



City of Ipswich

AGENDA

of the

ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Held in the Claremont Room
8th Floor, 1 Nicholas Street
IPSWICH QLD 4305**

**On Monday, 8 December 2025
At 2:30 PM**

<u>MEMBERS OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
Mayor Teresa Harding (Chairperson) Councillor Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson)	Councillor Pye Augustine Councillor David Martin Councillor Jim Madden Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic Councillor Jacob Madsen Councillor Andrew Antonioli

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ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04)

8 DECEMBER 2025

AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NO. 2025(03) OF 15 OCTOBER 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 15 October 2025 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. ****2026-2027 STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS**

This is a report concerning the 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions containing Councils advocacy priorities for the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee note the proposed 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions.

3. **SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK UPDATE**

This is a report concerning activity to progress consultation and analysis on the most viable locations for a synthetic athletics track in the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss current considerations and options with the consultant ROSS Planning.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be advised.

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

ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(03)

15 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Advocacy Lead (Kate Adams), Senior Project Officer, Major Projects (Sibel Gradinscak), Manager Executive Services (Wade Wilson)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(02) OF 14 AUGUST 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 14 August 2025 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Councillors Jacob Madsen and David Martin arrived at the meeting at 2.32 pm.

2. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING - ROWING IN ROCKHAMPTON

This is a report concerning advocacy efforts from the Rockhampton Regional Council to attract rowing for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided on rowing in Rockhampton be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

The members noted and discussed the context and contributing factors leading to the attraction of rowing to Rockhampton. Members discussed the organisations that were engaged through their advocacy efforts and information on the nature of those organisations was shared.

3. NEW ADVOCACY PLAN

This is a report concerning a new Advocacy Plan for the City of Ipswich with goals to raise awareness of the Ipswich region's needs and future strategies, build ongoing partnerships with key State and Federal Ministers and officials and ultimately secure funding for identified Regionally Significant Projects and Locally Significant Projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advocacy Advisory Committee review and endorse the Advocacy Plan for Committee and Council approval.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the draft Advocacy Plan for Ipswich and noted the future steps required. Discussion included:

- The Mayor has the lead role as City Champion and Councillors also have a role as City Champions.
- Support for the Ipswich Summit.
- Support for the Elected Representatives Working Group.
- Council's website and advocacy page – consideration to be given to branding of the Advocacy Plan.

- Preparation of state and federal budget submissions and the opening of the Queensland and Federal Government budget submission portals.
- Discussion was had on the funding allocated in the State Government Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) and in particular the funding of the: Mount Crosby Road Interchange; Bremer River Bridge; Amberley Interchange. It was noted that there is opportunity to clarify and confirm the funding allocated.
- Preparation of a one page document that outlines key messages for each project that the Mayor and Councillors could use when advocating.

ACTION

- **Advocacy Lead to commence preparation of state and federal submissions and submit an outline of these to a future Advocacy Advisory Committee Meeting.**
- **Advocacy Lead to update the draft Advocacy Plan including possible branding.**
- **Advocacy Lead to draft a one page document that outlines key messages for each project that the Mayor and Councillors could use when advocating.**
- **General Manager, Asset and Infrastructure Services to confirm funding allocated in QTRIP to the: Mount Crosby Road Interchange; Bremer River Ridge; Amberley Interchange.**

4. LEVERAGING 2032: TWO YEARS ON PROGRESS REPORT

This report provides an update on progress against the deliverables of Leveraging 2032: Our Roadmap to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and also proposes a public facing update for the committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Leveraging 2032: Two Years On Progress Report be received and the contents noted.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- Key achievements to highlight in the progress report including the securing of Brighton Homes Arena as a competition venue and Ipswich being a host city.
- The due diligence work underway to identify the location for the synthetic athletics track.

- Finalisation of the Team Attraction Brochure so that the brochure can be used as another tool to promote Ipswich.
- Centre of Excellence
- Refining the list of Advocacy priorities

Councillor Andrew Antoniolli left the meeting at 3.34 pm.

5. FINAL LIST OF PROPOSED VENUES FOR TEAM ATTRACTION BROCHURE

This is a report concerning the final list of proposed venues for inclusion in the City of Ipswich Team Attraction brochure for elite training particularly in the context of pre-Games training in the leadup to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the list of venues for the Team Attraction Brochure be reviewed to proceed.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the Team Attraction Brochure including timelines, possible inclusions and the communications and engagement plan associated with the brochure.

Discussion also included the consideration of a Team Attraction Fund which could be used to attract teams to training venues in Ipswich.

6. LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL

This is a report proposing five (5) projects be adopted as Locally Significant Projects for advocacy purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. **That five (5) Locally Significant Projects be endorsed to progress to Committee and Council for approval to be added to the Locally Significant Project list.**
- B. **That two (2) other projects have been assessed and determined not to progress them as Locally Significant Projects at this time.**

DISCUSSION

The Committee noted and discussed the Locally Significant Projects.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is proposed for 8 December 2025.

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

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The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that Councillors are kept informed as to the progress of projects.

ACTION

The Advocacy Lead to prepare a one-page document summarising the commitments and provide an update as new developments occur.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 4.17 pm.

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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: 2026-2027 STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

AUTHOR: ADVOCACY LEAD

DATE: 13 NOVEMBER 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning the 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions containing Councils advocacy priorities for the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Advisory Committee note the proposed 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions.

RELATED PARTIES

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The City of Ipswich Advocacy Plan 2025 proposes the preparation and formal submission of State and Federal Budget Submissions. Accordingly, the submissions for the 2026-2027 financial year have been prepared, attachments 1 and 2.

The submissions focus on the city's main advocacy priorities which are the Regionally Significant Projects:

- Better Bus Network for Ipswich
- Critical and Enabling Infrastructure, including the Warrego, Cunningham and Centenary Highways
- Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area
- Ipswich Central Second River Crossing
- Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor
- North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct

- Watse and Circular Economy Transformation
- Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities

Where relevant for the two different levels of government the submissions include a succinct request and a brief description of the status and benefits of the project.

Both submissions focus on the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities with a full page dedicated to the relevant requests for both levels of government in relation to the Games.

It is proposed that the submissions be provided to the Australian Government Treasury and Queensland Government Treasury in January 2026.

Officers will provide a verbal update to the Committee in relation to Council's portfolio of regionally significant projects.

Related proposed advocacy activities

It is proposed that delegations to Queensland Parliament and Australian Parliament are planned for early 2026 to promote the budget submissions. Both sitting calendars for next year have not yet been released, but the first sitting weeks of the year are usually in the second or third week of February.

This is opportune timing as Australian and Queensland Treasurys' generally consider budget submissions during January and February.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's advocacy priorities and activities are established and defined through the Advocacy for Significant Projects Policy. These budget submissions are in accordance with this policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

All advocacy activities come with risks including loss of credibility or reputation, public criticism, damage to relationships with supporters and decision-makers, and even losing access to funding or resources. There is also the risk of creating unrealistic expectations among beneficiaries or partners.

However, if executed properly advocacy leads to better funding and strategic investment in projects, resulting in improved safety, increased economic opportunities, and enhanced quality of life for communities. The benefits for the Ipswich community of successfully receiving promoting its 2026-27 Budget submissions outweighs the risks.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The preparation of the budget submissions and any proposed delegations are funded from the existing advocacy budget.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Manager, Infrastructure Strategy was consulted on the status of transport projects.

Manager, Community and Cultural Services was consulted on the status of sports projects.

CONCLUSION

The 2026-2027 budget submissions promote the city's priority advocacy projects and the funding needed from the State and Federal Government to progress the projects. They are ready to submit in January 2026, with opportunities to further promote the submissions identified.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT	
The Recommendation That the Committee note the proposed 2026-2027 State and Federal Budget Submissions 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

	CONFIDENTIAL
1.	State Pre-Budget Submission 2026-2027
2.	Federal Pre-Budget Submission 2026-2027

Kate Adams

ADVOCACY LEAD

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Dan Heenan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Ben Pole

GENERAL MANAGER (COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

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ITEM: 3
SUBJECT: SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK UPDATE
AUTHOR: ADVOCACY LEAD
DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning activity to progress consultation and analysis on the most viable locations for a synthetic athletics track in the City of Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Advocacy Advisory Committee discuss current considerations and options with the consultant ROSS Planning.

RELATED PARTIES

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

IFUTURE THEME

Vibrant and Growing

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The report *Ipswich Synthetic Athletics Track Update* was presented to the Economic and Cultural Development Committee on 02 December 2025.

Information from this report can be used by the Advocacy Advisory Committee to discuss findings and options in more detail with the consultant ROSS Planning.

ROSS Planning will continue to consult and assess site feasibility with a final recommendation to be provided in April 2026.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The delivery of a synthetic athletics track is an advocacy priority project under the Regionally Significant Project: Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities. Developing a preferred location and pathway for this project aligns with the Advocacy for Significant Projects Policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no discernible risk management implications associated with the report or its recommendation.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no discernible financial or resource implications associated with the report or its recommendation.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

ROSS Planning continues to consult with elected representatives, council officers and relevant stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

Activity to finalise the location of the synthetic athletics track in Ipswich continues.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACTS	
OTHER DECISION	
(a) What is the Act/Decision being made?	That the Advisory Committee note and discuss the potential locations of a synthetic athletics track in Ipswich based on the consultants short list.
(b) What human rights are affected?	N/A
(c) How are the human rights limited?	N/A
(d) Is there a good reason for limiting the relevant rights? Is the limitation fair and reasonable?	N/A
(e) Conclusion	The decision is consistent with human rights.

Kate Adams
ADVOCACY LEAD

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Dan Heenan
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

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Ben Pole
GENERAL MANAGER (COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

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