

Environment Community Reference Group Minutes



Date	3 rd September 2020	Time	6.00pm – 7.15pm
Location	Online GoTo Meeting		
List of Council Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)			
P	Mayor Teresa Harding (Chair)		
P	Cr Kate Kunzelmann		
P	Cr Andrew Fechner		
P	Charlie Dill – General Manager, Infrastructure and Environment (Facilitator)		
P	Allison Grant, Engagement Manager, Coordination & Performance		
P	Lynn Mathers, Community Engagement Officer, Coordination & Performance		
P	Melanie Rippon, Community Engagement Officer, Coordination & Performance		
Community Reference Group Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)			
P	Ian Dainer	A	Luise Manning
P	Billy Diehm	P	Joseph McLeod
P	Paul Sutton	P	Robert Otjen
P	David Trezise	P	James Prentice
P	Conny Turni		

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1 Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country Introduction of Elected Representatives	Chair – Mayor Teresa Harding	<p>Mayor Teresa Harding opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and acknowledged country.</p> <p>Mayor Teresa Harding welcomed Cr Andrew Fechner - Deputy Chair of the Environment Committee; Cr Kate Kunzelmann; & Charlie Dill - General Manager of Infrastructure and Environment. Councillor Milligan is an apology.</p> <p>The Mayor provided an update on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council’s first budget, guided by strategic priorities which were based on what the Mayor and Councillors heard from community over the course of the campaign - Continued commitment to delivering policies and programs that conserve the important areas of native vegetation habitat - Protecting and improving water quality of the city's

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		<p>important waterways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responding appropriately to climate change and using resources prudently - We also recognize the importance of parks, and nature reserves, the recreation and as communities will they - In 202021 budget, Council has committed \$7 million in maintaining our over 400 parks, and 299 natural reserves right across the city - Action being taken on waste – Council has established the Waste & Mining Industry Working Group - acknowledging the concerns many Ipswich residents have regarding waste and its impacts
<p>2 Overview of Corporate Plan & Community Vision</p>	<p>Lynn Mathers Melanie Rippon</p>	<p>Melanie Rippon provided a presentation and overview of Council’s new Corporate Plan – iFuture (2021 – 2026) (attachment 1).</p> <p>The presentation included a summary of responses to the study circle questions, an additional community engagement method that was used to gather broader community feedback prior to the CRG meetings (attachment 2).</p>
<p>3 Ipswich now and imagining the future Ipswich</p>	<p>Melanie Rippon Lynn Mathers</p>	<p>Melanie Rippon and Lynn Mathers facilitated an online community visioning session using Live Poll software. The questions included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What you love about Ipswich NOW. Prioritize the themes that are most important to you....</i> 2. <i>What you want people to love about Ipswich by 2040. Prioritize the themes that are most important to you....</i> 3. <i>What are the key issues and challenges for the City of Ipswich NOW? Respond in 5 words or less</i> 4. <i>How can we, as a community, manage these issues and challenges so they are improved by 2040? Respond with a brief sentence.</i> 5. <i>What do we want Ipswich look, feel and be like in</i>

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		<p><i>20 years' time?</i></p> <p>6. <i>Do you have any other feedback for us this evening?</i></p> <p>Participants responded to each question using a personal device.</p> <p>Results were displayed live as the session progressed (refer attachment 3 for Phase 1 community engagement report).</p> <p>The data from the questions (participant responses) will be analysed and used in forming the new Corporate Plan (2021-2026).</p>
<p>4 Q & A session with Mayor and Councillors</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Charlie Dill - Facilitator</p>	<p>Mayor Harding highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The launch of the Transparency & Integrity Hub on 1st July 2020. Ipswich is the only Council in Australia that has this level of transparency. - Before committee meetings, Councillors have briefings and workshops with council officers/experts. The briefing packs are published online (as long as they are not commercial-in-confidence) - The planning challenges that lie ahead considering the projected population growth that will occur in Ipswich, particularly in the Springfield and Ripley priority development areas. - The Bremer River improvement plan. It was noted that this plan is a very long term project that will take decades of committed work and funding to improve the health of the river to a C/C+ rating. - The CBD (Nicholas Street Precinct) redevelopment project. - The new Waste & Resources Mining Group. <p>An open floor question and answer session ensued (refer attachment 4 for transcript).</p>

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5	Action items	All	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Data from this meeting will be analysed and used to formulate the foundations for the new Corporate Plan (2021-2026)2. A Community Engagement report for phase 1 of iFuture will be disclosed to members, as part of reporting back to the community on this project (attachment 3).

Meeting closed: 7.15pm

Date of next meeting: 3rd December, 2020

Attachment 1: Overview of iFuture (20 year vision & new Corporate Plan)

Attachment 2: iFuture study circle questions

Attachment 3: iFuture Community engagement report – phase 1

Attachment 4: Question & answer transcript