



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, 15 September 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

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 8

15 SEPTEMBER 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(07) OF 11 AUGUST 2022**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 August 2022 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK 2022**

This is a report concerning Get Ready Queensland Week in October 2022 and the community education, awareness and engagement activities that council will carry out in support of the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the contents noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MATTERS ARISING

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(07)

11 AUGUST 2022

MINUTES

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

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Community, Cultural and Environment (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Senior Digital Media and Content Manager (Jodie Richter), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil A Smith), Team Leader (Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning) (Belinda Whelband), Project Officer (Natural Environment) (Carmel O'Neill), Procurement Manager (Richard White) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(06) OF 14 JULY 2022**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 14 July 2022 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **URBAN GREENING PLAN**

This is a report concerning the final submission of the City of Ipswich Urban Greening Plan 2021-2026 (Attachment 1) to Council for adoption. The intention of this Urban Greening Plan is to set an informed and evidence-based direction in achieving increased vegetation cover in priority areas within the urban footprint of Ipswich to best achieve the multiple benefits associated with increasing urban green space and canopy.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

***** That the Urban Greening Plan as presented in Attachment 1 be adopted as a key deliverable for iFuture 2021-2026 under the Theme: Natural and Sustainable.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Madsen
Kunzelmann

The motion was put and carried.

3. RESULTS OF 2021-2022 PLATYPUS MONITORING PROGRAM

This is a report concerning the results of Ipswich City Council's 2021-2022 platypus monitoring program. This sampling represents the sixth platypus monitoring event Council has undertaken across the city's waterways in the last seven (7) years. The on-going program aims to inform our understanding of the distribution of platypus in the city's waterways, and to detect any changes or impacts to their populations. This year's results indicated a severe decline in local platypus populations, which is concerning and emphasises some key threats to the health of our waterways, and the importance of Council's on-going monitoring and waterway improvement programs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- A. **That Council investigate and support programs for reducing sediment-laden runoff entering our natural waterways and adversely impacting platypus habitat.**
- B. **That Council continue to deliver the on-going annual platypus monitoring program, as well as waterway health projects to improve water quality and habitat condition to protect the city's remaining few platypus populations.**

AFFIRMATIVE
Councillors:
Milligan
Fechner
Harding
Madsen
Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE
Councillors:
Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC LAND - 2022-2023 FIRE SEASON FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM

This is a report concerning the management of public access and closure of White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate, Flinders – Goolman Conservation

Estate, Mount Grandchester Conservation Estate and Hillview Drive Reserve for reasons of public safety during controlled burning fuel reduction activities and the enactment of powers under Section 10 (1) of Local Law 7.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Council resolve to exercise the power under section 10(1) of Local Law 7 to close public access to areas of Council's Natural Area Estates to enable a planned schedule of hazard reduction burns occurring between 26 August 2022 and 30 June 2023 within three (3) Council conservation estates, being White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate, Flinders – Goolman Conservation Estate, and Mount Grandchester Conservation Estate plus one (1) reserve being Hillview Drive Reserve.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. **PROPOSAL FOR RENEWING RESILIENT RIVERS BREMER RIVER CATCHMENT OFFICER HOSTED AS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCENIC RIM AND IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL**

This is a report concerning the renewal of the existing partnership with Scenic Rim Regional Council and the South East Queensland Council of Mayors (CoMSEQ) through the Resilient Rivers Initiative (RRI), to financially support the continuation of the *Bremer River Catchment Management Officer* role.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

- A. That Ipswich City Council provide financial support of \$30,000 for the continuation of the Bremer River Catchment Management Officer role in partnership with Scenic Rim Regional Council.**

- B. That Council renew the partnership agreement with Scenic Rim Regional Council and South East Queensland Council of Mayors (CoMSEQ), outlining the terms and desired outcomes of the funding arrangement.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 11.19 am.

The meeting closed at 11.41 am.

*** Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 25 August 2022 for amendment

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK 2022

AUTHOR: SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

DATE: 2 SEPTEMBER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning Get Ready Queensland Week in October 2022 and the community education, awareness and engagement activities that council will carry out in support of the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no declarations of conflict of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Safe, Inclusive and Creative

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Each year council participates in 'Get Ready Queensland', a state-wide program run by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) aimed at helping Queenslanders prepare for natural disasters. This year, Get Ready Queensland Week falls on the week of 10-16 October 2022.

The objectives of the Get Ready Queensland program, which align with council's general disaster management objectives, are to help the community prepare for and become more resilient to disasters by understanding their disaster risk, preparing a household emergency plan and packing an emergency kit.

Council's Get Ready initiatives this year will commence in September and run through to late October and include:

- Promotion of the Get Ready Queensland Schools Competition being run by the QRA;
- Direct community engagement through pop up information stalls at high traffic locations in the community including shopping centres and libraries; and

- A collaboration with the Libraries team to deliver emergency-themed Story Time and Toddler Time sessions.

Council is currently in discussion with local historian Dr Margaret Cook about a speaking event for the community regarding flooding in Ipswich as part of Get Ready Week.

Council will also, by invitation, be attending two school events throughout this period – one at Bellbird Park State College and the other at Amberley District State School – however they are closed events for school students and parents only.

A flyer containing the full schedule of community activities (excluding the closed school events) is attached.

LEGAL/POLICY BASIS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Disaster Management Act 2003

City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan

Council's Disaster Management Policy

Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Get Ready Queensland program is a key opportunity for council to reduce disaster risk in Ipswich by helping the community prepare for disasters and emergencies through education, awareness and engagement activities.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT
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

Activities will be funded through the Get Ready Queensland grant administered to council by the QRA.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Similar pop information stalls were run at different locations across Ipswich last year with positive feedback from community members about being able to talk to experts and access disaster preparedness information in their local community.

Emergency-themed Story Time and Toddler Time sessions were run last year with positive feedback from attendees, driving this year's decision to run the sessions again.

CONCLUSION

Get Ready Queensland Week 2022 is an excellent opportunity for Council to engage with the community and help them prepare for the season ahead, contributing to a stronger, more disaster resilient Ipswich.

ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

1.	2022 Get Ready Ipswich Schedule ↓ 
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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.

Sean Madigan

GENERAL MANAGER - INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

2022

Get Ready Queensland

Community events in Ipswich

Get Ready Ipswich

Every year council participates in the Get Ready Queensland campaign aimed at helping our community prepare for disasters. This year council's Emergency Management Team are hosting pop-up information stalls at community locations across the city to talk with residents about getting ready for disasters.

Residents are encouraged to come and visit the team to ask questions and learn about how they can get ready in three steps:

1. Understand your risk
2. Prepare a household emergency plan
3. Pack an emergency kit

September

Where	When	Time
Ripley Town Square Shopping Centre	Thursday 8	4pm to 8pm
Springfield Central Library	Thursday 22	9am to 8 pm
Redbank Plains Town Square Shopping Centre	Thursday 29	4pm to 8pm

October

Where	When	Time
Rosewood Library	Wednesday 5	9am to 5pm
Queens Park Education Centre	Monday 10	9am to 5pm
	Tuesday 11	11am to 5pm
	Wednesday 12	11am to 4pm
	Thursday 13	9am to 5pm
	Friday 14	9am to 5pm
Ipswich Children's Library*	Thursday 13	9:30am to 10am
		10:30am to 11am
Rosewood Library*	Friday 14	9:30am to 10am
		10:30am to 11am
Booval Fair Shopping Centre	Thursday 20	4pm to 8pm

More information to help you get ready

- Visit council's emergency management webpage: www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency
- Visit the Get Ready Queensland Website: www.getready.qld.gov.au

*Story Time and Toddler Time sessions – bookings essential:
www.ipswichlibraries.com.au/whats-on/children/

