

ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2025(07)**19 AUGUST 2025****REPORT****COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson); Councillors Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Jacob Madsen, Andrew Antoniolli, David Martin and Jim Madden

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Acting General Manager, Environment and Sustainability (David McAlister), Manager, Marketing and Promotions (Carly Gregory), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Advocacy Lead (Kate Adams) and Venue Technician (Tom Haag)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson) invited Councillor Marnie Doyle to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor David Martin informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 2 titled Major Community Event Sponsorship – Brassall Christmas in the Park.

The nature of the interest is that he was previously a volunteer member of the Brassall Christmas in the Park committee.

Councillor David Martin invited the other councillors to determine if he can continue to participate in the decision process.

It was moved by Councillor Pye Augustine and seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic that Councillor David Martin may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter because there is no personal or financial benefit to the councillor

and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

The eligible councillors present at the meeting decided that Councillor David Martin may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Antoniolli (Abstain)

Councillor David Martin did not take part in the vote on this matter.

The motion was put and carried.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Antoniolli informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 2 titled Major Community Event Sponsorship – Brassall Christmas in the Park.

***The nature of the interest is that he was previously a volunteer member of the Brassall Christmas in the Park committee.

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli invited the other councillors to determine if he can continue to participate in the decision process.

It was moved by Councillor Pye Augustine and seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic that Councillor Andrew Antoniolli may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter because there is no personal or financial benefit to the councillor and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

The eligible councillors present at the meeting decided that Councillor Andrew Antoniolli may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Antoniolli (Abstain)

Madsen
Martin
Madden

Councillor Antonioli abstained from the vote.

The motion was put and carried.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Economic and Cultural Development Committee of 22 July 2025

4.1. MATTERS ON NOTICE

Councillor David Martin queried the rectification of the road pavers in the Nicholas Street Precinct as well as the dirt section near the waterplay area where grass seems difficult to grow.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli queried the colours of the pavers on the road edges in the Nicholas Street Precinct in relation to safety as well as the visibility of the block seats in front of the council building and in front of Gelatissimo and whether possible design changes would improve visibility.

Chief Executive Officer to provide an operational update to Councillors in respect of the following matters in the Nicholas Street Precinct:

- **the rectification of pavers**
- **the dirt section near the waterplay area where grass seems difficult to grow**
- **options for improved visibility of the road edges and block seats.**

RESPONSE (provided via email on Friday, 15 August 2025)

Nicholas Street Mall pavers

Council engaged directly with a well-known builder, streetscape and landscape contractor in 2019 using a standard Design and Construct contract (AS4300), with an external project manager and external landscape architectural practice. Based on available information the paver and adhesive specification complied with all necessary and applicable standards. Once complete the roadway stayed largely unused for a couple of years whilst the wider precinct revitalisation took place. It wasn't until June 2021 that 1 Nicholas Street and the roadway opened for full use (although the road did part open in November 2020 but was predominantly pedestrianised). The contractor had completed their works by early 2020 which meant that the defect liability period (DLP) of one (1) year was passed before the road came into full use. Given that the DLP had expired before issues with the

pavers emerged, it has been difficult and protracted to pursue warranty claims with the original contractor.

A separate portion of roadway was constructed by the contractor who built the 1 Nicholas Street Administration Building as it is linked into Tulmur Place. This also suffered some damage and movement and has been rectified by that separate contractor.

During mid to late 2024, council engaged a different contractor to commence a paver rectification process. The roadway had become a safety issue and the visual/noise detracted from the precinct's amenity. The works undertaken by newly engaged contractor has included sections of pavers being removed, cleaned, some replaced and re-laid. The paver rectification process will be ongoing as part of our maintenance procedure. Future maintenance will require future road closures as the adhesives require twenty-four hours to set free of water and vehicular movement. The maintenance budget is sufficient to undertake any works. Assuming a more reliable result is received through the new contractor that has been engaged this will be monitored for a period of time prior to considering re-laying or replacement with another road surface. Should the issue continue through this coming Summer and storm season then this replacement may have to be budgeted in the FY2026/27 budget.

Grassed area adjacent to water play in Tulmur Place

Regarding the grassed area adjacent to the water play that is struggling to survive, the team are engaging with internal stakeholders to procure a product suitable for the ground conditions and relating water spray, noting the chlorine content and location are not conducive to grass growth.

Tulmur Place concrete bollards and road edges

Nicholas Street and the surrounding public realm are all designed and built to ensure that they are code compliant. The concrete bollards in the shape of blocks are designed to restrict car movement into Tulmur Place. Where there have been slips on some kerbs, white and/or gritted paint to delineate and reduce slips has been applied in some areas. Council officers will review the situation and available data with regard to both the concrete bollards and the colour of the road edges and identify potential solutions for implementation.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2025(06) OF 22 JULY 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

That the minutes of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee held on 22 July 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS**2. MAJOR COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP - BRASSALL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK**

This is a report concerning an application for Major Community Event Sponsorship by Brassall Christmas in the Park Inc. The application requests a multi-year agreement from 2025 (two or three years) to provide \$15,000 ex GST per event to support the delivery of an annual community Christmas carols event in Brassall.

RECOMMENDATION

That council provide Major Community Event Sponsorship of \$12,000 per event (excl. GST) to Brassall Christmas in the Park Inc. for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 Brassall Christmas in the Park events (total support of \$36,000 excl. GST across the multi-year agreement).

Councillor Jim Madden proposed a variation to the recommendation by replacing the sponsorship amount of \$12,000 with \$15,000 and the total support amount from \$36,000 to \$45,000).

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

That Council provide Major Community Event Sponsorship of \$15,000 per event (excl. GST) to Brassall Christmas in the Park Inc. for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 Brassall Christmas in the Park events (total support of \$45,000 excl. GST across the multi-year agreement).

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT - JULY 2025 NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT PROJECT CONTROL GROUP

This is a report concerning the July 2025 Nicholas Street Precinct (NSP) Project Control Group (PCG) meeting focussing on the status of the leasing program and the planning, development, delivery and ongoing management of the NSP.

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

That the July 2025 Nicholas Street Precinct Project Control Group Report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. REPORT - ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(02) OF 14 AUGUST 2025

This is the report of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025(02) of 14 August 2025.

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Advocacy Advisory Committee No. 2025(02) of 14 August 2025.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(01) OF 8 MAY 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 8 May 2025 be confirmed.

2. AMENDMENTS TO SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS POLICY, PROCEDURE, BRIEF AND CRITERIA

This is a report concerning the updated Advocacy for Significant Projects Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

A. *That the Advocacy Advisory Committee review the updated Advocacy for Significant Projects Policy for endorsement and progression to Economic and Cultural Development Committee and Council for approval and adoption.*

- B. That the Advocacy Advisory Committee note the updated draft list of Locally Significant Projects compiled following initial meetings with Councillors.**

3. ADDITION TO THE REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT LIST - BRISBANE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES OPPORTUNITIES

This is a report concerning the addition of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities to the list of Regionally Significant Projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advocacy Advisory Committee endorse the addition of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games as a Regionally Significant Project.

ACTION

That the Economic Development Manager and Advocacy Lead provide the committee with examples of Rockhampton's advocacy approach to attracting rowing to the region.

4. LEVERAGING 2032: VENUE AUDIT FOR ELITE TRAINING READINESS

This is a report detailing progress on Leveraging 2032: Our Roadmap to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, specifically Outcome 7: Pre-Games Training Opportunities (Venues, Teams Attraction). It includes progress on the venue audit, next steps, short list of venues with elite training capabilities and approval of a Team Attraction brochure for the city.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the Committee note the progress made as part of Outcome 7: Pre-Games Training Opportunities (Venues, Team Attraction) through the delivery of a venue audit of Council and non-Council sporting venues.**
- B. That the Committee note the opportunity for a potential team attraction brochure based on the venue audit shortlisting, promoting venues with Games training capabilities.**

ACTION

The Economic Development Manager to coordinate the following:

- *Councillors to provide any feedback relating to venues or suggestions for further venues.***
- *Continue assessment of non-council venues and provide a further updated list to a future meeting.***
- *A map of Ipswich facilities and where each are located that includes the proximity to Brisbane, Gold Coast and other venues.***

General Manager (Community, Cultural and Economic Development) to provide some examples of the incentives and investment that Gold Coast City Council and potentially Sunshine Coast Regional Council is offering for team attraction.

ADVOCACY COMMUNICATION PLAN

The committee discussed the process for establishing a proposed advocacy communication plan.

ACTION

The Economic Development Manager to develop an advocacy communication plan that outlines key actions for council including a calendar of events for the next three years and for regular correspondence with relevant ministers.

RECONVENING OF IPSWICH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WORKING GROUP

ACTION

The Chief Executive Officer to review the previous Terms of Reference for the Ipswich Elected Representatives Working Group and provide an updated version to all councillors with a view to reconvening these meetings.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.46 am.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am.

***** Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 28 August 2025 for amendment**