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2 November 2017

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **ARTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd Floor of the Council Administration Building, 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich commencing at **12.30 pm or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Libraries and Tourism Committee, whichever is the earlier** on **Wednesday, 8 November 2017**.

<b><u>MEMBERS OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u></b>	
Councillor Stoneman ( <b>Chairperson</b> ) Councillor Pisasale ( <b>Deputy Chairperson</b> )	<b>Mayor</b> <b>Deputy Mayor</b> Councillor Silver Councillor Ireland

The agenda for the meeting is attached to this notice.

Yours faithfully

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## **ARTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

12.30 pm or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Libraries and Tourism Committee, whichever is the earlier on **Wednesday, 8 November 2017**

Council Chambers

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5	Leichhardt One Mile Community Consultative Committee Meeting – Held 25 September 2017	CGO
6	Inaugural Fused Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich	CYDO
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**ARTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2017(02)**

**8 NOVEMBER 2017**

AGENDA

1. AMALGAMATION OF IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION AND IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST

With reference to a report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 27 October 2017 concerning the amalgamation of the Ipswich Arts Foundation and Ipswich Arts Trust into a single entity.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council endorse the creation of I.A.F. Limited, a company limited by guarantee and a public company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- B. That Council approve the nomination of Councillor Andrew Antonioli and Councillor Charlie Pisasale as the two Council nominated Directors of the Board of I.A.F. Limited.
- C. That Council approve the replacement of existing Trustees of the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust with I.A.F Limited.
- D. That Council approve the review and amendment of the Trust Deed to ensure it complies with the criteria outlined in the *Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2011*.
- E. That Council proceed with next steps to wind up the Ipswich Arts Foundation.

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2. IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST – DONATION OF ART WORKS TO IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

With reference to a report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017 concerning the ratification of artworks and items of cultural significance acquired by the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust for donation to Ipswich City Council's City of Ipswich Collection at the Ipswich Art Gallery in line with the City of Ipswich Collection Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the artworks and items of cultural significance, as detailed in Attachment A to the report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017, be accepted into the City of Ipswich Collection from the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust.

- B. That the values detailed in Attachment A to the report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017 be recorded as assets of Council that contribute to the cultural development of the City of Ipswich.

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3. CLOSURE OF CIVIC CENTRE – CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 HOLIDAY PERIOD

With reference to a report by the Civic Centre and Performing Arts Manager dated 11 October 2017 concerning the closure of the Civic Centre over the 2017 Christmas holiday period from Monday, 18 December 2017, and reopening Monday, 15 January 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the closure of the Civic Centre from 8.00 am on Monday, 18 December 2017, re-opening at 8.00 am on Monday, 18 January 2018.

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4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – OCTOBER 2017

With reference to a report by the Community Grants Officer dated 19 October 2017 concerning the allocation of Community Development Grants Program funds.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council provide funding to the amount of \$1,250.00 to Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd towards re-roofing the Swanbank Station.
- B. That Council approve the request from Karalee Community Kindergarten to use unexpended funds of \$304.00 (ex-GST), towards the cost of repairing the kindy fort.

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5. LEICHHARDT ONE MILE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

With reference to a report by the Community Grants Officer dated 17 October 2017 forwarding for Council's information the minutes of the meeting of the Leichhardt One Mile Community Consultative Committee held on 25 September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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6. INAUGURAL FUSED CELEBRATE THE ARTS, IPSWICH

With reference to a report by the Children and Youth Development Officer dated 26 October 2017 concerning Ipswich City Council's partnership with the local arts community to deliver the inaugural FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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7. NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME – IPSWICH IMPLEMENTATION

With reference to a report by the Home Assist Coordinator dated 4 October 2017 concerning the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Ipswich.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council not apply to become a registered provider of home modification services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- B. That Council continue to engage with the Ipswich NDIA office and Local Area Coordinator Services as required, as part of the Community Development team's disabilities network.

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and any other items as considered necessary.

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 08.11.17	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

27 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

FROM: DIRECTOR, IPSWICH ART GALLERY

RE: AMALGAMATION OF IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION AND IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 27 October 2017 concerning the amalgamation of the Ipswich Arts Foundation and Ipswich Arts Trust into a single entity.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Arts and Community Development Committee meeting No 2017(01) of 9 October 2017, the Council endorsed, in principle, the proposed change of trustee of the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust (IAFT) to I.A.F. Limited as detailed in the report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 15 September 2017. In addition, Council requested a further report on the proposed outcomes, supporting principles and implementation process for proposed changes to the Ipswich Arts Foundation and Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust for consideration to a future meeting of the Arts and Community Development Committee.

**THE CURRENT STRUCTURE:**

The Ipswich Arts Foundation (IAF) is an unincorporated association and a controlled entity of Council. It has about 550 members who are divided across 6 categories of membership. It operates in accordance with its Constitution and applicable Council policies and procedures. As it is not incorporated, it is not subject to the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth), nor the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Qld).

The Trust is a public ancillary fund which is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) and an income tax exempt entity for the purposes of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA97). It is also registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The Trust is governed by the terms of the Trust Deed and applicable legislation, such as the Trust Act 1973 (Qld). Given its DGR and income tax endorsements, the trustees must comply with the provisions of the ITAA97 to retain its endorsements.

**PROPOSAL:**

It is proposed that:

- The IAF and IAFT are amalgamated into a single entity, through winding up the IAF while maintaining the IAFT.
- A company limited by guarantee (called I.A.F. Limited) is established to act as the new trustee of the IAFT.

A company limited by guarantee is a public company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). It is a separate legal entity from its members and is administered by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. The liability of members is limited to a 'guaranteed' amount of \$10 each. Council retains the power to remove and replace the trustee of the IAFT under the existing Trust Deed.

- The existing Board members of IAF and a Trustee will become the initial Board of Directors of I.A.F. Limited.

This proposed membership group has endorsed a draft Constitution for the new company, which entitles Council to nominate two members. The draft Constitution includes appropriate provisions to promote good governance and ensure that its board of directors complies with the Australian Taxation Office guidelines applicable to the Trust as a public ancillary fund.

- The existing Foundation members are respected throughout the transition process and their current membership rights and privileges are maintained.

**Supporting principles****Sound advice**

The proposed change of trustee (to a company limited by guarantee) is based on expert legal advice. The structure proposed for the IAFT with a single trustee in the form of a public company is the same structure adopted by the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) and the Brisbane Festival and Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City Council.

**Good governance**

The draft constitution for I.A.F. Limited includes appropriate provisions to promote good governance and ensure that its Board of Directors complies with the Australian Taxation Office guidelines applicable to the Trust as a public ancillary fund. This will ensure that the Trust retains its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient (DGR), its income tax exemption and registration as a charity.

I.A.F. Limited will be a company limited by guarantee and a public company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). Such companies are now commonly used as trustees for charitable purposes.

## **Restructure Steps**

### **1. Change of Trustee of the IAF**

The Council (as the protector under the Trust Deed) may remove and replace the current trustees with a new company. A deed of retirement and appointment of trustee will be signed by the Council, the two remaining Trustees, and the Board of the new company (once incorporated) to give effect to this.

The Management Agreement between the Foundation and the current Trustees will be terminated with effect from the date of the change by signing a deed of termination.

The Director, Ipswich Art Gallery will implement operational changes such as amending the signatories for the Trust's bank accounts and notifying the Australian Taxation Office of the change.

### **2. Review of the Trust Deed**

Under transitional provisions applicable to funds endorsed before 1 January 2012, the IAF is not required to change its trustees, but if it replaces its individual trustees with a company (as currently proposed) it will need to ensure the majority of members of I.A.F Limited comply with the criteria outlined in the *Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2011*.

The Trust Deed will need to be reviewed and amended to ensure it complies with the *Guidelines*. The Trust Deed may be amended by deed signed by the trustee with the written approval of Council.

### **3. Winding up the IAF**

Under clauses 34 and 35 of the IAF Constitution, the IAF can be wound up by the Board passing a resolution and all appropriate steps must be taken to carry this into effect in the manner directed by Council.

The IAF's outstanding obligations to subscribers or sponsors will need to be terminated and an arrangement put in place for I.A.F. Limited to honour all those outstanding obligations.

The timeframe required for winding up the IAF will largely depend on the time required to finalise the IAF's affairs. This will include a comprehensive change management process regarding engagement with subscribers and sponsors.



#### 4. Distribution of IAF funds

The IAF will seek to distribute its funds to either the IAFT or the Gallery prior to winding up. Direction and approval from Council and the Foundation Board will be sought prior to this step taking place.

#### 5. Operational funding and support for I.A.F. Limited

New arrangements will need to be put in place for the Council to provide funding to I.A.F. Limited (in a similar manner to the support provided to the IAF) and a new deed of access and indemnity may be entered into between Council and I.A.F. Limited (based on the agreement between the current Trustees and Council).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The process of amalgamating the Ipswich Arts Foundation and the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust will reduce duplication in audit and accounting fees.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. That Council endorse the creation of I.A.F. Limited, a company limited by guarantee and a public company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- B. That Council approve the nomination of Councillor Andrew Antonioli and Councillor Charlie Pisasale as the two Council nominated Directors of the Board of I.A.F. Limited.
- C. That Council approve the replacement of existing Trustees of the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust with I.A.F Limited.
- D. That Council approve the review and amendment of the Trust Deed to ensure it complies with the criteria outlined in the *Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2011*.
- E. That Council proceed with next steps to wind up the Ipswich Arts Foundation.

Michael Beckmann  
**DIRECTOR, IPSWICH ART GALLERY**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
**(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 8 November 2017	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

18 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

FROM: DIRECTOR, IPSWICH ART GALLERY

RE: IPSWICH ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST – DONATION OF ART WORKS TO IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017 concerning the ratification of artworks and items of cultural significance acquired by the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust for donation to Ipswich City Council's City of Ipswich Collection at the Ipswich Art Gallery in line with the City of Ipswich Collection Policy.

**BACKGROUND:**

Fundraising conducted by the Ipswich Arts Foundation and processed through the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust to develop the City of Ipswich Collection enhances the programs of the Ipswich Art Gallery and serves the interests of Ipswich City Council by raising awareness of Ipswich as a destination for cultural tourism.

**Acquisitions for the City of Ipswich Collection**

Acquisitions detailed in Attachment A have been acquired by the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust for further development of the City of Ipswich Collection. The Director, Ipswich Art Gallery has identified the items as having a direct connection to the cultural heritage and aspirations of the Ipswich region and their acquisition makes a significant contribution to the City of Ipswich Collection. The artworks comply with the City of Ipswich Collection Policy.

At their meeting dated 13 September 2017, the Trustees of the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust endorsed the items as outlined in Attachment A be donated to the City of Ipswich Collection.

**BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:**


The addition of these assets to the City of Ipswich Collection increases the diversity of the collection for our future generations and contributes to the strategies and outcomes of Council's Advance Ipswich:

- Managing Growth and Infrastructure, Goal 2, Strategy 4 - Places of cultural heritage significance are identified, protected and used appropriately.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The artwork and heritage items have been acquired by the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust and are being donated to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name of Attachment	Attachment
<a href="#">Attachment A: Artwork and items of cultural significance donated to the City of Ipswich Collection.</a>	 Attachment A

**RECOMMENDATION:**


- A. That the artworks and items of cultural significance, as detailed in Attachment A to the report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017, be accepted into the City of Ipswich Collection from the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust.
- B. That the values detailed in Attachment A to the report by the Director, Ipswich Art Gallery dated 18 October 2017 be recorded as assets of Council that contribute to the cultural development of the City of Ipswich.

Michael Beckmann  
**DIRECTOR, IPSWICH ART GALLERY**


I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.


Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
**(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**


**Acquisitions of artworks & items of cultural significance for the City of Ipswich Collection purchased by the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust**


<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.039	
<b>Creator:</b>	Florence Archer	
<b>Title:</b>	Gum leaf wall vase	
<b>Date created:</b>	1938	
<b>Medium:</b>	Hand-built Majolica glazed earthenware	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	24.6 x 24 x 7.5 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	\$3,000.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Acquired through the Ipswich Arts Foundation, 2017	


**Acquisitions of artworks & items of cultural significance for the City of Ipswich Collection donated to the Ipswich Arts Foundation Trust**

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.040	
<b>Creator:</b>	Aaron Hollett	
<b>Title:</b>	Untitled (Portrait of a girl, India)	
<b>Date created:</b>	2017	
<b>Medium:</b>	Digital photographic print	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	26.5 x 36.9 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	320.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of Mr Andrew Spark through the Ipswich Arts Foundation, 2017	

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.001	
<b>Creator:</b>	W.G Grant	
<b>Title:</b>	Coolum Creek	
<b>Date created:</b>	c.1950	
<b>Medium:</b>	Watercolour on paper	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	51.5 x 56 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	1,600.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of Dr John Brown through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2017	

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.030	
<b>Creator:</b>	Peter Blayney	
<b>Title:</b>	Entrance to an estate	
<b>Date created:</b>	1991	
<b>Medium:</b>	Oil on canvas	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	99.6 x 84.5 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	8,500.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of a private donor through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2017	

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.031	
<b>Creator:</b>	d'Arcy Doyle	
<b>Title:</b>	Australia's first challenge for the America's Cup, Newport	
<b>Date created:</b>	1966	
<b>Medium:</b>	Enamel on board	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	127.2 x 372 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	17,000.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of Mr Peter McMahon & Mr Jim McMahon in memory of Mr Frank & Mrs Mary McMahon through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2017	

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.032	
<b>Creator:</b>	d'Arcy Doyle	
<b>Title:</b>	Dog looking for a tree	
<b>Date created:</b>	1966	
<b>Medium:</b>	Enamel on board	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	173 x 77 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	5,500.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of Mr Peter McMahon & Mr Jim McMahon in memory of Mr Frank & Mrs Mary McMahon through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2017	

<b>ID Number:</b>	2017.033	
<b>Creator:</b>	d'Arcy Doyle	
<b>Title:</b>	Dog walking away happy	
<b>Date created:</b>	1966	
<b>Medium:</b>	Enamel on board	
<b>Dimensions:</b>	173 x 77 cm	
<b>Valuation AU\$:</b>	5,500.00	
<b>Credit Line:</b>	Ipswich Art Gallery Collection. Gift of Mr Peter McMahon & Mr Jim McMahon in memory of Mr Frank & Mrs Mary McMahon through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2017	

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 8 November 2017	OAR: Yes
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

11 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

FROM: CIVIC CENTRE AND PERFORMING ARTS MANAGER

RE: CLOSURE OF CIVIC CENTRE – CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 HOLIDAY PERIOD

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Civic Centre and Performing Arts Manager dated 11 October 2017 concerning the closure of the Civic Centre over the 2017 Christmas holiday period from Monday, 18 December 2017, and reopening Monday, 15 January 2018.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Christmas closure of the Civic Centre in previous years has seen the completion of various capital / repair and maintenance projects to enhance and improve the facilities of the venue for the benefit of performers, the local community and Council. The timing of these capital works is suitable, given the theatre is 'dark', ticket booking patterns are at their lowest and the city is generally quieter given the nature of the holiday break.

It is proposed that during this holiday break, Infrastructure Services will undertake extensive air-conditioning works, replacing ageing units in the main auditorium, Cunningham, Lockyer and Logan meeting Rooms as well as staff offices located across the three levels of the facility. Existing plant machinery is currently inadequate and does not cool efficiently or effectively, negatively impacting on customer and staff comfort levels. The key object of this project is to ensure that the air-conditioning system is fit for purpose to support current and future requirements.

The scope of works will be completed in two stages. Stage one (George Hogg Auditorium and foyer) will commence in the week starting Monday, 18 December 2017 with a hand back on Thursday, 18 January 2018, ensuring the space is available for the Australia Day Awards scheduled for Saturday, 20 January 2018. Stage two and the balance of the works (Cunningham, Lockyer and Logan meeting Rooms and staff offices) will be completed by Thursday, 1 March 2018. These works are able to be scheduled to ensure minimum impact to the business during this period.

The IS Department has been liaising with the Civic Centre and Performing Arts Manager on a regular basis as part of the stakeholder management process and is managing the risks associated with this scope of works in and around a live public area.

It is intended that internal catering services will also cease in line with the closure from Monday, 18 December 2017 and re-commence with effect from Monday, 15 January 2018. In the event any business is secured for the Civic Centre or Studio 188 during this limited staffing period and that will not be impacted by the air-conditioning works, arrangements will be made to service this demand.

**BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:**

Activities undertaken by the Civic Centre align with Council's Corporate Plan and the Ipswich Long Term Community Plan (i2031) themes of:

- Community Spirit and Wellbeing
- Strong Diversified Economy
- A Sense of Belonging and Culture

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The air conditioning upgrade project is approved in the 2017-2018 Capital works Portfolio budget and forms part of the Facilities Rehabilitation Sub Program with funding allocated in the 2017-2018 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council note the closure of the Civic Centre from 8:00am on Monday, 18 December 2017, re-opening at 8:00am on Monday, 18 January 2018.

Donald Stewart  
**CIVIC CENTRE AND PERFORMING ARTS MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 08.11.17	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

19 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: COMMUNITY GRANTS OFFICER

RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – OCTOBER 2017

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Community Grants Officer dated 19 October 2017 concerning the allocation of Community Development Grants Program funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council's Community Grants Scheme includes a Community Development Grants Program with a budget allocation of \$140,000.00 (which includes an allocation of \$40,000.00 for Christmas events and activities) for the 2017–2018 financial year.

Applications are accepted throughout the year for Community Development Grants and allocated against a monthly budget of approximately \$8,300.00, with any residual rolled over to the next month.

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate a community development framework that enhances the community life and wellbeing of Ipswich residents. The maximum grant available for community groups is \$2,500.00.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

Council received one (1) eligible application this month.

**Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd**

Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd (the Co-op) is an incorporated organisation based at Swanbank Coal Road, Swanbank, and operates a tourist railway in the Ipswich Region, using vintage rollingstock and locomotives. The Co-op also provides spaces, (including their stations) for families and photographers, free of charge. The Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op heritage railway operations on the Swanbank-Bundamba line sees approximately 12,000 people through its ticket window and includes a souvenir shop which assists in raising revenue for the organisation.



Following an assessment of the roof of the 114 year old Swanbank Station, the Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op were advised that the existing roof requires replacing. Stanwell Corporation Limited has supported the project by providing new corrugated iron, at a cost of \$5,000, and Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd seeks funding to assist with labour costs associated with the installation of the new roof.

The total cost of the project is \$8,036.00 (excl-GST) and in line with Council requirement to provide maximum \$1,250.00 (excl-GST) towards community infrastructure, it is recommended that Council allocates \$1,250.00 to Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd. The balance of funding required will be provided by the applicant.

Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd has received the following funding from Council in the past two (2) years:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
2017	\$6,000.00	Community Donation	12 months use of the AC16 Locomotive from Queensland Railway
2017	\$4,590.00	Community Donation	Refurbishment of PB15 Locomotive
2016	\$5,700.00	Community Donation	Operating costs
2016	\$10,500.00	Community Donation	Completion of State 2 track infrastructure
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,790.00</b>		

#### **KARALEE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN – CHANGE OF PURPOSE**

At the Council Ordinary meeting of 13 September 2016, Council approved a recommendation to provide a Community Development Grant to the Karalee Community Kindergarten (the Kindergarten) as outlined below:

- A. That Council provide funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 (ex-GST) to Karalee Community Kindergarten towards the Family Fun Day and roof repairs.

The Kindergarten has advised that they have unspent funds of \$304.00 from the grant and is seeking approval to use the funds to repair the footings of the kindy fort, which have rotted and must be repaired for safety reasons.

The total cost of the repair work is \$928.00 and a quote has been provided.

It is recommended that Council approves the request from Karalee Community Kindergarten to use unexpended funds of \$304.00 (ex-GST), towards the cost of repairing the kindy fort.

**BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:**

The Community Development Grants Program provides funding to community based non-profit organisations for purposes inclusive of community infrastructure, purchase of equipment, organisational development, community development projects and festivals or events. To align with the actions of Advance Ipswich and the Corporate Plan 2017–2022, projects are required to contribute to one (1) or more of the following funding objectives:

- Encourage community activities that promote and celebrate a sense of belonging.
- Engage the community in the creation of local projects and programs that encourage inclusion and participation and promote and demonstrate a sense of belonging as it relates to the whole of community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Approval of the Community Development Grants in this report of \$1,250.00 (ex-GST) will leave a balance of \$85,100.93 (ex-GST) available for allocation during the remainder of the 2017–2018 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That Council provide funding to the amount of \$1,250.00 to Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway Co-op Ltd towards re-roofing the Swanbank Station.
- B. That Council approve the request from Karalee Community Kindergarten to use unexpended funds of \$304.00 (ex-GST), towards the cost of repairing the kindy fort.

Josie Berry  
**COMMUNITY GRANTS OFFICER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Abbey Richards  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 08.11.17	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

17 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

FROM: COMMUNITY GRANTS OFFICER

RE: LEICHHARDT ONE MILE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Community Grants Officer dated 17 October 2017 forwarding for Council's information the minutes of the meeting of the Leichhardt One Mile Community Consultative Committee held on 25 September 2017.

**POINTS OF INTEREST AND/OR ISSUES:**

The Arts and Community Development Committee's attention is drawn to the following meeting items:

Item Description
Report by Paul Brasher: One Mile Neighbourhood Watch
Report by Peter Meehan: Caltex Fuels
Report by Shayne Neumann: Federal MP for Blair
Report by Bill Byrne: Leichhardt Baptist Church
Report by Cr C Pisasale: Ipswich City Council
Sharna Luscombe and Raad Jarjees Ipswich City Council

**BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:**


Provision of the Leichhardt One Mile Consultative Committee Meeting supports Council's commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its community and complements Advance Ipswich and Council's Corporate Plan 2017–2022 Strategies and Goals, in particular Community Spirit and Wellbeing by:

- Providing equitable access and avenues for all residents of Ipswich to participate and contribute to decisions made in their community.
- Encouraging residents to identify the needs of the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Name of Attachment	Attachment
<a href="#">Attachment A – Minutes of the Leichhardt Consultative Committee held 25 September 2017</a>	 Attachment A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Josie Berry  
**COMMUNITY GRANTS OFFICER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Abbey Richards  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
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**MINUTES**  
**Leichhardt One Mile**  
**Community Consultative Committee**

**Division 8 Office**  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**



Congratulations to Thomas & Ruth Mullan from Leichhardt celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!

**Welcome:**

Cr Charlie Pisasale (Chair) presided over and opened the meeting at 1:04pm

**Present:**

Cr Charlie Pisasale	Paul Brasher	Bill Byrne
Doreen Coker	Lena Kershler	Peter Meehan
Raad Jarjees	Sharna Luscombe	Shayne Neumann MP

**Apologies:**

Michelle Hamlin	Petrea Rawlinson	Debbie & Joe Baldwin
Darren Richards	Angi Harms	Snr Cnst Jonathan Jude
Hilda Fixter	Wendy Johnson	Robb Kerr
Kym Tuuta		

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were circulated.

Moved: Doreen Corker      Seconded: Lena Kershler      Carried: Unanimously

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**Sharna Luscombe and Raad Jarjees: Ipswich City Council**

Old Toowoomba Road upgrade.

- Design is almost at final stage, awaiting Energex to remove poles.
- Construction will begin early 2018.
- Services relocation (QUU, Telstra etc.) may begin before Christmas, will depend on service providers' timelines.
- Approximately 10,000 vehicles use the road each direction, each day.
  - Initial design work has commenced on partial widening of Brisbane Street, however this is more of a long term plan.
  - Future plan is to have four lanes the whole way, from Old Toowoomba Road, through Brisbane Street and onto to Moffatt St.

**Paul Brasher: One Mile Neighbourhood Watch**

- OMNW had AGM last Monday. Previous committee re-elected.
- Some portfolio changes occurred as a result of the election.
- Upcoming community day at the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre on the 22 October – 10am until 3pm.
  - Live music, local One Mile bands will be playing.

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- Ulysses motorcycle group will be attending as well.
  - Ipswich Classic and Muscle Car Club will also be attending.

#### Peter Meehan: Caltex Fuels

- New air system for tyre pumping. New pumps will be going in sometime within the next 6 months.
- Increased profits by 16.2% (even with competition along West Ipswich strip); one reason is good staff, along with easy access.
- Very good understanding with QPS.
- All fuel pricing decisions are made in NSW.
- Service stations are looking at other ways of bringing people in, the new Ripley Caltex was looking at having an onsite barber (in addition to the existing eateries).

#### Shane Neumann MP – Federal Member for Blair

- Increase in the overall electoral role since April for Leichhardt (6%).
- Leichhardt Baptist Church have lodged their application for \$8,250.00 from the Federal Government for upgrades.
- There are a number of organisations which will receive some money from the Federal Government to commence upgrades, includes churches, sporting groups, the RSL etc.
- Federal Government Armistice Centenary Grants program: groups can apply for one off grants which are allocated to each Federal Electorate (each electorate has \$50,000 to distribute) for groups involved in commemorating the centenary of the end of the first world war.
- Cr Pisasale met with committee members to discuss the creation of a boulevard (Shayne clarified that it can be for anything, printing, creation of flags etc.)

#### Bill Byrne: Leichhardt Baptist Church

- Still waiting for Energex to perform the work as was discussed last meeting.
- 28 October: youth and children activity at the church.
- Christmas Carols will be held at the school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

#### Cr Charlie Pisasale – Councillor, Division 8, Ipswich City Council

- Andrew Antonioli is new Mayor, has settled in well.
  - By-Election to replace him will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Charlie is now no longer Chair of the Arts portfolio.
- Dan Best is Acting CEO (normally Council's City Solicitor). Gary Kellar (former Logan City Council CEO) has been appointed as interim CEO until a formal decision is made as to the former CEO, Jim Lindsay's replacement.
- SPEED AWARENESS SIGNS: A new speed awareness sign has been installed in Chubb Street, One Mile with positive community feedback. This will add to the existing sign in Siemons Street in an attempt to remind motorists of the legal speed limits within suburban streets.
- WILDLIFE SIGNS: Council are currently investigating the possible installation of wildlife signs in Siemons Street after several cases of injuries to our local wildlife. Residents are advised signs are generally only installed for the safety of motorists, not for the protection of animals or to curb speeding issues.
- SPEEDING ISSUES: Residents continue to provide information to the Division 8 Office regarding speeding vehicles. Residents are reminded that in the first instance speeding should be reported to Policelink via 131 444. All streets within the Ipswich boundary unless otherwise marked have 50 KPH speed limits.
- IPSWICH AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS: Nominations are now open for the Ipswich Australia Day Awards. These awards celebrate inspiring role models and events in our community. Tell us

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about an inspiring role model or an engaging event you've attended within our community and they could be recognised with an Ipswich Australia Day Award. Nominations are encouraged from all areas, including charitable community service, education, environment, arts, entertainment, science, technology and business. Nominations can be lodged online via the Ipswich City Council website, and close Friday, 17 November. Categories include:

- • Citizen
- • Senior Citizen
- • Young Citizen
- • Community Event
- • Citywide Event
- • Cultural Award
- • Spirit of Ipswich
- IPSWICH IN SPRING GUIDE: Spring has officially sprung in all its fragrant glory! Ipswich's new guide is packed with info, events and outings for the whole family to enjoy as the blossoms begin to bud in our beautiful city. All residents will receive a copy in their letterbox, with additional copies available from the Division 8 office.
- PROJECTS UPDATE:
  - Completed:
    - Suburb signage: new "Leichhardt" suburb signage installed in Ernest St and Toongarra Rd.
    - Installation of new speed awareness sign in Chubb Street
  - Coming Up:
    - Leichhardt Park: installation of additional playground equipment including a cubby house (Refer Proludic Design)
- NEW WEBSITE: Informative new "Ipswich First" website covers local topics including Home, Environment, Family, History, Lifestyle, People, Technology and What's On.  
<https://www.ipswichfirst.com.au/>
- MOBILE NURSERY: The first Division 8 mobile nursery was held on Saturday 19th August at the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre in Denman Street. Great response received from the local community regarding the location and variety of plants available. Interesting how many residents from One Mile & Leichhardt also attended the mobile nursery at Winston Glades on 16th September.
- KERBSIDE COLLECTION: The suburbs of Leichhardt and One Mile received their kerbside collection service in July. Thanks to residents for their assistance which kept the schedule running smoothly.
- New system of unwanted items left on the footpath – bright tape wrapped around the object with ICC logo "Illegal Dumping – Under investigation"
- LEICHHARDT ONE MILE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Funds were recently donated from the Division 8 community donation allocation for a suitable security camera system to further protect staff during operating hours.
- UNITING CHURCH BUILDING: Change of application for a development approval Planning act 2016 – Section 81. 9 Chubb Street:-. Amended plans have been submitted to council

**Meeting Closed:** 1:33 PM

**Next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm

<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date: 08.11.17	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

26 October 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER  
FROM: CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
RE: INAUGURAL FUSED CELEBRATE THE ARTS, IPSWICH

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Children and Youth Development Officer dated 26 October 2017 concerning Ipswich City Council’s partnership with the local arts community to deliver the inaugural FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich.

**BACKGROUND:**

FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich, is a community arts festival sponsored by Ipswich City Council. Coordinated by a small community based arts committee, the festival aims to celebrate the local arts through a range of initiatives including arts workshops, live music, theatre performances, street murals, children’s activities, and art exhibitions etc.

The inaugural festival was held across three days 8, 9 and 10 September 2017 at locations including d’Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich Library, Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich Community Art Gallery, Ipswich Civic Centre, Studio 188, the Old Court House and Goleby’s Basement etc. Festival coordinators and stall holders received very positive feedback from attendees at the event.

Of particular note, was the painting during the festival of a large outdoor mural on the back wall of Arttime Supplies and Goleby’s Basement in the top of town precinct (please refer to Attachment A). Transformed over the space of four consecutive working days by Gold Coast artist Mike Shankster, the mural of a soaring owl signifies growth, development and rising above adversities in the spreading of its wings.



**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:**

FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich, provides an opportunity for local artists to elevate their art, gain exposure and recognition, and connect with a wider audience. The three day program proudly showcased an abundance of Ipswich artists including youth musicians, Ipswich theatre companies, local crafters and visual artists from across Ipswich.

Supporting the local arts community to create their own projects, develop their skills and build performance experience is consistent with Ipswich City Council’s commitment to enhance the quality of life of its community, and compliments Advance Ipswich and 2012-2017 Corporate Plan Goals:

- Implement a Community Events program across the city that includes community and family activities
- Plan and deliver a diverse range of cultural programs to engage the Ipswich community, celebrate Ipswich’s cultural heritage and foster cultural development
- Encourage community activities that promote and celebrate a sense of belonging
- Engage the community in the creation of local projects and programs that encourage inclusion and participation and promote and demonstrate a sense of belonging as it relates to the whole of community.

**PROPOSAL:**


Following the inaugural festival in September 2017, The FUSED Committee (a small community based arts committee consisting of prominent Ipswich artists) has committed to the delivery of FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich, in 2018.

The Community Engagement Branch will continue to support FUSED Celebrate the Arts, Ipswich, including continuing to promote the event via existing Council networks and media platforms, and working with the FUSED Committee to build their capacity and to further increase the success and sustainability of the event.

**CONSULTATION:**

The Chairperson of the Arts and Community Development Committee has been consulted regarding the planning and delivery of the event in 2018.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name of Attachment	Attachment
<a href="#">Attachment A: FUSED Owl Mural</a>	 Attachment A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Cameron Nicholls  
**CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Abbey Richards  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
**(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**



<b>Arts and Community Development Committee</b>	
Mtg Date:8.11.2017	OAR: YES
<b>Authorisation:</b> Caroline McMahon	

4 October 2017

## MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

FROM: HOME ASSIST COORDINATOR

RE: NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME – IPSWICH IMPLEMENTATION

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

This is a report by the Home Assist Coordinator dated 4 October 2017 concerning the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Ipswich.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Home Assist program delivers home maintenance and modification support to elderly people and people living with disability in the Ipswich community and the nearby local government areas of Somerset, Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim. The program supports clients to maintain functional independence in the home of their choice, and continue to access the community. Home Assist is funded entirely through external grants received from the State and Federal Governments, with current funding totalling approximately \$1.4 million per annum.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new model of disability support providing individualised support plans to eligible participants, their families and their carers. The intention of the NDIS is to provide all Australians under the age of 65, who have a permanent and significant disability, with the reasonable and necessary supports they require to enjoy an ordinary life and achieve their goals.

The NDIS was scheduled to commence in Ipswich on 1 July 2017, but was approved for early implementation beginning May 2017.

### **IMPACT FOR HOME ASSIST CLIENTS AND IPSWICH COMMUNITY:**

Home Assist clients and other members of the community who are aged under 65 years and living with a permanent disability are now able to apply for support through the NDIS. Those who are approved for NDIS will be provided with an individualised plan of approved supports, and a corresponding package of funding. Participants are able to choose the NDIS provider they wish to deliver their specific supports.

Funding previously allocated to assist these clients under the Queensland Community Care or Disability Support programs will be transferred to the NDIS, to support clients via the NDIS framework. The Queensland Community Care program will continue to operate in a reduced capacity for those individuals who are not considered eligible for NDIS support.

The full extent of the Queensland Community Care program funding reduction for Home Assist is not yet known, however the majority of Home Assist funding (90% of the annual budget) will be unaffected by the changes. Similarly the majority of Home Assist clients (94%) will be unaffected by the changes and continue to access Home Assist services under their current arrangements (because they are either over 65 years of age, or require less acute services and are therefore not eligible for NDIS services).

#### **EXPERIENCE OF OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

NDIS implementation has already occurred in other regions in Queensland, including the Townsville, Mackay, and Toowoomba local government areas. The Home Assist Coordinator contacted the Community Development teams at each of these Councils to discuss the impact of NDIS in their regions and possible roles for Council to play in assisting with the rollout and transition.

All three of the Councils reported that the introduction of NDIS in their locations had been well managed by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and local community service organisations. None of the Councils reported any service shortfalls or issues requiring Council attention, nor had any of those Councils needed to provide direct education or client support services during the transition periods.

Both Townsville and Mackay Regional Councils had provided venues for the NDIA and other organisations to deliver information sessions and Toowoomba Regional Council had arranged for representatives from the NDIA to provide information and advice at their Disability Week Open Day. This is similar to the assistance ICC has provided to the Ipswich community in recent months.

#### **OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT:**

##### **1. PROVISION OF DIRECT SERVICES**

While Home Assist is currently a contracted provider of Queensland Community Care services, there is no automatic transfer to the NDIS. Service providers must apply to the NDIA to be considered for inclusion on the Registered Provider list and demonstrate that they are able to meet the mandatory suitability requirements set by the NDIA.

NDIS does not fund general home maintenance services and demand for home modifications has so far been limited. Since the introduction of NDIS in Ipswich (May 2017), Home Assist has received only one enquiry regarding delivery of home modifications under the NDIS program, suggesting that demand for this service type may be quite low under NDIS arrangements.

There is no closing date for provider applications and Home Assist may apply at any time to become a Registered Provider of Home Modification supports, by demonstrating compliance with the necessary suitability requirements. Home Assist is currently approved to deliver Queensland Community Care modifications, based on current contractor arrangements and quality accreditation, meeting similar criteria to the NDIS suitability requirements. Both the primary builder and consultant Occupational Therapist engaged by Home Assist for major modifications are already approved NDIS Registered Providers, and Home Assist achieved successful quality reaccreditation under the Home Care Common Standards in July 2017.

It should be noted that applying to become a Registered Provider does not guarantee approval, nor does approval guarantee any level of service throughput, as selection of providers is entirely at client discretion.

It is also important to note that there is no block funding available for NDIS service providers. NDIS support is supplied on a fee-for-service basis, with providers invoicing the NDIA after services have been delivered. This arrangement is a significant departure from block funding models, with implications for provider cash flow and financial planning. Existing Home Assist grant funding cannot be used for delivery of any NDIS services and all costs would need to be borne by Council. This could include carrying outlays in excess of \$20,000 per project (for major modifications), until invoices are paid by the NDIS.

## **2. PROVISION OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

Advice from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (the Department) indicated there were 1,750 clients actively receiving disability support services in the Ipswich region prior to NDIS rollout ('actively' being defined as those who had accessed services in the three months immediately prior to NDIS implementation). The Department had previously estimated that approximately 50% of these clients would likely be eligible for NDIS support. Theoretically there is a potential population of 1,750 clients in Ipswich who may be approaching the NDIA, although it must be acknowledged that not all will be approved for NDIS services.

The Ipswich community is well supported by 60 registered NDIS providers, the local NDIA office and two Local Area Coordinator services, who work in partnership with the NDIA to support clients as they develop and action their individual plans (in Ipswich the two Local Area Coordinator services are Carers' Queensland and EACH). Numerous education and information sessions were held in Ipswich in the lead up to the rollout of the NDIS by community organisations, disability support providers, the NDIA, and the Department. Council provided assistance with several of these, supplying venues and assisting with promotion and networking.

Attendance at education and information sessions has waned and feedback from Home Assist clients and the community has indicated that many people are now engaging directly with the NDIA and NDIA partners, who are supporting them to develop their individual plans.

If Council did wish to provide education or support services to assist the NDIA to manage NDIS in Ipswich, it would be reasonable to assume a potential audience between approximately 900-1,750 people in the local area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

NDIS services are funded through a fee-for-service model, with no block funding available to providers. Any costs associated with delivery of Home Modification services to NDIS clients must be carried by Council until completion of the service when invoices may be submitted for the agreed fee. This may include expenses in excess of \$20,000 for major modification projects.

Any expenses incurred in the delivery of peripheral NDIS supports (such as education and information sessions) must be funded in full by Council. The Agency does not provide funding for general education and advice sessions.

The following table provides an indication of possible costs associated with delivering a single community education session. These figures are based on a 3 hour session with light refreshments for 50 attendees.

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Venue	<i>Civic Centre room hire – Lockyer Room. Including AV &amp; setup.</i>	\$182.00
Catering	<i>Quoted \$12 per head</i>	\$600.00
Presenter / Facilitator	<i>Allowing \$100 per hour for a specialist presenter.</i>	\$300.00
Accommodation	<i>If facilitator/presenter required to travel. Metro Hotel Ipswich International</i>	\$114.00
Marketing & Promotion		\$200.00
Staffing	<i>4 hours event administration &amp; 4 hours event attendance. Allowing \$50 per hour.</i>	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,796.00</b>

Accordingly, the cost to Council for providing general education and advice sessions to an audience of approximately 900 to 1,750 would be \$32,328 to \$62,860. There is currently no budget for delivery of this type of service.

**CONCLUSION:**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) commenced in Ipswich in May 2017. Members of the community who are aged under 65 years and living with a permanent disability are now able to apply for support through the NDIS and, if approved, will be provided with an individualised support plan. NDIS clients are able to utilise the services of any Registered NDIS Provider and services are provided on a fee-for-service basis. Alternatively, NDIS clients can utilise the services of a Local Area Coordinator, who will work in partnership with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), Registered Providers and the client to manage the delivery of support services. NDIS Providers invoice the NDIA after services have been delivered to the client.

The Home Assist program delivers home maintenance and modification support to elderly people and people living with disability in the Ipswich community and nearby local government areas. The Home Assist program is funded entirely through external grants received from the State and Federal Governments, and funding cannot be used for any NDIS-related services.

The experiences of other local governments suggests there is likely to be little need for Council to provide direct support and assistance to the community during the rollout of NDIS and the Home Assist program has only received one enquiry regarding delivery of home modifications under the NDIS since May 2017. Further, the Ipswich community is well supported by 60 registered NDIS providers, the local NDIA office and two Local Area Coordinator services (Carers' Queensland and EACH).

Council supported the delivery of education and information sessions across Ipswich in the lead up to NDIS and community feedback suggests that attendance at education and information sessions has now declined and most eligible NDIS clients are now engaging directly with the NDIA and NDIA partners.

Accordingly, there does not appear to be a need at present for the direct involvement of Council in delivering services associated with the NDIS. Further, all costs associated with the delivery of NDIS-related services would need to be borne by Council as Home Assist grant funding cannot be used for delivery of any NDIS-related support. There is currently no budget for the delivery of NDIS-related services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That Council not apply to become a registered provider of home modification services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- B. That Council continue to engage with the Ipswich NDIA office and Local Area Coordinator Services as required, as part of the Community Development team's disabilities network.

Julie-Anne Wells  
**HOME ASSIST COORDINATOR**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Abbey Richards  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

I concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

Caroline McMahon  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
**(ARTS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**