

Keep Ipswich Moving Forward

Message from the Mayor of Ipswich



Over the 2008-2009 financial year, we have all witnessed a huge shift in the way we view world financial markets and the impact this has made on the council budget and personal household finances.

Fortunately, Ipswich is heading along a path that is backed by responsible management of the city finances. This has allowed us to maintain a commitment to infrastructure projects and programs.

The city is still moving forward. Our population is growing by 120 people each week.

This steady growth has enabled council to strike a balance between keeping rate rises to a minimum while embarking on major building programs and long term projects which are essential for good planning.

This report card for the people of Ipswich highlights the major achievements of the past 12 months. It gives me a great sense of pride to know that Councillors and staff are working towards the same set of goals and ideals for the benefit of residents and the business community.

I also thank the many volunteers who collectively bring so much value to our city. Thousands of people donate their time every week to the many community groups in Ipswich.

Our city is a richer place as a result of their efforts and they contribute a great deal to our feeling of well-being and a place to belong.

The city is still going well and the future is bright. All levels of government and the private sector have committed a combined \$5 billion of development for the western corridor in the next five years.

We are fortunate to have a team of experienced Councillors, staff and a community which understands that more growth is coming. We must continue to manage this growth in a responsible and sustainable way.

Thank you Ipswich for creating the kind of city we want it to be and a place we can be proud to call home.

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Report Card



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Major city-wide and Divisional achievements

- Purchase of Ipswich City Square by Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd – wholly owned by Ipswich City Council – to help position Ipswich as a major regional centre.
- Opening of the new \$3.1 million Queens Park Environmental Education Centre.
- Work commenced on the new Springfield Central Parklands – a regionally significant project.
- Jones Road and Augusta Parkway duplication including a second bridge over Woogaroo Creek nearing completion.
- Ripley Valley planning advanced to the next stage with the completion of the structure plan.
- Sekisui House Ltd investment of \$55 million in Ripley Valley land holdings.
- USQ Springfield and UQ Ipswich campuses increase student numbers.
- Major industrial areas flourish with Synergy Park now fully developed and two new projects announced in the new CITISWICH estate at Bundamba – Australian Pharmaceutical Industries and The Reject Shop distribution centres.
- Home HQ opened in Brisbane Street West Ipswich with major tenant Spotlight.
- Completion of roadworks at the intersection of Redbank Plains Road and School Road to improve safety.
- Another year of record investment in roads, water and sewerage infrastructure.
- Major sporting facilities upgrades, including the George Alder Tennis Centre at Leichhardt.
- Upgrades to North Ipswich Reserve seating and fencing.
- Ipswich Art Gallery breaks attendance records as Australia's leading regional gallery with innovative exhibitions – The Collection Show, Peter Harley exhibition, children's show Curious Cars and Miniature Movers, It's A Dogs Life, 150th anniversary of St Paul's and Queensland Folk Art.
- The Festival of Theatre entertained audiences with a packed program of shows attracting record audience numbers at Ipswich Civic Hall.
- Community engagement (chat time) sessions were conducted with residents able to speak directly with Councillors.

- External council meetings conducted at Karalee and One Mile/Leichhardt.
- Regular information sessions conducted with the business community and taxi drivers.
- Ipswich continues to grow by 120 news residents every week.
- Population reached 160,000.
- New footpaths and kerb and channelling in older suburbs under the Streets Ahead program.
- Residents continued to take advantage of the free immunisation program.
- 130,000 free plants supplied to residents under council's free plant program.
- Born in Ipswich certificates.
- Sporting bursaries.
- Cultural bursaries.
- Continuing respect for our city with distribution of Ipswich Pride Pins.
- New \$22 million buildings at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School.

Some of the new businesses to open in the past year included:

Fantastic Furniture

Elite Fitness

Spotlight

Dan Murphy's

Sleepy's

Andersen's North Ipswich

Springfield Tower

Westrad Medical Imaging Centre

Mitre 10 Yamanto

Brookwater Office Park

Quest Serviced Apartments

Goodna Technology Park

New \$22 million buildings at Ipswich Girls Grammar School

Boody's Booval

Beauty on Belle

Exact Radiology

Yamanto Flight Centre

Pizza Capers – North Ipswich and Redbank Plains

Steam Espresso