

ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2026(02)**17 MARCH 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson); Councillors Marnie Doyle (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Jacob Madsen, Andrew Antonioli, 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 Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), Precinct Director – Nicholas Street Precinct (James Hepburn), Manager Marketing and Promotions (Carly Gregory), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles) and Technical Services Officer (Trent Gray)

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

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01) OF 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor David Martin:
Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the minutes of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee held on 17 February 2026 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Councillor Jim Madden arrived at the meeting at 11.56 am.

2. **EVENT SPONSORSHIP - 2026 OCR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPARTAN TRIFECTA WEEKEND AND 2027 AND 2028 SPARTAN TRIFIECTA WEEKEND**

This is a report concerning an Event Sponsorship application by Spartan AUS 3.0 Pty Ltd for \$70,000 excl GST in funding support over three (3) years for the 2026 Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) World Championships and Spartan Trifecta Weekend, and 2027 and 2028 Spartan Trifecta Weekend.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

That Council resolve to provide Event Sponsorship of \$50,000 excl GST financial support over three (3) years to Spartan AUS 3.0 for the 2026 Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) World Championships and Spartan Trifecta Weekend, and 2027 and 2028 Spartan Trifecta Weekend.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. QUARTERLY EVENT SPONSORSHIP AND TICKET ALLOCATION REPORT

This is a report concerning event sponsorship approved in the period of 1 October to 31 December 2025 as required under the Event Sponsorship Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

A. That Council receive and note the following event sponsorship allocations during the 1 October to 31 December 2025 period:

Major Community Event Sponsorship Category 2 over \$15,000 (excl GST) approved by Council:

- **Springfield Carols Inc \$50,000 (excl GST) cash support for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 Springfield Christmas Carols**
- **Ipswich Show Society \$90,000 (excl GST) cash support for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Ipswich Show**

Event Sponsorship Category 2 over \$15,000 (excl GST) approved by Council:

- **Pacific Action Sports \$20,000 (excl GST) cash support for the 2026 Eastern Rumble Pro Tour and AM Series Skateboard Event**
- **GTR Events \$75,000 (excl GST) cash support for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Ipswich Outdoor Living, 4x4 and Caravan Expo**

Event Sponsorship Category 1 under \$15,000 (excl GST) approved by the General Manager, Community, Culture and Economic Development:

- **Australian Karting Association Limited \$8,000 (excl GST) cash support for the 2026 Australian Kart Championship**

B. That Council receive and note that there were no event sponsorship ticket allocations made during the 1 October to 31 December period.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

The motion was put and carried.

4. NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT - FEBRUARY 2026 NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT
PROJECT CONTROL GROUP

This is a report concerning the February 2026 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)(c), (e), (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the February 2026 Nicholas Street Precinct Project Control Group Report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Antoniolli (Abstain)

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

COMMENCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the Environment and Sustainability Committee commence at 12.50 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Augustine

Doyle

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 11.53 am.

The meeting closed at 12.18 pm.
