



# City of Ipswich

**IPSWICH  
CITY  
COUNCIL**

**AGENDA**

*of the*

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**Held in the Council Chambers  
8th floor – 1 Nicholas Street  
IPSWICH QLD 4305**

On Thursday, 5 May 2022  
At 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Economic and Industry Development  
Committee

**MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Russell Milligan (**Chairperson**)

Councillor Andrew Fechner (**Deputy Chairperson**)

Mayor Teresa Harding

Deputy Mayor Jacob Madsen

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 4**

**5 MAY 2022**

AGENDA

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(03) OF 7 APRIL 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2022 be confirmed.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **RECOGNISING EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2022**

This is a report concerning council's recognition of disaster and emergency volunteers during National Volunteer Week in May. Volunteerism assists in developing a caring, equitable society and all volunteers should be commended for their contribution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**MATTERS ARISING**

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**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(03)**

**7 APRIL 2022**

**MINUTES**

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Fechner (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Jacob Madsen and Kate Kunzelmann

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:** Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive Officer (Peter Tabulo), General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development Manager (Ben Pole), Acting General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil A Smith), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Acting Digital Media and Content Manager (Jodie Richter) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Russell Milligan delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

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**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(02) OF 10 MARCH 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:  
Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

**That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 10 March 2022 be confirmed.**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

**NEGATIVE**

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **ENVIROPLAN PROGRAM AND LEVY PROGRESS REPORT 2020-2021**

This is a report concerning the Enviroplan Program and Levy Progress Report for the 2020-2021 financial year (Attachment 1). Contained within the report is an overview of project delivery, a financial summary including expenditure and revenue and a number of highlights from the past year which include:

- Enviroplan 25-year campaign,
- acquisition details concerning the expansion of the Mount Grandchester Conservation Estate
- program summaries for the review and implementation of the voluntary conservation and partnerships programs
- conservation planning programs
- investment into the existing and new Enviroplan reserves.

This annual report follows on from the first report for the 2019-2020 fiscal period.

The 2020-2021 fiscal year saw a significant increase in the overall investment of \$4.9m, up from the previous years of \$2.6m.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

**That the Enviroplan Program and Levy Progress Report 2020-2021 be received and noted.**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

**NEGATIVE**

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

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**MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 11.18 am.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am.

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: RECOGNISING EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS DURING NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER WEEK 2022

AUTHOR: SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

DATE: 19 APRIL 2022

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a report concerning council's recognition of disaster and emergency volunteers during National Volunteer Week in May. Volunteerism assists in developing a caring, equitable society and all volunteers should be commended for their contribution.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

### **RELATED PARTIES**

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

### **IFUTURE THEME**

Safe, Inclusive and Creative

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND**

The significant contribution of volunteers to the development of our community is one that Council values highly. A timely reminder of the invaluable contributions of volunteers in Ipswich are the efforts demonstrated during the February / March Flood Event by volunteers from volunteer organisations including but not limited to the State Emergency Service (SES) and Rural Fire Service (RFS) who conducted door knocking and flood boat operations as waters rose throughout the city; the Australian Red Cross and YMCA who supported evacuees at the evacuation centre; the Salvation Army who provided over 3,800 meals to evacuees; and Lifeline and GIVIT who will continue supporting impacted communities long after the water has receded.

National Volunteer Week (NVW), which falls between 16 and 22 May this year and is championed by Volunteering Queensland, is a time to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and say 'thank you'. Wear Orange Wednesday also falls during NVW this year, on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. On Wear Orange Wednesday, or 'WOW Day', is another national event during which we encourage communities to wear orange to work and school as a demonstration of thanks to SES volunteers who generously give their time to help communities during flood and storm emergencies.



As a show of thanks to all volunteers, and in alignment with NVW and WOW Day, 1 Nicholas Street will be illuminated in orange between 16-22 May. Council will also publish an Ipswich First Article and associated social media content profiling a number of local volunteers in order to celebrate our volunteers and promote volunteering opportunities within Ipswich. The article includes a family of volunteers from the Mount Forbes Rural Fire Service, a female leader from the Goodna SES Group, and the leader of the Cribb Park 'Garden of Eden' program which is restoring the riverbank to make it more flood resilient.

### **LEGAL/POLICY BASIS**

*Volunteer Management Policy*  
*Support to the State Emergency Service Policy*

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There is a risk to council's reputation should no action be taken for NVW given the critical role that volunteers played at the frontline of the response to the February / March Flood Event, let alone their role in the Ipswich community generally.

There is also a risk that some volunteers or volunteer organisations connected to council may feel excluded by the focus on emergency services volunteers. It is however noted that not only does the Ipswich First article include an environmentally focused volunteer and program, but also that the Community Development section of council is hosting a brunch to celebrate (not detailed in this paper).

### **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

<b>HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS</b>
<b>RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT</b>
The Recommendation states that the report be received and the contents noted. The decision to receive and note the report does not limit human rights. Therefore, the decision is compatible with human rights.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Volunteers have given their time to prepare the content being published in the Ipswich First Article promoting volunteering in Ipswich.

There were no additional costs associated with the activities outlined above beyond council officers' time to coordinate and execute the works.

### **COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

The Rural Fire Service Area Director was consulted prior to engaging the RFS volunteers and the Ipswich City SES Unit Local Controller was consulted in identifying a suitable SES volunteer for the Ipswich First article. All parties named above, in addition to Queensland Fire & Emergency Services Media, will be consulted prior to publishing.

## **CONCLUSION**

Council is committed to promoting a resilient community that can prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of disaster. This includes taking advantage of opportunities to recognise and promote volunteering in the community, particularly those emergency service volunteers who provide vital frontline emergency response and recovery services to the Ipswich community.

Kristie Mckenna  
**SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Matthew Pinder  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh  
**MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Graeme Martin  
**MANAGER, CAPITAL PROGRAM DELIVERY**

*“Together, we proudly enhance the quality of life for our community”*