

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(00)**3 FEBRUARY 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillor Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle (via audio-link), Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Manager, Marketing and Promotions (Carly Gregory), Precinct Director (Nicholas Street Precinct (James Hepburn), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Manager, Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Manager, Resource Recovery (David McAlister), Strategy and Business Planning Manager (Emma Thomson), Manager and Capital Program Delivery (Graeme Martin)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**1. SUPERCARS REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

This is a report concerning an Event Sponsorship application by Supercars for financial support of the 2026 Century Batteries Ipswich Super 440 at Queensland Raceway. Supercars have also requested Council's consideration of a multi-year sponsorship agreement for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 events.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Supercars Request for Event Sponsorship.

2. NAME OF NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT CARPARK

This report provides an overview on the naming of the carpark below Tulumur Place within the Nicholas Street Precinct.

The carpark is physically named and signed as the Nicholas Street Precinct carpark on multiple wayfinding totems as well as the main vehicular entrance from Bremer Street. The carpark is digitally named and recognised on multiple online channels for both marketing, social media awareness as well as wayfinding mapping tools like Google Maps, Apple Maps and Waze.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Name of Nicholas Street Precinct Carpark.

3. REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY AT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS POLICY

This workshop is intended to provide councillors with the opportunity to review the current Representation of the City at Official Functions Policy and to identify areas where clarification, refinement or change may be required.

Note: This item is to be rescheduled for a future Councillor Briefing Session/Workshop.

4. MONTEREA ROAD SPORTS FIELDS

The Federal Government committed \$4.5 million for a Rugby League and Sports Centre at the Montereia Sports Field in Ripley.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Montereia Road Sports Fields.

5. 2025 RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY PROGRESS UPDATE

The attached presentation to this report highlights the 2025-year achievements by the Resource Recovery Branch, across services and infrastructure. The 2025 year saw the introduction of a city-wide Garden Organic service, which was the largest single service increase to the city, for many years.

The briefing will also note the proposed Organics at home program for discussion based on previous briefings supplied.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the 2025 Resource Recovery Strategy Progress Update.

6. MAJOR PROJECTS COST UPDATE

This report provides an update on the current financial position of major projects and identifies the additional contingency requirements necessary to manage variations within approved project budgets.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on Major Projects Cost Update.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 9.06 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 9.15 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 9.22 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.02 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.18 am with all councillors in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 11.00 am.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic returned to the meeting at 11.08 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 11.52 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 11.53 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting at 11.53 am.

Councillor Jim Madden left the meeting at 11.53 am.

Councillor Jim Madden returned to the meeting at 11.55 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting at 11.57 am.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.
