



City of  
**Ipswich**

## **AGENDA**

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### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 16 September 2025

10 minutes after the conclusion of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee or such later time as determined by the preceding committee

Council Chambers, Level 8  
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

**MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jim Madden (**Chairperson**)  
Councillor Andrew Antonioli (**Deputy Chairperson**)

Mayor Teresa Harding  
Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic  
Councillor Jacob Madsen  
Councillor Pye Augustine  
Councillor Marnie Doyle

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(08)**

**16 SEPTEMBER 2025**

AGENDA

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(07) OF 19 AUGUST 2025**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 19 August 2025 be confirmed.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **2025 SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

This is a report concerning key elements of the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich program of events and opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report providing an Overview of the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich Program outlining the program of events and opportunities, as well as councillor engagement opportunities, be received and noted.

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3. **\*\*GREENOVATE - SECURITYHOLDERS UPDATE - AUGUST 2025**

This report provides a summary and recommendation on the proposed new Director for Greenovate.

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A formal decision is required of the new director by the Committee and Council to progress the appointment, as per the Greenovate constitution. Noting that all three security holder Councils, Ipswich City Council, Logan City Council and Redland City Council must all approve the recommendation to progress the appointment.

### RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the reports of Greenovate, as attached to this report, be noted.
- B. That in accordance with Rule 7.2 (a) of the Greenovate Constitution, and clause 5.2 (a) of the Securityholders Agreement, together with Logan City Council and Redland City Council, Ipswich City Council agree to appoint the candidate referenced in Confidential Attachment 4 as an Independent Director of Greenovate Pty Ltd A.C.N. 672 812 154 for a period of 3 years as detailed in Confidential Attachment 4 to this report.
- C. That the Chief Executive Officers of the 3 securityholders be authorised to negotiate and finalise the remuneration and terms of engagement for the proposed Director as outlined in section 6 of this report.
- D. That on the winding up of Greenovate, the Confidential Attachments 1, and 3 to the report titled Greenovate – Securityholder Update – August 2025, be deemed confidential and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and, the documents be placed in the public records.
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- F. That Confidential Attachment 4 to the report titled Greenovate – Securityholder Update – August 2025, be deemed confidential and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remains confidential.

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### NOTICES OF MOTION

### MATTERS ARISING

### QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(07)**

**19 AUGUST 2025**

MINUTES

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Environment and Sustainability (David McAlister), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Senior Communications and Policy Officer (Jodie Richter) and Venue Technician (Thomas Haag)

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(06) OF 22 JULY 2025**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:  
Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

**That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 22 July 2025 be confirmed.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. 2025 GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK

This is a report concerning Get Ready Queensland Week 2025, which falls between 6 and 12 October 2025. Get Ready Queensland Week is an annual statewide call to action, helping communities prepare for extreme weather and disasters.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

**That the report on 2025 Get Ready Queensland Week be received and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVIEW

The attached report provides a review of the City of Ipswich Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2031 (Strategy) and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan (Plan). The Strategy review is a regulatory requirement of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.

The report summarises achievements against the Strategy targets during 2021-2022 to 2023-2024, reviews and updates the Strategy with considerations of challenges and opportunities and outlines changes to strategies and actions to be taken in the next several years.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:  
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

**That Council approve the updated and new actions proposed within the Resource Recovery Strategy and Implementation Plan Review, and the update Pillars, in accordance with the statutory update of Council's Resource Recovery Strategy.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden  
Antonioli  
Harding  
Jonic  
Madsen  
Augustine  
Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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4. WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION DIRECTIVE - QUARTERLY REPORT

This is an update report on the continuing implementation of the Ipswich City Council Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Policy Directive (the Directive) following the review of the Directive at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 September 2024.

As outlined in the attachment to this report, a significant body of work continues to implement actions against the ten (10) principles of the Directive.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

**That the quarterly report on the Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Directive be received and the contents noted.**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

**NEGATIVE**

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

**QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 11.47 am.

The meeting closed at 12.21 pm.

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: 2025 SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AUTHOR: ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 2025

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a report concerning key elements of the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich program of events and opportunities.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

**That the report providing an Overview of the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich Program outlining the program of events and opportunities, as well as councillor engagement opportunities, be received and noted.**

### **RELATED PARTIES**

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

Other related parties:

- Active and Healthy program (Community & Cultural Services Branch)
- Marketing and Promotion Branch
- Library and Customer Services Branch
- Natural Environment Branch
- Resource Recovery Branch
- Suntory Oceania (incoming sponsorship)

### **IFUTURE THEME**

Natural and Sustainable

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND**

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual program of events celebrating the everyday actions our community can take for a 'clean, green city with a circular economy' (ifuture). The program is promoted through a marketing and media campaign during September and October which seeks to:

- Increase participation in the Sustainable Ipswich program of events
- Raise awareness of community-led initiatives and local 'champions'
- Increase council's reputation in regard to a sustainable city

The program is developed to align with council's Sustainability Strategy.

Sustainable Ipswich has grown and evolved over the years to now include stronger involvement from community organisations and a broader range of activities.

The Environmental Education & Awareness team are in communication with Suntory Oceania over potential sponsorship of the 2025 Sustainable Ipswich program, as per previous years.

The program is in development with potential activities to reflect key themes of the Sustainability Strategy. Tentatively confirmed activities include:

- Active and Healthy Ipswich collaboration with Ride Ipswich workshops for beginner/returning bicycle riders
- Ipswich Libraries collaboration with themed children's programming and sustainability focused author presentation
- Activation of the Queens Park Environmental Education Centre with various skill-based workshops targeting child and adult audiences
- Sustainable Open Garden Trail with private landholders in the Habitat Gardens program
- Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival in Tulmur Place on 18 October with 'War on Waste' presenter Craig Reucassel, local organisations and activities
- Community planting day at Small Creek with Conservation Volunteers Australia (new partnership)
- Community organisations hosting an event as part of the Sustainable Ipswich program including Leichhardt-One Mile Community Garden, Ipswich Climate Action Network, and Native Plants Queensland – Ipswich Branch (There was an advertised EOI process for external involvement in program)

Sustainable Ipswich will be promoted with a multi-faceted marketing campaign as per previous years, including digital and physical channels. Promotion will soft launch on 1 September 2025, with the peak campaign from mid-September to mid-October 2025.

The campaign period is determined through multiple factors, such as timing of other council festivals and campaigns (eg. SPARK, Experience Nature), availability of locations (eg. Tulmur Place for the Festival), and relevant dates (eg. school & public holidays).

The Youth Sustainability Summit will not be a part of the 2025 campaign. The last event was in October 2024 and the next event will be 6 May 2026. This will better support schools with enacting sustainability behaviour change after the Summit.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:  
*Local Government Act 2009*

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- This is a low risk project as Sustainable Ipswich’s campaign has been established over several years. There are no major changes to the 2025 campaign.
- Risk to council programming: Should this campaign not be approved, the council would not be able to promote events and activities connected to Sustainable Ipswich.
- Risk to budget: Should this campaign not be approved, approved budgets for this activity would be underspent.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Budget has been allocated for Sustainable Ipswich in FY 2025-2026.
- The program is being supported by event partner Suntory Oceania through a sponsorship.

## COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The program has been developed in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.

Programming is designed using feedback from the previous year’s event through an annual program survey of residents/attendees and internal stakeholders.

## CONCLUSION

There are a number of community engagement opportunities available for Councillors and the Mayor across the program.

## HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS
<b>RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT</b>
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.

**ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1.	Sustainable Ipswich 2025 Program  
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Jennifer Mouritz

**ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Phil A. Smith

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Craig Reucassel**  
Catch up with Craig Reucassel from ABC's War on Waste at the **Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival** on Saturday 18 October as well as a range of local experts you can ask about anything from bees to EVs.  
Build your bike riding confidence – no matter your age or ability – with **Active and Healthy** riding your bike!  
Your garden will be buzzing with all the ideas you can take home. Visit an Ipswich urban wildlife-friendly garden with the **Sustainable Open Garden Trail**. Learn how to create a bountiful harvest at home with **Ipswich Libraries'** special session featuring Mark Valencia from 'Self Sufficient Me'.  
Get hands on with a free community planting day with **Conservation Volunteers Australia**. You will be helping to improve wildlife habitat and restore the banks of an important urban creek.  
Pick up a new skill to make sustainable living even easier, with free workshops for children and adults on everything from eco-cleaning to mini worm farms at **Queens Park Environmental Education Centre**.  
Join a growing community movement with Ipswich volunteer-led groups working to make a difference. Share your passion at the **Rosewood Native Plant Sale & Enviro Day** and meet up with like-minded people at the **Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre garden**.

**Open Garden Trail**  
**Sustainable**

**Active and Healthy**

**Craig Reucassel**

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# Sustainable Ipswich

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

**Your guide to free and low cost events and activities**

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**City of Ipswich**

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual celebration of everyday actions we can take as a community to create a more liveable city. By working together, we can protect and enhance our environment and its liveability for current and future generations. Council has an important role in making Ipswich a more sustainable place to live as the city continues to grow. The Sustainability Strategy details existing efforts and new actions that will meet our city's goals. You can find the Sustainability Strategy at [ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au)



# JOIN THE Sustainable Ipswich JOURNEY



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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: GREENOVATE - SECURITYHOLDERS UPDATE - AUGUST 2025

AUTHOR: MANAGER, RESOURCE RECOVERY

DATE: 8 SEPTEMBER 2025

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary and recommendation on the proposed new Director for Greenovate.

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### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

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#### **RELATED PARTIES**

There are no declared conflicts of interest, and the following are related parties:

- Greenovate Pty Ltd. ACN: 672 812 154
- Logan City Council
- Redland City Council

#### **IFUTURE THEME**

Natural and Sustainable

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND**

The report serves as a non-confidential cover report for the appointment of a proposed new Director for Greenovate. The details are included in the confidential attachments.

Greenovate is a joint venture between Logan City Council, Ipswich City Council, and Redland City Council to design, build and operate a materials recycling facility (MRF) to receive, sort, and process the contents of yellow lid recycling bins. As a beneficial enterprise, Greenovate is an independent legal entity and the rights and obligations of the parties to the joint venture are determined by a suite of agreements. Greenovate has reporting obligations to all 3 securityholders, and the consent of all 3 securityholders is required to make certain decisions in relation to the beneficial enterprise, including whether a person shall be appointed as a director of the company.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:  
*Local Government Act 2009*

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications in relation to this matter.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications in relation to this matter.

#### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications are detailed in the attached confidential reports.

**COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was required for the matter, and the Manager of Resource Recovery was consulted to coordinate this report.

**CONCLUSION**

The Board of Greenovate requests that Council appoints the candidate referenced in Confidential Attachment 4 as an independent director of the company. Confidential Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 5 to this report are presented for Council’s information.

**HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

<b>HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS</b>	
<b>OTHER DECISION</b>	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	The recommendation to appoint the proposed director is consistent with human rights and have followed required recruitment steps.
(b) What human rights are affected?	No human rights are affected by this decision
(c) How are the human rights limited?	Not Applicable
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	Not Applicable
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

**ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS**

	CONFIDENTIAL
1	Greenovate – Annual Business Plan and Budget – Financial Year 2025-2026
2	Greenovate - Corporate Strategic Plan - 2024-2026
3	Greenovate - Securityholders Briefing Forum Update - August 2025
4	Greenovate - Securityholders - Briefing Note - Appointment of director - August 2025
5	Greenovate - Securityholders - Council Briefing Paper - Appointment of director - August 2025

David McAlister  
**MANAGER, RESOURCE RECOVERY**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Phil A. Smith

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