

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(00)**9 JUNE 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Paul Tully, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle

OFFICERS' 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 Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald) (via audio-link), Manager Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart), Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower), Creative Industries Lead (Courtney Strow), Place Manager – Ipswich Central (Erin Marchant), Principal Officer (Projects) (Graham Schultz), Manager Compliance (Alisha Connaughton), Sport and Recreation Coordinator (Louise Rovera), Manager Property and Facilities (Lee Prior) and Manager Works and Field Services (Sonia Gollschewski)

EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:

David Hatherly (Director) Vee Design and Michael Connelly (CPR Group)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

At Item 3 titled Warrill Park Cemetery Master Plan and Land Management Plan, Councillor Paul Tully made a declaration.

OFFICERS' REPORTS**1. NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE - OPERATING MODEL**

This workshop will provide an overview of potential operating models for considerations for the North Ipswich Reserve.

It will explore opportunities to improve cost recovery, increase utilisation and strengthen the venue's contribution as a long-term community and economic asset.

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MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the North Ipswich Reserve – Operating Model. Councillors provided feedback on the information provided by officers.

2. IPSWICH CENTRAL HEART - PROJECT DESIGN AND DELIVERY UPDATE

The Ipswich Central Heart program represents a transformational, place-based investment to leverage Ipswich Central as the cultural heart of South-East Queensland’s Western Corridor. This councillor workshop provides an update on the status of the five (5) interlinked projects that are required to be delivered through the federally funded urban Precincts and Partnership Program (uPPP) with a key focus on the Brisbane Street Refresh (Top of Town) design.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Ipswich Central Heart – Project Design and Delivery Update.

Councillor Paul Tully informed the meeting that he is a Trustee of the Goodna Cemetery which he has previously declared.

As no decision making or voting takes place at these meeting, this declaration is for noting only.

3. WARRILL PARK LAWN CEMETERY MASTER PLAN AND LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery Master Plan and Land Management Plan (The Master Plan) was presented to the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee on 19 May 2026. To allow for further review of the information provided to Committee, the report was deferred to the 16 June 2026 Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery Master Plan and Land Management Plan and and report will be provided to the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets committee in June for consideration. Given feedback provided on the recommended design of the Nursery section, further work will be done on alternate design options.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A TENURE MODEL FOR COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION CLUBS

CPR Group has been engaged to undertake a strategic review of Council's current tenure arrangements for community, sport and recreation facilities and to provide clear, evidence-based recommendations to support a more sustainable, equitable and accountable tenure model.

The project is intended to support Council decision-making by clarifying tenure options, responsibilities and implementation pathways. It is not intended to immediately change tenure arrangements or fees, but to provide a robust framework and roadmap to guide staged transition over time.

This workshop will provide Councillors with an overview of the project to date, including emerging insights and directions, and will support early input into the development of the tenure model prior to final recommendations being presented.

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MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Development of a Tenure Model for Community Sport and Recreation Clubs. The next steps are to undertake consultation with sporting groups, review feedback received to identify appropriate support, and a report will be provided to the Community and Sport committee for consideration.

5. RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR YEAR-ROUND OPERATION OF ROSEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE

This is a report with a response to Petition for Year-Round Operation of Rosewood Aquatic Centre.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the response to petition for year-round operation of the Rosewood Aquatic Centre and a report will be provided to the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets committee for consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 9.03 am.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Councillor Andrew Antoniolli joined the meeting via audio-link at 9.07 am.

The meeting closed at 12.06 pm.
