

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(02)**17 MARCH 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

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

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Environmental Education and Operations Manager (Grant Sorensen), Acting Team Leader (Environment and Sustainability Education and Awareness) (Jacque King), Environmental Events and Partnerships Officer (Jennifer Bonnett), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles) and Technical Services Officer (Trent Gray)

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

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 17 February 2026 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS**2. IPSWICH CANE TOAD CHALLENGE - HIGHLIGHTS REPORT**

This is a report concerning the Ipswich Cane Toad Challenge and highlights of the campaign.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the report titled Ipswich Cane Toad Challenge – Highlights Report be received and noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. GARAGE SALE TRAIL IMPACT REPORT 2025

This is a report concerning the Garage Sale Trail Impact Report 2025 and the positive community outcomes of participating in this initiative. The 2025 Garage

Sale Trail was another outstanding success for Ipswich, delivering strong environmental, economic and community outcomes while engaging thousands of residents across the city.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the Garage Sale Trail Impact Report 2025 be received and its content noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. **WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION DIRECTIVE - UPDATE 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.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the update report on the Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Policy Directive be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PETITION - RESPONSE OUTCOME

This report is regarding a response to a petition received in August 2025 from the Ipswich Climate Action Group (ICAG). At Council Ordinary meeting on 2 December 2025, Council resolved that the officer report presented to the Environment and Sustainability Committee No. 2025(11) of 2 December 2025 be referred to a future councillor workshop for discussion.

The petition called upon Ipswich City Council to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency.
2. Achieve net zero emissions across all Council operations by 2030.
3. Establish a community-council partnership to support a sustainable and liveable future.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

- A. That Council receives and notes the petition from the Ipswich Climate Action Group.**
- B. That Council continue to implement actions under its adopted Sustainability Strategy 2021 – 2026 and actively promotes, communicates and raises awareness of council’s sustainability and climate resilience initiatives.**
- C. That Council continue to engage with environment and sustainability groups, and the broader community to support a sustainable and liveable future, and to seek community input in the review and update of the Sustainability Strategy in 2026-2027.**

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 1.01pm.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Madden

Nil

Antoniolli

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

All Councillors except Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

6. SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT - MARCH 2026

This is a report concerning the progress in implementing Ipswich City Council's Sustainability Strategy 2021-2026. The strategy and its associated implementation plan are in their fifth year of implementation. These set out several actions over the five-year period and as of March 2026, **81%** are marked completed. Some of the actions are substantial projects within themselves and are implemented over multiple years and/or ongoing in nature.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the report titled "Sustainability Strategy Implementation – March 2026" be received and noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

All Councillors except Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 12.50 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.08 pm.
