

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

**COUNCIL MEETING ON 30 JUNE 2022**

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*This matter has been determined to be of a significant nature and approval has been given to refer this report to the Council as a late item.*

ITEM: 16.11

SUBJECT: CITY OF IPSWICH SEVERE WEATHER FEBRUARY 2022 RECOVERY PLAN - JULY TO SEPTEMBER

AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

DATE: 27 JUNE 2022

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a report concerning ongoing recovery efforts in response to the severe weather event of February 2022 presented as the City of Ipswich Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- A. That the City of Ipswich Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan – July to September report be received and its contents noted.**
- B. That the Recovery Plan be updated and reported back to Council each quarter until at least June 2023.**
- C. That the Council recovery actions and works described in the Recovery Plan be approved and supported.**
- D. That the recovery network actions, and activity undertaken by partner groups and agencies described in the Recovery Plan be acknowledged and supported.**

### **RELATED PARTIES**

There are no discernible conflicts of interest associated with this report and its recommendations.

Many of the related groups and agencies actively involved in recovery activity are listed on page five of the Recovery Plan.

### **IFUTURE THEME**

Safe, Inclusive and Creative

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

A significant heavy rain event commenced in South East Queensland from 22 February 2022 and continued impacting the region for almost an entire week.

Flood waters caused devastating damage across Ipswich to almost 600 dwellings, 300 businesses, more than 250 vehicles, and losses of livestock and livelihoods.

The ongoing impacts of long-term displacement of people and families, uninhabitable homes and lengthy rebuild processes will be key features of recovery efforts going forward.

The objective of disaster recovery is to help our community reach a point where they are sustainable and resilient.

Disaster recovery is a whole of government, whole of community responsibility and the many groups and agencies who are contributing to this work are acknowledged.

The attached plan provides an overview of the Ipswich response and recovery.

### LEGAL/POLICY BASIS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the Disaster Management Act 2003.

### RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The report outlines a range of actions, works and activity being undertaken by Council and many other groups and agencies.

Council applies established risk management processes to its activity and works.

Council is not liable for the activity and works of other groups and agencies undertaking recovery works.

### HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	<p>That the City of Ipswich Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan – July to September report be received and its contents noted.</p> <p>That the Council recovery actions and works described in the Recovery Plan be approved and supported.</p> <p>That the recovery network actions, and activity undertaken by partner groups and agencies described in the Recovery Plan be acknowledged and supported.</p>
(b) What human rights are affected?	No Human Rights are affected by this decision.

(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not applicable.
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not applicable.
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

To date Council has undertaken approximately \$5,400,000 of recovery works and received approximately \$1,300,000 in state and federal recovery grants.

### **COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

The Local Disaster Recovery Management Chair and Local Disaster Recovery Management Coordinator were consulted as part of the development of the report.

Members of the Local Recovery and Resilience Group were consulted as part of the development of the report.

### **CONCLUSION**



Disaster recovery is a whole of government, whole of community responsibility.

Since the severe weather event of February 2022 many groups and agencies have been actively supporting the Ipswich community in its recovery.

Council has advanced rehabilitation and remediation works across the city.

Community recovery and resilience building will continue to be a priority for Council and the recovery network for the foreseeable future.

### **ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1.	City of Ipswich Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan <a href="#"></a> 
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Katie Baynham  
**EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Ben Pole  
**GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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City of Ipswich

# Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan

July to September 2022  
Quarter Plan



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## City of Ipswich

# Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan

## July to September 2022 Quarter Plan

A significant heavy rain event commenced in South East Queensland from 22 February 2022 and continued impacting the region for almost an entire week. The volume of rain was unprecedented, exceeding previous Ipswich rainfall records. A new record for daily rainfall at Wivenhoe Dam was set at 314.6mm on 26 February, which was 65.8mm higher than the previous record set during the 2011 flood event. The Amberley gauge recorded 935.8mm over the summer period, 111.2mm higher than the 2011 record and more than twice the average summer rainfall for this Ipswich location.

The intense rainfall caused major flooding across the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers, and along many of their tributaries and creeks including the Bundamba, Warrill, Woogaroo and Deebing Creeks. Flood waters caused devastating damage across the city to almost 600 dwellings, 300 businesses, more than 250 vehicles, and losses of livestock and livelihoods.

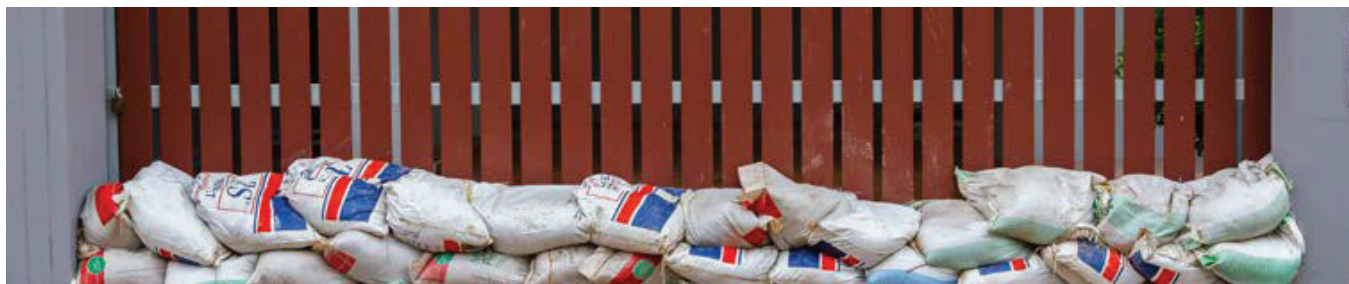
Riverbanks and riparian areas were eroded or destroyed, and entire trees ripped from the ground and carried downstream. Landslips, an unusual phenomenon for Ipswich, occurred at various locations across the city. Roads and bridges were inundated, major water treatment plants and power infrastructure had to be taken temporarily offline, and Colleges Crossing, a significant recreation area and tourism location, was all but destroyed.

The ongoing impacts of long-term displacement of people and families, uninhabitable homes and lengthy rebuild processes will be key features of recovery efforts going forward. The objective of disaster recovery is to help communities reach a point where they are sustainable and resilient. The following provides an overview of the Ipswich response and recovery.

## RESPONSE TIMELINE

Monday 21/02	Tuesday 22/02	Wednesday 23/02	Thursday 24/02	Friday 25/02	Saturday 26/02	Sunday 27/02
0mm	0mm	Up to 15mm	Up to 5mm	Up to 68mm	Up to 217mm	Up to 149mm
BAU	Threat Advisory issued. Flood Intelligence Centre Alert Status.	LDMG Alert Status. LDCC Alert Status. Sandbag Stations open. FIC Stand Up. DDMG Alert Status. First SitRep issued.	ICC Operations 24/7. Incident Action Plan distributed.	LDMG Lean Forward and Stand Up Status. LDCC Lean Forward and Stand Up Status. DDMG Lean Forward Status. 2 x DD 'Prepare to Leave' warnings issued. 3 x DD 'Monitor Conditions' warnings issued. 1 x EA issued. 1 x PoR open. COD activated.	1 x DD 'Prepare to Leave' warning issued. DD Self Reporting open. 1 x DD request for self-evacuation. Evacuation Centre open. 1 x DD 'Evacuate Immediately' issued (Bundamba) 1 x EA issued.	LRRG Alert Status. DDMG Stand Up Status. 1 x EA issued. 1 x DD 'Prepare to Leave' warning issued. 1 x DD Approximate Flood Height issued. 3 x DD 'Watch or Act' warning issued. 2 x PoR open. 3 x DD 'Prepare to Leave/Evacuate' warnings issued. Wivenhoe Dam releases.





## RESPONSE, RELIEF, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE OBJECTIVES AND TIMEFRAMES

PHASE	TIMEFRAME	OBJECTIVES
<b>Response</b>	22 February to 28 February	Ensure community safety and meet immediate support needs
<b>Post-impact relief and emergency repairs</b>	3 Months February to May	Ensure the ongoing support needs and well-being of the community is addressed
<b>Re-establishment, rehabilitation and reconstruction</b>	3 to 6 Months May to August	Initiation of recovery efforts
<b>Restoration, rebuilding, reshaping and sustainability</b>	6 Months From August	Delivery of longer-term recovery efforts
<b>Resilience</b>	Ongoing	Embed learnings to ensure the region is better prepared for future disaster impacts



Monday 28/02	Tuesday 01/03	Wednesday 02/03	Thursday 03/03	Friday 04/03	Saturday 05/03	Sunday 06/03
Up to 141mm	Up to 1mm	0mm	Up to 52mm	< 3mm	Up to 5mm	0mm
DCC Stand Down Status. DD Approximate Flood Height. 1 x PoR closed. PHAS activated. Volunteer registrations open.	LDMG Stand Down Status. LRRG Stand Up Status. Free waste disposal activated. Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Deputy Premier Steven Miles visited the LDCC and Evacuation Centre.	Kerbside waste collection activated. Skip bin distribution activated. Request for Assistance activated. Queensland Governor the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young visited the LDCC and Evacuation Centre.	LDMG Stand Up Status. 1 x DD 'Stay Informed' warning issued. 1 x DD 'Prepare Now' warning issued.	FIC Lean Forward Status. Sandbag Stations closed. Clean up and clean out groups activated (continued through March).	Disaster Recovery Funding activated. Volunteer Army activated.	ADF assistance activated (continued through March).

**DD** – Disaster Dashboard  
**DDMG** – District Disaster Management Group  
**EA** – Emergency Alert  
**LDCC** – Local Disaster Coordination Centre  
**LDMG** – Local Disaster Management Group

**LRRG** – Local Recovery and Resilience Group  
**PHAS** – Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme  
**PoR** – Place of Refuge  
**SitRep** – Situation Report

City of Ipswich

# Severe Weather February 2022 Recovery Plan

July to September 2022 Quarter Plan

## RECOVERY OBJECTIVES

### Economic

- Conduct business and industry impact assessments across the region to identify impacts and issues
- Inform the business community of all support options available and how they can be accessed
- Provide immediate financial relief through available government and industry means
- Understand ongoing impacts and share information within the business sector
- Advocacy highlighting the issues experienced by businesses

### Environment

- Ensure provision of safe water (drinking water, waterways)
- Remove waste and debris
- Investigate disease, public health and safety risks associated with the event
- Ensure sewerage treatment plants are operational
- Assess environmental impacts to high-risk businesses
- Investigate impacts and identify possible treatment options for damaged green environment, natural amenities, natural values and fish/aquatic ecosystems
- Ensure management of domestic animals, livestock and wildlife

### Human and Social

- Provide immediate financial relief to impacted residents and community organisations
- Establish new and expand existing community support services to meet the immediate needs of impacted families and individuals such as housing, emergency food, essential items, mental and physical health, replacement of donated goods and in-home support
- Establish new and coordinate existing service connection points and referral pathways to assist impacted residents to connect with available supports services and resources
- Ensure that the region-wide promotion of available support services is effective in reaching impacted residents and community organisations

### Infrastructure

- Restoration of essential infrastructure including energy supply, water supply, roads, bridges and drainage
- Restoration of community recreational facilities including sports grounds and facilities, parks and conservation estates
- Restoration of council assets including depots, administration buildings and fleet

















