

Creating a sustainable future for Ipswich is a major focus for Ipswich City Council

Welcome to the September edition of *Community Matters* for 2023.

Ipswich continues to lead the way in sustainability. We were the first Queensland council to introduce a user pays Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) waste service several years ago and will continue to lead the way as the first council in Queensland to adopt a city-wide FOGO service for our residents in 2024-2025. We are also tackling waste by planning for two additional resource recovery centres.

As Mayor of Ipswich, I am determined to improve liveability in our region as we prepare for our population to more than double by 2046.

In this edition of *Community Matters*, we celebrate Sustainable Ipswich Month, which falls in October.

However, the commitment to creating a sustainable future for our city is a focus all year round. This council has worked hard to improve

our current services and introduce new initiatives, such as the FOGO waste collection service.

This service will allow residents to recycle their organics by disposing of them separately from general waste. Council will implement this city-wide program in the 2024-2025 financial year. By diverting organic waste from landfill, we will make significant progress in implementing our Resource Recovery Strategy.

We have ambitious waste reduction targets, set by the State and Federal governments, which means we have to act fast. By 2050, we must divert 95 per cent of our city's waste from landfill, and we must increase recycling of our city's waste by 70 per cent.

To help meet these targets, we're planning two new game-changing resource recovery centres to help divert resources from landfill and meet the needs of our growing population. Design planning is underway for a Southern Resource Recovery Centre, which will be located at 831 Redbank Plains Road, Redbank Plains. We are also planning for a new resource recovery centre

in the Western region, and council is in the process of assessing potential locations.

More than 70 per cent of Ipswich's growth is occurring in the corridor between Springfield and Ipswich Central and this centre will play a critical role in expanding resource recovery services for this rapidly growing area.

This new centre will facilitate the recovery, sorting and transfer of recyclable materials from household waste. It is very important for our residents to note that there are no materials to be stored on this site – all are transported off site within days of collection.

Residents can get involved in Sustainable Ipswich, with events and workshops held across the city.

Some major highlights include a Sustainable Open Garden Trail where you can meet and learn from local gardeners, a free and family-friendly Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival in Tulmur Place, and a local sustainable business forum with EcoBiz. The full program is online at ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability

Mayor Teresa Harding

FUTURE-PROOFING OUR CITY

Ipswich City Council is investing a record \$70 million this financial year in improving resource recovery.

A major focus is on upgrading existing facilities and undertaking planning for the delivery of fit-for-purpose facilities in high-growth areas to meet the needs of our growing community, recover more resources and reduce waste to landfill.

"New resource recovery centres in Ipswich's western and southern areas will be critical to providing sustainable, first-class waste management and resource

recovery services in our city," Mayor Teresa Harding said.

"The location for a new western centre has not yet been decided and council recently asked the community for input on potential locations and site criteria.

"A new southern centre will be built on council-owned land at Redbank Plains and will also feature a new animal management centre."

To follow the progress of these projects visit council's community engagement website at Shapeyouripswich.com.au

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET READY FOR DISASTER SEASON

The upcoming Get Ready Queensland Week in October is a reminder for all Ipswich residents to prepare for severe weather and potential disasters.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said we all have a role to play in preparing for emergencies and natural disasters – including floods, fires, storms, or any other event that can disrupt and cause damage.

"Disasters happen in Queensland more than any other state, and Ipswich has borne the brunt of our fair share," Mayor Harding said.

"As we head into another bushfire and storm season, it is critical that we all prepare and be ready to respond.

"Council is here to help, with information on our website and pop-up information stands scheduled throughout the city in September and October.

"I strongly urge everyone to take steps now to make a household emergency plan, create an emergency kit and prepare your home through activities such as clearing gutters and pruning trees."



Ipswich Historical Society President Hugh Taylor and Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding with a preparedness kit

There are three key steps to Get Ready this disaster season:

1. understand how you and your home might be impacted
2. make an action plan and write it down
3. pack an emergency kit of essential supplies.

For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/getready

SO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

Making a difference in the community is the biggest reward of becoming a Councillor at the next Local Government elections in 2024.

Ipswich City Council returned to elected representation in April 2020 after 20 months under administration, electing the first female Mayor in the city's 160-year history and two Councillors for each of the city's four divisions.

The Queensland Government Change Commission have decided that Ipswich is retaining the make-up of four divisions with two Councillors from each for the upcoming elections.

So, now is the time to start thinking about representing your community and getting out there on the hustings and portraying how you can make a difference to Ipswich.

By becoming a Councillor, or even just running for election, you can make a positive difference. Council needs elected representatives that reflect the diversity of our city.

To run for Mayor or Councillor at the 2024 quadrennial elections, you must complete the Queensland Government's 'So you want to be a Councillor' course within six months of the nomination period commencing, regardless of whether you are a sitting Mayor or Councillor, or whether you have never been elected before.

Election day will be on Saturday 16 March 2024. For more information visit Statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-the-community/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 247,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



LATEST GROWTH FIGURES REINFORCE NEED FOR INVESTMENT IN ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Ipswich is Queensland's fastest growing city, with a predicted population of 453,875 by 2041.

In the 12 months to 30 June 2023, the city added six new homes on average per day and welcomed 6,228 new residents.

As well as these 2,258 new homes, 2,481 new lots were created over 12 months with the suburbs of Ripley, Redbank Plains and Spring Mountain leading the city's growth.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said rapid growth requires rapid investment in infrastructure and council routinely lobbies its State and Federal counterparts to highlight this.

"Our highest priority remains the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor, which secured a \$10 million commitment in the SEQ City Deal to see it through to the shovel-ready stage," Mayor Harding said.

"Last October, we saw the Federal Government include funding in its budget to fulfil this commitment.

"The Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor would unlock vast benefits for Ipswich, linking the city centre with Springfield, and easing the pressure on our road network.

"As Ipswich's city centre continues to grow, council is also calling on the Queensland Government to take urgent action to address congestion, flooding and safety issues on and around the David Trumpy Bridge.

"Currently, thousands of cars are forced to drive through the city centre as there is only one river crossing in Ipswich Central.

"A second river crossing is badly needed to ease pressure on the David Trumpy Bridge and enable the future growth of Ipswich Central."

The other five key priorities requiring investment and support from the

State and Federal governments are as follows:

- funding for the Better Bus Network, where council seeks an annual commitment of \$5 million towards two new bus services for Ipswich
- funding for critical upgrades to Ipswich's strategic highway network, including the Warrego, Cunningham and Centenary Highways
- funding to support the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area
- funding for the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct
- funding for the Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA).

"Council remains committed to planning and building the best city possible for its residents," Mayor Harding said.



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Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding

ROAD UPGRADE PROGRESSING

Upgrades to Redbank Plains Road are steadily progressing.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the southern section from Jansen Street to Barry Drive would be the focus until December.

"New kerbs, new asphalt and the reconstruction of some concrete driveways will take place on the east side of Redbank Plains Road," Cr Ireland said.

"There will also be a traffic switch planned for splitting northbound and southbound traffic to the outer lanes to provide access to the centre median for roadworks.

"On the west side of Redbank Plains Road, we'll see the completion of the corner of Highbury Drive and new stormwater drainage opposite Verran Street."

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the northern section, from Shannon Street to Kruger Parade, would also see notable improvements.

"On the eastern side there'll be significant regrading of the existing roundabout surface levels to the new traffic light intersection design," Cr Madsen said.

NEW STATION STRENGTHENS RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Rural firefighting services in the Grandchester area got a boost with the recent opening of the new Grandchester Rural Fire Brigade Station.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said council was proud to support the new facilities that would assist volunteers in their community work.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, they are at the frontline when the community needs them most and council is proud to support our Rural Fire Brigades through the rural fire levy," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the station, which cost about \$384,000 and was funded by the State Government and the levy, would serve the community for decades to come.

"The station has four large bays, a meeting room, kitchen, office,



Councillor Sheila Ireland, Grandchester Rural Fire Service first officer Donna Jackwitz and Councillor Jacob Madsen

laundry, bathrooms and lockers for each firefighter, along with two large watertanks and more space for expansion," Cr Ireland said.

Ipswich rates notices include two levies that directly support the city's local rural fire brigades.

The first is the Rural Fire Levy Separate Charge, \$3 per year on all rateable land. The second is the Rural Fire Levy Special Charge, \$39 per year on all rateable land that specifically benefits from Rural Fire Brigade services, which is about 2,400 properties. These combined levies will raise about \$360,000 this year.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW FOR TOWNHOUSE APPLICATION

A development application for 140 townhouses in Flinders View will be reviewed by an Independent Decision Review Panel (IDRP) following considerable community feedback.

The hearing will improve community participation and transparency in the decision-making process.

As part of the process, a public hearing will be held with submitters able to voice their concerns directly to an independent panel before it makes its recommendations ahead of a final decision by council.

The IDRP was established in 2019 to address sensitive development applications and review recommendations made by our planning officers. The independent panel will not only consider the application but also hear directly from submitters on their concerns for the proposed development.

Council has received a significant number of submissions in relation to this application. The IDRP will add an extra opportunity for the community to be heard on this matter and ensure all concerns are captured and considered ahead of council's final decision.

The public hearing is on Monday 9 October 2023 at Ipswich Civic Centre.

The hearing will be recorded and live-streamed and will be available on council's YouTube channel to allow interested parties to view the proceedings.

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

Grab your free plants

On Saturday 4 November, council's mobile nursery will be at Ripley Providence Centre as part of the Free Plant Program. Ipswich residents are entitled to six free plants per year under council's much-loved program. Bring your proof of residence along to 6 Amity Way, South Ripley from 8.00 am to 11.00 am to collect your plants.

Be active and healthy

Looking to get active and healthy? Why not try the free parkrun Ecco Ripley event Saturdays from 7.00 am at 20 Main Street, Ripley. For more great ideas on how to stay active and healthy, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/healthy_lifestyle/active-programs/active-and-healthy-ipswich

Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with your Division 1 Councillors here:

Winston Glades Shopping Centre

Ash Street, Flinders View
Saturday 14 October
9.00 am - 12.00 pm

Redbank Plains Community Centre

180 School Road, Redbank Plains
Tuesday 17 October
10.00 am - 11.30 am

Yamanto Shopping Centre

488 Warwick Road, Yamanto
Tuesday 31 October
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Ripley Providence Centre

6 Amity Way, South Ripley
Saturday 4 November
8.00 am - 11.00 am

POP-UPS FOR RURAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND CONNECTIONS

Community pop-up events to help connect residents to health and technology services are now in Grandchester.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said it was a great initiative given the challenges some residents faced living in the more rural parts of the city.

"Many residents are doing it tough so this pop-up service really helps those in our local communities," Cr Ireland said.

"JPs come out, there are volunteers who can help with printing, scanning and other tech support issues and there's food hampers too."

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said people could even get assistance with aged and disability advocacy, including support through NDIS and NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme).

"Preparing paperwork and understanding how to get assistance is often a hard thing to do, but the volunteers are knowledgeable and able to give you great advice," Cr Madsen said.

Rosewood Community Centre Community Project Worker Tia Lancaster said the pop-up events were also at Walloon and Marburg on the first and second Wednesdays of the month.

"The response from the community has been great so far and we hope to reach as many in the community as possible," she said.

ADA Link Community Connector Charbel Trad said the best thing about the service was reaching people close to their homes.

"This is all about engaging people who don't have that support and offering a helping hand," he said.



Rosewood & District Support Centre Inc Community Project Worker Tia Lancaster, Division 1 Councillors Jacob Madsen and Sheila Ireland, volunteers Kay Nicol and Adele Strong and ADA Link Community Connector Charbel Trad outside the community hall where the pop-up service is held in Grandchester. The hall is on School Road, opposite Grandchester State School

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LOCAL STADIUM IS PERFECT FIT TO HOST BRISBANE LIONS

There's been a lot of talk about where the Brisbane Lions should play while the Gabba is upgraded ahead of the 2032 Olympics.

With Brighton Homes Arena at Springfield Central already the home ground of the Brisbane Lions AFLW team, upgrading the purpose-built AFL stadium to accommodate the men's team would be about half the cost of retrofitting the heritage RNA site in Brisbane.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said Brighton Homes Arena is a world-class AFL stadium built with expansion in mind.

"Hosting the Brisbane Lions needs more than just a field, it takes warm up and recovery facilities, state-of-the-art broadcast technology and a high quality, even playing surface. These are already available at Brighton Homes Arena," Cr Jonic said.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Springfield Central was an ideal location.

"There will be no need for the Brisbane Lions to step aside each August to make way for the EKKA as they are preparing for their run to the AFL finals."

POPULAR JACARANDA FESTIVAL RETURNS THIS OCTOBER

After a three-year hiatus, the much-loved Club Parkview Jacaranda Festival returns next month, better and brighter than ever.

Goodna Community Association is set to roll out the purple carpet once again for three days of entertainment over the last weekend in October.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said he was delighted to see the festival return and excitement had been building in the community for months.

"Goodna comes alive for this cherished celebration with thousands of festivalgoers enjoying a full program of live music and entertainment, delicious food, side show alley and fireworks," Cr Tully said.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said council had planted 100 new jacaranda trees in Goodna since the last festival in 2019, ensuring purple



Councillor Nicole Jonic, festival President Mathew Taylor and Councillor Paul Tully at Evan Marginson Park

continues to blanket the community each spring.

"The decades-old festival attracts visitors from near and far and is a firm favourite in the South East Queensland calendar," Cr Jonic said.

Jacaranda Festival President Mathew Taylor said organisers were determined to put on their best event yet at Evan Marginson Park.

"We are counting down to gates opening on Friday 27 October," Mr Taylor said.

OFF-RAMP CLOSURE FAST-TRACKS SPRINGFIELD UPGRADE

The city's biggest ever road upgrade continues apace, with the recent closure of Exit 32 on the Centenary Motorway allowing for parts of the upgrade to be completed faster than would otherwise be possible.

Exit 32 westbound, taking drivers past the Springfield Central station park 'n' ride and onto the Springfield Greenbank Arterial, was closed in August and will remain so for up to six months.

Works are being carried out by Ipswich City Council and Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said in addition to time savings, there would also be cost and safety benefits for the community.

"The expansion of Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial from two lanes to four lanes is council's biggest-ever roadwork project and it is vitally necessary we complete it as quickly as possible," Cr Tully said.

"Taking this action to close exit 32 will save months in construction time and millions in overall project cost, fast-tracking its reopening."

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic thanked motorists for their patience.

"I appreciate that closing an exit for up to six months will be frustrating for residents. Council urges all drivers to take their time and put safety first when driving through the area," Cr Jonic said.

Division 2 stretches from Gales 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

Fun for fur babies

Looking for a place to take your four-legged friend for some fun? If you haven't visited the upgraded dog off leash area at Camira Recreation Park, it's worth a look. The park now has dedicated small and large dog areas. Camira Recreation Park is at 74 Moss Road, Camira.

Chat with your councillors

Catch-up with your Division 2 Councillors here:

Orion Lagoon, Springfield Central

Southern Cross Circuit,
Springfield Central
Tuesday 26 September
9.00 am - 11.00 am

Orion Shopping Centre

Main Street, Springfield Central
Outside Big W
Tuesday 14 November
9.00 am - 11.00 am

Times and dates subject to change, weather permitting.

Collect your free plants

On Saturday 14 October, council's mobile nursery will be at Langley Park, Camira as part of the Free Plant Program. Ipswich residents are entitled to six free plants per year. Bring your proof of residence along to Bruce Lane, off Langley Road, Camira from 8.00 am to 11.00 am to collect your plants. For more information about the Free Plant Program visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_council/initiatives/free-plant-program

CANNOT KEEP A GOOD CLUB DOWN AS PARK IS RESTORED

Work to restore Kippen Park, home of the Western Spirit Football Club to its former glory has been completed.

The club's canteen and change rooms were severely impacted by flooding in 2022 and rebuilt to enable the club to get back to what it does best, playing football and building community spirit.

In total, more than 300 community assets were damaged by flooding.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said that progress was being made with more than 200 flood recovery projects completed so far.

"Flood waters caused devastating damage across the city to almost 600 dwellings, 300 businesses, more than 250 vehicles, losses of livestock and livelihoods," Cr Tully said.

"Since the 2022 flood events, more than \$20 million has been spent on infrastructure and recovery works across the city.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said council is working closely with impacted clubs to provide support so they can continue operating while work progresses.

"This includes supporting the Ipswich Knights to find alternative venues for existing bookings while flood impacts rendered their home ground facility unusable," Cr Jonic said.

"With Kippen Park now complete, work has also progressed at Jim Finimore Park, Goodna Bowls Club and Rotary Park, home to the Ipswich Knights.

"I look forward to visiting restored community facilities across Division 2 and beyond as council works to rebuild from the devastation."



Division 2 Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully with Western Spirit Football Club Vice President Brad Freeman (centre)

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EXPANSION OF HOTEL MOVES TO EXCITING NEW PHASE

A new and expanded Commonwealth Hotel will soon begin rising from the ruins after demolition works were completed at the historic building in Ipswich Central.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the focus had shifted to the highly-anticipated redevelopment.

"The beloved Commonwealth Hotel is set to come alive again when it reopens in Ipswich Central early next year," Cr Doyle said.

"Council has meticulously restored the hotel in recent years to preserve its historic value.

"The extensive redevelopment will have something for everyone with indoor and outdoor dining, a feature cocktail bar, beer garden and function rooms – all while maintaining the site's charm and identity."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner welcomed the progress.

"Whether you know it as the Commonwealth Hotel or Murphy's Pub, the century-old watering hole is sure to attract new and returning patrons, connecting the old with the new in the modern Nicholas Street Precinct," Cr Fechner said.

ADVOCACY SAVES ICONIC WATER TOWER AT EASTERN HEIGHTS

The water tower at Madsen Close in Eastern Heights has been restored to preserve its place in Ipswich's heritage and skyline for years to come.

Built in 1929, the tower supplied water to the eastern suburbs of Ipswich for 80 years before being decommissioned.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council was delighted that water service provider Urban Utilities listened to council feedback and requests from the community to restore rather than remove the tower.

"I am thrilled that my March 2022 Notice of Motion to council speaking to the importance of the Madsen Close Water Tower has helped save this local landmark," Cr Doyle said.

The motion, calling for a comprehensive assessment of its heritage significance, was supported by fellow Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner, who said an investigation was the "very least" that could be done to provide council with all available information.

"Common sense prevailed and some innovative work was carried out to complete the necessary restoration while reducing impact on nearby residents and meeting council and community desires," Cr Fechner said.

PLAY DATES NOW EVEN BETTER AT KEITH PENNELL PARK

As part of council's commitment to improving public parks, a new shade sail has been installed at North Booval's Keith Pennell Park.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the shade sail had been installed in time for the warmer months.

"Keith Pennell Park is a wonderful community space for local families," Cr Doyle said.

"These new shades will make a difference, particularly in summer."

The shade sail was installed over the park's playground in August at a cost of \$46,000. Cr Doyle and Cr Fechner initiated this project through council's Provisional Project Policy which allows councillors to put forward capital projects not included in the three-year capital program.

The playground has swings, various obstacles for children to navigate, a slide, tunnel and mini climbing wall.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said local families would benefit most from the improvement.



Keith Pennell Park, Booval

"It's great to see our public spaces receiving much-needed improvements. Parks and sporting fields are important places for our community to connect, celebrate and enjoy," Councillor Fechner said.

Playground equipment was also recently upgraded in Queens Park with new swings installed at the playground on the northern end of the park.

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

Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner across Division 3:

Maculata Park

Hayden Street, Riverview
Saturday 30 September
8.00 am – 11.00 am

P J Galligan Park

37 Dowden Street, Goodna
Saturday 7 October
9.00 am – 10.30 am

Butler Family Park

130 Whitmore Crescent, Goodna
Saturday 7 October
10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Booval Fair Shopping Centre

Wednesday 11 October
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Handmade Expo Market

Tulmur Place
Nicholas Street Precinct
Saturday 14 October
9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Alfred Seymour Park

10 Enson Street, Bundamba
Saturday 21 October
9.00 am – 11.00 am

Redbank Plaza

1 Collingwood Drive, Redbank
Wednesday 25 October
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Leichhardt Park

1B Old Toowoomba Road,
Leichhardt
Saturday 28 October
9.00 am – 11.00 am

BELL STREET NOW A LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT

The revitalisation of Bell Street in Ipswich Central has been added to Ipswich City Council's advocacy priorities, named as a Locally Significant Project.

The move strengthens council's ability to actively advocate to the State Government for greater investment and attention to the condition of assets owned by the State along Bell Street.

The Ipswich Train Station, Transit Centre, Health Plaza, overhead walkway and awning are all in desperate need of renovation and upgrades, and council wants to see the State Government expedite plans for these assets.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said having Bell Street improved was essential for the revitalisation of Ipswich Central.

"The Ipswich community needs to know what the State Government plans for this key street in Ipswich's city centre," Cr Doyle said.

"Activating Bell Street is a key target for council to ensure our city heart continues to transform into a modern, economic and cultural powerhouse for residents and visitors."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the Ipswich community had already begun to take matters into their own hands with public art and working bees, and residents needed to hear from the State what is planned for local assets.

"Council will advocate strongly for Bell Street to be given the attention and funding it deserves, to become an attractive, welcoming gateway from the train station into Ipswich's city heart," Cr Fechner said.

"Upgrading, renovating or demolishing these State assets will give our city greater amenity, economic investment and cultural attraction, and it needs to start now."



Division 3 Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner in Bell Street

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AUSTRALIAN FIRST FOR OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY PARK

Located just a short chip away from Rosewood Golf Course, Division 4's newest community park leaves nothing in 'the rough' for local families.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan and Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann were on hand for the opening of the innovative, sustainable, and action-packed facility.

"Pace Park will be a busy hub of activity as families enjoy the outdoors and the hours of entertainment provided for children of all ages," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

The play equipment, including Australia's first Giant Dome at six metres high featuring more than 170 play activities, is made predominantly from recycled and recyclable material.

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said that Rosewood, like many communities across Ipswich, was experiencing rapid change and growth – yet maintaining its village charm.

"Pace Park is the newest feather in Rosewood's cap and will be enjoyed by our growing number of families for years to come," Cr Kunzelmann said.

Pace Park is at Vassallo Drive, Rosewood.

DELIVERING ON COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE GRAVEL ROADS

Improving gravel roads across the division continues to be a focus for Ipswich City Council with several projects completed recently.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan welcomed the upgrades.

"Council has been working to upgrade several existing unmaintained gravel roads to a maintained standard," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"This is important work for our local community and represents a lifting of service standards."

Council has recently completed works at Ballins Road at Tallegalla, Evergreen Lane at Pine Mountain and Lawrence Street and John Street at Marburg.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said these roads would now meet the standards of maintained gravel roads.



Deputy Mayor Russell Milligan and Cr Kate Kunzelmann

"Works to improve these roads included adding a 100mm thick road base as well as drainage improvements," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"Division 4 has beautiful rural areas with a unique country charm and I'm pleased to see these roads now added to council's maintained gravel roads program."

Council is currently in the design phase for a \$75,000 upgrade of Huth Road, Ironbark. It is expected to be completed this financial year.

BUSINESS CASE FINALISED FOR HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE UPGRADE

The State Government has announced a business case has been finalised for the Warrego Highway-Mount Crosby interchange upgrade.

"Council and the community have provided feedback on the proposed upgrade and now we want to see the State Government get on with the job," Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said.

"We understand a preferred option was identified, with majority community support for a new motorway connection to Karalee and the surrounding suburbs.

"Hopefully it will relieve congestion in a notorious trouble spot and make the interchange safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians."

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said council officers would meet with Department of Transport and Main Roads staff.

"It is acknowledged that TMR has indicated Option 2 is preferred and will now progress to design," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"It is understood that this option will ultimately connect with the Moggill Pocket Arterial Road.

"Council is keen to understand the impacts of Option 2 on the local road network, particularly Junction Road, and the connectivity for the broader area."

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

Collect your free plants

Council's mobile nursery will be at Johnston Park on Saturday 7 October as part of the Free Plant Program. Ipswich residents are entitled to six free plants per year under council's much-loved program. Bring your proof of residence along to John Street, Rosewood from 8.00 am to 11.00 am to collect your plants.

Help keep fireweed at bay

It may be small but fireweed can have a significant impact on our environment. Its bright yellow flowers are poisonous to humans and livestock. Council has developed some resources to help landowners understand its impacts and their obligations. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/fireweed

Chat with your councillors

Catch-up with your 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
Wednesday 25 October
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Yamanto Central Shopping Centre

Near Sandwich Bar 79
Tuesday 31 October
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

The Green Shed, Marburg

110–112 Queen St, Marburg
Thursday 16 November
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

WORKING WITH COMMUNITY TO FIND POSITIVE SOLUTIONS



Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan (left) and Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann (right) with members of the Rosewood Youth Collective Action Group at its inaugural meeting in August 2023

Council, in partnership with local schools and community groups, has launched the Rosewood Youth Collective Action Group, holding its first meeting in August.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the need for a collective response had become clear, with local library staff, teachers and students, community centres and services as well as Queensland Police, highlighting an opportunity to better engage Rosewood's young people.

"The objective of this Rosewood Youth Collective Action Group is to identify strategies and initiatives to improve positive outcomes for the young people of Rosewood," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"Together, we aim to develop and implement localised solutions to local youth challenges.

"Uniting to share ideas and experiences is the best way to

ensure coordinated and effective solutions and ultimately, support Rosewood's youngest community members to thrive."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the group has broad representation from across Rosewood including Ipswich Community Youth Service, Ipswich Council Community Services, Ipswich PCYC, the Baptist Church, Rosewood Library, public primary and high schools, community centre and local police.

"Students from Rosewood State High School and Rosewood State School are also invited to share their lived experience and help ensure solutions consider the needs of their peers," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"Strategies to engage our young people are already underway through each of the member organisations of the RYCAC, but through collective action, we can bring these resources together to better support those most in need."

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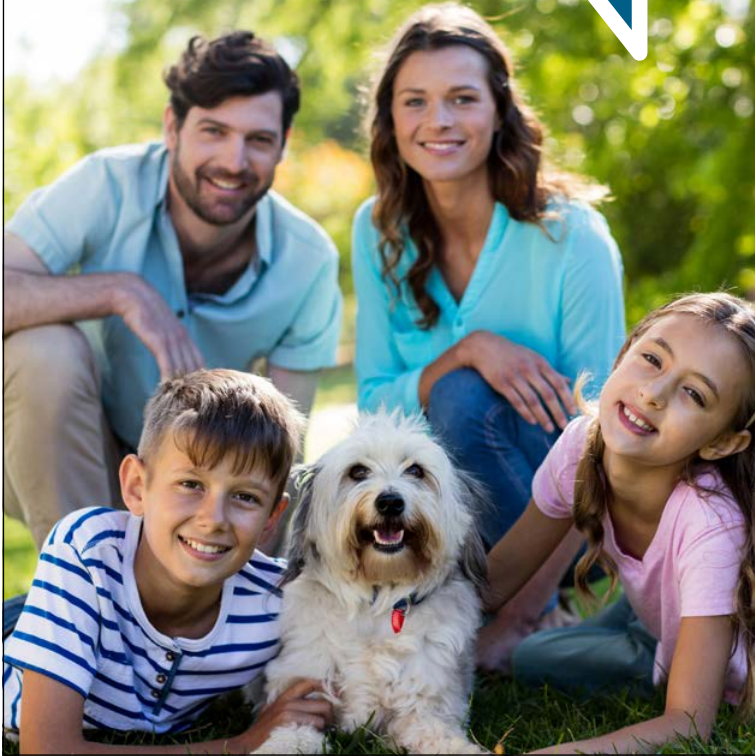
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Community Matters

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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