

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2025(09)**

**12 JUNE 2025**

**REPORT**

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Mayor Teresa Harding

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh) (via audio-link), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Manager Compliance (Alisha Connaughton), Principal Officer (Projects) (Graham Schultz), Property Services Manager (Alicia Rieck), Senior Property Officer (Tenure) (Kerry Perrett), Senior Project Manager (Andrew Bull), Manager Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Manager City Design (Nathan Rule), Strategic Planning Manager (Garath Wilson)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Trevor Turner (CleanCo – Site Manager) and Dave Scott (CleanCo – Community Performance Specialist)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

At Item 3 titled Disposal Process for Surplus Property Councillor Andrew Antonioli made a declaration.

At Item 4 titled Ipswich General Cemetery, Heritage Project - Pioneer Headstones Councillors Jim Madden, Paul Tully, Jacob Madsen and Marnie Doyle made a declaration.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**


1. **UPDATE ON SWANBANK POWER STATION - CLEANCO**

CleanCo will be providing an update to councillors on the Swanbank Power Station.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted the information presented by CleanCo on the Swanbank Power Station.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation - CleanCo Swanbank site ➡ 
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**2. 2 TALLEGALLA TWO TREE HILL ROAD, TALLEGALLA - OLD TALLEGALLA SCHOOL**

This is a report concerning the potential surrender of trusteeship of the 2 Tallegalla Two Tree Hill Road, Tallegalla (Old Tallegalla School) and the themes and stakeholder insights identified in the Community Engagement Report.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the potential surrender of trusteeship of the Old Tallegalla School.

**Attachments**

1. Final Community Engagement Report - Old Tallegalla School ➡ 
  2. Action Notice - Item 4 FG C'tee 12092024 - Surrender of 2 Tallegalla Two Tree Hill Road Tallegalla ➡ 
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In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Antonioli informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 3 titled Disposal Process for Surplus Property.

The nature of the interest is that Councillor Antonioli has a real estate certificate that enables him to act as a salesperson in the real estate industry. It is limited by the fact that Councillor Antonioli has to be attached to an agency which he is not presently.

As no decision making or voting takes place at these meetings, this declaration is for noting only.

**3. DISPOSAL PROCESS FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The purpose of this paper is to seek feedback on the proposed approach to undertaking an assessment of Council owned land and (where appropriate) it's disposal. This briefing is to ensure the Councillors:

- Have comfort in the process governance; and

- Understand the range of outcomes from the process; and
- Are consulted on the information that will be presented when a decision on each property is sought

#### MATTERS ARISING:

The councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the disposal process for surplus property.

#### Attachments

1. Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

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Councillor Jim Madden informed the meeting that he has a relative in the cemetery that is included in the Heritage Project – Pioneer Headstones, which he has previously declared.

Councillor Madden previously made this declaration at the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee meeting of 22 April 2025.

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Councillor Paul Tully informed the meeting that he is a Trustee of the Goodna Cemetery, which he has previously declared.

Councillor Tully previously made this declaration at the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee meeting of 22 April 2025.

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Councillor Jacob Madsen informed the meeting that he does not have a conflict, however five (5) generations prior to him he has a least one (1) or two (2) relatives in the cemetery. Councillor Madsen believes that this is a remote connection.

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Councillor Marnie Doyle informed the meeting that she suspects potentially she has relatives in the cemetery.

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#### 4. IPSWICH GENERAL CEMETERY- HERITAGE PROJECT - PIONEER HEADSTONES

During the 1970s, Cemetery Trustees organised a 'clean up' at the Ipswich General Cemetery, clearing overgrown areas and relocating 257 headstones from their original positions. In 2019, a safety audit of the headstones was conducted, which identified that the headstones were at risk of collapse. A capital project

commenced in 2021 to address the safety concerns and preserve the heritage of the headstones. Community consultation and Council reporting occurred throughout 2022-2023, finalising the project's detailed design. The project is now shovel-ready and is awaiting budget approval to begin the works. At the Infrastructure Planning and Assets Committee meeting on 22 April, a briefing session was requested regarding the history of the capital project before the report returns to the committee for adoption.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Heritage Project – Pioneer Headstones in the Ipswich General Cemetery. Councillors raised questions on the repair of the headstones, placement of the headstones and identification of the headstones.

Manager Compliance to provide an updated report to a future briefing session/workshop with further information on catalogues and the current status of the headstones/graves.

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#### 5. IPSWICH CITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

This is a briefing session on the implementation matters associated with the Ipswich City Plan 2025 and Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) 2025, including key community issues. The session will cover a range of issues and topics, as well as highlighting supporting collateral to assist with 'go live' of the Ipswich City Plan 2025.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the Ipswich City Plan Implementation.

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#### 6. COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

At the Community and Sport Committee meeting held on 20 May 2025, matters were raised regarding the eligibility of Councillor Discretionary Funds (CDF) program particularly in relation to school P&C/P&F Associations and the accessibility of the application process for small community groups.

This workshop will seek Councillor feedback to help inform any amendments for the 2025-2026 Councillor Discretionary funding eligibility and guidelines.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Councillor Discretionary Funding and a report with the revised policy will be provided to the Community and Sport committee for consideration.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.05 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen joined the meeting via audio-link at 9.13 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 9.51 am.

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli left the meeting at 9.53 am.

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli returned to the meeting at 9.56 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 9.57 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.16 am with all councillors in attendance.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

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