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### **Tribute to Elizabeth Jordan – 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Ordinary Council – 27 January 2022**

A couple of weeks ago Ipswich had the great honour of recognising our oldest resident, Elizabeth Jordan, on her 110<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Born in 1912, she is believed to be the seventh oldest person in the country, and, remarkably, lived in her Ebbw Vale home from 1936 until very recently.

Elizabeth was raised in Ipswich West, leaving school at 14 to help the family home, as was the practice at the time.

She married husband Joseph in her early 20s, and they had two children, Peter and Valerie.

Husband Joseph was a coal miner, while Elizabeth looked after the home, cultivating a bursting garden filled with veggies, flowers, plants, and orchids, while making cakes and jams.

When Joseph was forced to retire from work due to illness, Elizabeth became his dedicated nurse for 40 years, supporting the family through dressmaking.

A dedicated member of Dinmore Methodist Church, and a life member of Ipswich Blue Care service, Elizabeth has kept herself busy over the years, playing the organ at church and enjoying indoor bowls.

Described by her family as fiercely independent, she has kept busy with social outings and regular church, until COVID-19 restrictions made life a little more isolated.

During her lifetime spanning two centuries, Elizabeth has witnessed two world wars, two global pandemics, 25 Australian Prime Ministers from Andrew Fisher to Scott Morrison, 21 Queensland Premiers from Digby Denham to Annastacia Palaszczuk, and four Kings and Queens of Great Britain, going back to George V.

Sadly, while husband Joseph passed away in 1996, Elizabeth's two children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, continue to spend time with her where possible, chat on the phone, and video call to keep her company.

The last time I had a chat with Mrs Jordan was at the opening of the Ipswich Show last year. She spoke at the opening of the show which she has entered every year since she was 15. Before I gave my speech to open, she leant across to me and she said “please keep it short”. I can tell you now, I followed her instructions to the letter; I welcomed everyone to the show and sat back down.

On behalf of the City of Ipswich, I wish Mrs Jordan many happy returns for her 110<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Councillor Kate Kunzelmann - Matter of Public Interest – Citizen of the Year Award - Ordinary Council - 27 January 2022**

I take great pleasure in presenting the first Matter of Public Interest, this addition to the agenda being approved by Council in December 2021.

Last week, council continued its fine tradition, the Australia Day Awards. The basis of the awards is acknowledgement of the contribution of individuals and organisations to the city of Ipswich. I congratulate all nominees on their participation in our community, and of course the winners.

Most of this activity is built on volunteering. I wish to recognise all those in our community who were not nominated, but continue to contribute to, and improve our community. Just because your name was not up there in lights, does not mean that you are not appreciated. The range of activity in our community is outstanding, and vital for our wellbeing. There are 152 languages spoken in our local government area, but the common language is the language of service.

Volunteering may be taken for granted until it is not there. Covid has meant that many organisations are disadvantaged by the way volunteers have been forced into isolation. This has increased the burden on service providers and agencies. In addition, the sector struggles with a lack of new members, by which I mean young people, and burnout, anecdotally, is becoming more prevalent.

Council encourages and supports community organisations, and those who carry on for extended periods to improve our wellbeing. The connectedness of community volunteering is meaningful, and I encourage more residents to participate.



**Mayor Teresa Harding - Matter of Public Interest - Tonga  
Emergency Response - Ordinary Council - 27 January 2022**

It is with great sadness that I send the thoughts of our City to the Tongan community, following the recent eruption and tsunami that have devastated the country.

The eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai [hon-ga-ton-ga hon-ga-hah-pay] on 15 January has left many in Tonga, and many in our community, deeply concerned for the welfare of family and loved ones.

Reports from the Government of Tonga indicate that 85% of the country's population has been directly affected by either the immediate effects of the volcanic eruption, or the resulting tsunami.

Combined, these events have spread volcanic ash over crops, towns, and water supplies, damaged homes and vital infrastructure, and led to the loss of food and medical supplies.

This is a devastating event for our brothers and sisters in Tonga, and one I know many in our Tongan community will be feeling very deeply.

The Tongan High Commission in Canberra has said, in a statement, that:

Tonga and its peoples have been brought to their knees but have vowed not to let this devastating event break their spirit.

On behalf of the City of Ipswich, I want to let our Tongan community know that they are in our thoughts at this time, and we wish for good outcomes for everyone still waiting on news from family in Tonga.

I also want to thank our local Defence members in our city and families for their immediate response to help our neighbours.

Crews from RAAF Amberley responded within hours, providing aerial imaging support to assess the degree and extent of the damage, and C-17 crews were the first to land in Tonga bringing emergency aid and response support, with logistics operations continuing out of RAAF Amberley, and other locations around the country.

I also note that HMAS Adelaide is en route to Tonga, full of supplies, equipment, and Defence personnel to assist.

At this time of year, we all want to spend as much time with family as possible, and I want to acknowledge the Defence families who continue to be a part of our national response to support our neighbours in their hour of need.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has established a hotline for information on Australian citizens and permanent residents in Tonga, on 1300 555 135.

We wish the people of Tonga the very best and want them to know they are in our thoughts at this very challenging time.



Tivoli Motorcycle Racing Facility – Motoland. Shape your Ipswich FAQ's - [Shape Your Ipswich FAQ's](#)

### **A message from Ipswich City Council**

Thank you for taking the time to be informed about the Motoland motorcycle racing facility. Council has received a number of inquiries about the land use and has prepared the below FAQs for your reference.

Council wants you to be informed about the existing land use rights held by Motoland and the actions Council is undertaking to preserve your amenity within the framework of the Environmental Protection Act. It's important that the community has access to the right information.

### **Who owns the motorcycle facility?**

[Motorcycling Queensland](#) (MQ) own the land at 62 Coal Road, Chuwar; 145-179 Robin Street Chuwar and Lot 136 Unnamed Road Chuwar.

### **Where can I find information about the planning approval?**

The approval for the use, was granted by Moreton Shire Council on 4 December 1974. The planning approval for the use of the land for 'motorcycle racing' is available here [Motoland 1974\\_December\\_4\\_-\\_MSC\\_Approval\\_Letter\\_to\\_MQ](#)

The approval is quite open and does not include many conditions or requirements. The conditions are as follows;

1. The provision of an effluent disposal system to the satisfaction of the Council
2. The provision of a 2-metre landscaped buffer strip around the perimeter of the property.

The approval did not include any plans identifying the locations of the tracks or other facilities. Accordingly, the shape and location of the track has changed over time all within the authority of this approval.

### **How long has the facility been operating?**

Ownership details identify that the land has been owned by motorsport related entities (such as the Auto Cycle Union of Queensland) since 1948. Historically, the facility itself has existed on the land since the 1960's as shown here;

1968



1 February 1968. Source: Qimagery (<https://qimagery.information.qld.gov.au/>)

From this image it can be seen that the facility existed prior to the encroachment of the current large lot residential community.

The 1974 approval essentially formalised the existing arrangements on the site.



























