



City of
Ipswich

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

10 minutes after the conclusion of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee or such later time as determined by the preceding committee

Council Chambers, Level 8
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Jim Madden (**Chairperson**)
Councillor Andrew Antonioli (**Deputy Chairperson**)

Mayor Teresa Harding
Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic
Councillor Jacob Madsen
Councillor Pye Augustine
Councillor Marnie Doyle

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)

17 FEBRUARY 2026

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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. 2025(11) OF 2 DECEMBER 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 December 2025 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **2025 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS REPORT**

This is a report outlining a summary of Environmental Events held during 2025, highlighting key events and campaigns delivered across the year and an overview of planned dates for 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the 2025 Environmental Events Highlights be received and the contents noted.

3. **2025 SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH - OVERVIEW REPORT**

This is a report concerning the Sustainable Ipswich Overview Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Sustainable Ipswich Overview be received and the contents noted.

4. **OFF-SITE STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORTS
2023-2024 AND 2024-2025**

This is a report concerning the Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program (the Program, formerly known as Stormwater Quality Offsets program) and its annual report (Attachment 1.). Council publishes a report summarising important information about the Program for each of the financial years it operates. This includes details of the fees collected from participating developers, how they've been spent, and the stormwater pollution reductions and other benefits achieved. The attached annual report (the Annual Report) covers the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years. It also describes changes made to the Program over this time and proposed next steps, including the preparation of a plan to deliver new off-site solutions over the next 5 – 10 years.

The Annual Report has been prepared in council's marketing template but will be turned into a graphic document suitable for public release after this committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program Annual Reports 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 be received and its contents noted.

5. **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL DELIVERY REPORT
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025**

This is a report concerning the performance of the capital delivery program by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on capital delivery by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025 be received and the contents noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MATTERS ARISING

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(11)

2 DECEMBER 2025

MINUTES

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Antonioli (Deputy Chairperson) (via audio-link), Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Marnie Doyle and David Martin (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Mayor Teresa Harding

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Disaster and Natural Hazards Manager (Matthew Pinder), Acting Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong) and Venue Technician (Thomas Haag)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That a leave of absence be granted for Mayor Teresa Harding for the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

1. **RESPONSE TO PETITION - CLIMATE EMERGENCY PETITION**

This report has been prepared to provide key information regarding a petition with 820 signatures submitted by the Ipswich Climate Action Group (ICAG) to Council on 28 August 2025. The petition calls on Ipswich City Council to:

Declare a Climate Emergency.

Achieve net zero emissions across all Council operations by 2030.

Establish a community–Council partnership to support a sustainable and liveable future.

In response, Council officers have prepared a position and supporting information in relation to the petition.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A. That Council continue to implement the Sustainability Strategy 2021 – 2026 and look to increase communication and awareness of council’s sustainability and climate resilience initiatives through our public facing media platforms.
- B. That a Climate Emergency Declaration is given consideration during the next review of the Sustainability Strategy proposed to commence in 2026-2027 (budget pending).
- C. That the General Manager Environment and Sustainability identify opportunities for engaging with the Ipswich Climate Action Group to participate in or contribute towards council’s existing sustainability initiatives and events.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli proposed the following motion as Recommendation B.

- B. That this report be referred to a future councillor briefing/workshop for discussion.

The mover and seconder of the original motion agreed to the proposed motion.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A. That Council continue to implement the Sustainability Strategy 2021 – 2026 and look to increase communication and awareness of council’s sustainability and climate resilience initiatives through our public facing media platforms.**
- B. That this report be referred to a future councillor briefing/workshop for discussion.**
- C. That the General Manager Environment and Sustainability identify opportunities for engaging with the Ipswich Climate Action Group to participate in or contribute towards council’s existing sustainability initiatives and events.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(10) OF 18 NOVEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 18 November 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

3. **CITY OF IPSWICH LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN - 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

This is a report concerning the administrative updates made to the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan as part of the annual plan review process.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan – 2025 Administrative Update report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. **CHANGE TO THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT REGULATION**

This report concerns an amendment to the Disaster Management Regulation 2014, effective 1 December 2025.

*****RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the Change to the Disaster Management Regulation report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Jonic
Madsen
Augustine
Doyle

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson), on behalf of the Environment and Sustainability committee, extended best wishes to fellow Councillors and staff for a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New year.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 11.50 am.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

***** Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 11 December 2025 for amendment.**

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

AUTHOR: ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

DATE: 15 JANUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report outlining a summary of Environmental Events held during 2025, highlighting key events and campaigns delivered across the year and an overview of planned dates for 2026.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report on the 2025 Environmental Events Highlights be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The Environmental Events program delivered across the calendar year support a variety of environmental initiatives from the Environment and Sustainability Department and acts to engage the Ipswich and surrounding community in celebrating a 'clean, green, circular economy city' (iFuture) and deliver on council strategic priorities.

Overview of the Program

While many environmental campaigns, events and activities are delivered across the year, the priority focus in 2025 was around conservation and sustainable nature-based recreation (March – May) and sustainability (September – October).

Other activities are specifically planned to fit with special and established 'environmental days', especially those that connect with regional or national campaigns.

Collaboration is key to this event program, which is highly supported by other areas of council including Ipswich Libraries, Active and Healthy, Nicholas Street Precinct, Disaster and Natural Hazards, Ipswich Waste Services, Works and Field Services as well as Ipswich community and not-for-profit groups and organisations.

Highlights from 2025 include:

- Clean Up Australia Day which has continued to be popular with 63 community/school and business groups hosting their own clean up activity.
- The Experience Nature campaign highlighted Ipswich’s Conservation Estates and Reserves, whilst also undergoing an improved look and feel. The positive marketing campaign reached a variety of audiences including rural landholders, special interest groups and families.
- Trees for Mum, at which 156 people joined with council at Jack Barkley Park on Mother’s Day to plant 1,860 native plants along Bundamba Creek.
- The Connecting Corridors Forum brought together 70 local landholders, community representatives, natural resource management groups, research institutions, and conservation organisations to celebrate nearly 10 years of the Little Liverpool Range Initiative.
- A total of 1,760 native plants were planted, mulched and watered by 70 volunteers at this year’s National Tree Day planting event in partnership with Llewellyn Toyota.
- Rotary Ipswich Branch and the Tree Life Movement joined 62 volunteers to help to plant 1,680 native plants along Woogaroo Creek in Kippen Park for World Rivers Day.
- Over 170 volunteers registered to help plants trees at Small Creek and along Bundamba Creek in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia over 3 planting events and 2 maintenance days.
- The Sustainable Ipswich program continues to grow in popularity each year with 8,590 individuals engaging in face-to-face activities across the program.

Key event activations and campaigns

Event	Date	Community Partners
Clean Up Australia Day (supporting)	March 2025	Clean Up Australia Day
<i>Cancelled due to Cyclone Alfred</i> - Community Tree Planting – Jack Barkley Park	15 March 2025	Federal Government (Urban Rivers and Catchments Program)
Experience Nature Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Journalling • Stargazing at Hardings Paddock (<i>cancelled due to weather</i>) • Agents of Discovery Missions in Haig Street Quarry and Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve • Special Bird and Plant Walk at Stirling Road Reserve • Indigenous Astronomy (presented by Ipswich Libraries) • Wildlings Forest School in Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve 	April 2025	Active and Healthy (ICC) Ipswich Libraries (ICC) Discover Ipswich (ICC)
Trees for Mum – Community Tree Planting – Jack Barkley Park	11 May 2025	Federal Government (Urban Rivers and Catchments Program)
Connecting Corridors Forum	24 May 2025	Little Liverpool Range Initiative
National Tree Day – Community Planting Event – Behind Knights Soccer Club	26 July 2025	Llewellyn Toyota (<i>Event partner</i>)
Partnership Community Tree Planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Small Creek	16 August 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia

Partnership Corporate Tree Planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Small Creek	17 September 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia
World Rivers Day – Community Tree Planting – Kippen Park	September 2025	Rotary Ipswich Branch Tree Life Movement
Sustainable Ipswich Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat Gardens – Sustainable Open Garden Trail Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival Community and partner events School holidays workshops at QPEEC Adult workshops at QPEEC and Leichardt One Mile Community Centre 	September to October 2025	Suntory Oceania (<i>Event partner</i>) Ipswich Libraries Active and Healthy (ICC) Native Plants QLD Ipswich Branch Ipswich Waste Services Ipswich Climate Action Group Conservation Volunteers Australia Mobile Nursery – Free Plant Program (ICC) Disaster and Natural Hazards (ICC)
Partnership Corporate Tree Planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Jack Barkley Park	11 October 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia
Partnership Maintenance Day with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Small Creek	18 October 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia
Aussie Backyard Bird Count (supporting)	20-26 October 2025	Birdlife Australia
Partnership Corporate Tree Planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Jack Barkley Park	29 October 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia
Partnership Maintenance Day with Conservation Volunteers Australia – Small Creek	11 December 2025	Conservation Volunteers Australia

Partnership and Event Support

A small number of incoming sponsorships were processed in the 2025 calendar year. Sponsorships are a helpful way to grow the events or program offerings. Funds were used for additional marketing and promotional items and materials for events such as plants and gloves or used to engage special guest speakers.

Sponsorships Incoming

- \$5,000 (excluding GST) from Llewellyn Toyota for National Tree Day event on Saturday 26 July, 2025.
- \$10,000 (excluding GST) from Suntory Oceania for Sustainable Ipswich program in October 2025.

Partnerships Incoming

- \$45,000 (excluding GST) with Conservation Volunteers Australia to include site preparations and site maintenance for 2 community planting events, 1 corporate planting event and 2 maintenance days and 4,000 native seedlings (tubestock) planted.

Partnerships Outgoing

- Partnership with Watergum Community Inc. to help deliver the Ipswich Cane Toad Challenge.

Future Environmental Event Dates

In 2026 the priority focus will be on waterway health (March – May) and sustainability (September – November).

Key dates for 2026

- Friday 30 January - Community Cane Toad Bust

- Friday 30 January to Sunday 8 February – Ipswich Cane Toad Challenge (online) in partnership with Watergum Community Inc.
- Sunday 1 March – Clean Up Australia Day (supporting)
- March to May – Waterfest campaign, including:
 - 23 March to 19 April – “Catch, Snap and Win!” Online Fishing Competition with 2 Bent Rods
 - 23 March to 19 April - Come and try fishing and canoeing sessions with Active Healthy
 - School holiday programming at Queens Park Environmental Education Centre
 - 7 – 10 April - Meet your Creek – Waterbug Investigation activation in Tulumur Place
 - 18 April – Community Tree Planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia
 - Agents of Discovery missions
 - 9 May - Guided bird walk, Saplings Pocket, Pine Mountain
- Wednesday 6 May - Youth Sustainability Summit
- Sunday 10 May – Trees for Mum – Community Tree Planting in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Sunday 27 September – World Rivers Day – Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, Bremer River, Coalfalls
- September to November – Sustainable Ipswich campaign, including
 - Sustainable Open Garden Trail
 - School holiday programming at Queens Park Environmental Education Centre

Next Steps

An Environment and Sustainability events and activities program (hardcopy and digital) will be prepared and distributed in early 2026.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications related to the contents of this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial/resource implications.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Community event surveys are undertaken to ensure events are relevant and continuously improved.



CONCLUSION

The Environmental Events calendar of events and activities provides residents, volunteers, private landholders and community partners to grow awareness and learn more about our local environmental issues. There are ample opportunities for Mayor and Councillors to engage with the annual program.

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.

ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

1.	Environmental Events in 2025  
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Jennifer Bonnett

ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Phil A. Smith

MANAGER, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh

GENERAL MANAGER (ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY)

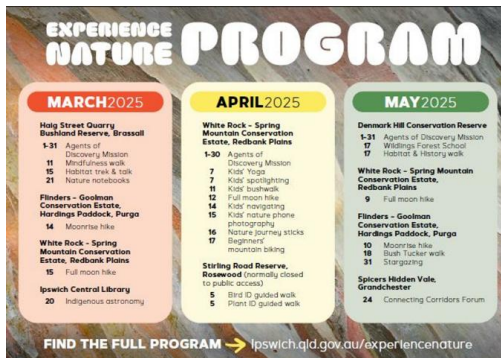
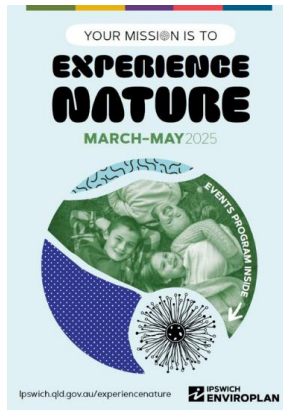
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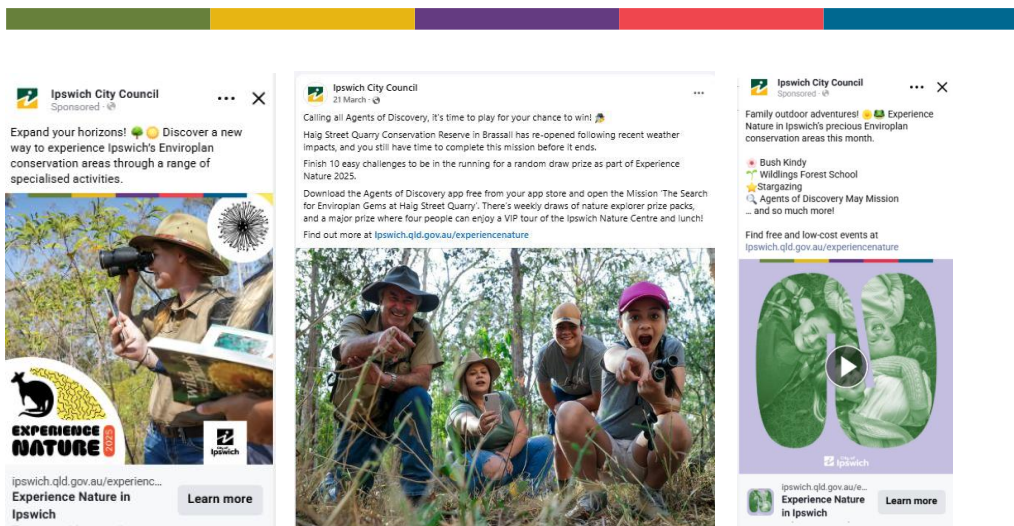
Attachment A - Environmental Events in 2025

Clean Up Australia Day



Experience Nature





Trees for Mum



Connecting Corridors Forum



World Rivers Day – Community Tree Planting



WORLD RIVERS DAY

Join us on Woogaroo Creek for a free community planting. This project is one of nine priority Ipswich sites to be restored under the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program.

These plantings will:

- reduce bank erosion
- improve water quality
- increase native habitat
- restore bushy vegetation

Sunday, 28 September
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Kippen Park, 22-23 Enid Street, Goodina

[ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com](https://www.ipswichcitycouncil.qld.gov.au/Events/Community-Planting-Event)

This project is funded by the Australian Government's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, with the support of Ipswich City Council.

WORLD RIVERS DAY

Sunday 28 September
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Kippen Park, Goodina

[ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com](https://www.ipswichcitycouncil.qld.gov.au/Events/Community-Planting-Event)
Community planting event
Plant and restore

Sign up



Sustainable Ipswich

Sustainable Ipswich SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Craig Reucassel**: Catch up with Craig Reucassel from ABC's War on Waste at the Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival on Saturday 18 October as well as a range of local experts you can ask about anything from bees to EVs.
- Active and Healthy**: Build your bike riding confidence – no matter your age or ability – with Active and Healthy Ride Ipswich workshops. Rediscover the joy of riding your bike!
- Open Garden Trail**: Your garden will be buzzing with all the ideas you can take home. Visit on Ipswich urban wildlife-friendly garden with the Sustainable Open Garden Trail. Learn how to create a bountiful harvest at home with Ipswich Libraries' special session featuring Mark Valencia from 'Self-Sufficient Me'.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia**: Get hands on with a free community planting day with Conservation Volunteers Australia. You will be helping to improve wildlife habitat and restore the banks of an important urban creek.
- Queens Park Environmental Education Centre**: Pick up a new skill to make sustainable living even easier, with free workshops for children and adults on everything from eco-cleaning to mini worm farms at Queens Park Environmental Education Centre.
- Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre**: Join a growing community movement with Ipswich volunteer-led groups working to make a difference. Share your passion at the Rosewood Native Plant Sale & Enviro Day and meet up with like-minded people at the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre garden.

MAKE SURE TO REGISTER!
Many free and low cost events have limited tickets. Find info at ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability

JOIN THE Sustainable Ipswich JOURNEY

Discover a range of activities and events throughout the festival, including:

- Workshops**: Learn new skills and techniques from local experts.
- Open Garden Trail**: Explore beautiful gardens and learn about sustainable practices.
- Active and Healthy**: Enjoy bike riding workshops and other outdoor activities.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia**: Participate in a community planting day.
- Queens Park Environmental Education Centre**: Attend workshops on eco-cleaning and mini worm farms.
- Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre**: Meet like-minded people and share your passion.
- Rosewood Native Plant Sale & Enviro Day**: Discover native plants and learn about environmental issues.
- Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival**: A day of free workshops, demonstrations, family entertainment, and a mobile nursery.

SCAN QR CODE for more information and to register for events.

IPSWICH SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL 2025 PROGRAM

Tulmur Place * FREE ENTRY
Saturday 18 October * 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

IPSWICH.QLD.GOV.AU/SUSTAINABILITY **SUNTORY OCEANIA** **City of Ipswich**

KEEP THE GOOD TIMES GOING!

Connect with the organisations from the festival and support sustainability actions in our community.

PRESENTERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	FOR THE KIDS	HOME AND GARDEN	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
CRAIG REUCASSEL www.abc.net.au/show/war-on-waste	WATER RANGER VS WALTER Urbanutilities.com.au/community	IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES ipswich.qld.gov.au/waste	TESLA OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA - OLD CHAPTER Teslaowners.org.au
CLAIRE BICKLE claire-bickle.com	STICK EM' UP CYCLE WITH ARTIST SUE LOVEDAY Sueloveday.com	4305 DESIGN - SUSTAINABLE HOMES AND RENOVATION 4305design.com.au	CLEANCO - SWANBANK CLEAN ENERGY HUB Cleancoqueensland.com.au
ANTHONY CORNELIUS - WEATHERWATCH Weatherwatch.org.au	JUMBO FLUNK Jumbofunk.com.au	IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL - FREE PLANT PROGRAM ipswich.qld.gov.au/issupports	IPSWICH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP Facebook.com/ICAG
JESSICA LINDAY - MALLOW SUSTAINABILITY MallowSustainability.com.au	CLEANCO PRESENTS STREET SCIENCE StreetScience.com.au	SUSTAINABLE HOME WITH NICOLE LUTZ ThisSimpleDay.wordpress.com	SOLAR CITIZENS SolarCitizens.org.au
DR. WENDELL PORTER - ENERGETIC COMMUNITIES energeticcommunities.org.au	BRIAN THE WORM MAN TheWormMan.com.au	ECOCENTRIC SISTERS Facebook.com/ecocentric.sisters	SPINNERS, WEAVERS AND FIBRE ARTISANS OF IPSWICH Facebook.com/spinnersweaversofipswich
LISA GARRARD - THE UPCYCLED SOAP COMPANY TheUpCycledSoapCompany.au	OCEAN WEMYS - URBAN NATIVE BEES UrbanNativeBees.com.au	FLYFARM AUSTRALIA Flyfarm.com.au	NATIVE PLANTS QUEENSLAND - IPSWICH BRANCH Nps.org.au/ipswich
		IPSWICH SOLAR AND ELECTRICAL ipswichsolarandelectrical.com.au	IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL - DISASTER AND NATURAL HAZARDS ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency
		REGENEV INSTALLATIONS Regenevcharginginstall.com.au	OCEAN CRUSADERS OceanCrusaders.org

SEE THE MAP INSIDE!

Ipswich City Council 13 October

Free workshops during September and October
👉 Learn practical skills from people in your community ready to share how to live sustainably.

Meet Craig Reucassel from ABC's War on Waste at the Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival! 👉 Hear from Craig and other experts on everything from bees to EVs, and explore a vibrant showcase of local eco-products and initiatives. The day will be full of free workshops and demonstrations, family entertainment, a mobile nursery and more.

📅 Saturday 18 October
🕒 9am to 1pm
📍 Tulmur Place, Ipswich Central
Explore the full program now 👉 <https://room.ly/brjstlw>

Building bicycle... Learn more
Free worksho...

Sustainable Open Garden... Learn more
Visit inspirin...

DIY Fermentation Learn more
Free DIY work...

Eco cleaning Learn more
Free worksho...

Check out the full program Learn more
Free activities...

IPSWICH SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL 2025

Jen Bonnett, Phil Smith and 47 others
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Partnership Plantings with Conservation Volunteers Australia



Let's Grow Ipswich Together: Community Planting Day!

Join us as we plant an Urban Shade Forest
to enjoy for generations to come!

By getting involved, you'll enjoy a range of benefits, including:



When: Wednesday October 29th (10:00am-2:00pm)

Where: Jack Barkley Park, North Booval

Registrations essential.
Register via conservationvolunteers.info/USFIpswichOct29
Or contact Teresa at TGustowski@cva.org.au

Conservation Volunteers Australia's Urban Shade Forest Initiative is supported by founding partner Chevron Australia, Chevron's premium fuel brand Galax and supported locally by Ipswich City Council.



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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: 2025 SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH - OVERVIEW REPORT

AUTHOR: ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

DATE: 28 JANUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the Sustainable Ipswich Overview Report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report on the Sustainable Ipswich Overview be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual program of events and activities celebrating everyday actions our community can take for a “clean, green city with a circular economy”(iFuture). The program helps raise awareness of community-led sustainability initiatives and celebrates local Ipswich ‘champions’.

The program is designed to increase participation in events and activities, raise awareness of the key sustainability issues we face locally and increase council’s reputation as a sustainable city.

The program is also designed to inspire and motivate residents to reduce household waste by reusing, repairing and recycling household items, reduce food waste and garden waste from going to landfill, grow native plants in their backyard and decrease their reliance on car travel.

Some of the activities in 2025 were largely face-to-face and interactive. The six weeks of the campaign included 30 individual interactive events/opportunities for residents to engage with the program across multiple locations in Ipswich. Overall, 8,590 people engaged with the entire program in face-to-face events or activities.

Highlights included:

- Multiple collaborations from within council including Ipswich Libraries, council's Active and Healthy program, Transportation, Disaster and Natural Hazards Management, council's Nursery and Ipswich Waste Services
- Increased community organisation participation, including events hosted by Conservation Volunteers Australia, Ipswich Climate Action Group and Native Plants Queensland Ipswich Branch
- Event partner Suntory Oceania
- Special guest Craig Reucassel at the Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival
- Panel of Sustainability Champions celebrated local groups taking positive action in the Ipswich community.

A feedback survey was sent to all participants in the program where appropriate. This survey included insight to behavioural change as a result of participating in the program. Feedback on the program was largely positive and improvements will be considered and can be incorporated into the 2026 program of activities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications related to this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications related to this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications related to this report.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Environment and Sustainability Department and local residents through the event surveys.


CONCLUSION

A number of residents, community groups and local businesses participated in the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich program and demonstrated that there is an interest and desire from community to engage with important sustainability topics.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT
The Recommendation states that the Sustainable Ipswich Overview 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.

ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

1.	2025 Sustainable Ipswich - Wrap up Report ↓ 
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Jennifer Bonnett
ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Phil A. Smith
MANAGER, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

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2025 Overview Report





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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual program of events and activities celebrating everyday actions our community can take for a “clean, green city with a circular economy”(iFuture). The program helps raise awareness of community-led sustainability initiatives and celebrates local Ipswich ‘champions’.

The program is designed to increase participation in events and activities, raise awareness of the key sustainability issues we face locally and increase council’s reputation as a sustainable city.

The program is also designed to inspire and motivate residents to reduce household waste by reusing, repairing and recycling household items, reduce food waste and garden waste from going to landfill, grow native plants in their backyard and decrease their reliance on car travel.

Some of the activities in 2025 were largely face-to-face and interactive. The six weeks of the campaign included 30 individual interactive events/opportunities for residents to engage with the program across multiple locations in Ipswich. Overall, 8,590 people engaged with the entire program in face-to-face events or activities.

Highlights included:

- Multiple collaborations from within council including Ipswich Libraries, council’s Active and Healthy program, Transportation, Disaster and Natural Hazards Management, council’s Nursery and Ipswich Waste Services
- Increased community organisation participation, including events hosted by Conservation Volunteers Australia, Ipswich Climate Action Group and Native Plants Queensland Ipswich Branch
- Event partner Suntory Oceania
- Special guest Craig Reucassel at the Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival
- Panel of Sustainability Champions celebrated local groups taking positive action in the Ipswich community

A feedback survey was sent to all participants in the program where appropriate. This survey included insight to behavioural change as a result of participating in the program. Feedback on the program was largely positive and improvements will be considered and can incorporated into the 2026 program of activities.

Program Snapshot



More than **30 individual interactive events** offered throughout the Sustainable Ipswich program across 13 locations in Ipswich.



Environment & Sustainability Department delivered **2 key events** that were free to for the public to attend – the Sustainable Open Garden Trail and the Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival.



This year **8,590 people** engaged with the program at face-to-face events, activities or through engagement pop ups (**7,538** people in 2024).



Promotional items were developed to include the Suntory logo and included items on the council website, Facebook event, paid social media, posters and programs distributed throughout the city.

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ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: OFF-SITE STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORTS
2023-2024 AND 2024-2025

AUTHOR: WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT OFFICER

DATE: 13 OCTOBER 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program (the Program, formerly known as Stormwater Quality Offsets program) and its annual report (Attachment 1.). Council publishes a report summarising important information about the Program for each of the financial years it operates. This includes details of the fees collected from participating developers, how they've been spent, and the stormwater pollution reductions and other benefits achieved. The attached annual report (the Annual Report) covers the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years. It also describes changes made to the Program over this time and proposed next steps, including the preparation of a plan to deliver new off-site solutions over the next 5 – 10 years.

The Annual Report has been prepared in council's marketing template but will be turned into a graphic document suitable for public release after this committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the attached Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program Annual Reports 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 be received and its contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related party matters or conflicts of interest associated with this report.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Consistent with its commitment to best practice and transparency, council chooses to prepare and publicly release an annual report for the Program. This Annual Report summarises important information about the Program for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years. It demonstrates council's efforts in addressing general challenges associated with off-site stormwater quality improvement and a maturation in Program management in recent years. However, further work is required to ensure council continues to meet its pollution reduction responsibilities in an environmentally and financially sustainable way. To

this end, council will continue to regularly monitor, review, and improve the Program. These improvements will be communicated to the Committee in future annual reports and ad-hoc briefings when appropriate.

Reports for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years have been combined for several reasons including:

- Significant improvements being made to the Program over this time including the adoption of a new corporate policy and procedure, the approval of a set of public-facing guidelines, and an update to the unit and rate used to estimate fees paid by participating developers, and
- The implementation of the new Ipswich City Plan 2025, which includes a new policy for off-site stormwater quality improvement.

These changes have previously been presented to and adopted by Council on 12 December 2024 (Attachment 2.). Further details about the changes as well as the context and history of the Program can be found in the Annual Report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

State Planning Policy 2017 (State interest – water quality)

Ipswich City Plan 2025 (Part 3)

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy updates associated with the Program were previously presented to and adopted by Council on 12 December 2024 (Attachment B). No other policy implications have been identified in the writing of this committee report or its attachments.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report summarises changes made to the Program over the last 2 financial years to address challenges identified through a review of the Program in 2022-2023. These changes have helped ensure council continues to operate the Program in accordance with statutory responsibilities and best practice. However, off-site stormwater quality improvement is still a relatively novel approach, and challenges still exist. This includes the difficulty of developing, managing, and reporting on the Program while also delivering capital projects to meet council's pollution reduction responsibilities. This challenge has seen the delivery of off-site solutions fall behind commitments in council's annual and capital works plans in recent years.

Reduced delivery of off-site solutions increases the time between the impacts of stormwater pollution from development sites being either treated or offset, resulting in a potential worsening of water quality and waterway health over this time. This means that the delivery of off-site solutions to meet pollution reduction responsibilities should be a priority for the Program. However, it also needs to be balanced with a right and proper delivery process,

considerations and management of public funds, as well as limitations on the availability of land for off-site solutions.

Council is currently preparing a plan to deliver new off-site solutions over the next 5 – 10 years. The preparation and implementation of this plan will also involve an evaluation of the resources required to develop, manage, and report on the Program while delivering off-site solutions to meet council's responsibilities. This assessment should inform budgets and resourcing allocations that are appropriate for the Program in the future (e.g., the number of dedicated full-time equivalent employees and the level of procurement of external services).

It is likely that other challenges affecting the Program will arise in the future. Recognising this, the Program will be regularly reviewed as part of the corporate policy adopted in late 2024. This will seek to assess and control existing, emerging, and evolving challenges affecting the Program to ensure council's purposes and principles for off-site stormwater quality improvement are achieved.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The financial contributions council has collected and spent through the Program are outlined in the Annual Report. It indicates that council has spent fewer funds than the fees it has collected year on year for the last four financial years, with the exception of 2022-2023 where there was increased construction. The reduced spending over 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 can be attributed to the focus over this period being mostly on projects and work that did not involve construction, such as the design and rectification of existing off-site solutions, and significant work reviewing the Program.

As mentioned above, the new delivery plan (in development) should help provide clarity on the requirements of the Program in terms of future delivery options and pathways. This information will help by guiding council's budgets, resource allocations, and procurement of external services in the future.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION



As with all previous reports, the Annual Report will be provided to the appropriate Queensland Government department for their consideration, in this instance the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI). Council officers and managers continue to work with the Queensland Government in their review of water quality matters and off-site stormwater quality improvement.

The program is delivered to meet statutory planning responsibilities. For the most part, this is subject to the technical feasibility and suitability of sites in Ipswich. However, community consultation is undertaken for projects delivered through the Program on a project-by-project/site-by-site basis. This includes letter box drops, community pop up and information events, and other types of engagement.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

1.	OSQIP - Annual report 2023-2025 FY - draft version ↓ 
2.	Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda 3 December 2024 ↓ 

Benny Penhallurick
WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

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I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

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ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL DELIVERY REPORT
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025

AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

DATE: 13 JANUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the performance of the capital delivery program by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on capital delivery by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025 be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no known conflicts of interest in relation to this report.

IFUTURE THEME

Natural and Sustainable

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

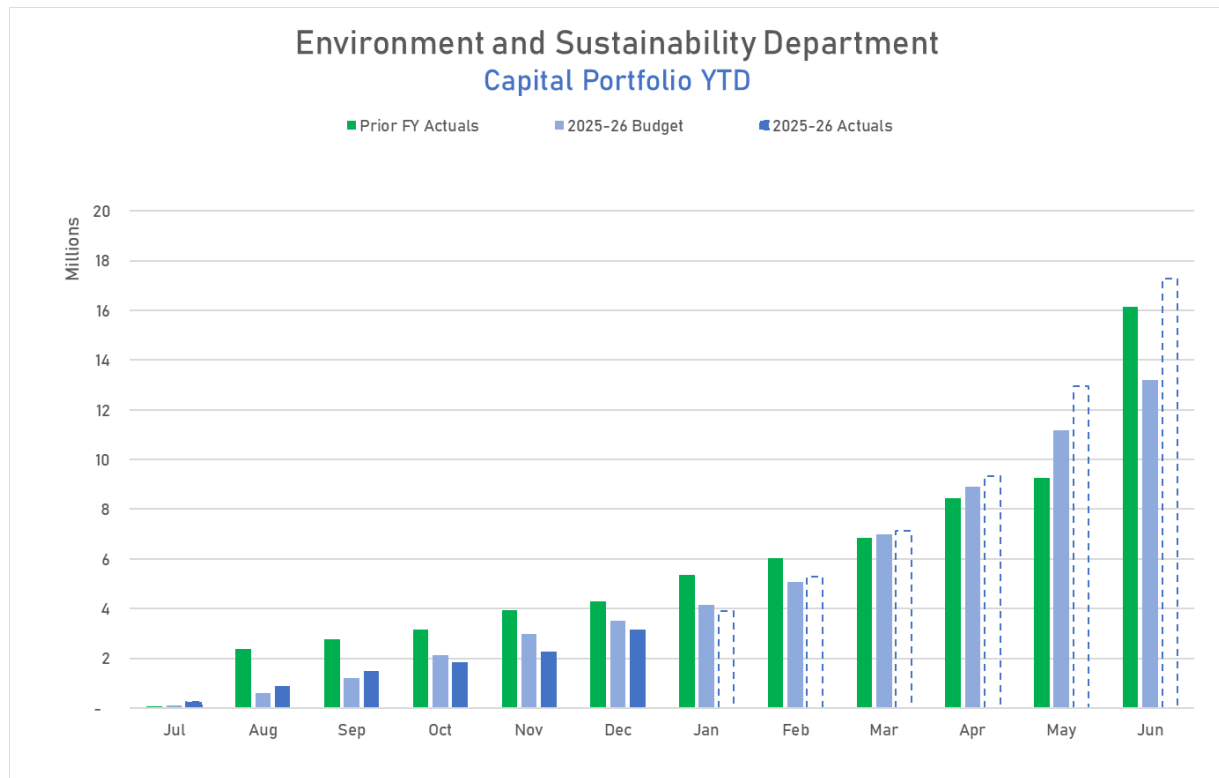
The Environment and Sustainability Department deliver a capital works program that encompasses programs and works related to asset rehabilitation (land management and water quality), disaster and natural hazard management, sustainability (climate resilience and renewable energy), resource recovery and natural environment (environment and stormwater, waterways, Enviroplan and Ti Tree Bioenergy funding).

Through this program, the department delivers integrated environmental, waste, sustainable and resilience services to enhance the quality of life for our community. We aim to enhance Ipswich's liveability, protect its natural assets, and support a clean, green, and climate-resilient city.

The Environment and Sustainability Department achieved an overall expenditure for the quarter of \$1,682,339, against an adopted baseline budget of \$3,003,750, resulting in a variance of \$1,321,411.

The table below shows the monthly breakdown of the budget, forecast spend and actual spend for the first quarter of 2025-2026 FY across the complete Environment and Sustainability Capital Program.

E&S Department – Capital Portfolio (YTD)



Under the Environment and Sustainability Program, the capital program is broken up into six programs of work. The table below provides a breakdown of actual, forecast and budgeted spend across each program for the quarter.

CAPEX – Month to Date Spend (September 2025)

E&S Deliverable (December 2025)	MTD			Forecast	Variance (Forecast - Actuals)
	Actuals	Budget	Variance (Budget - Actuals)		
Capital Program					
Asset Rehabilitation	33,058	66,000	32,942	89,643	56,585
Sustainability	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster and Natural Hazard Management	621	-	621	-	621
Environment and Sustainability	516,272	503,750	12,522	690,750	174,478
Infrastructure Program	549,952	569,750	19,798	780,393	230,441
Resource Recovery	306,644	290,000	16,644	127,700	178,944
Total	856,596	859,750	3,154	908,093	51,497

Asset Rehabilitation

Month	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend
October 2025	\$15,649	\$33,000
November 2025	\$75,248	\$203,000
December 2025	\$11,747	\$163,000

Multiple projects under the Disturbed Land Management (DLM) and Water Quality Rehabilitation (WQR) programs contributed to an overall underspend in actual versus budget.

Design has been completed for the Robelle Domain project, with a request for tender to be issued shortly to reconfigure the current waterfall feature into a green wall. Works are continuing with the Surprize Ave Erosion Rectification project, with short-term erosion control works nearing completion. Concept design for the long-term solution is now underway.

Woogaroo DLM, Brittain's Rd Closed Landfill Stormwater Infrastructure Remediation, and Bertila St Basin Rehabilitation projects will require project phasing to be updated due to delays relating to procurement issues and finding suitable consultants for these projects. Procurement activities continue with a request to contractors for works to start as soon as possible (mid-February).

Procurement has been completed for Waterside Drive and Bremervale Pk BRB Rehabilitation projects, with both projects due to commence mid-February.

Disaster and Natural Hazard Management

Month	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend
October 2025	\$0	\$0
November 2025	\$0	\$0
December 2025	\$0	\$0

In the lead-up to the severe weather season, no capital projects were planned for this quarter of the financial year. The focus remains on preparation, with capital projects forecast to commence in March 2026.

Environment

Month	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend
October 2025	\$157,241	\$35,000
November 2025	\$79,277	\$71,000
December 2025	\$245,152	\$438,750

The Natural Environment, Stormwater, and Water Recovery programs all experienced variable underspends this quarter. While projects are continuing to progress, delays in procuring contractors and resourcing and capacity constraints to some projects will require project scheduling and phasing to be reviewed and updated.

Procurement for design is currently underway or completed for many projects, including Small Creek Naturalisation, Sarah Drive Park Wetland, Bremervale Park Wetland, Heit Family Park Wetlands and Naturalisation, Brenda Court Stormwater Quality Improvement, Woogaroo Creek Bank Stabilisation, Bremer River at Bundamba and Grace Street Channel Naturalisation.

Ipswich Nature Centre projects are progressing. The biosecurity and boardwalk works have been combined and should commence in late February to early March. The footpath works within the free flight bird aviary will be undertaken at the same time as the boardwalk rebuild to minimise disruption and access to the centre.

Resource Recovery

Month	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend
October 2025	\$81,531	\$190,000
November 2025	\$485,381	\$521,000
December 2025	\$397,766	\$440,000

Underspending this quarter can be attributed to multiple projects.

We have been able to utilise existing domestic bin stock (budgeted acquisition not required in the first half of the financial year).

The Southern Resource Recovery Centre (SRRC) and Western Resource Recovery Centre (WRRC) projects are progressing; however, there is likely to be overall underspend for this financial year due to the length of time of decision to progress the SRRC project to Stage 2 and ongoing property acquisition discussions for the WRRC project.

The Riverview Resource Recovery Centre Recycle Street project is on track, with a tender for the detailed design to go to market shortly.

Sustainability

Month	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend
October 2025	\$8,809	\$33,000
November 2025	\$5,742	\$0
December 2025	\$3,052	\$0

The Yamanto Depot solar project has been delayed due to unforeseen electrical complexity at the site. Further scoping is required to determine the suitability of the site for any future solar installation. There has also been a delay in the Grande Avenue Smart Lighting project due to theft of cabling at the project site. Delivery of the project is now likely in March/ April.

Significant project updates

A summary of projects that have progressed significantly or been completed during the quarter is included in Attachment A – Environment and Sustainability Capital Portfolio Updates (Quarter 2) FY2025-2026.

- SES All-Terrain Vehicles
- Ironpot Creek Bank Stabilisation – Stage 3a and 3b
- Woogaroo Creek Bank Stabilisation – Stage 3b

Current phase/ status of projects for FY 2025-2026

The table below shows the status of projects scheduled for delivery in the 2025-2026 financial year:

Project Phase	Current Total per Phase
5.0 Closure	6
4.0 Execution	42
3.0 Planning and Design	7
2.0 Concept	12
1.0 Identification	14

Grant Funding

Project Name	Grant Funded	Grant Amount	Funding Received to Date	Grant Program
Bremer River at Bundamba 25	yes	\$266,250	\$95,336.25	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Bremer River BST 24	yes	\$243,750	\$131,424.65	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Brisbane River BST - Downstream of Colleges Crossing, Chuwar 25	yes	\$176,250	\$49,867.41	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Bundamba Ck BST 24	yes	\$251,250	\$188,645.34	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Goodna SES Gate Upgrade 26	yes	\$86,263.16	\$0	0
Ipswich Nature Centre Boardwalk UG 26	yes	\$190,000	\$190,000	INF05255 Cleanaway Court Order Public Benefit
Ipswich SES Shed Replacement 26	yes	\$90,421.09	\$0	0
Ironpot Ck Bank Stab Stg 3 23	yes	\$506,250	\$476,534.39	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Ironpot Ck Bank Stab Stg 3b 25	yes	\$502,500	\$453,889.11	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Nicholas St Library Solar 24	yes	\$280,000	\$112,000	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRICIP) Phase 4
Woogaroo Ck Bank Stab Stg 3b 25	yes	\$247,500	\$247,500	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Woogaroo Ck Bank Stab Stg 4 25	yes	\$225,000	\$190,317.02	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program (URCP) (2024-28)
Total		\$3,065,434.25	\$2,135,514.17	

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:
Local Government Act 2009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Environment and Sustainability Department have a departmental risk register that includes the delivery of the capital program. The leadership team of the department continues to monitor our risk in relation to this and takes mitigation action where necessary.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All projects included in the Environment and Sustainability capital program are currently funded. There are no financial/ resource implications.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The project officer, in conjunction with the stakeholder management team, engages extensively with the community impacted by our works to ensure they are informed in advance. We proactively manage any issues that arise throughout the project lifecycle.



CONCLUSION

The Environment and Sustainability Department is committed to delivering high-quality environmental and sustainable projects for the community that will protect, enhance and restore the city’s natural environment.

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ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

1.	Environment and Sustainability Project Update (Quarter 2) FY 25-26  
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Louise Randall
EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh
GENERAL MANAGER (ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY)

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