



Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Cr Russell Milligan, Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, Philisha and Dave Riddell and Division 4 Cr Kate Kunzelmann

## *Welcome to the November edition of Community Matters for 2023.*

### **Let me introduce you to Philisha and Dave Riddell of Walloon - officially our city's 250,000th residents.**

The Riddells were identified as the landmark residents by council's innovative Ipswich Population Modeller which tracks the number of wheelie bins issued to new residents.

The couple, who have two grown children, chose Ipswich for its lifestyle to start the next chapter of their life. It was an honour to welcome them to the city alongside their divisional councillors Deputy Mayor Russell Milligan and Councillor Kate Kunzelmann.

Ipswich has certainly come a long way since it was founded in 1860 and proclaimed a city in 1904, at the time home to just 8,637 people.

This latest population milestone reaffirms our status as Queensland's

fastest growing city, with six new homes being added on average per day and more than 6,200 new residents choosing to call Ipswich home in the 12 months to 30 June 2023.

It is an exciting time to be in Ipswich and the best is yet to come.

Not only are we hitting milestones with the growth of our city's population, but so too our local economy.

Our city's Gross Regional Product (GRP) has smashed through the \$12 billion mark for the first time. GRP is the amount of a region's wealth which is generated by businesses, organisations and individuals working in the area.

What this means is our city is not only being recognised as a great place to live and play, but also to work and do business.

Protecting and enhancing this liveability is important. As part of efforts to do just that, council recently provided feedback to the State Government on its SEQ 2023 Regional Plan Update.

The plan update will shape South East Queensland's growth in the years ahead and forecasts Ipswich's population to grow to 528,000 by 2046, equating to 100 new dwellings being delivered in Ipswich each week compared to the current rate of 50 dwellings.

With our city expected to take on this significant growth, it is not okay that the same State Government plan proposes next to no new infrastructure to accommodate it.

For this reason, we have made it clear to the State Government that council believes the infrastructure proposed falls woefully short of what is needed and what our community deserves.

On behalf of Ipswich residents, we will continue to call out the inadequate investment in infrastructure that our city has endured for far too long and do all we can to protect and enhance our city's liveability now and into the future.

*Mayor Teresa Harding*

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

**Hundreds of Ipswich residents shared their thoughts on the city's draft new planning scheme, Ipswich Plan 2024, during recent public consultation.**

The scheme will oversee how Ipswich develops over the coming decades, managing a booming population and increased housing needs across the city.

"Many residents provided thoughtful feedback on proposed zoning changes, how and where we should locate greenfield development, how to manage housing density and how best to manage natural hazards such as

floods," Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said.

"Once all of this feedback has been assessed, council expects to consider the new draft of the scheme. Initially, we had planned to do this through September and October, however given the volume and detail in the feedback, we will extend this to December."

If approved by council in December, the draft plan will be sent to the State Government for further review. Council hopes the plan will come into effect mid-2024.

## IT'S STARTING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS IN IPSWICH

**The return of the popular St Nicholas Precinct lighting installation in our city heart will again headline another exciting, family-friendly Christmas in Ipswich program.**

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said the city's emerging city heart, the Nicholas Street Precinct, will again be transformed with a spectacular lighting installation.

"I'm happy to confirm that St Nicholas Precinct is back with lights, colour, magical moments, live entertainment, festive food and market stalls, and best of all, entry is free," Mayor Harding said.

Mayor Harding said this year's Christmas in Ipswich program included a wonderful mix of community-led and council-run events.

"Christmas is all about families and our community coming together to celebrate," Mayor Harding said.

"It is fitting that this year's program includes council-run favourites such as the lighting of the City Christmas Tree, Letters to Santa and the



Mayor Harding with the City of Ipswich Christmas tree, an elf and Mr and Mrs Claus

annual Christmas lights competition, as well as a range of community events supported by council.

"An exciting new offering this year will be Christmas Cinema Under the Stars, presented in partnership with Hoyts, where families can bring a blanket and enjoy an open air movie in Tulumur Place.

"Christmas is a wonderful time of year and I look forward to seeing families enjoying the festive fun on offer."

See the Christmas in Ipswich program at [ipswichfestivals.com.au](https://ipswichfestivals.com.au)

## EASY WAY TO REPORT CONCERNS

**Council has recently upgraded its Snap Send Solve channel to make it easier for residents to have community issues addressed.**

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said council was committed to continuing to improve the experience for customers interacting with council.

"The community can report local issues from the palm of their hand using their mobile phone, through the free Snap Send Solve app or the 'report an issue' tool on council's website and now expect to receive a consistent customer service experience from both channels," Mayor Harding said.

"This council made a commitment to put residents and other customers first to improve the experience for people when they contact council.

"As well as upgrades to Snap Send Solve, council recently adopted its inaugural Customer Charter.

"The charter outlines council's commitment to the community, our customers, to deliver the right services by actively connecting, meeting expectations and making a difference now and into the future."

Council's customers, including residents, ratepayers, businesses, community groups and contractors will start seeing the charter displayed at customer service touchpoints throughout the city and are encouraged to provide feedback if their customer experience does not live up to what is committed.

To view the Customer Charter, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au). Snap Send Solve is available through Google Play and Apple App Store.



Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 250,000 residents and counting, making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



## CITY'S FLOOD RECOVERY IS CONTINUING AS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES ARE REACHED

**In a major milestone for Ipswich's flood recovery and resilience building efforts, more than 100 homes have now been bought back as part of the Resilient Home Fund, enabling families to sell flood-impacted properties and be freed from future flood risk.**

The program, a jointly funded initiative delivered through Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), was established in May 2022 after the catastrophic 2021-2022 rainfall and flooding events.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said having more than 100 homes settled under the Voluntary Home Buy-Back program means chances for residents, many of whom have endured multiple floods, to find a new home.

"It is incredibly exciting to see such a major milestone met. Many Ipswich residents who have sold up under the scheme tell us how relieved

they are to be free of the stress of living under high flood risk, and hopeful for their new futures," Mayor Harding said.

"QRA and council have worked closely together to identify eligible homes and work with residents to progress through the purchase process and finally settle these properties.

"Homes in some of Ipswich's worst impacted suburbs such as Goodna, North Booval and Bundamba have been purchased under this innovative program.

"These houses are demolished or relocated depending on their condition, and the land rehabilitated and re-zoned by council to a non-habitable use.

"As we move through the program and re-zone the land, council will engage with the Ipswich community to develop a plan for the best future use for these empty lots."

Meanwhile, council is continuing to work with local sporting clubs to repair community facilities damaged in the floods.

A major flood recovery sealed roads program has also started, with more than 220 roads across Ipswich to be repaired between now and August 2024.

"It cannot be understated just how hard Ipswich was hit in the 2022 floods and while council recognises the community's frustration with how long it has taken for some repair works to get started, it has been important to undertake rigorous damage assessments to properly understand the cost of potential repairs before starting work," Mayor Harding said.

For more information about council's flood recovery program, including individual projects across the city, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery)



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## TWO NEW TRAILS AT PURGA

**There is now even more reason to enjoy the great outdoors in Ipswich with two new trails open at Purga Nature Reserve.**

Wirepi trail (pronounced weir-a-pee) is named after a traditional word for 'come back' and Ngudur trail (pronounced new-door) is named after the traditional word for 'tree, tea' in Yugara/Yagera language.

"The names of these trails acknowledge the highly significant landscape values of Purga Nature Reserve to Traditional Owners, as an area providing an abundance of resources including the Swamp Tea-tree forest which is being

protected through council's Enviroplan program," Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland welcomed the improvements to Purga Nature Reserve.

"Council's Enviroplan-funded conservation estates and reserves offer unique experiences to enjoy and appreciate our various ecosystems, native flora and fauna and cultural landscapes," Cr Ireland said.

For more information about the city's conservation estates and walking trails, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au)

## HELPFUL TIPS FOR RAISING COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

**It can be tricky to know what to do when you have a development compliance concern. To try and help, here are some answers to common questions.**

***Can I lodge an anonymous complaint about a building or development matter?***

Yes, you can lodge an anonymous complaint; however, council may only action complaints that are deemed dangerous or urgent. If you do not provide contact details council officers cannot fact check information with you to confirm there is a genuine issue or concern. In addition, council officers are unable to provide an update or outcome of the investigation to you.

***How does council maintain my privacy as a complainant?***

Council officers cannot divulge complainant details to the property owner. Council's investigations and actions are subject to the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

***Can council assist with an encroachment?***

Development can sometimes cause loss, damage or an encroachment on someone else's property. Development laws are focused on regulating development and council is unable to force people to relocate a lawful structure, repair damage, or compensate for loss caused by someone else's development. Residents must take civil action for redress. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) can provide residents with an avenue for making claims for loss or damages for certain matters. Council recommends residents seek independent legal advice.

## TAKE A TRIP TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD WITH EXHIBITION

**Deebing Heights artist Ashley Wilford has been making crochet sculptures for about 15 years, so when the chance came up to create something for the community, she could not let the opportunity pass.**

Along with co-creator Rebecca Dodds, the pair created a concept of an interactive garden called In A World of My Own.

"We took inspiration from Alice in Wonderland and the Secret Garden, with added educational activities for children," Ms Wilford said.

"Our art is for the community and it was very important to us to make it accessible for everyone."

The pair received \$18,000 from round two of the Regional Arts Development Fund 2023-2024.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said activities would include finding



Cr Sheila Ireland, Rebecca Dodds, Ashley Wilford and Cr Jacob Madsen with the RADF grant

books to read, hidden animals and make-your-own flowers craft tables.

"There will also be crochet workshops for children, which will teach them a valuable skill while challenging their creativity," Cr Ireland said.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said he looked forward to visiting the installation.

"Residents can visit In A World of My Own during SPARK Ipswich next year at the Queens Park Environmental Education Centre. It will be part of Ipswich's signature cultural festival of the year, which promises another great range of fun activities," Cr Madsen said.



Division 1 stretches from Mt Mort in the west to White Rock in the east and includes Blackstone, Calvert, Deebing Heights, Ebenezer, Flinders View, Goolman, Grandchester, Jeebropilly, Lower Mount Walker, Mount Forbes, Mount Walker West, Mutdapilly, Peak Crossing, Purga, Raceview, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Swanbank and Willowbank.



## IN BRIEF

### Dog off-leash park repaired

Repairs to the dog off-leash area at David W Coultas Park at Raceview have been completed as part of council's Flood Recovery Program. The repairs included repainting of concrete edging and dog table, replacement of softfall and the replacement of matting under dog agility equipment. The works were jointly funded by council and the Australian and Queensland governments. David W Coultas Park is at 224 South Station Road, Raceview.

### Volunteering made easy

Volunteering helps to build and create communities and is a great way to develop new skills. Ipswich City Council engages more than 200 volunteers across a range of programs and activities. Council has an online Volunteer Portal to make it easy to get involved. For more information, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/our-community/volunteering](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/our-community/volunteering)

### Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with your Division 1 Councillors here:

#### Ripley Valley Town Centre

Saturday 2 December  
9.00 am - 12.00 pm

#### Blackstone Community Hall

Thursday 14 December  
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

#### Redbank Plains Community Centre

180 School Road, Redbank Plains  
Tuesday 19 December  
10.00 am - 11.30 am

## IMPROVEMENTS WILL BRING SIGNIFICANT SAFETY BENEFITS

### Work has started to replace the Tom Kerle Bridge at the Old Red Gum Crossing on Hiddenvale Road at Calvert.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said while it was a little sad to see the old, one lane timber bridge be replaced, motorists' safety was the number one priority.

"This bridge has been a big part of the community for many years, but unfortunately time and tide waits for no one," Cr Madsen said.

"In October, we welcomed the 250,000th resident to Ipswich. As Ipswich's population grows we're seeing more and more vehicles use the bridge every day, so this is a timely and much-needed upgrade."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the new bridge would be

stronger and serve the community for many years to come.

"The timber will be replaced with concrete spans and guard rails and along with improved road alignment, we will expect reduced maintenance costs that will also give the bridge a longer life span," Cr Ireland said.

"Works will also include the construction of new road approaches, new culvert crossings, the replacement of signage and reinstatement of disturbed areas."

This project has been made possible through joint funding from the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program and council.

Motorists can expect increased travel times and restricted local access as construction continues before completion in March 2024.



Cr Jacob Madsen, Federal MP for Blair Shayne Neumann and Cr Sheila Ireland at the Tom Kerle Bridge in October last year

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## IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED AT CONSERVATION ESTATE

**Upgrades to White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate have been completed, with Peter Tullett Memorial Park upgraded as a formal entry point to the estate.**

The improvements were carried out as part of council's Enviroplan Program.

The Enviroplan Program supports the identification, protection and maintenance of vital ecosystems and natural environmental values.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the upgrade recognised the importance of this valuable conservation area to residents for nature-based recreation.

"It now provides easy access via Mountain Creek Track to the Yaddamun Trail, which connects estate users to an expanded track network including improved access to lookouts," Cr Jonic said.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully welcomed the changes.

"This is a popular walking spot and this, together with other recent improvements, will benefit new and returning estate visitors," Cr Tully said.

For more about the city's conservation estates and walking trails, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au)

## NEW GAUGES PROVIDE LIVE MONITORING

**Two new gauges in the Springfield Lakes area will provide live online monitoring of water storage levels and rainfall.**

The two gauges are located at Regatta Lake and Discovery Lake.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said there were previously no automatic rain and water level gauges installed at the lakes.

"Previously, the water levels at these areas were monitored manually each month during routine inspection and daily during substantial rain events by council officers," Cr Jonic said.

"It is important that the storage levels at these dams be monitored daily and more frequently during significant rain events."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the gauges would be part of Queensland's Flood Warning Infrastructure Network (FWIN).

"Early warning can be an effective way to decrease the devastating impacts of flooding, so it is important that we work together for the best possible flood warnings," Cr Tully said.

"In Ipswich we have 43 council-owned rainfall and river gauges that inform real-time conditions and flood warnings, which will help build resilience for future flood events".

The gauges are expected to be operational in November.

## GRANT HELPS GOODNA CLUB GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

**Ipswich Hospice Care is now safer and more comfortable to access thanks to support from the Rotary Club of Goodna.**

The club applied for council's Community Projects Funding program to replace the hospice's uneven, paved entry with a smoother and more accessible surface for patients, guests and staff.

Secretary Chris Steinback said the club was pleased to support a variety of organisations that provide services in Goodna and beyond.

"Our club proudly contributes funding every year to Ipswich Hospice Care to ensure its doors can stay open for people and their families during end-of-life care," Mr Steinback said.



Rotary Club of Goodna's representatives Brian and Margaret Johnston and Chris Steinback with Ipswich Hospice Care's Tyson Walker and Cr Paul Tully

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the Rotary club has been a steadfast contributor within Ipswich for more than four decades.

"The Rotary Club of Goodna punches well above their weight, generously donating from their own pockets and raising funds to give back to those in need," Cr Tully said.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said it was wonderful to see two community organisations working together to access council funds.

"Ipswich Hospice Care has been providing a crucial service in our region for almost 30 years, and this latest support from the Rotary Club of Goodna is making a real difference to the patient experience," Cr Jonic said.

Division 2 stretches from Gailes in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Carole Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, part of Redbank, Springfield, Springfield Central and Springfield Lakes.



## IN BRIEF

### Boost for students' safety

Safety for school children walking to and from Springfield Lakes State School will be improved with the installation of pedestrian handrails at an existing pedestrian refuge on Springfield Lakes Boulevard. The \$3,000 project is being funded under council's Provisional Projects program, which allows Councillors to put forward capital projects not currently funded in council's three-year works program. The handrails will improve crossing visibility and awareness for motorists.

### Safety bollards installed

New bollards are being installed at 10 locations throughout Robelle Domain in Springfield Central. The bollards improve safety and protect community assets by providing vehicle deterrents to key areas within Robelle Domain. For more information about projects taking place across Division 2, visit council's Civic Projects Map at [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

### Mowing schedule online

Did you know Ipswich City Council publishes a mowing schedule online? The online map is easy to use and shows when local grassed areas and parklands across the city are next scheduled for mowing. Rain and storm events, as well as machinery breakdowns sometimes impact the scheduling. To keep up to date, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing)

## MILESTONES KEEP COMING FOR CITY'S LARGEST ROAD UPGRADE

**Council's largest ever road upgrade project has reached a major milestone, with commuters, cyclists and motorists enjoying a new signalised intersection at Springfield Greenbank Arterial and Springfield Parkway.**

Six lanes of traffic travelling from three directions are now all navigating through the new intersection, the biggest in council's road network.

The upgrade of both Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial from two to four lanes is being completed in three stages, with Stages 1 and 3 currently under construction and Stage 2 at final detailed design stage.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the upgrade is critical to meeting increased growth throughout the Springfield region.

"Switching on the new signalised intersection at Springfield Parkway

and Springfield Greenbank Arterial is a major milestone for the project, after extensive earthworks to upgrade the congested roundabout," Cr Jonic said.

"The operational intersection means Stage 1 is almost complete, duplicating Springfield Parkway from Hymba Yumba Independent School to the Centenary Highway, and Springfield Greenbank Arterial from Springfield Parkway to Eden Station Drive."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Stage 3 construction is also progressing well, following the closure of Centenary Motorway Exit 32 off ramp in August to fast-track work.

"Once completed this expansion will significantly reduce congestion on the Centenary Motorway and improve ease of access into Springfield," Cr Tully said.



Division 2 Crs Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully at the new signalised intersection at Springfield Greenbank Arterial and Springfield Parkway

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## NEW OASIS NOW OPEN IN THE NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT

**The emerging Nicholas Street Precinct continues to attract new businesses with Austhetica Oasis the latest to open its doors in the precinct.**

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the hair, beauty and wellness business brings an innovative and dynamic offering to the city centre.

"Austhetica brings a unique set-up of private suites for hair, beauty and wellness professionals to create their own space and welcome their own clients," Cr Doyle said.

"I can't wait to see the products and services that come forward for our community."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said it was pleasing to see the precinct continuing to gain momentum.

"A thriving city heart is important for Ipswich Central and all of Ipswich, and it is wonderful to see more and more businesses coming on board," Cr Fechner said.

The precinct has previously welcomed food businesses Stellarossa, That Dumping Place, Gelatissimo, Sushi Hyo, Bun Bun Bao and Zambrero.

## STREET PATIO A SUCCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN IPSWICH CENTRAL

**The popular Street Patio has found a new home at the Top of Town in Ipswich Central after a successful trial period in Limestone Street.**

The Street Patio has been moved to out the front of Fourthchild Café and Restaurant at 215 Brisbane Street.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said it had proved popular since being launched earlier this year.

"Data showed that about seven in 10 people enjoyed the Street Patio, while nine in 10 said they wanted to see more of them in Ipswich," Cr Doyle said.

"This is a part of council's Creating Places for People program to revitalise Ipswich Central,



Fourthchild owner Ross Williams with Cr Andrew Fechner and Cr Marnie Doyle

complementing several other initiatives promoting walkability including Lighting up Ipswich Central that has beautified street trees with fairy lights that also improve safety."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said a goal of the program is to create more welcoming spaces for people in Ipswich Central.

"The Street Patio is a space for people, not cars and offers a different experience of our historical Top of Town precinct in Ipswich Central," Cr Fechner said.

"Providing more public, open space in this busy inner-city area is part of council's efforts to revitalise Ipswich Central as a place people want to visit, stay and enjoy."

## EBBW VALE UPDATE

**Tree clearing, earthworks and a residential development application have caused concern to many Ebbw Vale residents.**

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the tree clearing and earthworks on the former Claypave properties behind the Stan McCrea fields were associated with 'remediation works' the property owner was taking to surrender mining leases to the State Government.

"Disappointingly, as this process is overseen by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES), rather than Ipswich City Council, neither the community nor council was required to be notified of the clearing with no council approval required," Cr Fechner said.

"Residents can report dust nuisance during these works to the DES Pollution Hotline."

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said she and Cr Fechner held a community meeting at Ebbw Vale Memorial Park in September to hear residents' concerns about the clearing and the development application that seeks to reconfigure the former Claypave properties into 389 residential lots.

"Residents shared their concerns about the potential impact of this development on local roads, traffic, stormwater management, wildlife and amenity," Cr Doyle said.

"The application will be assessed by council with all documents available on council's Development.i website by searching application number 8285/2023/CA. Residents and community member will be able to have their say during the Public Notification Period and Cr Fechner and I will advise residents when this period is determined."



Division 3 stretches from One Mile, Leichhardt and parts of Wulkuraka in the west to parts of Redbank and Goodna in the east, and includes Basin Pocket, Booval, Bundamba, Coalfalls, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, East Ipswich, Eastern Heights, Ebbw Vale, Ipswich, Newtown, North Booval, Riverview, Sadliers Crossing, Silkstone, West Ipswich, and Woodend.



## IN BRIEF

### Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner across Division 3:

#### Redbank Plaza

Outside Coles  
Saturday 25 November  
10.00 am – 11.30 am

#### Collingwood Park

Aleisha Court Park, Bassili Drive  
Saturday 25 November  
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

#### Collingwood Park

Verrall Park, Palaszczuk Avenue  
Saturday 25 November  
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

#### North Booval

Keith Pennell Park  
Saturday 2 December  
8.30 am – 9.30 am

#### Booval Fair Shopping Centre

Near Robins Kitchen  
Saturday 2 December  
10.00 am – 11.30 am

#### Newtown

Newtown Park, Queen Street  
Saturday 2 December  
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

#### Jim Donald Parklands

Saturday 2 December  
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

#### Leichhardt

Tony Merrell Park  
Flinders Drive  
Monday 4 December  
9.00 am – 10.00 am

## COMMUNITY GROUPS EXCITED WITH NEW 'HOME'

**Community groups have welcomed the completion of the new clubhouse at Jim Donald Parklands.**

The parklands and ovals surrounding the new clubhouse are home to the Brothers Cricket Club and the Raceview Soccer Club.

Raceview Soccer Club president Billy Diehm said members were very excited with the new building.

"Everyone has said how great it is to have a new home," Mr Diehm said.

"The facilities are family friendly and great for volunteers, so we're looking forward to doing more things for the community."

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the new clubhouse would be a community asset for many years.

"The clubhouse has a 100-person capacity room, canteen, covered outdoor space, change rooms, officials' rooms, amenities and storage," Cr Doyle said.

"There will also be a network of disability-compliant access pathways connecting the Grange Road car park to the lower oval."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the clubhouse would help build on the legacy and rich history of the area.

"The fields at Jim Donald Parklands include the Shane Watson Oval, the grounds where Shane spent many hours developing the skills that helped him become one of the city's sporting legends," Cr Fechner said.

"Council remains committed to developing infrastructure in Division 3 that will inspire future generations of players."

The project cost \$2.99 million in total, with \$2.09 million from Ipswich City Council and \$900,000 from the Queensland Government as a 2020 election commitment that the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport is assisting to deliver.



Brothers Cricket president Leo Conway, Division 3 Cr Marnie Doyle, Raceview Soccer Club President Billy Diehm and Division 3 Cr Andrew Fechner at the completed clubhouse

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## FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW AT BRASSALL

**The neighbourhood in Brassall is a little brighter thanks to the efforts of a group of residents taking care of their patch.**

Brighter Brassall is the brainchild of local resident Tom Anderson, who said the idea started with the small act of posting a few signs near little hotspots, encouraging residents to pick up rubbish.

Mr Anderson has since created Clean Up Australia Day events and eventually a Brighter Brassall Facebook group to encourage community-led actions to improve the suburb.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan, who

organised for council to provide items such as re-usable gloves and rubbish bags to help the group with its efforts, said the community pride shown was inspiring.

“When I heard about Tom’s plans, I was inspired by his intentions to enhance the strong sense of community that Brassall is known for,” Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann thanked the residents for their efforts.

“This is a wonderful initiative which is making a difference in the local community,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

## NEW DETAILED DESIGN ON WAY FOR COLLEGES CROSSING RESERVE

**Following the devastating 2022 floods, work is progressing steadily on revitalising Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve at Chuwar, with work on a detailed new design nearly complete.**

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said council had had strong community support for returning the popular reserve to a more back-to-nature design.

“Community feedback earlier this year demonstrated support for a simpler design with fewer permanent structures that could be damaged by any future floods,” Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

“Council is now finalising a design reflecting a sustainable, open landscape by the river.”

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said council is currently in the market for a contractor to perform the revitalisation work when finalised.

“We anticipate council will be able to approve a contractor early in 2024 and work on the new-look Colleges Crossing will begin in the new year,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

“This is an exciting step forward – we know how much our residents love Colleges Crossing and we can’t wait to see it returned to full public use.”

For more information about council’s flood recovery works, visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery)

## COMMUNITY SAFETY IN FOCUS FOR MARBURG TOWNSHIP

**Community safety is in closer focus in Marburg township after Queensland Police Service and community member requests for support from Ipswich City Council.**

Council has temporarily installed two safety cameras at the main intersection in town, Queen and Edmond streets, following the request from Marburg Police Station.

“We have a strong working relationship with Marburg Police, and council’s Safe City and Asset Protection team were able to provide assistance,” Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said.

After discussion with police, council has arranged for the temporary installation of two solar-powered cameras that provide coverage of the intersection and a short distance along both streets.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the cameras,



Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Cr Russell Milligan, Sergeant Anthony Garland and Division 4 Cr Kate Kunzelmann in Marburg

installed in September and expected to remain for about six months, were already proving effective.

“The cameras are not only about capturing incidents – their presence in other areas has also been a deterrent to incidents taking place in the first place,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

Division 4 stretches from Woolshed in the west to Barellan Point in the east, and includes Rosewood, Walloon, Brassall, Amberley, Pine Mountain, Yamanto, Karalee, Marburg and more.



## IN BRIEF

### Disaster info at hand

Ipswich City Council's Disaster Dashboard is the best way to keep up to date with local information in emergency situations such as during bushfires, severe weather and floods. The dashboard provides information about Ipswich roads, power outages and community recovery efforts. Visit the dashboard online at [Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au)

### New dog bowl for John Murphy Park at Brassall

Four-legged visitors, and their owners, to John Murphy Park at Brassall will be a little bit more comfortable with the installation of a dog bowl and associated plumbing. The project, worth \$1,500, will be delivered under council's Provisional Project program, which allows councillors to put forward capital projects of benefit to the community which are not currently funded in council's three-year capital works program.

### Chat with your councillors

Catch-up with you Division 4 councillors here:

#### Rosewood Library

First Monday of each month  
(except public holidays)  
10.30 am – 4.00 pm

#### Brassall Shopping Centre

At Brassall Espresso Café  
Tuesday 12 December  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

## NEW BRIDGE WILL BRING BENEFITS FOR MANY YEARS



Deputy Mayor and Division 4  
Cr Russell Milligan at the newly  
completed bridge on Keanes Road

### Improved load capacity and safety for motorists are just two of the benefits the new Keanes Road Bridge at Rosewood will deliver for the community.

A new concrete bridge was installed to replace the previous timber bridge, built in 1940, after a 2016 report revealed the bridge was nearing the end of its lifespan.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said works included the realignment of the bridge to improve safety for motorists.

"The old structure was generally rated in poor condition requiring costly maintenance, and a more cost-effective and value money solution for the community was to replace the structure with one that meets current standards," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"The realignment of the new bridge allowed for the existing bridge to remain in use while construction

was carried out, allowing for the old structure to be demolished as soon as the new bridge was operational."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the new \$2.2 million bridge, jointly funded by the Australian Government, would benefit the community for many years to come.

"The new bridge has been designed with a 100-year lifespan in mind, with improved road geometry on both the entry and exits either side of the bridge and improved road safety including new barriers and culvert upgrades to assist with drainage," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"This is a win for the community in terms of access and cost-savings for the community."

The Keanes Road Bridge upgrade was jointly funded by Ipswich City Council and the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

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## Community Matters

Catch up with your Councillors



### Easily catch up with your Councillors in your local area.

- Invite your divisional Councillors to your next community, sport or club meeting.
- Book an appointment to meet at your local library branch – Springfield Central, Redbank Plains and Rosewood.
- Attend a local community catch up in your area.

To organise a meeting email [council@ipswich.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@ipswich.qld.gov.au) or call (07) 3810 6666.

For the full list of locations, dates and times visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters) or call (07) 3810 6666.



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