, painting, replacing electrical and plumbing services, reinstating hot water systems and installation of stainless-steel benches to mitigate future flood damage.”

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said council is focused on getting grassroots sports back to winning ways by helping clubs recover equipment, relocate facilities where necessary and restore amenities.

“Goodna Gladiators Rugby Union Club received council-funded pressure wash clean and resilience upgrades for their amenities such as replacing timber cabinetry with stainless-steel in their first aid room,” Cr Tully said.

“Council expects it to take up to 18 to 24 months post-flood to have local parks, facilities and recreation reserves repaired, but there is still plenty of support available for clubs and groups.”

For more information about Ipswich’s flood recovery check the interactive Flood Recovery Projects map online, or visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/flood-recovery



Division 2 Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully have welcomed resilience upgrades at Goodna Netball courts

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FREE TUNES IN TULMUR PLACE

Monthly free live events have returned to the outdoor stage in Ipswich Central for Tunes in Tulumur.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the events are a great entertainment option in the revitalised heart of the city.

"Tunes in Tulumur is a popular monthly free showcase in the Nicholas Street Precinct that combines live music, food trucks, roving performers and a licenced bar," Cr Doyle said.

"These evenings are eagerly anticipated by music lovers,

families and friends looking for a fun night out with thousands attending in 2022."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said Tulumur Place continues to showcase and support local musicians, bands and acts.

"Tunes in Tulumur in the Nicholas Street Precinct is a perfect way to kick back with live music, stacks of tasty food, and lawn games on an Ipswich Friday night," Cr Fechner said.

For more information visit [Nicholasst.com.au/events](https://nicholasst.com.au/events)

BUSHCARE GROUPS BOOSTED

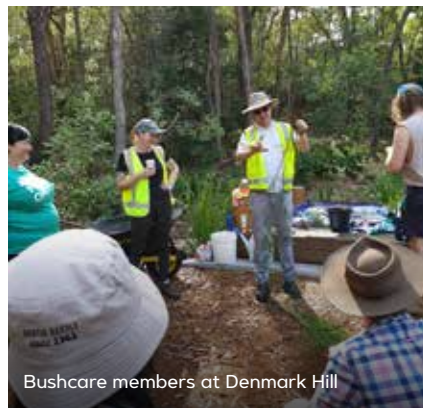
Community-led environmental improvements are intensifying in Division 3, with the addition of two new Bushcare groups at Lorikeet Street Reserve in Bundamba and Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve in Ipswich Central.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the new group at Lorikeet Street Reserve would be doing careful work replacing weeds with native plants while managing the needs of the local flying fox colony.

"We need to maintain the microclimate so these important pollinators are safe in their habitat," Cr Fechner said.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the Bushcare program was achieving environmental improvements across a diverse range of landscapes.

"This includes waterways, wetlands, urban habitat, an arboretum and more – all home to significant species of native plants and animals



Bushcare members at Denmark Hill

and providing many ecosystem functions," she said.

"Bushcare is also a wonderful way to meet like-minded people who care for the environment and are committed to making a difference."

Denmark Hill Bushcare group leader Ginny Fogerty said she was inspired to care for a special natural area in her neighbourhood.

"We have a lot of plans for Denmark Hill Bushcare. I really hope to see the group grow into a real presence within our community," Ms Fogerty said.

To volunteer visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/our-community/volunteering

CLEAN-UP OF FLOOD DEBRIS NEARS COMPLETION

More than six tonnes of waste have been cleaned up from the city's waterways by council in the year since the devastating February 2022 flood and later minor flood in May.

The massive clean-up task involved clearing away more than 570 items of debris across the city.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council's internal clean-up team had had their job cut out for them in some of the city's hardest-hit parks and waterways.

"The team worked tirelessly to clean up some of our hardest-hit areas including Rotary Park at Booval, Tite Family Park at Bundamba, Riverside Park at Karalee, Colleges Crossing, and Katherine Court Reserve at Karalee," Cr Doyle said.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said Ipswich's waterways had taken the full force of the deluge.

"It is good to see the Bremer River and our city's waterways on track to recovery, thanks to the hard work of our community and council officers over the past 12 months," Cr Fechner said.

For more information about Ipswich City Council's flood recovery efforts, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/flood-recovery

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



IN BRIEF

Booval road resurfacing

Council recently undertook road resurfacing works in Booval along South Station Road between Brisbane Road to near Long Lane, along Glebe Road from South Station Road to near Eileen Street and from Stafford Road to near Schelbach Street, and along Stafford Road between Gomer and Creek Streets. We thank residents and road users for their patience during these important road improvements.

Mobile nursery at Cameron Park

Ipswich residents are entitled to six free plants each year from either the Queens Park Nursery or a community mobile nursery.

The next mobile nursery in Division 3 is at Cameron Park, Booval on Saturday 6 May, 8.00 am to 11.00 am. Remember to bring your rates notice to collect your plants.

Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with Division 3 Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner in your neighbourhood.

Reals Park, Sadliers Crossing

Saturday 22 April
8.00 am - 11.00 am

Mobile Nursery

Cameron Park, Booval
Saturday 6 May, 8.00 am - 11.00 am

Redbank Plaza

Wednesday 10 May
10.00 am - 11.30 am

The Handmade Expo Market

Tulmur Place
Nicholas Street Precinct
Saturday 13 May, 8.30 am - 1.00 pm

BOTTLE ALLEY MURAL HONOURS HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Bottle Alley has received an expansive facelift with a new mural honouring the historical city centre painted and added to the street art trail in Ipswich Central last month.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the heritage thoroughfare dating back to the 1860s is a canvas for a beautiful mural that pays homage to the 'Lost Buildings of Ipswich Central'.

"A year ago, council opened an expression of interest opportunity for local, interstate and international creatives to re-imagine Bottle Alley and honour lost buildings of Ipswich," Cr Doyle said.

"We were excited to welcome renowned large-scale artists Sharon Billinge and Karla Hayes to Ipswich and to see their mural bring five lost, historic buildings that were near Bottle Alley decades ago back to life.

"While we have wonderful artistic talent in our community, a submission was not received from a local artist which we understand was largely due to the particular challenges of the location including the size and scope of the brief to take on this large outdoor canvas.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said, as a gateway to Tulmur Place, the mural paints an Ipswich story that will set the mood for commuters and visitors entering the Nicholas Street Precinct.

"Bottle Alley is an important connection between Top of Town and the Nicholas Street Precinct, parts of which date back more than 150 years," Cr Fechner said.

"The mural is now one of the largest and most impressive pieces of public art in Ipswich, stretching more than 80 metres long, three metres tall and over 60 metres of open-air space."



Artist Artist Sharon Billinge with Division 3 Cr Marnie Doyle and the new Bottle Alley mural

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LITTLE KITS SET TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Thirteen community organisations have received a Resilience Care Kit from council, aimed at improving resilience, safety and comfort for community members in times of need.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the organisations who have received resilience kits included Marburg & District Residents Association and Karalee Community Association.

"The kits include defibrillators for some community centres, USB charging stations, battery-operated radios, sanitary and comfort items, cleaning supplies

plus tea and coffee supplies," Cr Kunzelmann said.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said community centres and organisations played a vital role and are recognised as key stakeholders across Ipswich.

"In times of need, community centres and community groups truly shine, offering a helping hand through the toughest of times," Cr Milligan said.

The kits were provided through the City-Wide Resilience Project, funded by the Local Economic Recovery Program, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

WORKS START TO UPGRADE SCHOOL FOOTPATHS

School drop-offs and pick-ups will not be affected during footpath rehabilitation work at Hunter Street in Brassall that is expected to be completed next month.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said consultation was carried out with Ipswich State High School and Brassall State School through the planning stages.

"Site meetings, walk-through and review of construction drawings was conducted with principals and representatives of both schools in January. Notification of works was also forwarded to both schools to allow for distribution to the greater school community," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"Council started the project in February which has involved removing and reinstating all concrete and asphalt footpath, including school driveways and bus stops."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the project will take slightly



Cr Kate Kunzelmann and Russell Milligan at Hunter Street, Brassall

longer due to restrictions placed on the contractor through traffic permits and working hours due to the project's location.

"The works were scheduled to commence during the Christmas-New Year holidays, but due to market conditions and lead times required on ordering of materials and site establishment it was not possible to start until February," Cr Milligan said.

"The works also include construction of a new retaining wall behind the new bus stop shelter outside Ipswich State High School."

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

MAJOR WORKS BRING NEW LIFE TO IRONPOT CREEK

Stage 2 of the Ironpot Creek upgrade has been completed, adding 220 metres of restored waterway.

The creek has a history of being one of Ipswich's most damaged creeks, with dispersive soils causing severe erosion to the banks and scouring of the creek bed.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the Stage 2 works were a significant task, as in some places banks had eroded into vertical cliffs up to three metres high.

"About 400 cubic metres of soil was cut and relocated during the Stage 2 works, and about 80 metres of bank needed to be reshaped and stabilised," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"About 27,000 plants and habitat features, such as large tree stumps, has been vital for stabilising the creek and returning it to a functioning natural waterway."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said Stage 2 built on the success of Stage 1, where council stabilised about 180 metres of the creek with thousands of native plants and tonnes of rock.

"These plantings established very well and made an immense difference to the stability of the creek during the flood events of 2022," Cr Milligan said.

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

School seed to plate program

Walloon State School is harvesting their own crops to use in classroom cooking as part of their 'Growing Together' program. With funding from council's Community Projects program, students have developed an ecosystem by growing native plants from seeds to trees and are operating a small farm with native beehives on three acres of school land. For information about council's Community Projects Funding Program visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/funding-and-support

Getting Our Planning Right

The new draft planning scheme will soon be open for consultation. It's important as our city grows that we continue to support our natural environment. To find out more about how the draft new planning scheme contributes to supporting a sustainable future that balances growth and change, see the Ipswich Plan 2024 feature in this newsletter.

Chat with your councillors

Catch-up with your Division 4 councillors here:

Rosewood Library

First Monday of each month (except public holidays)
10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Brassall Shopping Centre

At Brassall Espresso Café
Thursday 18 May, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Karalee Shopping Village

At Chapters Book Shop
Thursday 4 May, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

The Green Shed, Marburg

110-112 Queen St, Marburg
Tuesday 16 May, 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

FLOOD EQUIPMENT IMPROVES CITY'S RESILIENCE

New, tougher gauges and live images from a network of cameras are operating across Ipswich, including in Division 4, to improve community resilience after two flood events significantly impacted the city in 2022.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said council is focused on ensuring the region is better prepared for future natural disasters.

"In addition to flood recovery, council will plan to spend almost \$3 million on flood preparedness and waterway recovery, flood mitigation and drainage across Ipswich," Cr Milligan said.

"New temporary solar-powered flood cameras were installed late last year at Colleges Crossing and Junction Road in Karalee as part of Ipswich's new robust and reliable flood camera system.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said new and more resilient flood gauges were installed in September 2022 at two of the city's hardest hit areas, Colleges Crossing and Karalee.

"Junction Road in Karalee and Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve were completely inundated with floodwaters, resulting in failure of monitoring hardware in those flood gauges," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The new gauges have been designed to be more resilient to water damage, and they will help council supply accurate information to residents and authorities as part of a more robust system."



Division 4 Councillors Kate Kunzelmann and Russell Milligan with Colleges Crossing flood gauge

The State Government's Queensland Reconstruction Authority approved funding of more than \$49,000 each for the flood gauge at Colleges Crossing and at Karalee.

Assistance was provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

For more information about Ipswich's flood recovery visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/services/flood-recovery

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Ipswich PLAN 2024

HAVE YOUR SAY

Be part of the conversation about the future of our city.

Draft Ipswich Planning Scheme – Ipswich Plan 2024

Coming soon...



OUR CITY IS CHANGING

The City of Ipswich is growing and changing, being one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland and the state's fastest growing city. Planning for the future means understanding what our city is like now, while thinking about what we want for the future. The current population of our city is approximately 240,000 people and is expected to grow to 533,000 by 2046, meaning accommodating an additional 295,000 residents. To manage this growth we need to generate at least 75,000 additional jobs and provide for an additional 105,000 homes.

Council has prepared a new draft planning scheme, Ipswich Plan 2024 (draft) to help us plan for our growing city. We need to do this to meet the challenges for the future, while protecting and maintaining the things our community love about life in Ipswich. The draft planning scheme identifies where future growth and development should occur. Planning aims to manage how our city grows and changes in a way that benefits people, places, the environment and the economy, reconciling a number of often competing interests in the wider public interest.

IPSWICH PLAN 2024 (DRAFT)

Planning and development within Ipswich is currently managed by the 2006 Ipswich Planning Scheme. Once adopted by council the new planning scheme, *Ipswich Plan 2024* will replace the 2006 planning scheme to help us plan for our growing city.

The draft new planning scheme will be available for your review and feedback during public consultation. To learn more and register to stay informed with the latest project news, visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au

The draft planning scheme is a statutory document made by council under state planning legislation (*Planning Act 2016*) which regulates where, how and when development should occur and the provision of infrastructure for transport, open space and community facilities needed to support sustainable growth. It identifies when a development application must be submitted to council, the type of assessment required and the criteria applicable to development to ensure good outcomes.



The draft new planning scheme will set the future vision for our council area over the next 20 years by considering the following themes:

<p>GREAT PLACES</p> <p>Create great places by strengthening our communities and protecting what we love about Ipswich - our lifestyle, our activity centres, and our rural areas.</p>	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Plan for the right Infrastructure to support our people, the economy and jobs, such as transport, open space, parks and community facilities.</p>	<p>HOUSING</p> <p>Facilitate housing choices for where and how we live.</p>	<p>RESILIENT COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Strengthen the resilience of our communities to the changing climate, natural hazards such as flood and bushfires and human-made constraints such as former mining and pipelines.</p>
<p>OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Conserve our natural environment, open and green spaces, natural resources and heritage.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT</p> <p>Keep us connected through transport and movement.</p>	<p>ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT</p> <p>Support the growth of our economic development and jobs.</p>	<p>HERITAGE AND CULTURAL VALUES</p> <p>Protect the things we value, such as our heritage and cultural values.</p>

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU



It is important to understand what planning controls affect you and where you live, and to get involved to have your say on planning to shape your city, and importantly your local area and neighbourhood. Council encourages you to view the **Ipswich Plan 2024 (Draft)** during consultation to understand what the draft planning scheme says about the property you own or live in, and what is planned for the future of your local area and our city. Some of the proposed changes from the current 2006 Ipswich Planning Scheme may affect where you live or the property you own. The planning scheme can influence what you, your neighbours or

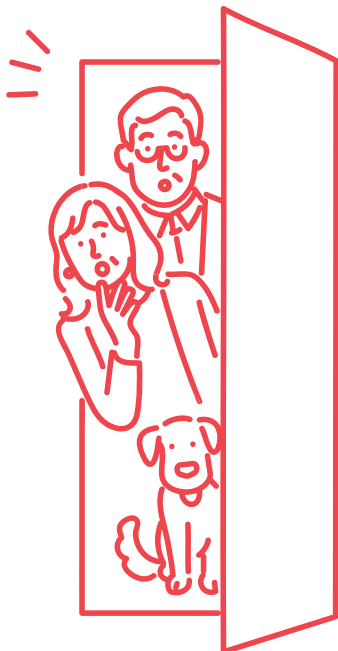
others can and can't do or build on a property. While it does not take away existing lawful use of a property, it can affect future changes you might want to make to your property and the types of developments that can occur around you.

The draft new planning scheme includes a detailed review of the current 2006 Ipswich Planning Scheme including some substantial policy matters such as the management of natural hazards including flood and bushfire, protection of the natural environment, major infrastructure, building heights and changes to

density and zoning. It also sets out the provisions for the protection of certain types of land and buildings.

The planning scheme also sets out the rules for how things can be developed, such as building heights, boundary setbacks and carparking requirements.

As part of the preparation of the draft planning scheme, a Feasible Alternatives Assessment Report (FAAR) has also been prepared. This relates to properties mapped within the draft planning scheme's Flood Risk and Overland Flow Overlay and the Bushfire Risk Areas Overlay and will form a component of this public consultation.



WHAT DOES THE DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME SAY ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON MY LAND?

The best way to find out how the draft planning scheme affects your property will be by looking at the new draft planning scheme and mapping on council's website Shapeyouripswich.com.au

You will be able to undertake a 'Property Report' to determine the proposed zoning of your property and any overlays, such as bushfire hazard, which may apply. It is a good idea to look at the Table of Assessment relevant to your zone, applicable Zone Code and any Overlay Code relevant to your property to gain an understanding of the intended land uses and built form of the

zone and the constraints that apply. The Tables of Assessment also indicate when a development application is required.

Council's Planning and Regulatory Services Department will also host information sessions and Talk to a Planner events which will provide the opportunity for a one-on-one discussion with a town planner to answer any questions about the draft planning scheme or planning scheme policies. The times and dates for the Talk to a Planner sessions are available on Shapeyouripswich.com.au. Enquiries can also be sent to planningscheme@ipswich.qld.gov.au

Ipswich PLAN 2024

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

You can view the Ipswich Plan 2024 (draft) and provide feedback during the upcoming public consultation period.

We urge you to take the opportunity to share your thoughts on the draft new planning scheme and how it relates to your street, suburb and city, including:

- if it protects the things that matter to you
- how it may affect your interests
- if the future vision of the draft planning scheme is consistent with your community expectations.

By getting involved and by providing your feedback, you are contributing to shaping our city, and helping guide council on decision making and planning for the future.

Visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au to view information about the draft Ipswich Plan 2024 and find out how to have your say.

Any person may make a submission about any aspect of the draft new planning scheme.

We want to know what you like and support in the draft planning scheme as well as what might concern you.

**For your submission
to be counted, council
must receive your
'properly made'
submission.**

The easiest way to make a 'properly made' submission is by visiting the new Ipswich Planning Scheme webpage on Shapeyouripswich.com.au. You can also provide your submission via:

- email to planningscheme@ipswich.qld.gov.au
- post addressed to:
Ipswich City Council
PO Box 191
Ipswich QLD 4305
- in person at:
Customer Service Centre
Ground Floor
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Our website will also include helpful information on what submissions should include and how they can be lodged.



YOUR THOUGHTS MATTER

Every submission will be individually read and reviewed. The issues raised in your submission, along with all other submissions received, will be considered by council as part of a report on changes to the draft new planning scheme. Following consideration of the submissions, council will prepare a report and revised plan, which will be sent to the state government for its final review and to request approval to adopt Ipswich Plan 2024 as the new planning scheme for the City of Ipswich. It is hoped that with state government endorsement, a new planning scheme will be in effect by 2024.

Ipswich PLAN 2024

Shapeyouripswich.com.au

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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