



Cr Marnie Doyle, Cr Paul Tully, Cr Kate Kunzelmann, Cr Andrew Fechner, Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Cr Russell Milligan, Cr Nicole Jonic, Cr Jacob Madsen and Cr Sheila Ireland with the 2023-2024 Budget

Welcome to the July edition of Community Matters for 2023.

In the past few years, our community has weathered COVID, floods and inflation. Now, council is focused on harnessing that resilience to champion our growing city's future.

This year, we have delivered a measured, responsible budget of \$692.6 million, including a rate rise kept well under inflation.

The daily impacts of rising costs of living on Ipswich residents was front of mind during council's budget sessions, which were robust and diligent.

Councillors concluded on a total rates and charges increase of 5.5 per cent, or \$1.99 per week on a resident's rates bill, as a middle ground that will allow us to

deliver our quality services in a cost-effective way.

The average increase to cost recovery fees for council's 2023-2024 Budget is just 4.7 per cent – well below the current inflation rate of 7.4 per cent.

Our budget has a record \$267.2 million investment in delivering parks, roads and footpaths, including a \$75 million commitment to flood recovery, and more than \$70 million in operational and capital expenditure to deliver our waste management and resource recovery programs.

Like all our residents, council has faced unprecedented budgeting challenges this year, but I'm proud that our city has stepped up to become more resilient, more efficient, and more supportive in the tough times.

We have endeavoured to keep the impacts of rising construction and service costs away from ratepayers as much as possible, while still

delivering these critical core business services to Ipswich.

This year council will also explore a resident subsidy scheme, such as tip vouchers, to further support our community in waste recovery.

Council will also continue its \$132 discount for on-time rates payment and pensioner rebates up to \$245 to support those most vulnerable to rising costs.

Our city is facing the challenges of a booming population and the ongoing impact of inflation affecting every part of our business, but we have worked hard to deliver a balanced, sensible budget that gives our residents what they need.

I hope you can enjoy the benefits of this budget in your local parks, sporting fields and anywhere you live, work or play across our beautiful city.

Mayor Teresa Harding

BOOST FOR CITY'S ENVIRONMENT

The city's environment will benefit from \$14 million in funding for green projects in the next 12 months.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said green projects funded in the 2023-2024 Budget encompassed emergency management and sustainability, natural environment, land management and resource recovery.

"Council has adopted a new Natural Environment Strategy, and our first ever Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Strategy, in the period since this

council was elected in 2020," Mayor Harding said.

"Council will be implementing a rooftop solar program on council-owned assets to reduce council's carbon emissions – we have committed \$480,000 to this project. We also have an Ipswich Art Gallery lighting energy efficiency project, costing \$75,000.

"We will also be adopting Climate Risk Management for council and the community to understand the impacts of climate change to guide future investment."

\$75 MILLION FLOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM HITS FULL SPEED

A \$75 million flood recovery program is a cornerstone of Ipswich City Council's 2023-2024 Budget, targeting work on the city's roads, parks and facilities hit hard by the 2022 floods.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said council had moved from the flood clean-up stage to major restoration and repairs.

"Some of Ipswich's most beloved parks and public spaces, such as Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve and Kholo Botanic Gardens, were hit hard by the floods in February and May 2022," Mayor Harding said.

"Council is making great inroads on the necessary restoration work for these public assets and ensuring we can make them much more resilient, including recently completing successful community engagement on a new design for Colleges Crossing.

The 2023-2024 Annual Plan and Budget will deliver a further \$25 million of works this year in our open spaces and facilities.



Mayor Teresa Harding at Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve

"Another \$38 million of works will be undertaken to repair our sealed roads and drains impacted by the floods, and \$12 million for repairs on gravel roads."

Flood recovery funding is provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Council works closely with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to maximise the funding support provided to us under the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements.

CELEBRATING OUR CITY'S HERITAGE AT GALVANIZED

Galvanized is Ipswich's festival of heritage, showcasing the finest heritage experiences and events the city has to offer across 11 days from 31 August to 10 September.

It features a collection of experiences for people to immerse themselves in as they explore the unique story and heritage of one of Queensland's oldest towns, with a strong focus on community, shared histories and First Nations culture.

This year we have some fantastic new additions to the program, including the Sky Iron Festival of Blacksmithing, Rubbity Dubs to Pubs Walking Tour and Great Houses of Ipswich. We've also got popular events returning, such as Culture on Country at Harding's Paddock, Bikes, Beards and BBQ in Tulumur Place and the Prohibition Party at The Workshops Rail Museum.

These are just some of over 75 events presented by event organisers through performance, exhibitions and behind-the-scenes tours, thought-provoking talks and walks in venues ranging from galleries to graveyards.

Galvanized is one of our major festivals that has now cemented itself into South East Queensland's events calendar as it makes heritage feel modern and exciting, appealing to younger audiences as well as the young at heart.

Be sure to plan early and book your tickets as you're transported back in time by visiting Ipswich's iconic venues and historic sites. The full program is available on IpswichFestivals.com.au

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 243,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



MAJOR PLANS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACROSS IPSWICH

A record \$70 million has been provided for waste management and resource recovery in the Ipswich City Council 2023–2024 Budget.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said the allocation was the largest investment for waste.

“Council’s wide range of initiatives aims to support a clean and green city, setting the stage for future infrastructure and services,” Mayor Harding said.

“While it can be frustrating to see the millions of dollars thrown into the legal process relating to external waste issues, there is immense satisfaction in seeing council focus on exceptional waste management and resource recovery to safeguard this city for decades to come.

“This council’s fourth budget demonstrates our unwavering dedication to building a sustainable future for the City of Ipswich.

“We understand the importance of effective waste management and resource recovery in preserving our environment for generations to come.

“Through this significant investment, we aim to enhance our infrastructure, services, and overall quality of life for our residents.”

Mayor Harding said funding committed in the budget includes \$8 million to progress the shared Materials Recovery Facility in partnership with Logan and Redland City councils.

There is another \$9 million for new and replacement waste collection vehicles – making 55 across the fleet, with more purchases to come, including \$3.3 million for a dedicated FOGO (food organics, garden organics) fleet.

There will be \$3.8 million worth of upgrades to the existing recycling and refuse centres at Rosewood and

Riverview, with a further \$1.2 million committed for planning and design of two new centres.

“Council has launched its city-wide Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan that outlines the best way to deliver fit-for-purpose resource recovery facilities in high-growth areas so it can meet the needs of the community, recover more resources, and reduce waste to landfill,” Mayor Harding said.

“This plan reinforces the need for future recycling and refuse centres in the Western and Southern regions to service growing population growth/demand.

“By investing in infrastructure, services, and future planning, the council aims to create a clean and green city for the benefit of all residents.”



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UPGRADED LIBRARY A HIT WITH LOCAL FAMILIES

Have you checked out the refurbished Redbank Plains Library yet? The library was refurbished earlier this year with new programs added for families.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the upgrades had been a hit with local families.

"The increased floorspace, new furniture, a larger collection and beautiful new children's area have allowed more families to make use of this important community space," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said as well as increased children's programming, other facilities at the library had been enhanced.

"In addition to the added space, technology and programming, we have also added a wide range of books, across the whole gamut of genres," Cr Ireland said.

Redbank Plains Library is open:

- Monday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 11.00 am – 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Thursday 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Saturday 9.00 am – 12.00 pm.

NEW BEVERAGE FACILITY BRINGS JOBS FOR IPSWICH

The state-of-the-art, net zero Frucor Suntory facility at Swanbank is progressing well. The \$400 million project, on a 17-hectare, greenfield site in the New-Gen Business Park, is creating about 450 construction jobs and 160 long-term roles when it comes online in mid 2024.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the city was proud to welcome high-tech and sustainable jobs to Ipswich.

"The facility will be climate positive from day one, using solar panels for renewable energy and efficiently using water," Cr Madsen said.

"Once operational there will also be many well-paid, skilled jobs in the Ipswich region. It is a great example of Swanbank and sustainability at the heart of the city's growth, using technology to drive efficiency and sustainable choices."



Frucor Suntory Transformation Program Director Mark Toomey, Cr Sheila Ireland, Frucor Suntory Site Operations Director Paul Woods and Cr Jacob Madsen

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said Ipswich continued to be a national leader in promoting environmentally-friendly businesses while protecting and enhancing the city's natural spaces.

"Swanbank is one of Australia's first 'Six Leaves EnviroDevelopment' industrial parks, recognised for its leading ecosystem, waste, energy, materials, water and community efforts," Cr Ireland said.

"This project aligns with our Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 that emphasises sustainable growth as we build the economy of the future."

ENVIRONMENT REGULATOR REVIEW OUTCOMES WELCOMED

An independent review into the adequacy of existing powers and penalties under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* has made 18 recommendations for changes to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* over environmental harm and public health.

The independent review was prompted after residents in Swanbank and other Ipswich suburbs lodged tens of thousands of complaints with the environmental regulator over odour issues.

"Ipswich City Council and the community have long pushed for greater oversight and action around the impacts of private waste operators on our residents," Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said.

"It is good to see recommendations from this important review coming forward.

Council is now considering the impacts of the 18 recommendations, which have all been accepted by the State Government for implementation."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the implementation of the recommendations couldn't come fast enough for residents still enduring impacts from private waste operators.

"We will continue to lobby for tough action to protect residents from harm from these noxious odours, and will closely follow the implementation of this review," Cr Ireland 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

Drainage improved

Improving drainage and upgrading kerb and channel to address flooding issues was the focus of works in Alice Street, Blackstone. Three new pre-cast concrete box culverts will improve how water in the area drains, particularly during heavy downpours. For more information about council works in your community, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

Grants available

Did you know council offers grants up to \$5,000 to support not-for-profit organisations in Ipswich hosting an event, showcase, festival, celebration or carnival? Grants are offered monthly. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/funding-and-support

Catch-up with your councillors

Catch-up with your Division 1 Councillors here:

Redbank Plains

Sandra Nolan Park
Saturday 12 August
8.00 am – 10.00 am

Redbank Plains Community Centre

180 School Road, Redbank Plains
Tuesday 15 August
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Ripley Town Centre

Saturday 2 September
9.00 am – 11.00 am

Blackstone Community Hall

Mary Street, Blackstone
Thursday 21 September
6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

BUDGET DELIVERS FOR CITY'S GROWING SUBURBS

Delivering essential infrastructure for some of the city's fastest growing suburbs is a focus for Division 1 in Ipswich City Council's 2023-2024 Budget.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said he was pleased to see important projects progressing.

"I am particularly excited about the \$4.85 million upgrade for the intersection of Mary Street and William Street at Blackstone and \$750,000 for design and early works for the Ripley Road and Reif Street intersection at Flinders View," Cr Madsen said.

"These are important works for our community and essential upgrades to our road network to ensure it keeps pace with the rapid growth we are seeing across the division."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said key community infrastructure at South Ripley would be delivered in the 2023-2024 financial year including construction of a new clubhouse at Ironbark Park.

"The community will also see improvements at Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve to deliver additional parking and wetland improvements to Harry Ratnam Park," Cr Ireland said.

"I am particularly pleased that Verrenkamp Road at Redbank Plains will be upgraded from gravel to a sealed road, addressing a missing link in our local road network.

"We would like to thank our State and Federal government partners for funding contributions to some of these divisional projects."

Other Division 1 highlights include \$11.7 million to continue Redbank Plains Road upgrades, \$4.7 million for the replacement of Hiddenvale Road Bridge at Calvert and \$2.15 million to improve internal roads at Warrill Park Cemetery. For more information about council's budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget



Cr Sheila Ireland and Cr Jacob Madsen at the William St and Mary St intersection

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REGION'S NEWEST PARK HAS PLENTY TO OFFER

Have you visited our city's newest park?

Silver Jubilee Park on Russell Luhrs Way at Spring Mountain has six dedicated basketball and netball hard courts as well as shaded picnic and barbecue areas, a children's adventure playground, toddlers' play area and plenty of parking.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said it was a well-planned park and the native flora and fauna design was particularly outstanding.

"The feature planting design highlights the great local

diversity of species here in Spring Mountain with the planting beds organised in colour groups and filled with native floral plants, which attract the local birds, bees and other fauna," Cr Tully said.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said as a parent, she really appreciated the less structured playground areas of the park.

"These areas have been designed to promote social interaction and problem solving through a less structured design that encourages motor skill development, creativity and imagination," Cr Jonic said.

A PLACE FOR PEOPLE 'ROOKING' FOR TROUBLE

Six new chess tables are creating a whole different level of community engagement in Robelle Domain.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the tables enabled residents to meet, learn and socialise.

"These tables give chess enthusiasts a place to meet and also gives others in the community an opportunity to learn and play the art and sport of chess," Cr Jonic said.

"Chess is a fun game in a family-friendly environment, but it is also competitive, with reports of cognitive benefits such as improving memory, concentration, focus and developing problem solving skills.

"I am glad that council was able to act quickly and work with the community and Orion Group to bring this project to fruition."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said creating recreational spaces is important for any modern city.



Councillors Sheila Ireland, Paul Tully and Nicole Jonic put their chess skills to the test

"Having an outdoor area where people can meet and play is vital in cultivating and maintaining a strong and connected community," Cr Tully said.

"Many major cities in the world are famous for their public chess tables, such as New York's Washington Square Park and the Chess & Checkers House in Central Park – this is Ipswich's opening move."

SUSTAINABLE APPROACH PAYS OFF AT ROAD UPGRADE

Sustainable road construction techniques using recycled materials with foam bitumen stabilising have proved to be highly effective in the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial upgrade.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the use of foam bitumen stabilising allowed council to use existing on-site material, saving costs and reducing the need for producing and transporting new materials.

"Foam bitumen is also better for the environment as its production does not require the high temperatures that traditional bitumen does, thereby reducing the project's carbon footprint," she said.

Stage one of the upgrade is on track for completion this year and will reduce areas under construction by half, with new lanes providing immediate extra capacity.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said motorists would then see a major push on the next stage of works through 2024.

"Work is progressing smoothly on the Springfield Greenbank Arterial from Eden Station Drive to Sinnathamby Boulevard section, with early works to allow service relocations and new Engex works," he said.

This project is jointly funded by council and the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

Division 2 stretches from Gales 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

E-scooter trial in place

Division 2 is the focus for an Ipswich City Council e-scooter trial. The six-month trial began in early July in Springfield Central, Spring Mountain and Springfield Lakes. Safety is a major focus and the trial will help council assess the impacts of e-scooters on the community. Springfield was considered the ideal location for the trial because of its wide footpaths and open parklands.

Grant for Woodcrest school

Woodcrest State College at Springfield recently received an Ipswich City Council Enviroplan Levy Community Project grant for its Biodiversity Improvement Project. Council offers grants of up to \$3,000 for community groups, schools and childcare centres working towards protecting and maintaining our city's natural environment. Grants up to \$1,500 are available for wildlife carers. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/funding-and-support

Goodna pool filter upgraded

Ipswich City Council recently completed an upgrade of the filtration system at Goodna Aquatic Centre. The popular community venue on Brisbane Terrace, Goodna offers a range of swim programs. It has three pools, disability access and during the winter swim season the temperature of the main 25m pool is maintained at 27 to 28 degrees. For more information phone (07) 3381 8240.

BUDGET BRINGS INVESTMENT IN PARKS AND LOCAL ROADS

Keeping the community moving and delivering for local families is a key focus for Division 2 in Ipswich City Council's 2023-2024 Budget.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the city's two biggest road projects at Springfield and Redbank Plains would continue to power ahead this financial year.

"These projects are complex and with many stages to deliver over multiple years, but are absolutely gamechangers for our growing community and once complete will improve the safety and efficiency of the local road network for years to come," Cr Jonic said.

"Council will also spend \$1.3 million to deliver new lighting for Southern Sports Field at Springfield Central."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the 2023-2024 Budget included

significant investment in community parks across the division.

"A new playground and upgraded amenities block are on the way for Richardson Park at Goodna to the tune of \$905,000," Cr Tully said.

"Several smaller park improvements have also been programmed such as the replacement of play equipment at Grande Park at Springfield Lakes and Jane Gorry Park at Augustine Heights.

"The cricket pitch at Brittain's Road Reserve at Bellbird Park will also be improved.

"We would like to thank our State and Federal government partners for funding contributions to some of these divisional projects."

For more about the Ipswich City Council 2023-2024 Budget, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget



Division 2 Councillors Paul Tully and Nicole Jonic at Southern Sports Field

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NEW HUB HELPING TO EMPOWER CITY'S YOUTH

Ipswich youth have better access to education and support services after the opening of a new youth hub in the heart of the city.

The newly launched space in Bell Street, operated by Ipswich Community Youth Service (ICYS), is providing support and offers young people a safe space to relax, learn and be heard.

"Nearly one in every four Ipswich residents is aged between 10 and 24, and this hub will provide young people with a space to hang out, have fun, learn new skills and access a range of support,"

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the youth hub gave younger residents a place to connect.

"It's important our city's young people have the resources and tools to express themselves and develop into the best versions of themselves," Cr Doyle said.

Council supported the new youth hub with a community grant of \$15,000 which ICYS used to buy computers, arcade games, a pool table, couches, a fridge and other items for the hub.

VENUE PAYS HOMAGE TO CITY'S RICH PAST

The completed Venue development in Ipswich's city centre will pay tribute to Ipswich's long history of picture theatres through its art deco design themes.

New renders released by Ipswich City Council have revealed the final design for the Venue, expected to open to the public next year.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the design echoed themes of white walls, exposed brick, and open, welcoming spaces from theatres long gone.

"The Wintergarden, the Ritz – for many Ipswich residents these theatres were familiar and beloved, their beautiful architecture showcasing the best of Ipswich heritage," Cr Doyle said.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the two-level Venue building will not just be home to HOYTS cinemas but will also offer a host of new restaurants and entertainment options.

"This major redevelopment will be the pinnacle of Nicholas Street Precinct, replacing what was once the Birch, Carroll & Coyle cinema building," Cr Fechner said.

"After decades of the city centre being left to languish, we are focused on giving our residents their city's heart back."

To keep up to date with events in the Nicholas Street Precinct, visit Nicholasst.com.au

LIBRARY UPGRADES PROGRESSING

An improved library experience is on the way for users of the Redbank Plaza branch, with the library set to increase in size by around 80 square metres.

Council is also working to improve access, refurbish amenities and expand programs.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said it was a win for the community.

"We know local libraries are incredibly loved and enjoyed by the community and I'm delighted to see this council invest in the Redbank Plaza branch," Cr Fechner said.

"The design includes a new entry directly into the shopping centre and we'll also see the internal library renovated and refreshed with furniture and fittings for a new look and feel."

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the library would also feature Smartlockers, which will



Cr Marnie Doyle, Bundamba resident Deng Thiew and Cr Andrew Fechner at Redbank Plaza Library

allow customers to pick up library reservations at any time, day or night.

"We've listened to the community and significantly improved library services in Redbank," Cr Doyle said.

"As well as the Smartlockers, the 80 extra square metres will also make space for Ipswich Libraries' signature Marketplace Collections and an expanded programs space for children and other library activities."

Ipswich Libraries has branches at Ipswich Central, Springfield Central, Redbank Plains, Redbank Plaza and Rosewood and a library pod at Karalee. For more information visit ipswichlibraries.com.au

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:

Eddie Ruska Park

Collingwood Park
Saturday 5 August
7.00 am – 9.00 am

Booval Shopping Centre

Saturday 5 August
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Handmade Expo Market

Tulmur Place
Nicholas Street Precinct
Saturday 12 August
9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Homemaker Centre

West Ipswich
Saturday 19 August
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Hawke Avenue Park

Collingwood Park
Saturday 26 August
8.00 am – 11.00 am

Grab your free trees

Each financial year Ipswich City Council provides a Free Plant Program to help residents create a greener, more beautiful city. Free plants can be collected at the Queens Park Nursery or from one of council's mobile nurseries throughout the year. Plant species are chosen to suit local climate and soil conditions. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDED FOR DIVISION 3

Ensuring Ipswich's established suburbs are not left behind is a focus for Division 3 in Ipswich City Council's 2023-2024 Budget.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said she was pleased to see community infrastructure receive a significant boost in this year's budget.

"From \$1.5 million for a new canteen and upgrades at Wiley Street Park to the construction of a new clubhouse at Jim Donald Parklands, this council is delivering for the community," Cr Doyle said.

"Significant money will also be invested in the Riverview Resource Recovery Centre which will not only benefit Division 3 residents but the broader Ipswich community."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said local families would benefit from a \$700,000 investment in Cameron Park at Booval, as well as other key projects across the division.

"The Queen Victoria Parade bikeway construction will be completed, providing a better and safer route for cyclists and pedestrians along with new end of trip facilities for cyclists in Tulmur Place," Cr Fechner said.

"These investments are about ensuring our city's established suburbs receive appropriate recognition and investment in community infrastructure.

"We would like to thank our State and Federal government partners for funding contributions to some of these divisional projects."

Other highlights for Division 3 in the Budget includes \$250,000 to improve drainage along McCorry Drive, Collingwood Park, \$100,000 for solar panels at Redbank Collingwood Park Sports Complex and \$29,000 to replace lighting at George and Eileen Hastings Sports Centre, One Mile.



Brothers Ipswich Cricket Club president Leo Conway, Cr Andrew Fechner, Cr Marnie Doyle and Raceview Soccer Club secretary Cliff Phillips at Jim Donald Parklands

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MAJOR FOOTPATH UPGRADE COMPLETED AT BRASSALL

Major works as part of Ipswich City Council's footpath rehabilitation program on Hunter and Mihi streets at Brassall have been completed.

The almost \$1.2 million project included the construction of new footpaths to Brassall State School and Ipswich State High School, including school driveways and bus stops as well as a new retaining wall.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the works were a part of council's footpath rehabilitation program.

"Council listened to community concern and worked closely with the principals and representatives

from both school communities, as well as local residents, to minimise disruptions during these works," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann thanked the community for its patience during the works.

"The results speak for themselves, and I'm delighted that these works have been delivered for our growing community," Cr Kunzelmann said.

To keep up to date with council works in your community, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

SAFETY IMPROVED AT JOHN MURPHY PARK

Safety improvements have been completed at John Murphy Park in Brassall.

The upgrades to the park on Diamantina Boulevard and Aramac Street included the replacement of timber bollards with a new black powder-coated chain wire fence.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan welcomed the upgrade.

"Parks are important spaces for our community and a vital part of fostering liveability and promoting healthy lifestyles," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"These improvements are about delivering on our shared community vision to provide activated places and spaces families can enjoy for recreation."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the park's upgrade was an important step to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of park users.



Cr Kate Kunzelmann and Deputy Mayor Russell Milligan at John Murphy Park.

"John Murphy Park is situated near busy roads and driveways and these upgrades make sure the park is as safe as possible for our community," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"This upgrade ensures people of Brassall and Ipswich have access to safe and useable green spaces."

For more information about local parks visit council's online Parks Search at ipswich.qld.gov.au/explore/parks_reserves_precincts/parks_search

PLANNING FOR OUR CITY'S FUTURE RESOURCE RECOVERY NEEDS

The community is being asked to have input on the location of a new resource recovery in the city's western suburbs.

The current Rosewood Resource Recovery Centre is more than 30 years old.

Council has released a Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan that outlines the best way to deliver fit-for-purpose resource recovery facilities for our growing city, to meet the needs of the community, recover more resources and reduce waste to landfill.

The plan reinforces the need for a future new resource recovery centre in the western region.

The location of the future western resource recovery centre has not been decided.

In engaging about where a future centre should go, council is seeking community input on site criteria, proposed locations and community preferences.

When choosing a site for a resource recovery centre, necessary criteria includes land size, necessary vehicle and traffic allowances, compatible natural conditions, appropriate buffer distances, planning requirements and site ownership.

To learn more about this project, including how to have your say, visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au/westernrrc

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

Marburg association backed

Marburg and District Residents Association recently received a grant to purchase and install air conditioning at the Marburg Community Centre. The \$14,080 in funding was part of council's Community Projects and Events Funding Program which supports one-off projects and events that benefit the local community. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/funding-and-support

Drainage improvements

Council is improving drainage at 122 Arthur Summervilles Road at Karalee. The works include installation of inlets and underground stormwater drainage, installation of grass table drains, reconstruction of some driveways and installation of turf on completion of the project. There will be some disruptions for residents during the works.

Chat with your councillors

Catch-up with your 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
Wednesday 30 August
9.30 am – 11.30 am

The Green Shed, Marburg

110–112 Queen St, Marburg
Tuesday 15 August
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Karalee Shopping Village

At Chapters Book Shop
Wednesday 16 August
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

COUNCIL BUDGET DRIVING LOCAL ROADS FORWARD



Deputy Mayor Russell Milligan and Councillor Kate Kunzelmann are pleased an upgrade for Adelong Avenue, Thagoona was funded in this year's council budget.

Lifting the standard of local roads across Division 4 is a key focus in Ipswich City Council's 2023–2024 Budget.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said important works would be delivered at Blackwood Avenue, North Ipswich and begin along Adelong Avenue, Thagoona.

Blackwood Avenue will be upgraded to the tune of \$610,000, with \$500,000 to be spent on construction of a culvert at Adelong Avenue, Thagoona in preparation for future upgrades to the road surface.

"A major focus for Division 4 in the 2023–2024 financial year will be lifting the standard of several local roads, which will bring immediate benefit for motorists and the local community," Deputy Mayor Milligan said.

"Several gravel roads have been scheduled for improvement,

and important kerb and channel projects will be delivered."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said community facilities would also be enhanced with lighting upgrades at Sutton Park and along the Brassall Bikeway.

"The important environmental work along Ironpot Creek at Pine Mountain is also continuing with the next stage of works funded," Cr Kunzelmann.

"Flood mitigation will also be improved through works at Parcell and Holt streets at Brassall and Arthur Summervilles Road at Karalee.

"We would like to thank our State and Federal government partners for funding contributions to some divisional projects.

For more information about the Ipswich City Council 2023–2024 Budget, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

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NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT

A place for fun, food and families

Ipswich City Council is delivering a once-in-a-generation revitalisation of our city's heart, including the redevelopment of the Nicholas Street Precinct. Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee Chairperson Councillor Marnie Doyle provides an update on the precinct.



It's been a busy first half of the year in the Nicholas Street Precinct.

From welcoming new businesses, to seeing thousands of people support events in Tulum Place, it is fast becoming the place to be. We are delighted that the precinct has become a destination, attracting visitors from Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast during the holidays.

The Nicholas Street Precinct redevelopment is a once-in-a-generation catalyst project which will bring a total direct contribution of \$1.196 billion to Ipswich over the next decade. The redevelopment overall is expected to create up to 480 new jobs for the people of Ipswich.

We have already seen the positive impacts the precinct is having on our city's heart, with 100,000 people movements recorded in the precinct in May. Ipswich has become a popular spot for families, particularly during school holidays.

In May, Sushi Hyo opened its doors and customers have been streaming in ever since. More exciting business openings are just around the corner.

It's also full steam ahead on the redevelopment of the Venue building (artist's impression above) at the top of the precinct, formerly the Birch, Carroll & Coyle cinema. Venue occupies the large site which fronts Ellenborough Street, Brisbane Street and Nicholas Street.

This enormous block right in the heart of our town has remained rundown and derelict for too long.

We are excited to see HOYTS Cinemas call Venue home. HOYTS is anticipated to open in 2024, giving time to address issues found during the demolition process. This space is the centrepiece of the Nicholas Street Precinct, and will bring not only a first-class cinema but other entertainment experiences also to the centre of Ipswich.

Our leasing for the site is underway to attract many entertainment and recreation offerings for residents.

Tulum Place has cemented itself as a community space and our Australian-first standalone children's library and the new Ipswich Library both continue to draw crowds.

Our city's newest public artwork was unveiled in the precinct in March. At more than 80 metres long and three metres tall, the mural is a larger-than-life celebration of iconic Ipswich buildings, connecting our city's history with a modern splash of colour.

It has also re-established Bottle Alley as an important link between the precinct and businesses in the nearby Top of Town area.

Our city is the fastest growing in Queensland and the appetite for food, fun and a good lifestyle continues to grow. Ipswich residents have always known our city is the best kept secret in south-east Queensland. We offer affordable living, within the setting of a safe, inclusive, and diverse community.

Council is making the Nicholas Street Precinct a beautiful, welcoming, safe, and vital space right in our city's heart.

I encourage you to visit, enjoy a delicious meal or coffee, take part in the new experiences on offer and support the local business community.

These are your assets Ipswich.

The Ipswich community is finally in the driver's seat, cementing our own identity as we grow and develop, and taking control of our CBD as we drive and shape our local economy.

To keep up to date with happenings in the precinct, visit [Nicholasst.com.au](https://nicholasst.com.au)

Councillor Marnie Doyle
Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee Chairperson

