

ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)**17 FEBRUARY 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson); Councillors Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic (via audio-link), Jacob Madsen, 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 Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), Manager Marketing and Promotions (Carly Gregory), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Advocacy Lead (Kate Adams), Precinct Director – Nicholas Street Precinct (James Hepburn), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles) and Venue Technician (Thomas Haag)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson) invited Councillor Marnie Doyle to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic informed the meeting that she has a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 2 titled Event Sponsorship – 2026 Ipswich Cup.

The nature of the prescribed conflict of interest is that Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic is a member of the Executive of the Ipswich Turf Club.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic advised that she will leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public) while this matter is being discussed and voted on.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2025(11) OF 2 DECEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor David Martin:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the minutes of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee held on 2 December 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 1.17 pm due to a previously declared interest in Item 2.

2. EVENT SPONSORSHIP - 2026 IPSWICH CUP

This is a report concerning an application for Event Sponsorship by the Ipswich Turf Club, requesting financial support of \$50,000 excl. GST for the Ipswich Cup, to be held on Saturday 20 June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor David Martin:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That Council provide the Ipswich Turf Club \$25,000 excluding GST financial support for the 2026 Ipswich Cup.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Augustine	Nil
Doyle	
Harding	
Madsen	
Antoniolli	
Martin	
Madden	

All Councillors except Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic returned to the meeting at 1.20 pm.

3. EVENT SPONSORSHIP - CENTURY BATTERIES IPSWICH SUPER 440

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 requested Council's consideration of a multi-year sponsorship agreement for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 events.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

- A. That Council provide the 2026 Century Batteries Ipswich Super 440 (V8 Supercars Australia) with a potential total \$50,000 excluding GST Event Sponsorship financial support comprised of a \$30,000 base payment and a \$20,000 performance payment.**
- B. That Council undertake an Event Impact Report for the 2026 Century Batteries Ipswich Super 440 as in-kind support (valued at \$10,997.50 ex GST).**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Augustine	Nil
Doyle	

Harding
Jonic
Madsen
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

The motion was put and carried.

4. REPORT - ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04) OF 8 DECEMBER 2025

This is the report of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025(04) of 8 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025(04) of 8 December 2025.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 1.35 pm.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

That meeting procedures be suspended to allow for Councillor Madsen to provide a right of reply.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

All Councillors except Councillor Marnie Doyle were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 1.35pm.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 1.36 pm.
Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting at 1.37 pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING PROCEDURES

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That meeting procedures be resumed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antonioli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. REPORT - ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025 (04) OF 8 DECEMBER 2025

This is the report of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025(04) of 8 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025 04 of 8 December 2025.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antonioli

Martin

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Madden

The motion was put and carried.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(03) OF 15 OCTOBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 15 October 2025 be confirmed.

2. 2026-2027 STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

This is a report concerning the 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions containing Councils advocacy priorities for the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee note the proposed 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions.

DISCUSSION

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper) arrived at the meeting at 2.42 pm.

The committee discussed the 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submission. Discussion included updates in relation to the following:

- *Elected Reps Working Group - Councillors provided feedback on their discussions with State and Federal Members*
- *Better Bus Network*
- *Critical and Enabling Infrastructure, including the Warrego, Cunningham and Centenary Highways*
- *Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area*
- *Ipswich Central Second River Crossing*
- *Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor*
- *Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities*
- *Inland rail*

3. SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK UPDATE

This is a report concerning activity to progress consultation and analysis on the most viable locations for a synthetic athletics track in the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Synthetic Athletics Track Update be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

Dion Collins (Managing Director from ROSS Planning) attended the meeting to discuss the current considerations and options of the synthetic athletics facility site assessments.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 5.1 50-CENT CONNECTED REGION INITIATIVE

Mayor Teresa Harding tabled a joint letter from the Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council and the Mayor of Lockey Valley Regional Council seeking support for progressing the 50-cent connected region initiative, and in particular, for advancing regional rail connectivity through a stages extension of passenger rail from Rosewood to Withcott.

ACTION

This matter to be discussed at a future councillor briefing session.

5.2. UPDATE ON THE NORMAN STREET BRIDGE**ACTION**

Chief Executive Officer to advise next steps at a future meeting.

5. NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT - DECEMBER 2025 NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT PROJECT CONTROL GROUP

This is a report concerning the December 2025 Nicholas Street Precinct (NSP) Project Control Group (PCG) meeting focussing on the status of the leasing program and the planning, development, delivery and ongoing management of the NSP.

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(c), (e), (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the December 2025 Nicholas Street Precinct Project Control Group Report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 1.14 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm.
