	Meeting	Environment Community Reference Group		
	Date	25 June 2019	Time	6 - 8pm
	Location	University of Southern Queensland – Ipswich Campus		
List of Council Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)				
P	Greg Chemello – Interim Administrator (Chair)			
P	Charlie Dill – General Manager, Infrastructure & Environment Department (Facilitator)			
P	Kaye Cavanagh – Sport, Recreation and Natural Resources Manager			
P	Community Engagement Team Member (Danni Jansen)			
Community Reference Group Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)				
NA	Sonia Brown	P	Luise Manning	
P	Ian Dainer	A	Joseph McLeod	
P	Billy Diehm	P	Robert Otjen	
P	Jim Dodrill	P	Stephen Phillips	
P	Amber Dupouy	P	James Prentice	
P	Angus Evans	NA	Gaby Ricketts	
P	Bob Hampson	NA	Peter Surgeoner	
P	Esther James	P	Paul Sutton	
P	Pam Lenton	P	David Trezise	
P	Alex Mair	P	Conny Turni	

1. CONVENOR'S OFFICIAL WELCOME

Greg Chemello – Interim Administrator, provided an overview of Community Reference Groups.

2. FACILITATOR'S INTRODUCTION

Charlie Dill – General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure Department.

3. MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS & GROUP CHECK-IN

All Community Reference Group members introduced themselves and were asked to answer the question: *What would success look like for the community reference groups?*:



Responses included:

- Use of information to contribute to Council decision making
- Building community, creating a sense of belonging
- Reducing misinformation in the community
- Meaningful collective input to council and feedback to the community
- Tap into expertise beyond the Community Reference Group
- Creating a legacy/quality of life for future generations
- Sustainable development and environment
- Being able to bring wider points of view to the Community Reference Group.

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5. SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

The Facilitator referred to the scope of the Environment Community Reference Group, reminding the group to refer to this and check their discussions against this scope.



- Natural area management
- Ipswich EnviroPlan
- Waterways, catchment and floodplain management
- Urban greening
- Waste reduction, reuse and recycling
- Environmental awareness, education and compliance
- Parks and open space network
- Sport and recreation

- Nature-based recreation and conservation visitor management
- Disaster management and planning
- Native Title and Cultural Heritage
- Sustainability and carbon emission reduction

The group discussed that should changes in scope occur (e.g. Sport and Recreation may be positioned with another group) members will have opportunity to follow that reposition should they wish to.

6. DISCUSSION

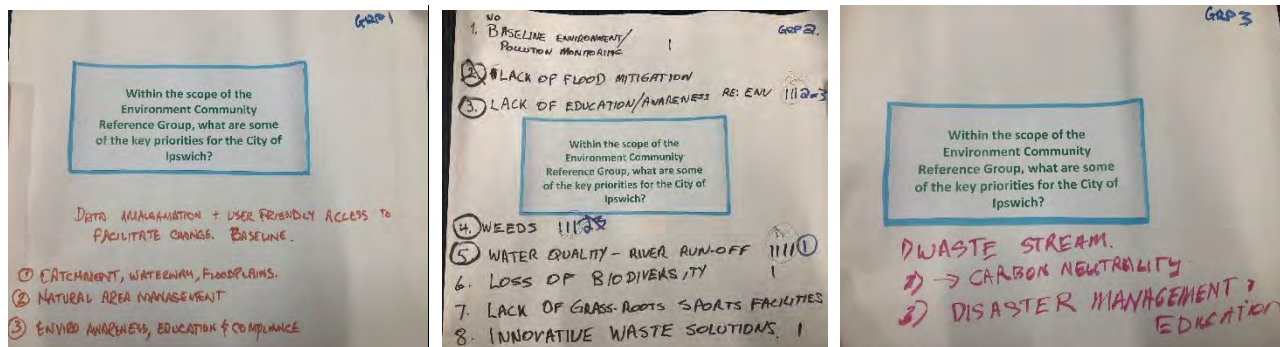
The closure of the 10 community offices will save approximately \$2m on an ongoing basis. How might Ipswich City Council best apply these savings?

The Facilitator introduced the topic for discussion, outlining that Council had recently determined to replace current divisional offices with three new customer service centres across Ipswich and, going forward, the closure of the former divisional offices is expected to save ratepayers almost \$2 million each year.

The Facilitator noted that while it is still early days, Council would like the Community Reference Group to start thinking about how Council might best apply these savings so that Council can consider these ideas moving forward.

In order to assist this discussion, group members chose to sit randomly at separate tables and were then stepped through a number of activities.

Firstly, each table of members was asked to consider the following question: *Within the scope of the Environment Community Reference Group, what are some of the key priorities for the City of Ipswich?* Each table of members was then asked to answer the following question: *Of these priorities which are the top three?*

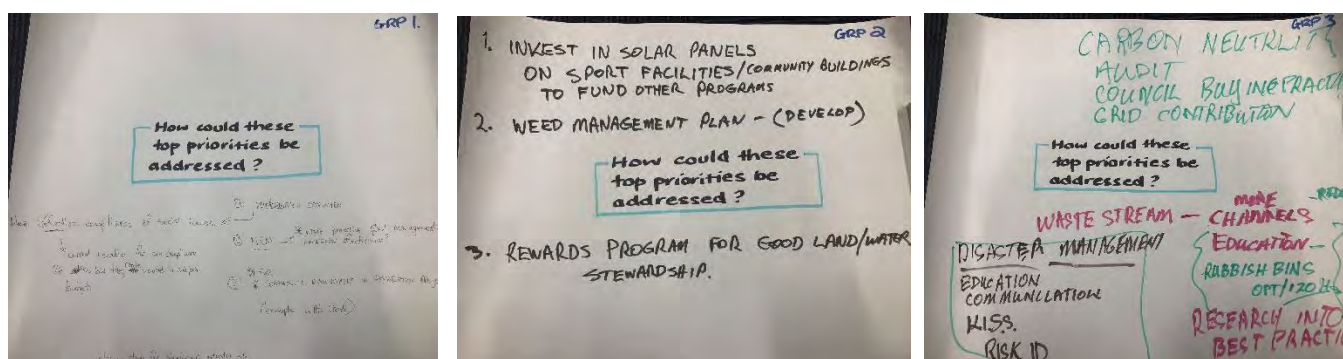


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The primary priorities identified by the groups were as follows:

- Health of waterways; water quality and river run off
- Lack of environmental education &/or awareness
- Weeds
- Waste stream
- Carbon neutrality
- Disaster management

Each table was then asked to consider the following question: *How could these top priorities be addressed?*



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In summary, responses to the question 'How could these top priorities be addressed?' included:

- Investment in waterway restoration (e.g. Small Creek)
- Investment into development of social change/awareness program/s (e.g. lifestyle, behaviours)
- Solar panels on facilities (lead to invest in other facilities)
- Invest in development of weed management plan
- Rewards for good land management practice (e.g. rates reductions/rebates)
- More affordable green waste bins, smaller general waste bins
- Waste education
- Waste reduction
- Research into best practice
- Council to lead carbon neutrality initiative (incentivise e.g. solar panels rebate, green fleet)
- Identification of space at risk in disaster and related education program

Each table of members then shared their responses with the larger group. It was also noted that identification of top priorities would benefit from ongoing discussion.

7. CLOSE & CHECK-OUT

To close the meeting, all Community Reference Group members were asked to answer the question: *What did you get out of tonight's meeting?:*



Responses included:

- Appreciation of shared environmental passion and sense of responsibility for future generations
- Understanding of the group's diversity (ie. knowledge, experience, skills, perspectives)
- Concerns raised around time and ability to achieve meaningful outcomes (environmental urgency, issues need faster action, frequency of meetings) with suggestion to meet more regularly than quarterly (e.g. every 1 to 2 months at least to start with) and in order to be perceived 'true consultation'
- Identification that higher strategic level thinking is new to some members
- Opportunity to work together for the wider community

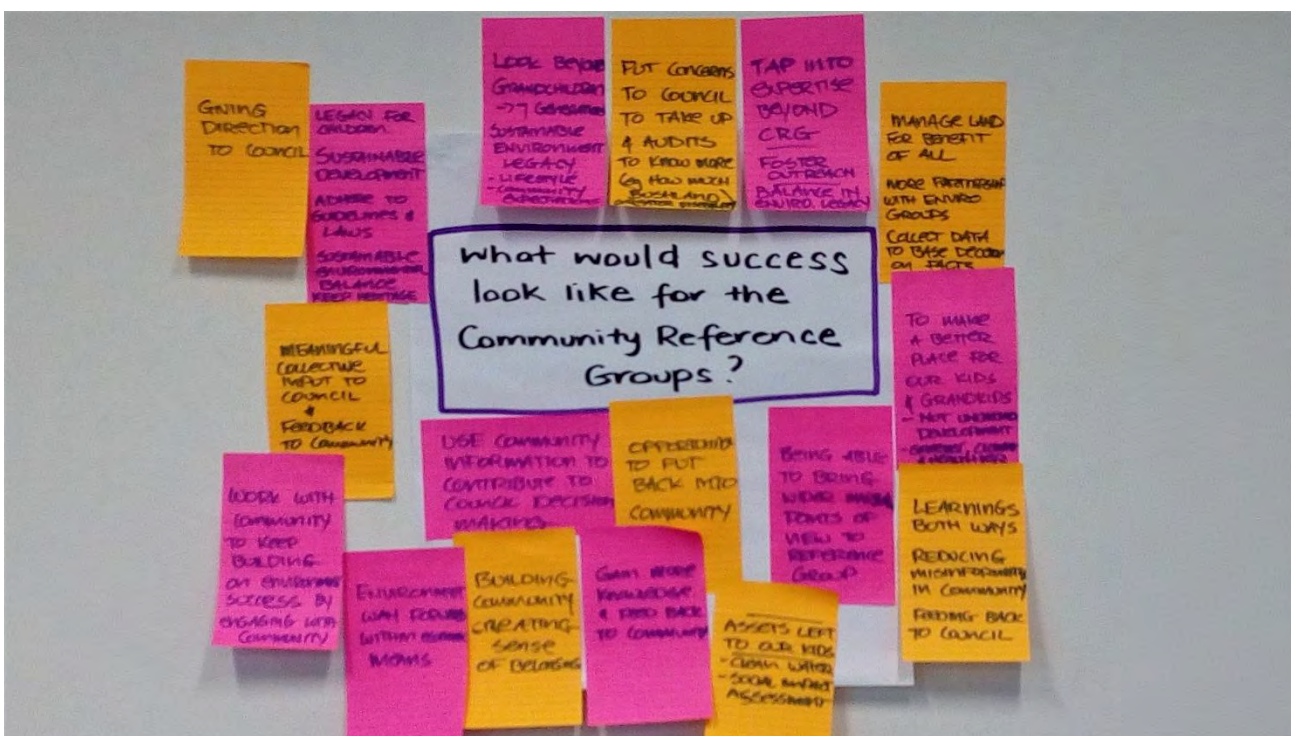
8. ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1: Clarification to be provided around access to/use of Council data and two way communications and raising awareness through members' networks including (e.g. the media).

Action Item 2: Clarification to be provided around what is confidential.

Meeting closed around 8.40pm.

9. IMAGES



Decision Making Structure for Community Reference Groups



MEETING PRINCIPLES and PRACTICES

- ✓ speak with intention
- ✓ listen with attention and curiosity
- ✓ be aware of your impact on the whole
- ✓ a leader in every chair
- ✓ we invite and respect collective wisdom
- ✓ we consider the whole community and not just personal interests

RESPECT FOR
CONFIDENTIALITY
↳ CLARIFY
HOW THIS WILL
WORK WHEN
CRG FEEDS
BACK TO
COMMUNITY
EG. MEDIA

EG DATA
FROM COUNCIL

INCLUSION
OF
INDIGENOUS
PERSPECTIVE
IMPORTANT
TO ENVIRON
-MENT

KEEP
AGENDA
ITEMS &
COMMUNICATION
THROUGH
CRG LEAD
FACILITATOR

MAINTAIN
STRATEGIC
FOCUS

If Ipswich was a group of 100 people



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016.

All indicators are exclusive of "not stated" and "not applicable" responses.

Work participation rate is the percentage of the total population that is either working or actively seeking work from the age 15 years and over.

* Home ownership – includes either fully owned or mortgaged.

+ of Ipswich households / 2016 Census.

** Qualifications include Certificates, Diplomas, bachelor degrees and post-graduate qualifications (based on population 15 years and over).

 City of Ipswich



Scope of the Environment Community Reference Group

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 City of Ipswich

GRP 1

Within the scope of the
Environment Community
Reference Group, what are some
of the key priorities for the City of
Ipswich?

DATA AMALGAMATION + USER FRIENDLY ACCESS TO
FACILITATE CHANGE. BASELINE.

- ① CATCHMENT, WATERWAY, FLOODPLAINS.
- ② NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT
- ③ ENVIRO AWARENESS, EDUCATION & COMPLIANCE

- NO
1. BASELINE ENVIRONMENT/
POLLUTION MONITORING

GRP 2.

2. LACK OF FLOOD MITIGATION

3. LACK OF EDUCATION/AWARENESS RE: ENV

1112+3

Within the scope of the
Environment Community
Reference Group, what are some
of the key priorities for the City of
Ipswich?

4. WEEDS 11123

5. WATER QUALITY - RIVER RUN-OFF

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6. LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY

7. LACK OF GRASS-ROOTS SPORTS FACILITIES

8. INNOVATIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS. 1

GRP 3

Within the scope of the
Environment Community
Reference Group, what are some
of the key priorities for the City of
Ipswich?

WASTE STREAM.

1) → CARBON NEUTRALITY

2) DISASTER MANAGEMENT &
EDUCATION

How could these top priorities be addressed?

More effective compliance of social license.

↓
current penalties for non-compliance
are ~~so~~ low they ^{can be} included in project
budgets.

① WATERWAYS, CATCHMENT

② NRM

→ More proactive pest management.
→ Contractor effectiveness?

③

\$ for COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN REPARATION PROJE

(example Little Creek)

closure plans for significant industry site.

GRP 2

1. INVEST IN SOLAR PANELS
ON SPORT FACILITIES/COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
TO FUND OTHER PROGRAMS
2. WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN - (DEVELOP)

How could these
top priorities be
addressed?

3. REWARDS PROGRAM FOR GOOD LAND/WATER
STEWARDSHIP.

GRP 3

CARBON NEUTRALITY
AUDIT
COUNCIL BUYING PRACTICE
GRID CONTRIBUTION

How could these
top priorities be
addressed?

WASTE STREAM - MORE CHANNELS

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

EDUCATION
COMMUNICATION

R.I.S.S.

RISK ID

EDUCATION -

RUBBISH BINS

OPT/120 LIT

RESEARCH INTO
BEST PRACTICE