



Community Matters

City of Ipswich update | June 2021



Left to right: Cr Jacob Madsen, Cr Sheila Ireland, Deputy Mayor Cr Nicole Jonic, Cr Paul Tully, Mayor Teresa Harding, Cr Andrew Fechner, Cr Marnie Doyle, Cr Kate Kunzelmann and Cr Russell Milligan.

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of your new council newsletter, **Community Matters**.

The past 12 months has been a period of change and challenge within the Ipswich community, and indeed abroad. As you elected your new Ipswich City Council, the full force of COVID-19 was being felt across Australia.

The health and economic impacts of the pandemic made it harder than ever to connect with the community and with each other. It also had a significant ripple effect on our businesses and media outlets across Ipswich.

As we put the worst of the pandemic behind us, your new council is focused on supporting our community through economic recovery. We also acknowledge the long road ahead as we continue to rebuild the city's reputation by being one of Australia's most open and transparent councils.

This journey started with the launch of council's online Transparency

and Integrity Hub on 1 July 2020, which gives the Ipswich community unprecedented access to the city's finances and a full view of how council spends ratepayers' money.

Council also introduced a new era of accountability by livestreaming all committee and council meetings, publishing meeting, briefing and workshop minutes, and giving the Ipswich community unfiltered access to the decision-making processes of its council.

Recognising the financial impact on our local businesses, council also stepped up to implement the COVID Small Business Support Program. The only one of its kind in Queensland, the program has provided \$250,000 in support to small businesses in the past year.

Overall, your new council is delivering \$2 million in funding to support local community organisations, sporting groups, artists and small businesses in our first year in office.

As we look beyond COVID, council is preparing for the unprecedented population growth facing the region in the coming decades. We have already invested more than \$1.1 million in early works to establish key transport links such as the Ipswich to Springfield public transport corridor to ensure residents have access to transport, employment and services now and into the future.

Your *Community Matters* newsletter will keep you up to date with news and information about your community and council. You'll also find ways to connect with your Mayor and Councillors so we can assist you as needed.

Just as the title states: community matters. Each and every Ipswich resident is doing their part to make our city one of the most liveable in Queensland.

Mayor Teresa Harding



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Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 232,930 residents and counting making it one of the fastest-growing cities in Queensland.

INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO WASTE ISSUES

Ipswich drew a line in the sand on waste and resource recovery in 2020.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said we all have a part to play in addressing our city's challenges and opportunities in the transition to the circular economy.

"April marked another step forward for Ipswich on waste and the circular economy as council adopted our 10-year roadmap for the future of waste management," Mayor Harding said.

The Resource Recovery Implementation Plan establishes four key pillars in our commitment to lead by example and deliver best practice solutions, including:

1. kerbside food and garden organics collection,
2. optimising the city co-mingled recycling service,

3. providing a new on-demand large item kerbside collections service, and
4. having fit-for-purpose waste and resource recovery infrastructure, including building a new recycling and refuse centre.

"I would like to thank all residents who provided feedback on the plan through conversations with councillors and on Shape Your Ipswich," Mayor Harding said.

"Waste disposal issues in our city are well known to our stakeholders, and it was council's priority to shape the strategy around community feedback, alongside legislative requirements and best practice.

"Leading by example is central to our city's new approach to addressing waste industry impacts. In 2018-19, the eight privately owned and operated landfills located in Ipswich received about 4.23 million tonnes of all waste generated by

Queenslanders, and our community received little or no benefit.

"Our Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Directive, passed in December 2020, drew a line in the sand. It's time for all levels of government and industry to step up.

"With the directive and plan delivered, council is moving ahead with implementation activities for a brighter future on waste and the circular economy.

"This means collaborating with the State Government, building relationships with key industry stakeholders to address their social license to operate, and working closely with mayors across South-East Queensland councils to transform the region's approach to managing household waste streams.

"Watch this space for more, and please visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au to have your say."



Ipswich has drawn a line in the sand on waste and resource recovery.

GAMES PROPOSAL SUPPORTED

Ipswich City Council has formally backed the proposal to secure the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in South-East Queensland, advancing Ipswich's role as a proposed host city.

Councillors unanimously supported three key recommendations on council's involvement, including providing commitment and support to the election of Brisbane, Queensland as the Host City of the Games, describing it as an "exciting and unique opportunity" for the region.

Mayor Teresa Harding said the vote has sent a clear message ahead of the host decision for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics: Ipswich is Games-ready.

Ipswich could play host to some of the world's best athletes as part of the Games, after it was included as a host city in the Brisbane 2032 proposal.

The under-construction Brisbane Lions' training and support centre at Springfield Central is currently being considered as the venue for the football preliminaries and modern pentathlon in the 2032 Games.

Mayor Harding said there was potential for more Ipswich venues to be considered as part of the proposal, as the city continues to grow as the Games master plan develops.

REDEVELOPMENT ON TRACK

The final stages of the \$246 million Nicholas Street Precinct are fast approaching.

Late June will see the opening of the first Ipswich Children's Library, which will complement the Ipswich Central Library after its opening in December 2020, adjacent in Tulumur Place.

The Commonwealth Hotel, which was taken apart brick by brick and restored in a delicate process, is almost complete and should be open to the public about the same time, when Ipswich City Council and the majority of its 1300 staff move into the new administration building at 1 Nicholas Street.

And council is expected to announce a new cinema operator for the Nicholas Street Precinct by August.

Mayor Teresa Harding said she is looking forward to speaking to residents and understanding their views on Nicholas Street's future.

"Tulumur Place, the new libraries and the retail, dining and entertainment precinct are designed for our community to enjoy in the decades ahead," Mayor Harding said.

An updated progress report at a recent full council meeting revealed that a significant numbers of major cinema operators had responded to council's expression of interest process, which ran from February to March this year.



Mayor Teresa Harding and Cr Marnie Doyle at Tulumur Place opening.

As a result of that process there were numerous parties who expressed an interest in either leasing the building or entering a management agreement with council.

Council had signed 15 initial agreements with major retailers with financial details yet to be finalised. The market had been impacted severely by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020-21.

Chair of the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee, Councillor Marnie Doyle, said the Ipswich community was excited about the entertainment and retail prospects for the precinct.

"The original business case could never have envisaged COVID, but progress continues to develop the city's newest entertainment and retail precinct," she said.

IGNITE YOUR FUN SIDE

Musicians, comedians, artists, circus performers and more will take over the city from 8 to 18 July for SPARK Ipswich – the reimagined Ipswich Festival.

It all begins with a major art and light installation on the Bremer River and projections on the city's historic St Mary's Church.

Mayor Teresa Harding said the church, one of the city's most iconic heritage sites, would be a wonderful canvas to showcase local art.

"The works of 11 local artists will be projected onto the church over 11 nights in a stunning must-see visual display," Mayor Harding said.

"SPARK Ipswich is a celebration of all things Ipswich and will take performances direct to the community with family-themed acts live in our city's suburbs."

Another major drawcard of SPARK Ipswich will be Little Day Out – a mini sustainability festival for the young and young at heart.

At Ripley, it will be bursting with music, hands on arts experiences, roving entertainment, food and fun. (Read more about this event on page 5)

For more information visit SPARKIpswich.com.au

Another upcoming event to add to the diary this year is Galvanized: A Festival of Heritage.

It will showcase the city's best heritage experiences and events through tours, demonstrations and workshops held across 10 days from 27 August to 5 September.

Visit Ipswichfestivals.com.au for more information.

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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.



Cr Sheila Ireland



Cr Jacob Madsen

IN BRIEF

Catch up with your councillors

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Inland Rail in train

Are you impacted by the proposed Inland Rail route? Council is keeping it on the right track and making sure the Ipswich community's voices are heard by providing regular feedback to the Australian Rail Track Corporation, including most recently on the Calvert to Kagaru section's environmental impacts. Search 'Inland Rail' at Ipswich.qld.gov.au for more information.

Change continues

The incredible transformation of Raceview's Small Creek from a concrete channel to a flourishing waterway habitat continues as part of a joint initiative of Ipswich City Council and Queensland Government. This year's focus has been on transforming a 350m stretch from Briggs Road to Poplar Street Park with native plants and new footpath and bikeway connections.

IMPROVING SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

Ipswich City Council and the community at Fernbrooke State School have teamed up to improve the safety of the school by installing a new school zone.

The installation of the new school zone came about after the community raised concerns about the large number of students crossing the road on Mt Juillerat Drive.

Given the foot traffic from students along this road Ipswich City Council made the decision to install the new school zone to slow motorists down during school peak times.

Councillor Sheila Ireland said the new school zone will ensure students are kept safe on their walk to and from school.

"The new 40km/h school zone will ensure students can cross Mt Juillerat Drive safely," Cr Ireland said.

"The new signage will also ensure the safety of students during these busy school drop off and pick up times.

"As our community grows this new school zone will also respond to our growing community needs."

Councillor Jacob Madsen said the safety of school students is a top priority for council.

"The community voiced their concerns for student safety, and we responded with this new school zone installation," Cr Madsen said.

"Student safety is council's top priority and working with the community on this project has been a huge success.

"I am glad to see more students walking to school now that there is a new school zone installed."



P&C president Pat Browning, Cr Sheila Ireland, Fernbrooke State School principal Darren Marsh, Cr Jacob Madsen and president of Springfield Police Division Neighbourhood Watch Jon Janetzki.

BOOST FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

There are plenty of reasons for local families to celebrate with an extension to the children's play area at Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve.

The upgrade is stage 2 of council's masterplan for the park and is jointly funded by Ipswich City Council and the State Government under its COVID Works for Queensland program.

Councillor Sheila Ireland said the extension is part of council's wider masterplan for the recreation reserve.

"This is important infrastructure for our fast-growing community

and will be a welcome addition to local facilities," Cr Ireland said.

Councillor Jacob Madsen said Ipswich prides itself on being a family-friendly city.

"The new connection pathways, lighting, improved amenities block and car park extension will be of significant benefit to the community," Cr Madsen said.

Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve is off Redbank Plains Road, near Cedar Road.

For more about what council has planned for the future of Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve, visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au

HAVE BIG FUN AT LITTLE DAY OUT

Ipswich's first contemporary music and arts festival designed for the young and young at heart is coming to Ripley this July.

With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out will be bursting with music, hands on art experiences, roving entertainment, food and fun.

Councillor Sheila Ireland said the event, a part of city-wide SPARK Ipswich celebrations, promised loads of fun.

"This exciting event has so much to offer including nature play, mural painting, circus skills workshops and a silent disco," Cr Ireland said.

Councillor Jacob Madsen said it would be a great day out for families.

"This is a children's event the likes of which Ipswich has not seen before with high-quality music and arts experiences as well as a focus on sustainability," Cr Madsen said.



The official Little Day Out artwork by Ipswich artist Hanna Jones.

Little Day Out is on Saturday 18 July at Ripley Town Centre. Cost is \$5 per entry. There are two sessions: 9am to 11.30am and 1pm to 3.30pm.

To register for Little Day Out and a full program of SPARK Ipswich events, visit SPARKipswich.com.au

RAIL PROGRESS

Ipswich City Council's major project-of-the-future – the Ipswich Central to Springfield Central public transport corridor – has moved a step closer after being recognised by Infrastructure Australia.

Councillors unanimously supported a motion from Division 1 Cr Jacob Madsen in January that council commit \$500,000 to the Ipswich to Springfield Rail Options Analysis, subject to the Federal Government matching the \$1 million commitment already made by the State Government.

The 2021 Infrastructure Priority List – a comprehensive investment roadmap to support Australia's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic – includes the proposed 25km public transport corridor known as I2S.

The I2S public transport corridor would include up to nine new rail stations between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central, including boom suburbs Redbank Plains, Ripley, Deebing Heights and Yamanto.

The listing represents an important step forward to support Ipswich's unprecedented population growth.

Councillor Sheila Ireland said council and the community recognised I2S as the most significant project as it would benefit Ipswich as well as the broader region and the nation.

"Ipswich is the fastest-growing city in Queensland and recognition by Infrastructure Australia is significant. We need investment to keep our growing community connected to essential services and economic opportunities," Cr Ireland said.

With about 70 per cent of the population growth in Ipswich occurring between Ipswich and Springfield, this public transport corridor is vital to keeping the community moving.

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Division 2 stretches from Gailes in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, Springfield and more.



Cr Paul Tully



Cr Nicole Jonic

IN BRIEF

Intersection to be upgraded

The intersection at Alice and Queen Streets in Goodna is in the early planning stages for an upgrade, which will improve the safety and functionality of the intersection. The intersection upgrade has been identified in council's *iGO Road Safety Action Plan* which ensures residents can move around safely as the area grows.

Meet your councillors

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Artwork brightens boxes

Have you seen the colourful art that has been popping up around the community? Council joined forces with local school students to wrap five traffic signal boxes as part of an anti-vandalism measure. Spring Mountain State School students worked with First Nations artist Libby Harward to create the artwork in a Lendlease supported workshop.

STADIUM WORKS BEGIN

Construction has begun on the Brisbane Lions' boutique stadium at Springfield Central, which will play host to the famous club's champion women's team and the men.

Ipswich City Council's fit-for-purpose work has been completed and the Lions have executed a head contract for construction of the new training and support centre – called Brighton Homes Arena – with Hutchinson Builders.

The first sod was turned by federal, state and local politicians in May 2020.

By the end of the September we will see considerable progress, and by this time next year the grandstand and other buildings will be nearly complete. Handover will occur at the end of September next year, in time for the AFLW and AFL pre-seasons.

The \$70 million complex, which will include community fields and

facilities, sits in the middle of Division 2 with proud local councillors Paul Tully and Nicole Jonic spruiking Brighton Homes Arena.

Councillor Paul Tully said the \$6.2 million contributed by council had got the ground fit for purpose and ready for construction.

"This once might have been described as the middle of nowhere, but it is now the middle of everywhere," he said, pointing to the adjacent Springfield Central railway station and Orion Springfield Central shopping centre.

Councillor Nicole Jonic, recently appointed the city's new Deputy Mayor, said the project was going to be "phenomenal" for Ipswich.

"As a woman, I am very excited that the 2021 premiership-winning Lions women's team has a location that they can call their own," Cr Jonic said.



Cr Paul Tully and Cr Nicole Jonic at the Brighton Homes Arena in Springfield Central.

TOPPING THE LIST FOR GROWTH

Our community continues to grow and develop with Spring Mountain leading the charge.

Ninety new houses were built in Spring Mountain in the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021.

Councillor Nicole Jonic said Ipswich is one of the most liveable regions in Queensland.

“Council is committed to ensuring infrastructure and services are delivered for our residents and we work with both the State and Federal governments to advocate

for investment in our community,” Cr Jonic said.

Councillor Paul Tully said 257 people had moved into Spring Mountain in the first quarter of the year and he welcomes new residents to the city.

“Ipswich has consistently ranked as one of the fastest-growing cities in Queensland and council have set an agenda for economic and social prosperity to drive jobs and opportunities for Ipswich residents,” Cr Tully said.

DRIVING TOWARDS IPSWICH'S FUTURE

Work has started on the upgrade and duplication of the busy Springfield Greenbank Arterial and Springfield Parkway, which is set to be the city's biggest road project.

Councillor Nicole Jonic thanked motorists in advance for their patience while council carried out the extensive project which will be delivered in three stages.

“The majority of the road upgrade will involve the construction of two new traffic lanes adjacent to the existing road. For these sections traffic delays are expected to be minimal,” Cr Jonic said.

“However, where intersections will be upgraded from roundabouts to traffic signals, some disruptions may occur. Traffic flows will be maintained particularly during peak traffic periods.”

Councillor Paul Tully said the \$20 million upgrade would help decrease traffic congestion in the long term.



Work has started on the Springfield Greenbank Arterial.

“This upgrade is necessary to meet the population and employment growth in the area, and the associated travel demands,” Cr Tully said.

“These roads are identified as a principal cycle route within council's *iGO Active Transport Action Plan* and the Queensland Government's *SEQ Principal Cycle Network Plan*.”

The Springfield Greenbank Arterial upgrade is a joint initiative of Ipswich City Council and Queensland Government.

STORM RESPONSE

A destructive hailstorm hit Ipswich on Halloween, 31 October 2020 bringing significant damage to residential properties across Ipswich including Springfield, Springfield Central, Springfield Lakes as well as Rosewood, Willowbank and Thagoona.

Recovery crews, emergency services, council, those impacted by the hailstorm along with the Ipswich community worked arm-in-arm in the aftermath of the storm and continue to do so eight months on.

Councillor Nicole Jonic is the chair of the Halloween hailstorm recovery and reconstruction taskforce which engages with and coordinates key stakeholders to address the ongoing impacts and emerging issues in hailstorm damaged areas.

“Many families across the division are still piecing their homes and their lives back together as prolonged recovery and reconstruction continues,” Cr Jonic said.

Councillor Paul Tully said a lot of work was still happening in the reconstruction phase from all levels of government, industry and the community.

“We are continuing to advocate for residents affected by the hailstorm which has a damage bill to cars, property and dwellings of more than \$1 billion,” Cr Tully said.

Council is currently working on a city-wide disaster resilience and preparedness project which will put practical plans in place to minimise hardship for residents when natural disasters strike using some lessons learned from this disaster.

Community recovery information can be found on the [Shape Your Ipswich website](#).

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Division 3 stretches from One Mile and Leichhardt in the west to parts of Redbank in the east, and includes Booval, Bundamba, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, Eastern Heights, Riverview, Silkstone, Woodend and more.



Cr Marnie Doyle

Cr Andrew Fechner

IN BRIEF

Fence-tastic upgrade

Shooting hoops at Hector Chapman Park just got safer after fencing was installed around the Jessica Street and Riverview Road corner of the popular Riverview park. The new fence was installed in response to community concerns about the park's proximity to the two busy roads, making the park safer for local families to enjoy.

Local heroes get new digs

They're always there when we need them, and now our SES volunteers can look forward to the opening of a new amenities facility at their Thorn Street depot. A joint initiative of Ipswich City Council and Queensland Government, the new building will offer additional comforts for those who often work around the clock during disasters.

Councillors coming to you

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REVIVING THE BREMER'S BANKS

A weeding blitz under the Bradfield Bridge has kicked off a large-scale clean-up of the Bremer River's inner-city banks.

Castor Oil, Leucaena and Glycine weeds were targeted along the one kilometre section of the riverbank.

Councillor Marnie Doyle said it was the start of an extensive transformation of one of the most popular stretches of the Bremer River.

"Tackling the weed infestations in the town reaches of the Bremer River is a priority for council as part of our Habitat Connections Program," Cr Doyle said.

"We're expecting the weeds to be removed by September this year, and then we can start reviving the banks with native plants.

"With more than \$120,000 to be invested in this specific area over the

next five years, it's set to undergo an impressive transformation."

Councillor Andrew Fechner said regular maintenance would continue over the coming months to get the banks under control before revegetation would give the area a new lease on life.

"This will benefit the native animals and plants that inhabit the Bremer catchment and drastically improve this stretch of the river for our community's enjoyment," Cr Fechner said.

"The Bremer River is central to our city's history and deserves our best efforts to recuperate it for the future."

"We will continue to deliver targeted actions and investment to improve the Bremer and other Ipswich waterways."



The Bremer River bank after the weeding blitz.

CREATING MORE PLACES TO PLAY

Get set for an adventurous new experience at Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve, with ongoing upgrades to the park promising hours of fun for local families once finished.

The upgrades include construction of a pedestrian bridge, shelters and barbecue, pathways, carpark lighting and a nature-based playspace.

Councillor Andrew Fechner said the reserve upgrades would help meet the different needs of our growing city.

"I'm excited that visitors to the Denmark Hill Conservation

Reserve will soon enjoy new recreational facilities, pathways and an exciting new playspace to explore," Cr Fechner said.

Councillor Marnie Doyle said the community wouldn't have to wait long to check out the improvements.

"With the community's cooperation, work has progressed well and we are expecting the works to be completed by late 2021," Cr Doyle said.

Got a question about the project? Get in touch at IED.Projects@ipswich.qld.gov.au

KEEPING RESIDENTS MOVING

Collingwood Park road works are nearing completion as a part of council's annual road resealing program.

The roads receiving the resealed were McLaughlin Street, Herman Avenue, Perryman Court and Moloney Street.

Councillor Marnie Doyle said this work would help the roads last into the future.

"This maintenance is designed to help protect these local Collingwood Park roads from damage due to water seepage and vehicle use," Cr Doyle said.

"We absolutely appreciate the cooperation and patience of residents when these maintenance activities are happening".

Council also plans to add a left-turn arrow to the traffic signals at the intersection of Collingwood Drive and Eagle Street.



Cr Marnie Doyle and Cr Andrew Fechner at the intersection of Collingwood Drive and Eagle Street.

Councillor Andrew Fechner said the upgrade was intended to improve traffic flow.

"A left-turn arrow from Eagle Street into Collingwood Drive should help local road users move more swiftly through this busy intersection," Cr Fechner said.

FABULOUS NEW FACADES

Ipswich Central is looking lovelier after two Brisbane Street shopfronts received a fresh lease on life through a new program aimed at improving facades in the CBD.

Ipswich's oldest business CJ Vogler & Son and historic 80 Brisbane Street were the first to undergo a shopfront transformation, after council committed \$137,000 to its pilot Façade Improvement Program.

As part of a wider strategy to boost Ipswich Central businesses, the program offered matched funding of up to \$15,000 to help building owners revitalise their facades.

Councillor Marnie Doyle said the rejuvenated shopfronts helped improve the Ipswich Central streetscape.

"The appearance of the city's businesses affects perception of an area and how often people visit," Cr Doyle said.

"Each of these lovingly updated shopfronts enhance the streetscape.

Councillor Andrew Fechner said he was looking forward to seeing additional upgraded shopfronts following the success of the first two façade improvements.

"It's wonderful to see the shopfronts coming together so quickly," Cr Fechner said.

"The pilot Façade Improvement Program is a great initiative which has been strongly supported by local businesses and will improve the overall look of our CBD."

Ten additional shopfronts will be improved under round one of the program.

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Cr Russell Milligan

Cr Kate Kunzelmann

IN BRIEF

A step forward

There's never been a better time to hit the pavement in Brassall after a section of the footpath on Pine Mountain Road near Shelley Street recently scored an upgrade. The new and improved footpath makes it easier and safer for the community to walk or cycle in their suburb. So how about that afternoon jog?

Councillor catchups

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Reconstruction continues

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ROSEWOOD WORKS NEAR COMPLETION

The Edward Street rehabilitation project at Rosewood is nearing completion with the works on target to be finished by the end of June.

The works include rehabilitating the road pavement, replacing kerbing and channel as well as replacement of gully pits.

Residents of Edward Street will also receive new driveway inverts.

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the upgrades will greatly benefit the community of Rosewood.

"Not only will the road resurfacing make it safer for local motorists, it will also improve the look and feel of

the street," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The new kerbing and drainage systems will benefit local residents especially in times when we are experiencing heavy rainfall."

Councillor Russell Milligan said the end result would bring significant benefits to the community.

"The end result for locals will be worth it, these street upgrades are an integral part of our community's safety," Cr Milligan said.

"These upgrades will also help to keep water off our roads and help in keeping residents' properties safe during heavy rain."



Cr Russell Milligan and Cr Kate Kunzelmann at Edward Street in Rosewood.

SPORTS GROUND IMPROVED

There is plenty to celebrate for Rosewood United Soccer Club with Ipswich City Council delivering improved storage and upgraded parking at Caledonian Park at Thagoona.

The upgrade delivers a new 12m x 9m storage shed with awning, a new *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)* compliant concrete footpath and Persons with Disability (PWD) carpark.

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said council is committed to ensuring all council facilities are accessible.

“Council is committed to supporting our residents and

ensuring our facilities are accessible,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

Councillor Russell Milligan said he is excited to see the community using the new space.

“This new shed is a welcome addition to the Thagoona community and will benefit all community members,” Cr Milligan said.

This project is funded by the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program as an economic stimulus project in response to the COVID-19 economic downturn.

IMPRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION



Ironpot Creek at Pine Mountain after its transformation.

More than 200 tonnes of rock and 11,000 plants have drastically improved a 180-metre section of Ironpot Creek at Pine Mountain.

Councillor Russell Milligan said the significant works will help prevent erosion from collapsing the creek’s banks, giving a major boost to the health of the Bremer River.

“This section of Ironpot Creek was identified in council’s *Waterway Health Strategy* as an area requiring targeted actions,” Cr Milligan said.

“These works will prevent up to 100 cubic metres of sediment each year from washing into the Bremer River and contributing to poor waterway health scores.”

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the works would provide major benefits for residents and the environment now and into the future.

“These works will also protect nearby properties from worsening erosion,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

“The design and construction will allow native vegetation to re-establish, and by slowing the stormwater runoff from nearby urban areas will make for a healthier creek system.”

The Ironpot Creek stabilisation project is a joint initiative of Ipswich City Council and Queensland Government.

MARBURG’S LOO-BRARY

Have you had a chance to read a book in the dunny at Marburg?

A sprawling street library with a tin outhouse-style reading room popped up out the front of the green shed in the centre of town earlier this year.

The street library was delivered into the hands of the Marburg and District Residents Association after Ipswich Libraries successfully applied to have the street library donated by Street Library Australia.

Councillor Russell Milligan said it was a great way to bring books to rural areas as Ipswich’s population booms.

“Marburg and District Residents Association have shown real enthusiasm for having this street library in their community,” Cr Milligan said.

“Not only did they embrace the idea but they built on it to put their own unique country stamp on it by adding additional libraries and reading room.”

Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said it was wonderful to be able to use the service provided by the community for the community.

“I congratulate the local residents and artists who have spent a lot of voluntary time to put this street library together,” Cr Kunzelmann said.

“This is a grass roots initiative free from bureaucracy and for people who love books it’s a great way to be able to access them.

There are no check outs or returns, simply drop books into the street library when walking past or reach in and take what interests you.

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Community Matters

Catch up with your Councillors



Ipswich City Councillors are coming to you, in your community, as part of our Community Matters program.

Redbank Plains Library

August 10 | 6pm - 7pm

Ripley Town Centre

10 July | 9am-11am

DIVISION 1



Goodna Marketplace Shopping Centre

29 July | 3pm - 5pm

Redbank Plains Town Square

26 August | 4pm - 6pm

DIVISION 2



Riverview Community Centre

19 July | 10.30am - 12pm

Redbank Plaza

19 July | 1pm - 3pm

DIVISION 3



Yamanto Shopping Centre

13 July | 1pm - 3pm

Green Shed Marburg

11 August | 4pm - 6pm

DIVISION 4



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

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