

SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(02)

8 JULY 2025

REPORT

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jacob Madsen (Chairperson); Councillors Pye Augustine (Deputy Chairperson) and Andrew Antonioli; Mayor Teresa Harding (Observer), David Martin (Observer) and Marnie Doyle (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Councillor Jim Madden

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE:

Acting Chief Executive Officer (Matt Smith), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Manager, Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Acting Executive Services Manager (Karen Murray)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Jacob Madsen delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(01) OF 23 APRIL 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee held on 23 April 2025 be confirmed.

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SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK (TARTAN TRACK) – VERBAL UPDATE

The Manager, Community and Cultural Services and Economic Development Manager provided a high level overview of progress in relation to the internal engagement undertaken, possible funding pathways and suitable locations for a synthetic athletics track for Ipswich.

2. JETS/RLI RELOCATION FROM NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE 2026-2027

The Manager, Community and Cultural Services provided a presentation in relation to the relocation of Jets/RLI from the North Ipswich Reserve 2026-2027.

RECOMMENDATION

That the presentation be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following matters in relation to the relocation of Jets and Rugby League Ipswich from North Ipswich Reserve which included timelines, user groups and options for facilities for storage and a gymnasium:

- 1. Review of current training and game day activations at North Ipswich Reserve 2025**
- 2. Recommended training locations 2026 – 2027**
 - a. Ipswich Jets
 - b. Rugby League Ipswich representative teams
 - c. Ipswich Referees Association
 - d. Ipswich State High School
- 3. Recommended game day locations 2026-2027**
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- 4. Financial Implications**
- 5. Next Steps**

The committee agreed to the timelines discussed and agreed to not utilise Briggs Road as an option.

The committee also discussed a future councillor briefing session on the longer term tenure of Briggs Road.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 September 2025.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 2.01 pm.

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli and Mayor Teresa Harding arrived at 2.06 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm.
