

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(00)****5 MAY 2026**

REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Jacob Madsen (via audio-link), Pye Augustine (via audio-link), Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic (via audio-link), Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

**COUNCILLORS' APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICER'S ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson) (via audio-link), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Program Lead – Disaster Recovery (Assets) (Marianne Young), Manager Strategy Governance and Performance (Haiden Taylor), Team Leader – Complaints Management and Information Privacy (Dianne Nikora), Manager Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Manager (Mary Torres), Manager Capital Program Delivery (Graeme Martin), Manager Compliance (Alisha Connaughton), Environment Advisory Team Lead (Belinda Whelband), Team Lead (Transport and Traffic) (Berto Santana) and Technical Officer (Traffic) (Kurt Tessmann)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Hall – Board Member (Ipswich Jets Leagues Club)  
Matt Gnech – Board Chair (Ipswich Jets Leagues Club)

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

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**1. **WOOLLEN MILLS**

Discussion concerning future use of the Woollen Mills.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the future use of Woollen Mills.

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**2. FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECTS UPDATE**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Mayor and Councillors with an update on the flood recovery projects following the March 2025 Tropical Cyclone (TC) Alfred event.

The presentation will also include information relating to the funding submissions and the status of projects impacted by the event.

Council is progressing well in recovery from TC Alfred. Approximately \$21 million of submissions have been lodged with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority who are at various stages of assessment.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Flood Recovery Projects Update.

Next steps are to finalise procurement activities relating to identified projects in preparation for submission approval from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

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**3. PRIVACY POLICY**

Updated Information Privacy Policy to meet compliance with the Information Privacy Act.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Privacy Policy and a report will be provided to the Finance and Governance Committee for consideration.

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**4. 2026-2031 INDIGENOUS ACCORD**

Ipswich City Council has a long-standing commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, formalised through a series of Indigenous Accords since 1995.

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Following the delivery of the Indigenous Accord 2020–2025 and consideration of its Outcomes Report in August 2025, Council officers have commenced early development of a draft Indigenous Accord 2026–2031. The draft has been prepared to a preliminary working stage and reflects existing Council activities, strategic commitments and those areas where Council is best placed to lead, partner or advocate.

This workshop seeks early Councillor involvement as a key step in shaping the strategic direction, priorities and intent of the next Indigenous Accord. Councillor input at this stage will help ensure the draft reflects Council’s leadership role and governance responsibilities, prior to broader internal engagement and structured consultation.

The workshop will focus on strategic discussion rather than detailed drafting, enabling Councillors to identify key opportunities and provide guidance that will inform refinement of the draft ahead of wider engagement and final endorsement by Council.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted, discussed and provided feedback on the information presented on the 2026-2031 Indigenous Accord.

Next steps is to consider any feedback from Councillors to refine the working draft Accord, undertake targeted community consultation, finalise the Accord for Council endorsement and implementation.

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#### 5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND ROLLOUT PLAN FOR NEW PARKING METERS

This is a report regarding the communication action plan and rollout of the new parking meters within Ipswich Central.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the stakeholder engagement and rollout plan for the new parking meters.

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### **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.01 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen joined the meeting via audio-link at 9.04 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 9.18 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting via audio-link at 9.19 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine left the meeting via audio-link at 9.35 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting via audio-link at 9.41 am.

Councillor David Martin left the meeting at 9.43 am.

Councillor David Martin returned to the meeting at 9.46 am.

The meeting adjourned at 9.55 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.21 am with all councillors in attendance except Mayor Teresa Harding, Councillor Jacob Madsen and Councillor Pye Augustine.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting via audio-link at 11.11 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting via audio-link at 11.17 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting at 11.18 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting via audio-link at 11.25 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting via audio-link at 11.29 am.

The meeting closed at 11.39 am.

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