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5. Condolence for Olive Rose Pugh (nee Davies)

Olive Pugh, affectionately known as Bluey, passed away on 24 November 2024.

Her remarkable 99 years were a testament to service, love and faith.

Born in Brisbane on 11 May 1925, one of three, Olive left school at 15 to begin her working life in a department store office before enlisting at 18, during World War II.

As a member of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF), Olive's sharp intellect and diligence were recognised when she was selected to serve in the Cypher Unit at RAAF Command in Brisbane, undertaking vital coding and decoding work in support of the Armed Forces.

Olive earned her nickname Bluey from a sergeant who took one look at her during basic training, with her beautiful, dark red hair and said 'you'll be called Bluey'. As was common at the time, this is how her WAAAF friends knew her.

Olive Davies retired from paid work on her marriage to her beloved William (Bill) Henry Hamilton Pugh in 1952, and together they built a life filled with love and purpose raising three daughters Robyn, Glenda and Lenore and welcoming six grandchildren into their family.

Olive tirelessly gave her time and energy to her church and community, embodying a life of service and compassion.

Retirement brought Olive and Bill to Caloundra in 1997, where they enjoyed a new chapter until Bill's passing in 2007.

Olive's courage and grace carried her through the years that followed, moving to Ipswich in 2011 to Milford Grange Retirement Home.

Olive's later years were filled with moments of recognition and celebration.

Olive and Jean Jackson, a WAAAF cinematographer, were in the lead jeep on the 2023 Anzac Day, the first time two WAAAF members had lead Ipswich's service. Riding in a jeep again at this year's parade, Olive's legacy was seen and cherished by her community, a heartfelt tribute to her enduring spirit.

Her wartime contributions, long unsung, were finally acknowledged in 2021 when the local Ipswich RSL Sub Branch 'discovered' her at the RSL Residential Home.

I was able to join with Olive, her family and other dignitaries to witness the very special moment she was awarded her long-overdue medals.

RAAF Base Amberley SADFO Group Captain Dennis Tan told the story that day of how it was Olive who received the coded message over the cypher, that World War II was ending.

She was presented with the Australian Service Medal 1939-45, War Medal 1939-45 and General Service Badge, 77 years after she earned them.

A devoted Christian, Olive's unwavering faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her through joys and challenges.

Her family was her greatest pride and joy. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to nine, with the promise of another little one on the way bringing her great delight.

Olive's life was rich in love, purpose, and meaning. She was a woman of remarkable strength, and humility and humour.

May her memory be a blessing, and her legacy, an inspiration.

Lest We Forget.



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The matter on which I wish to speak is as follows (maximum 300 words):			
<p>1995 the chairman of the ipswich rugby league in response to speculation that Briabnae Souths intended to move their operations to Springfield. He noted that Goodna and Redbank Plains would be deasimated if such occurred. He said he would fight this senario to the last of his breath. Springfield is 6kms from Redbank Plains and approx 10kms from Goodna. The situation we have now is a malgimation enterprise of Easts Tigers and Booval Swifts planning to set themselves up, in the Redbank Plains district. Booval swifts are a gypsy club who prefer to do so, as they are not community but a corporate. They have \$16 Million at their ready which would suggest that the pokies will be a major factor. Easts Tigers have estimated that their club in Stones Corner proceeds will be down 30-40% once the new casino opens. Anyone who suggests that this wont decimate, a community based club such as Redbank Plains wont be decimated is either a liar or a fool. As Booval Swifts rugby league has never been committed to junior players, they will not take up the players after the collaps of the Redbank Plains rugby league club. This will have the effect of dumping 600 young people dumped on the streets of Redbank Plains, in one of the most deprived communities in Australia.</p>			
<p>Note: If more space is required, attach separately to this submission. Attachments and relevant supporting information must be in PDF format.</p>			
YOUR DETAILS*			
Full Name	Ken Salter		
Phone	██████████	Email	██████████
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Are you an Ipswich resident or ratepayer and aged 18 years and over?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be in attendance at the meeting? (if No, please advise below, who will be in attendance)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Attendee Name	Ken Salter		
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Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2024 2:00:58 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please see below Mr Salters response.

It is the strategies employed by the Ipswich city council and conjunction with the Booval swifts rugby league club ie granting booval swifts tenure at the firm broke ground in Redbank Planis. This will most definetly bring on the demise of the Redbank plains rugby league club. So this is a matter for council, as the council is facilitating booval swifts in the demise of the Redbank plains rugby league club.

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Good Afternoon, thank you for providing the attached background information.

We note the public participation policy states:

“The purpose of this is to allow members of the community to raise issues relating to council’s strategies and policies. Specifically, matters raised must relate to council’s strategies, functions, policies, budget and/or resources allocated towards achievement of one or more strategies defined in the iFuture corporate plan, or querying whether there are different/new strategies that should be pursued by the council.”

We have been asked to ask Mr Salter to state what ICC strategy, policy, function, budget or resources he is wanting to raise?

At the moment it is a comment on Swifts and Easts Nothing about council.

We await your return comments by close of business tomorrow to assess this application.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

10. Matters of Public Interest – 2024 Year in Review - Mayor Teresa Harding, Council Ordinary Meeting, Thursday 12 December 2024

There were many defining moments this year I would like to reflect on at this final Ipswich City Council Ordinary Meeting for 2024.

Together with the community, we faced challenges and shared in many achievements this year.

The year kicked off with these council chambers filled with 100 school students from 26 schools for the Parliament in Schools Program in partnership with Speaker of the House of Representatives and Member for Oxley, the Honourable Milton Dick, to learn about democracy and civics.

Sadly, the unthinkable happened on 3 February when Vyleen White was stabbed in front of her granddaughter in a violent robbery in a shopping centre carpark.

This attack sent shockwaves around the state with five teenagers arrested. The calls from the community for an increased police presence and for laws to be strengthened, was amplified by council as we moved to advocate for our shattered community.

Laws have been strengthened with the change of government and it's great to see positive action occurring off the back of the advocacy of Council, the community and most importantly, the family of Vyleen White.

Local Government elections were held in March and State Government in October, alongside our own Division 4 by-election, when we ushered in a new guard with four new councillors joining our ranks.

Council launched its successful advocacy campaign, We Can't Wait, in the lead up to the State Election.

By amplifying the voices of Ipswich residents, we received significant commitments towards projects that have been on the community's wish list for years – and in some cases decades.

This included commitments from both major parties to progress the Ipswich Central Second River Crossing to shovel-ready status.

The state and federal governments jointly committed \$20 million for detailed planning on the Cunningham Highway from Amberley to the Swanbank Road interchange.

Another advocacy win for Ipswich this year was the inclusion in the State's budget for an enhanced bus service across many of Ipswich's fastest growing suburbs.

As well as a \$24 million infrastructure agreement signed with the State. This loan will bring forward the upgrade of Ripley Road between the Cunningham Highway and Montereia Road.

As we continue to plan for our rapid growth, council has made significant strides this year delivering infrastructure milestones on our major road projects including the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road duplication and the expansion of Redbank Plains Road.

We are also investing in our community with significant commitments to new and expanded sporting facilities, including securing \$18 million in tripartite funding to upgrade the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve and Tivoli Sporting Complex.

The all-conquering Ipswich State High School has again been presented with the Keys to the City of Ipswich to acknowledge the school's ongoing sporting success, after winning the Titans Schoolgirl Cup, the NRL Schoolgirls QLD Trophy, and the 2024 NRL National Schoolgirls Cup title.

The TAE Aerospace Ipswich Jets netball team are the 2024 HART Sapphire Series Premiers and of course I must mention Ipswich Grammar School's 16-year-old sprinting sensation Gout Gout.

Gout Gout broke the Australian 200m record on Saturday at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships. He also ran 10.04 seconds in the 100 metres, the fifth fastest time by any Australian in history.

This is only the beginning for him and we look forward to seeing how far he can go.

Following our Ipswich athletes' success at the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, Council hosted a community celebration to welcome home Ipswich's sporting finest.

Olympians Mollie O'Callaghan, Teremoana Teremoana and Ella Ramsay and Paralympians Taymon Kenton-Smith and Poppy Wilson, not only achieved personal greatness, but they brought immense pride to our community.

I was also appointed to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee and have enjoyed playing a role in shaping the biggest event our country.

We remain on the cusp of delivering a new planning scheme, Ipswich Plan 2024, which was shaped by the strong response to last year's community consultation.

We are now waiting for the State to give its final sign off, before it comes to Council for endorsement.

We have advocated strongly on waste odours that continue to impact several Ipswich suburbs.

As a result of the tireless advocacy of Council and community groups we are steadily seeing the results of our ongoing efforts.

We have seen a significant shift in the State's legislative and legal response to non-compliant waste operators and the introduction of stronger regulations particularly for composting facilities.

We have also seen some movement from the new Queensland Government with its commitment to a public health inquiry into waste odours.

This comes two years on from Council's unanimous calls for an enquiry into the long-term health impacts of waste odours.

It brings me great pride to see what the Ipswich community achieve when stand up together on this important issue.

Council also introduced its own on-demand kerbside collection service, boosting the free service from every two years to annually and putting residents in control of when they would like to use it.

Since then, we have seen 10,518 households request bags with 1159 tonnes of items collected and amazingly 69 per cent of that waste recycled.

Our economy has surpassed the \$13 billion mark this year, growing by 6.8 per cent on last year, demonstrating our city's resilience in the face of inflation and rising costs of living.

Council was named Innovator of the Year in the inaugural 2024 Small Business Friendly Awards for the Ipswich Central Revitalisation Project.

The revitalisation of our city's heart has also achieved some major milestones, including the completion of some major construction works in the Nicholas Street Precinct.

This year we have welcomed anchor tenants, HOYTS, General Public, Hotel Commonwealth as well as Head to Health and Kickin' Inn and we have seen almost 1.2 million people flock through our revitalised city centre.

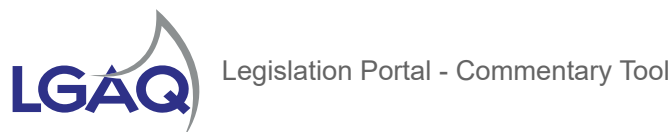
More than 75 per cent of the available retail and commercial leasing space across the Precinct is now leased and opened or on the path to opening, with 27 tenancies now filled and 11 remaining for new businesses and traders to move in into our growing city.

And, we're delighted to have more businesses moving in and set to open next year.

This year the Precinct received a Minister's Award for urban design excellence and also the Movement and Place Award acknowledging the delivering a high-quality city heart that is maximising social and economic benefits for the Ipswich community.

Tomorrow night our Nicholas Street Precinct will turn into the light-filled Saint Nicholas Precinct until Sunday 22 December, providing a magnificent free event for thousands to enjoy.

I eagerly anticipate the next chapter in Ipswich's story as we shape a vibrant and inclusive city that honours its past while embracing new opportunities as we head into the future.



Local Government Act 2009

Publication Date: 2024-08-02

165 Acting mayor

(1) The deputy mayor acts for the mayor during—

- (a) the absence or temporary incapacity of the mayor; or
- (b) a vacancy in the office of mayor.

(2) If—

- (a) the office of mayor is vacant and the deputy mayor is prevented, by absence or temporary incapacity, from acting as the mayor; or
- (b) the mayor and deputy mayor are both prevented, by absence or temporary incapacity, from performing the role of mayor; or
- (c) the offices of both the mayor and deputy mayor are vacant;

the local government may, by resolution, appoint an acting mayor from its councillors.

(3) A local government may, by resolution, declare that the office of deputy mayor is vacant.

(4) The resolution may be passed only if notice of the resolution has been given to the councillors at least 14 days before the meeting.

(5) If a local government declares that the office of deputy mayor is vacant, it must immediately appoint another deputy mayor from its councillors.

Commentary

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165 Acting mayor

A deputy mayor must be appointed under s 175.

The deputy mayor acts as Mayor in all respects pending the applicable process to fill the office, as a result of the death, resignation, or vacation of office of the Mayor.

The deputy mayor also acts as mayor if the Mayor is ill or otherwise absent and unable to perform the duties. It is considered that “absence” refers to an inability to perform a function or responsibility, but is not necessarily something which occurs merely because the Mayor is physically absent from the Council’s office, from the local government area or even from Australia.

Some things, such a chairing a Council meeting, require physical presence, and the Mayor is absent from a Council meeting if he or she is not physically there. However, given the contemporary ability to remain constantly in effective communication from most places in the world, if one wishes to do so, it is suggested that the deputy mayor does not assume the Mayor’s responsibilities simply because the Mayor is not at the Council’s office at a particular time or on a particular day. If he or she is in effective contact, even from inter-State or overseas, able to make a decision or give a direction and wishes to do so, it is not considered that this section allows the deputy mayor to usurp the Mayor’s role merely because of lack of physical presence.

Obviously, a Mayor can give notice that he or she is taking a stated period of absence in which he or she does not propose to perform the duties of office, and the deputy Mayor will assume the role during any such period. However, it is suggested that a Mayor is not required to do so merely because he or she will be physically distant for a period.

On the other hand, an absence need not be extended. If the Mayor were unable to be located or could not practicably perform a function such as the signing of a document on a particular day, and there were compelling reasons why the document had to be signed on that day, then the deputy mayor could sign the document under this section.

In the author’s view, “absence” means inability or unavailability at a particular point in time when something needs to be done by a Mayor. It is not necessarily something that comes in distinct blocks of time involving a complete “hand over” of power for a fixed period.

A councillor may be appointed as acting mayor where, for one reason or another, there is no Mayor or deputy mayor able to perform the Mayor's duties. The term "absence" would be construed in the same way as suggested for the purposes of identifying when a deputy mayor can act but, as an acting mayor must be appointed by resolution, subsection (2) is unlikely to be used unless the Mayor and deputy mayor are both physically absent and out of communication absent for an extended period.

Although the section does not say so explicitly, it would seem obvious that an acting mayor acts only until a Mayor or deputy mayor is again available to perform the duties of mayor.

Subsections (3) to (5), which really deal with a separate subject matter unrelated to the section heading, allow a Council to replace its deputy mayor whenever it wishes to do so, so long as written notice of the proposal to declare the office vacant (that is, to dismiss the existing deputy mayor) is given to all councillors at least 14 days before the meeting at which the resolution to declare the office vacant is moved. It is not necessary (and probably not legally possible in any event) to repeal the previous decision appointing the deputy mayor in accordance with s 262 of the Regulation (but see notes to that section).

Subsection (5) is considered to require that a new deputy mayor be appointed as the next item of business after the office is declared vacant. It certainly requires that a new deputy mayor be appointed at that meeting. To the extent that s 175(2)(b) might otherwise suggest that the vacancy could be filled at the next meeting, it has no application to vacancies arising under subsection (3), as the use of "immediately" in subsection (5) makes it clear that a vacancy arising through the "sacking" of the deputy mayor must be filled at the same meeting.

The question has been raised as to whether a Council could appoint a deputy mayor for a fixed term (eg. 1 year). Although it is an accepted general principle that a power to appoint to a particular office includes power to appoint for a fixed term, it is considered doubtful that this principle applies to the appointment of a deputy mayor. It is considered that the statutory scheme is that a deputy mayor retains office until he or she ceases to be a councillor or resigns the office of deputy mayor, or until the Council makes a positive decision to vacate his or her officer under s subsection (3). Certainly, it can be said with some confidence that it is not possible to pass a resolution under subsection (3) vacating the office with effect at some future time (eg. 1 year from the date of the resolution), as it would be impossible to reconcile such a resolution with the requirement under subsection (5) that a vacancy in the office of deputy mayor be filled immediately that a resolution "declaring" under subsection (3) is passed.

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