



City of  
**Ipswich**

## **AGENDA**

---

### **COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

10 minutes after the conclusion of the Finance and Governance Committee or such later time as determined by the preceding committee

Council Chambers, Level 8  
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jacob Madsen (**Chairperson**)  
Councillor Pye Augustine (**Deputy Chairperson**)

Mayor Teresa Harding  
Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic  
Councillor Jim Madden  
Councillor Andrew Antonioli

## COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE AGENDA

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
	<b>Welcome to Country or Acknowledgment of Country</b>	
	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	<b>Business Outstanding</b>	
	<b>Officers' Reports</b>	
1	Ipswich Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program	5
	<b>Notices of Motion</b>	
	<b>Matters Arising</b>	

\*\* Item includes confidential papers

**COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE NO. 2024(01)**

**11 JUNE 2024**

AGENDA

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **IPSWICH COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

This is a report concerning the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program, a program to support long-term recovery and resilience of the Ipswich community following the 2022 SEQ rainfall and Flooding.

The program was funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments exceptional circumstances Category C funding package under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program report be received and the contents noted.

---

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Doc ID No: A10221936

ITEM: 1  
SUBJECT: IPSWICH COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE OFFICER PROGRAM  
AUTHOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER  
DATE: 29 MAY 2024

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a report concerning the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program, a program to support long-term recovery and resilience of the Ipswich community following the 2022 SEQ rainfall and Flooding.

The program was funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments exceptional circumstances Category C funding package under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

**That the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program report be received and the contents noted.**

### **RELATED PARTIES**

There are no discernible related party conflicts of interest relating to this report or its recommendation.

### **IFUTURE THEME**

Safe, Inclusive and Creative

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

Community Recovery and Resilience Office Program is a direct outcome and delivery action of the City of Ipswich Community Development Strategy:

Pillar 1 – Capacity Building and Resilience

- Increase resilience of the community in the event of a disaster.

Pillar 3 – Inclusion and Connectedness

- Increase resilience of people with a disability in our community in the event of a disaster.

The Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program provided funding to appoint a Community Recovery and Resilience Officer to support community-led initiatives, facilitate linkages, collaboration and partnerships across community, government, and non-government organisations. The program has delivered a wide range of projects and activities over the 18-month contract period.

Activities undertaken include:

- Formation of the Ipswich Resilience Network. The network meets quarterly to share information on recovery and resilience support and initiatives.
- Establishment of four Community Early Response Teams consisting of volunteers from community centre across Ipswich. This has included the delivery of 36 training sessions and two activation exercises to 64 volunteers from Rosewood Community Centre, Gales Community House, Redbank Plains Community Centre and Beacon Community Hub Leichhardt and the development of guidelines, templates, and activation procedures.
- Delivery of 14 capacity and capability building workshops to community recovery workers enabling them to better support the community following emergencies and disasters.
- Promotion of Flexible Funding Grants and provision of support to successful projects.
- Upskilling front-line council staff enabling them to better support people in crisis.
- Disaster preparedness workshops and presentations including Red Cross Community EmergencyRedi workshops, Red Cross Pillowcase Programs for children, Person Centred Emergency Preparedness for the disability sector, Seniors Safety Sessions, interagency meetings, 'Get Ready' talk at Rosewood State High School Assembly, emergency preparedness workshop for the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council.
- Supporting community engagement activities including the Ipswich Show, Men's Health Week, NAIDOC, Early Years Expo, Seniors Week, community centre BBQs and activities.
- Facilitating the establishment of a local chapter of the Queensland Disaster Chaplaincy Network (QDCN) and a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the QDCN,
- Working with Volunteering Queensland to draft a Spontaneous Volunteer Management Plan.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:  
*Not Applicable*

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program was guided by the objectives provided in the funding guidelines as well as a range of documents including:

- City of Ipswich LRRG Interim Local Recovery Plan: Flood Event February 2022
- Feb-March 2022 Ipswich Flood Review Strategic and Operational Review Reports
- City of Ipswich LRRG 2022 Flood Event Review Final Report
- City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan
- City of Ipswich Local Disaster Manager Sub Plan Recovery
- City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Sub Plan Isolated Communities
- Ipswich District Human and Social Recovery Plan
- Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no discernible risk management implications associated with this report or its recommendation.

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Program was funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments exceptional circumstances Category C funding package under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This funding ends on 30 June 2024.

## **COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

The program was also informed and supported by external stakeholders including:

- Australian Red Cross
- Bellbird Training and Consultancy
- Carers Queensland
- Community Centre Leaders
- Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts
- Healthcorp
- Queensland Disability Network (QDN)
- Queensland Health
- Queensland Police Service – Emergency Management
- Uniting Care Lifeline
- Volunteering Queensland

## **CONCLUSION**

The Community Recovery and Resilience Program has played an important role in the region for community resilience leadership by working alongside community organisations leveraging collective capabilities and building a unified and common agenda for achieving community resilience and recovery.

Through its support of over 170 meetings, workshops, events, and activities, the program has facilitated community-led recovery and resilience building and fostered positive social outcomes, reinforcing community support is at the heart of sustainable progress.

Council gratefully acknowledges that this program was made possible through the exceptional circumstances Category C funding package under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments.

Although the program is scheduled to be completed by June 30,2024, its significant ongoing and longer-term outcomes will continually remain aligned with the capacity building and resilience pillar identified in the City of Ipswich Community Development Strategy.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
<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.

Melissa Dower  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Don Stewart  
**MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

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

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