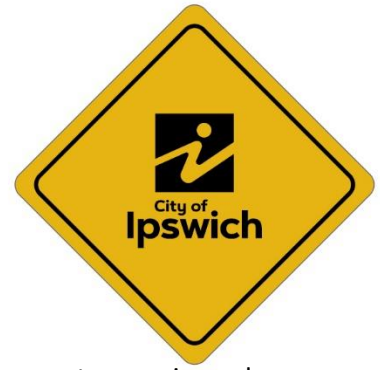


# Frequently Asked Questions

## Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve, Chuwar



11 January 2023

Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve was significantly damaged in the flooding events experienced in 2022. Council understands the importance and cultural significance of this space within the community, and we are committed to getting this space rebuilt while ensuring we are making responsible decisions. **At present, Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve remains closed with temporary fencing in place to ensure the safety of the community.**

*As we move through the assessment and design investigation process, there will be opportunity for the community to 'have your say' about the facilities you would like to see at Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve. Further notification including an invitation to have your say will be provided as the project progresses.*

### WHAT WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED?

- Clean-up of debris such as soil and waste
- removal of damaged and irreparable fixtures, shade sails and barbecues
- demolition of canteen, playground structures and damaged footpaths
- earthworks to level and stabilise ground including filling large holes
- civil works to create a spoon drain and swale
- installation of sediment control fencing
- installation of temporary fencing to ensure public safety
- toilets and drains pumped out

### WHAT WAS THE TIME FRAME FOR REOPENING AFTER THE LAST MAJOR FLOOD?

Following the major flood event in January 2011, Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve was closed for 23 months and reopened in December 2012. After approximately 1 month of being open, a minor flooding event was experienced (January 2013) where the park sustained minor damage and was able to be rebuilt over a 6 month period, reopening in July 2013.

### WHAT WORKS ARE COMING UP AND WHEN?

The site is currently being assessed to provide Council with a clear understanding of our options. Our aim is to redesign the space effectively and deliver a more resilient and sustainable outcome. The community will see results of this background work within the next 6 months however it is unlikely that any significant on-ground construction works will commence before July 2023.

As with all of our flood recovery works, and for other Councils across SEQ and Northern NSW, there are challenges with the procurement of materials due to supply chain issues as well as services and contractors due to demand. These challenges may contribute to delays in the scheduling of recovery works and completion times that can be out of Council's control.

In the meantime, Ipswich has a variety of parks and reserves available and information on these can be found at: [https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/explore/parks\\_reserves\\_precincts](https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/explore/parks_reserves_precincts)

## WHY CAN'T COUNCIL OPEN A SECTION OF THE PARK NOW?


Reopening Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve in its current state presents a number of challenges and risks to the health and safety of the community. The site has no carparking, running water, power, safe city cameras or toilet facilities. Due to the difficult topography, the underground sewage network that was existing prior to the floods required additional pumps and tanks which were adversely impacted by flooding. Portaloos are not a viable option at present, due to the absence of lighting and safe city cameras which would present a significant cost to the community to maintain. Council wants to revisit the level of the facilities within Colleges Crossing to balance the cost of the facilities against the risk of future flooding events and community need. This process takes time to get right and we will continue to work with industry leaders to ensure we have best practice outcomes.

## FUNDING

Council has applied for funding assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding arrangements (DRFA). Final approval of this project is expected to be received from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in the first quarter of 2023, which will allow on site works to commence.

## CONTACT US

To find out more about these works or the project, you can contact us by:

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Project information and updates are available on Council's interactive maps, for all works under construction or planned within our Flood Recovery Program:  
<https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery>

**Pictured below - damage at Colleges Crossing caused by flooding in 2022**



Location of works (indicative only) – Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve

