

**COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE NO. 2026(02)**

**17 MARCH 2026**

REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager, Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager, Community Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Coordinator, Community Wellbeing (Marnie Orr), Manager, Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Precinct Director (James Hepburn), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Advisor (Darrell Giles) and Venue Technician (Trent Gray)

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Jacob Madsen (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Teresa Harding arrived at the meeting at 11.30am.

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

Nil

**BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND SPORT COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

**That the minutes of the Community and Sport Committee held on 17 February 2026 be confirmed.**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Councillors:

Madsen

Augustine

Harding

Jonic

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

**NEGATIVE**

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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Councillor Marnie Doyle arrived at the meeting at 11.31am.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2. **ACTIVE AND HEALTHY 2025 REPORT**

This is a report concerning the evaluation of the Active and Healthy program based on participant feedback received from the 2025 calendar year.

The Active and Healthy Program supports and encourages the Ipswich community to become more active and develop connections through a range of free and low-cost group sports, recreation and wellness activities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

**That the report on the Active and Healthy Program for the 2025 calendar year be received and the contents noted.**

## AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Augustine

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

## NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

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3. REPORT - SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 26 FEBRUARY 2026

This is the report of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 26 February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

**That Council adopt the recommendations of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 26 February 2026.**

## AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Augustine

Harding

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

## NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04) OF 6 NOVEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

*That the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee held on 6 November 2025 be confirmed.*

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2. AGENDA: GEORGE ALDER TENNIS CENTRE AND DRAFT NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE MASTER PLAN

*This is a cover report summarising the agenda for the Thursday 26 February 2026 Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda to include discussion on the George Alder Tennis Centre and the Draft North Ipswich Reserve Master Plan.*

RECOMMENDATION

*The items on the agenda are provided for discussion*

**DISCUSSION**

*The Committee discussed the North Ipswich Reserve Draft Master Plan configuration options and the George Alder Tennis Centre Facility Overview, including the current landscape, drivers for change and further landscape.*

**ACTION**

- *Manager Community and Cultural Services to commence progress planning for court conversion option for the George Alder Tennis Centre and provide a report to a future meeting for consideration.*
- *Manager Community and Cultural Services to refine the multiple configuration options for the North Ipswich Reserve Draft Master Plan with a singular option. Manager Community and Cultural Services to also assess the planning perspective and high-level cost estimates, and provide a report to a future meeting for consideration.*

4. REPORT - LIBRARIES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 26 FEBRUARY 2026

This is the report of the Libraries and Customer Services Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 26 February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

**That Council adopt the recommendations of the Libraries and Customer Services Advisory Committee No. 2026(01) of 26 February 2026.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Augustine

Harding

Jonic

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Doyle  
Antonioli  
Martin  
Madden

The motion was put and carried.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04) OF 6 NOVEMBER 2025

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the minutes of the Libraries and Customer Services Advisory Committee held on 6 November 2025 be confirmed.*

2. AGENDA: SERVICE IMPACTS - 36.25 HOUR WEEK, LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS AND LIBRARIES AFTER HOURS

*This is a cover report summarising the agenda for the Thursday 26 February 2026 Libraries and Customer Services Advisory Committee.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The items on the agenda are provided for discussion.*

**DISCUSSION**

*The committee discussed the service impacts of a 36.25 hour week, libraries after hours and libraries opening hours options.*

**ACTION**

*That Option 6 is included in upcoming budget discussions.*

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

**QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 11.29 am.

The meeting closed at 11.43 am.

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