



**City of
Ipswich**

- **2 Damage to Sporting Clubs caused by ex-tropical Cyclone Alfred 2025**
Attachment 1 Updated Officer's Report including Sam's Reserve - Redbank
 Plains Road 3

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SUBJECT: DAMAGE TO SPORTING CLUBS CAUSED BY EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE ALFRED 2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report highlighting the extent of damage to sporting clubs within the LGA, in particular those clubs that operate on Council owned facilities, as a direct result of the impacts of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no discernible related party conflicts of interest associated with this report or its recommendation.

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Updated at Community and Sport Committee of 22 April 2024

Many of Council's sporting assets sit within known flood zones, with the most recent events of 2022 and less so 2025, causing significant damage to a number of facilities including their built assets and open spaces.

The damage to these facilities impacts Council and the community sporting clubs at various levels including but not limited to financially, administratively, functionally and in some cases displacement, all of which place pressures on stakeholders to effectively manage and deliver community sport and recreational activities.

Council manages and or activates 287 active/formal playing spaces across 47 locations totalling 105 fields. Of the 47 locations, council identified 12 sites as being deemed to be at high risk of significant damage caused by rising waters, these sites include:

1. Anzac Park – Rosewood – Rugby League
2. Blue Gum Reserve – Tivoli – Rugby League
3. Cribb Park – North Ipswich – Rugby League

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4. Evan Marginson Park – Goodna – Rugby League
5. George and Eileen Hastings Sports Centre – One Mile – Softball
6. Goodna Bowls Club – Goodna – Lawn Bowls
7. Ivor Marsden Sports Complex – Amberley – Cricket
8. Jim Finimore – Leichhardt – Touch Football
9. Kippen Park – Goodna – Soccer
10. Richardson Park – Goodna – Rugby League
11. Rotary Park – Bundamba – Soccer
12. Wiley Street Park – West Ipswich – BMX

Unlike the 2022 flood event where all of the above sites were inundated by rising water causing damage to fields and built forms, only ~~four~~five sites were impacted as a result of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, they were:

1. Jim Finimore, Leichhardt
2. Rotary Park, Bundamba
3. Anzac Park, Rosewood
4. Ivor Marsden Sports Complex, Amberley
- 4-5. Sam's Reserve (Redbank Plains Road)

Jim Finimore, Rotary and Anzac Parks saw all fields under water with peak levels falling just short of the main club house facilities.

Ivor Marsden Sports Complex had partial flooding resulting in damage to the fence line on Baxter Oval only, with the turf block ~~remained~~remaining fit for play.

Approximately 300m of the chain link fence line at Rotary Park was damaged that will require replacement.

Partial fence damage caused by an overload of debris was also reported at Sam's Reserve (Bruce Raleigh Oval). On further inspection it was also confirmed that the pedestrian bridge linking the playing field with the practice nets was deemed unsafe and duly closed pending further investigation by structural engineers. Preliminary advice indicates that the bridge requires full replacement, however full details are yet to be received.

Electrical supply was interrupted to all sites resulting in the loss of power to tower lights, with minimal impact to club houses and associated infrastructure.

In an effort to expedite and manage the expected maintenance requests as a result of Ex TC Alfred, Council emailed all clubs a damage assessment form (smart form) to be completed by the club. Sixteen clubs returned these reports in the days following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred requesting some level of assistance. Reported damage included building leaks, blocked drains, tripped switch boards, foliage debris, potholes and torn shade sails.

In addition to the self-assessment initiative, all clubs identified as high-risk were contacted and spoken to in the immediate aftermath of the weather event, with the balance of clubs receiving check-ins as per BAU officer engagement protocols.

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Sport and Recreation is budgeted and resourced in accordance with the Council budget planning processes. Any items that may move into recommendations in the future will be included in as part of the organisations budgeting process.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The following stakeholders have been consulted for this report:

- ICC Works and Field Services
- Ipswich community sporting and recreational clubs

CONCLUSION

The information provided in this report has been drafted to provide a high-level overview of the level of damage to council owned sport and recreation assets across the city, with a focus primarily on those assets that fall within established and high-risk flood areas.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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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.

Don Stewart

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MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Ben Pole

GENERAL MANAGER (COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

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