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Welcome from the Mayor



This year's budget keeps Ipswich on track and provides the infrastructure necessary to support our growing city.

It is my 13th budget and continues our journey to make Ipswich a city we are all proud to call home.

It is a budget that looks at both today and tomorrow by giving our city a green light for advancement.

Revitalising our CBD and positioning Ipswich as a leader of the digital economy remain key focuses for council.

We have increased our infrastructure spending by 25 per cent, up from \$80 million last year to \$100 million in 2016-2017.

This is about investing in the infrastructure necessary to maintain and enhance the quality of life Ipswich residents expect and enjoy.

We have allocated \$200,000 to assess the feasibility of a combined arts, community and market space at the former Woollen Mills in North Ipswich and \$400,000 to develop a business case for the Ipswich Performing Arts Centre.

Council took ownership of the Woollen Mills in 2015 and this heritage-listed site, more than 7,000 square metres in size, will make a tremendous facility for the local arts community.

Ipswich needs and deserves a new Ipswich Performing Arts Centre to cater for our growing population.

The funding for a business case in this year's budget signals council's resolve to make this vision a reality is stronger than ever.

Ipswich is now in its strongest financial position in living memory.

I'm excited by the opportunities ahead. Our future has never been brighter.

Mayor Paul Pisasale
City of Ipswich

Technology drives new Mobile Library

The Mobile Library of tomorrow is on the road today with Ipswich City Council launching a new \$600,000 state-of-the-art vehicle.

The library features radio-frequency identification self-service technology, Wi-Fi connectivity and a Smart TV.

An 8m long by 1.2m wide slide-out pod offers increased internal floor space while folding floor technology provides an even surface for group activities.

The vehicle itself is a Scania prime mover pulling a 14m long purpose-built library trailer, weighing about 22-tonnes when fully loaded.

It carries about 10,500 items including books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and CD-ROMS and attracts more than 4,000 borrowers and browsers each and every month.

The library stops at 13 suburbs and travels more than 350km a week.

Council has revised opening hours at stops in Grandchester, Walloon and Willowbank and launched a new trial stop next to the Providence Sales and Community Office at South Ripley.

The Mobile Library stops at South Ripley from 2pm to 5pm on alternate Wednesdays, supporting one of the biggest growth suburbs in Ipswich.

This is a significant investment in literacy and technology, but council is looking beyond the four walls and providing the community with a fun and friendly meeting place.

For the full schedule of Mobile Library stops visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au



Ipswich's new Mobile Library was officially rolled out in late July

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Mayor Paul Pisasale, Ipswich Motorsport Precinct General Manager Damien White and Deputy Mayor Paul Tully at Queensland Raceway

Ipswich Motorsport Precinct on track for \$52m redevelopment

One of Australia's foremost motorsport administrators, Damien White, will lead council-owned Ipswich Motorsport Precinct Pty Ltd as it embarks on the most significant redevelopment of a motorsport precinct in south east Asia.

Mr White comes well-credentialed, having previously held key roles with V8 Supercars and South Australia Motorsport Park.

He will progress the first phase of the \$52.3 million Ipswich Motorsport Precinct master plan while overseeing day-to-day operations of the facility at Willowbank.

The plan proposes major upgrades to the existing race circuit, drag strip and

go-kart facility as well as new supporting infrastructure.

It also flags the development of a speedway stadium, motocross circuit, three-star hotel and opportunities for motorsport-related retail and industry.

Mr White said he was looking forward to the challenge of spearheading the plan.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of the Ipswich Motorsport Precinct," he said.

"As soon as I saw the plans for the precinct I was blown away."

Motorsport already plays an important role

in the Ipswich economy with about 250,000 visitors to the precinct every year for a range of events and experiences.

Most recently the precinct hosted the Coates Hire Ipswich SuperSprint, just weeks after the Winternationals drag racing championship.

The redevelopment will bring significant economic benefits to Ipswich and will create up to 200 construction jobs for the local community.

It is expected to generate more than \$138 million of benefits per annum.

When fully developed the total investment at the precinct is tipped to exceed \$220 million.

Fire Station 101 ignites innovation, ideas and education in CBD

A fire has broken out at the most unlikely of places – inside a fire station.

Stoked by innovative thinking, it is raging in the hearts and minds of civic leaders and the entrepreneurs and creative thinkers who make up the members of Fire Station 101 – Ipswich's digital hub and startup incubator.

Fire Station 101 represents a major shift in thinking as Ipswich embraces the notion of 'digital disruption' and works to reinvent itself.

More than 30 members are working on business opportunities in the areas of virtual reality, app creation, mentoring and gaming, among others.

Council is also driving a City Digital

Transformation Agenda that is about not only integrating technology into business to improve efficiency and service delivery, but also readying the community for a digital future.

The agenda is one of several projects under way in the city as it continues to experience some of the strongest rates of growth in Australia.

Major developments are continuing in the Springfield region and Ripley Valley.

Council is also continuing to progress its CBD revitalisation, earlier this year unveiling plans for a \$150 million redevelopment of Ipswich City Square that will include a multi-use precinct with a new council administration centre, retail stores and cafes.



Fire Station 101 is Ipswich's digital hub and startup incubator



Welcome to the spring edition of *Ipswich Connect*. This time of year often symbolises new birth and growth, so it's only fitting that Division 1 continues to thrive.

The first residents are due to move into Park Avenue apartments overlooking Robelle Domain in time for Christmas. Stage two planning is already underway and this is another great asset for Division 1.

Orion Springfield Central stage two is now up and running with new retailers, food outlets and entertainment options for people of all ages. Confidence and investment is high and businesses continue to call Orion Springfield Central home.

Robelle Domain really came of age this year with the recent installation of a Liberty Swing and the launch of the Australian Defence Force memorial in time for Anzac Day.

Residents across the division can look forward to improved infrastructure at parks and sports fields along with upgrades to roads and footpaths.

I look forward to working with the community as our journey progresses.

Cr David Morrison

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Orion Lagoon wins top regional design awards

Orion Lagoon has been recognised as one of the most well-designed open spaces in Queensland.

The Robelle Domain facility won the Parks and Open Space category at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) QLD Landscape Architects Awards in June.

A win in the Leisure Facilities category at the Parks & Leisure Australia Regional Awards of Excellence came just days later.

The awards capped a huge six months which saw more than 300,000 visitors at the lagoon.

Designed by Vee Design and built by

JMac Constructions, the popular Orion Lagoon is one of the largest public lagoons in Australia.

It was officially opened in September last year and is at the heart of a 3.74-hectare development that includes green space and walking tracks that link Robelle Domain, Orion Springfield Central, Springfield Central train station, Education City and the parklands business district.

As a Queensland winner of the AILA awards the lagoon is now eligible for a National Landscape Award, which will be announced in October.

Library will help build community connection

Ipswich City Council allocated \$4 million to the development of a library at Springfield Central in the recent 2016-2017 Budget.

The multi-storey facility will be built on council-owned land opposite the award-winning Orion Lagoon at Robelle Domain.

It will be funded over two years, with a further \$11 million to be set aside in 2017-2018.

The development will further enhance the mix of retail and leisure offerings in Springfield Central and will focus on community connection, learning

opportunities, programs and events.

It will feature industry-leading technology and will provide engagement spaces for experimental and adventure-based digital learning opportunities.

The layout will allow for indoor and outdoor activities, maximising the library's location and proximity to the lagoon and surrounding green spaces.

Designs are due to be finished early next year, with construction set to start in the second half of 2017.

Local Snapshots



Orion Lagoon received regional design and leisure awards in June

Springfield Run for Life

The annual McDonald's Greater Springfield Run for Life will be held on Saturday, 12 November at Robelle Domain. The event will raise money for Westside Community Care and will include 1km, 2km (dog walk), 5km (glow fun run) and 10km courses. Entry starts at just \$10 for under 18s and \$15 for adults. For online registration or more information visit RunForLife.org.au

Local Safe City projects

The 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget includes funding to expand the Safe City program in Division 1. More than \$300,000 will be spent on Safe City infrastructure around Robelle Domain, Education City and Mater Private Hospital Springfield. Launched in 1994, the Safe City network now includes more than 280 cameras and is recognised as one of the most effective systems in Queensland.

Mobile Library schedule

The Mobile Library visits Springfield Central and Camira. It stops at Orion Springfield Central opposite Orion Lagoon from 1pm to 7pm on Thursdays and 9am to noon on alternate Wednesdays. The library also stops at Camira Springfield Community Centre from 2pm to 7pm on alternate Thursdays.

Ipswich Cares fundraiser

This year's Ipswich Cares project will support Compassion Australia's Water 4 Life project. A fundraising dinner will be held on 31 August and a walk from Rosewood to Springfield Central will take place on Thursday, 1 September. Former Ipswich Major John Nugent, who turns 81 this year, is planning to join the walk. To support Ipswich Cares phone (07) 3818 3100.

Money for park upgrade

Improved remote control car facilities will be built at Andre Ripoll Park in Carole Park. An off-road drivers' stand and pit area will further enhance the drag strip and off-road track at the Addison Road park. Home of the South Brisbane Chargers Radio Control Car Club, the park is open from 6am to 6pm daily and is suitable for 1/10 scale electric cars.

Wheelchair swing for Robelle Domain

A Liberty Swing at Robelle Domain means people confined to a wheelchair can enjoy a swing experience similar to the more traditional ones at parks across the city.

The swing project was a community partnership between local youth, Greater Springfield director Naren Sinnathamby, Variety, Division 1 Cr David Morrison and Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale.

It was installed near the water area and playground in August.

Australian designed and manufactured, Liberty Swing is a revolutionary concept in playground equipment for people with a disability.

The colourful steel structure measures 3.1m at its highest point and is installed with softfall surfacing, fencing and signage.

Variety has helped to provide the swings at more than 185 communities across Australia.



Members of the Springfield community deliver a Liberty Swing for Robelle Domain

Brookwater

Carole Park

Springfield Central

Camira

Springfield

Springfield Lakes



Welcome to the latest edition of *Ipswich Connect*. It arrives in your mailbox at a time when there is no shortage of exciting projects happening in our great city.

Ipswich is continuing to thrive with several major milestones marked during the first six months of this year. They include the opening of Ipswich's own digital innovation hub, Fire Station 101, and the unveiling of plans for a multi-million dollar upgrade of the Motorsport Precinct at Willowbank.

There is also plenty happening in Division 2 with several important projects to be rolled out in the coming months. Residents can expect to see upgrades to several community parks and sporting facilities throughout the division.

My commitment to improving local roads remains as strong as ever and I am pleased to report the intersection of Alice Street and Albert Street at Goodna will be upgraded with traffic signals.

As always, I encourage residents to follow my social media channels to keep up to date with local events, news and council projects.

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Boost for local netball and rugby clubs

Community sport will receive a boost when new facilities to keep local clubs in the game are installed at Evan Marginson Park.

Council has allocated \$160,000 in its 2016-2017 Budget to improve facilities for the Goodna Rugby Union Club and Goodna Netball Association.

Evan Marginson Park is a focal point of the Goodna community, home to several local sporting clubs and the location for the city's iconic Jacaranda Festival each October.

Council will replace existing netball court lighting with LED lighting. LED lighting is brighter and more energy efficient, benefiting both players and the environment.



Lighting will be upgraded at the netball courts at Evan Marginson Park, Goodna

The goal posts at the rugby union fields will be upgraded to bring them up to current playing standards.

Council has also set aside money to replace the softfall at the park's playground.



Goodna's Jacaranda trees will once again be on show in October

Plan to transform Augustine Heights fields

Concept designs to transform the former Redbank Plains-Goodna Pony Club grounds at Augustine Heights are on track to start in the third quarter of this year.

The grounds are off Brittain's Road, near Augusta State School, and have previously been identified by council as suitable for the development of a sports facility.

The council budget included \$40,000 for the concept designs to further

progress the project.

Once completed the fields will form an important part of the sports and recreational facilities in Division 2.

In 2011, Redbank Plains-Goodna Pony Club merged with The Bremer Hack and Pony Club to form the City of Ipswich Pony Club, based at South Deebing Creek Road in Yamanto.

Local Snapshots



Cr Paul Tully, Westside Christian College Principal Barry Leverton and City Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee Chair Cr Cheryl Bromage at the busy Goodna intersection

Upgrade to fix problem intersection at Goodna

There is good news for motorists using Alice Street at Goodna with traffic lights to be installed at the Albert Street intersection.

The lights will be installed after council secured \$399,000 under the Federal Government 2016-2017 Black Spot Program.

This is one of the busiest intersections in Goodna and is used daily by families travelling to and from Westside Christian College and Goodna State School.

The new lights will improve traffic flow and safety.

They will be equipped with GPS technology linking them to emergency services to improve travel time for fire

and ambulance vehicles en route to emergencies by turning the lights green as the emergency vehicle approaches.

As well as traffic lights, the upgrade to the intersection will include right turn lanes on Alice Street into Albert Street.

This is the latest upgrade to Alice Street and builds on previous works completed in 2015 including the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Alice and Church streets.

The work at the intersection of Alice and Albert streets is expected to be completed before Christmas.

Division 2 residents can also expect to see several resurfacing projects taking place throughout the division this financial year.

Park upgrades at Bellbird Park

Local families will benefit when two community parks at Bellbird Park receive improvements this financial year. A total of \$300,000 will be spent to upgrade park facilities, including pathways, at Annabelle Park and Moodai Reserve. Annabelle Park includes barbeques, a BMX track, half court, playground equipment and bushwalking.

Gailes road safety boost

A new right turn arrow will be added to traffic lights at the intersection of Old Logan Road and Brisbane Road at Gailes. The turning arrow is expected to improve traffic flow and safety at this important local intersection. The works are scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2017.

Pan Pacific Peace Gardens

Local residents are reminded that the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens at Redbank are an attractive area for small community and family events such as birthdays, christenings and weddings. Contact council on (07) 3810 6666 to see if your event requires a permit.

Funding for Goodna

Facilities at three sporting parks in Division 2 will be upgraded this financial year. New lighting will be installed on the netball courts and new goalposts on the rugby oval at Evan Marginson Park. Richardson Park will receive new light towers and underground infrastructure. A new retaining wall and other rehabilitation work will take place at Kippen Park, home of the Western Spirit.

Queen Street improvement

One of the region's busiest streets, Queen Street at Goodna, will be looking a little sharper once planned streetscape improvements are delivered. Planned improvements include rehabilitating sections of the footpath.

New library comes to Goodna

Council's new \$600,000 Mobile Library stops at Smiths Road, Goodna every Friday from 9am to 11.30am. The library offers more than 10,500 items for loan and includes space for group storytelling activities.

Augustine Heights

Gailes

Redbank

Bellbird Park

Goodna



Welcome to the latest edition of *Ipswich Connect* for Division 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Division 3 for putting their faith in me to be their representative in council.

Since my election in March I have held several mobile nurseries and mobile offices across the community. My next mobile office will be held at the Collingwood Park State School boot sale on Saturday, 10 September from 8am to 11am.

If you have an idea or would like to see improvements in our community please don't hesitate to drop into the office, call or email to raise your concerns or ideas.

The Division 3 electorate office is conveniently located at Shop 337B on the external section of Redbank Plaza, just next to the Police Beat on Level 3.

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Road widening will benefit entire Ipswich community

Widening another section of Redbank Plains Road from two to four lanes will benefit the entire Ipswich community.

About 20,000 vehicles use the road each and every day, and that number is expected to increase to 27,000 by 2025.

The 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget included \$7.6 million to widen the busy road between Cedar and School roads.

The stage one upgrade between West Street and Glen Fairlie Avenue was officially opened in April this year at a cost of

\$9.3 million.

Stage two work is expected to start in the first quarter of next year, with the widened road due to be fully operational in the second half of 2017.

Redbank Plains Road is a major thoroughfare between Ipswich Central, Ripley Valley and Springfield Central.

It offers access to the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway as well as major residential, business and industrial developments.

Council budget boost for divisional roads and parks

The Ipswich City Council budget announcement included funding for kerb and channel and park improvements across Division 3.

The Kerb and Channel Sub-Program will improve Joseph Street at Dinmore between Pottery Road and Jacob Street at a cost of \$1.2 million.

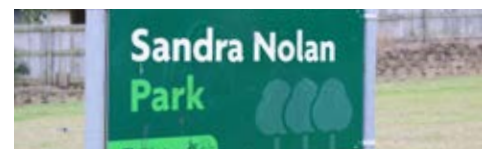
An additional \$400,000 will fund works along Verrall Street at Riverview between Hansells Parade and Endeavour Street.

Nile and Caroline streets at Riverview will also be rehabilitated, along with Glen Brea Street and Bass and Banks courts at Redbank Plains.

The southern detention basin at Sandra Nolan Park at Redbank Plains will be completed at a cost of \$1 million, helping to reduce the risk of localised flooding in the area.

Work on the project is expected to begin before the end of the year, with the basin due to be completed in the second quarter of 2017.

Softfall surfacing will be boosted at 11 parks in Redbank, Redbank Plains, Collingwood Park and Riverview.



Sandra Nolan Park will benefit from a new detention basin in 2017

Local Snapshots

Golden jubilee celebrations

The Ipswich Historical Society will celebrate its golden jubilee at the Cooneana Heritage Centre on Saturday, 8 October. Free entertainment and activities will be held from 10am to 8pm and will include performances by Wickett Wak originals Rob Rosenlund and Tony Jefferies as Ottawak, the Amberley Brass Band, Nickleby The Magician and The Huntsmen. History talks and a colonial fashion show will round out the day. Cooneana is at 1041 Redbank Plains Road, New Chum.

Mobile Library in Ripley

The new Mobile Library now visits South Ripley on alternate Wednesdays. The state-of-the-art \$600,000 Ipswich City Council vehicle stops next to the Providence Sales and Community office at Providence Parade from 2pm to 5pm. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au

St Luke's Church spring fair

A spring fair will be held at St Luke's Anglican Church at 40 Reerden Street, Collingwood Park from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, 15 October. The event will include stalls, food, entertainment, tea and coffee, a jumping castle, animal farm, face painting and more.

Annual Woodlinks art show

Woodlinks State School will host its annual art show over two nights commencing with a wine and cheese night on Thursday, 8 September from 6pm to 7.30pm. Entry is \$15 for adults. The art expo will be held on Friday, 9 September and will feature a live auction, raffles, food, drinks and entertainment from 6pm. More than 30 works will be auctioned. Woodlinks State School is at Woodlinks Way, Collingwood Park.

Collingwood Park boot sale

Bag a bargain at Collingwood Park State School's first ever car boot sale on Saturday, 10 September. The sale will include new and used items, bric-a-brac, clothes and more from 7am to 1pm. Hot food and coffee will be available. To secure a spot email alicia.booth@hotmail.com



Cr Kerry Silver at the site of the Redbank Plains Road redevelopment

New bin collection days

Residents in Dinmore, Redbank and Riverview could be impacted by changes to Ipswich City Council's wheelie bin collection days.

A citywide review of the collection of residential, recycling and green waste was prompted by continued population growth.

The new schedule is expected to start on 5 September and will see about 10 per cent of households change collection days.

It will rebalance the workload throughout the week by adjusting collection days and weeks for some areas and adding more waste vehicles to the fleet.

About 3,300 households across Ipswich will have a new recycling waste collection day and week, while about 2,800 households will have an unchanged collection day but a new week.

All affected households will be notified of the changes in writing and will receive a calendar highlighting their new collection days.



Don't get caught out with changes to bin collection days from September

For more information visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au

Collingwood Park	New Chum	Redbank Plains	South Ripley
Dinmore	Raceview	Ripley	Swanbank
Flinders View	Redbank	Riverview	White Rock

Division 4

Cr Kylie Stoneman



Since being elected to represent Division 4 in March this year my feet haven't touched the ground!

I am pleased to have spoken with so many local residents about how we can work together to make Division 4 a better place to live, work and play.

There is a real sense of community spirit in Division 4. You see it in the contribution of our local schools, churches, sporting clubs and community groups. It is a pleasure to work with these people each and every day.

I look forward to speaking with many more of you in the coming months and years.

I am always happy to discuss any local issue. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or catch up with me at one of my regular mobile offices in the community.

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Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve continues to be transformed

Some of south east Queensland's leading mountain biking and bushwalking trails continue to take shape at the historic Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve at Mary Street.

Volunteers from the Castle Hill Trails Alliance have dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to help create trails for people of all ages and abilities.

They were recently joined by Division 4 Councillor Kylie Stoneman who gained a real appreciation for the project – along with a few aching muscles – after spending a Saturday morning working a shovel with the team.

Ipswich City Council continues to support the work of groups like the alliance with additional funding through the 2016-2017 Budget for the redevelopment of the reserve.

While Blackstone Hill remains a significant living link to Ipswich's coal mining past, Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve is in the midst of a \$500,000 upgrade which includes improved trails, viewing platforms and historical displays and the construction of new parking, trail head and toilet facilities.

The Castle Hill Trails Alliance has already helped to rehabilitate 16km of mountain biking trails and 4km of walking trails.

Two Division 4 couples celebrate marriage milestones

Long-time Dinmore couple Arthur and Kathleen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a motorcycle sidecar tour through the Somerset Valley.

Upon completing the sidecar tour Arthur suggested a helicopter ride as the couple's next adventure.

The couple, who have no plans of slowing down, were also surprised with flowers and a congratulatory certificate delivered by Cr Kylie Stoneman on behalf of Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale and their fellow Division 4 residents.

Another Dinmore couple, Neville and Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary recently.

If you or someone special in your life is set to celebrate a significant anniversary or birthday contact the Division 4 electorate office to arrange a congratulatory message.



Cr Kylie Stoneman with Dinmore couple Arthur and Kathleen

Local Snapshots

ASD Parent Support Group

The Ipswich ASD Parent Support Group marked an important milestone recently when it celebrated its fifth anniversary of supporting people and families living with autism spectrum disorders. The Ipswich ASD Parent Support Group is one of many local community groups and clubs which meet in the Division 4 Community Room. If your community group needs a place to meet don't hesitate to contact the Division 4 office.

Walk on Wheels Ipswich

Did you know Division 4 is now home to more than 200 businesses? One of the latest to join the community is mobility equipment supplier Walk on Wheels Ipswich, which recently relocated to a Brisbane Road showroom opposite Booval Fair. A warm welcome to Lauren and the rest of the Walk on Wheels team, we wish them great success in their new home.

Mobile Library schedule

The new Mobile Library visits Booval every week. The \$600,000 Ipswich City Council vehicle stops at Cole Street from 9am to 11.30am on Thursdays. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au

Free plants for residents

Each year Ipswich residents are entitled to six free plants as part of Ipswich City Council's free plant program. Division 4 residents can collect their plants on Saturday, 15 October from 8am to 11am at the Handmade Expo at the Ipswich Turf Club. Don't forget to bring your rates notice, and also catch up with Cr Kylie Stoneman at her mobile office on the day.

Toast and Tea with Kylie

Residents are invited to the Division 4 electorate office for toast and tea with Cr Kylie Stoneman on Saturday, 24 September. There's no need to book, just drop in between 7.30am and 9am. Toast and Tea with Kylie is held monthly at the Division 4 office at Shop 2/38 South Station Road, Booval. Phone (07) 3816 2444 for details.



Members of the Castle Hill Trails Alliance are helping to transform the historic Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve

Ipswich City Council budget highlights

The recent announcement of the 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget featured significant investment in Division 4.

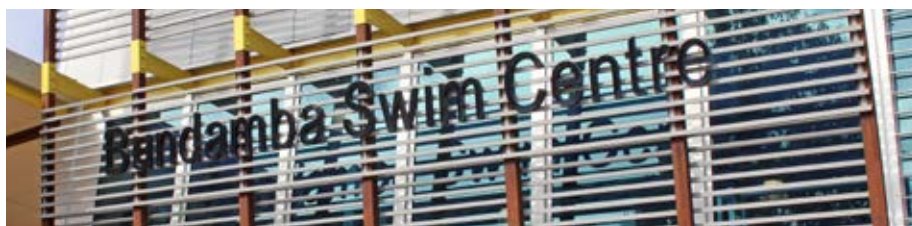
Some of the improvements that residents can expect to see over the next year include:

- Heating of the 50m pool at Bundamba Swim Centre. This is a great outcome for the hundreds of locals who supported a petition to make the plan a reality.
- Installation of much-needed traffic lights at the intersection of South Station Road and Cascade Street at Raceview.
- Road rehabilitation for Belleglade Avenue, Bundamba; Bellhaven Drive, Bundamba; Harding Street, Raceview; James Street, Bundamba; Alexander

Street, Booval; Gill Court, Bundamba; and Brooker Court, Raceview.

- Kerb and channel installation at Wearne and Mill streets, Booval.
- Kerb and channel rehabilitation at Kruger Street, Booval (Nimmo Street to Hamilton Street, both sides); Grenadier Circle to Cairns Road (western side), Ebbw Vale; and Wade Street, Bundamba (Nelson Street to property number 36, both sides).
- Footpath rehabilitation at Brisbane Road, Bundamba (property numbers 27 to 31A); and Kingfisher Court, Bundamba (Kingfisher Court to Braeside Drive).

For more information visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au



Ipswich City Council has invested more money in Bundamba Swim Centre at Brisbane Road

Blackstone	Dinmore	North Booval	Riverview
Booval	Ebbw Vale	Raceview	Silkstone
Bundamba	Flinders View		



Although it's taken a few months to settle in I feel that the office is really hitting its straps now.

One of the best things I've done since being in the position has been to get around and meet as many council staff as possible.

With a workforce of more than 1,000 I have been very surprised about the range of activities that the council performs.

The days of councils only concentrating on roads and rubbish are long gone and in their place is a multifaceted workforce that is made up of hard working and very dedicated staff.

Through my effort to meet the staff I have a much better view on how to achieve positive results for the residents living in the division.

I have also been very pleased with how the local community have embraced me and provided positive feedback on what is happening.

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Historic Woollen Mills site to be transformed

The recent council budget allocated \$200,000 towards the future development of the former North Ipswich Woollen Mills.

The iconic building has had many uses over the years and although it is showing its age it is still in reasonable condition.

Located between the North Ipswich Reserve and the Bremer River, it has the potential to become one of the city's best attractions.

Current ideas being floated include opportunities for an arts space, undercover markets, and meeting and conference areas.

The building features an old saw tooth-style roof which council is keen to maintain along with many of the original walls and structures.

In addition there are some heritage components to the building which will be showcased as part of any new design.

The adjacent building foundations, part of the old Boral site, will be rehabilitated and it is hoped will provide additional open space parklands to mirror the River Heart Parklands on the other side of the river.



Money for busy North Ipswich intersection

The State Government in its recent budget allocated more than \$3 million to works at the intersection of Pine, Delacy and Tantivy streets at North Ipswich.

This is probably one of the busiest intersections in the city and has had many safety concerns over the years.

A meeting was held recently with local police to discuss the draft design for upgrading the intersection.

Everyone agrees that signalisation will improve overall safety and at the same time will allow for better traffic and pedestrian movements at the intersection.

The upgrade will see vehicles travelling into Ipswich from Karalee and turning from

Tantivy Street into Pine Street still being allowed to turn left at any time with care.

However, the biggest improvement will see the construction of a dedicated turning lane for this traffic, which will be extended to allow for improved merging and traffic flow.



State Member for Ipswich West Jim Madden, Senior Constable Lisa Hillary and Cr Wayne Wendt at the intersection of Pine and Delacy streets

Local Snapshots

Breakfast program success

The Ipswich East State School's breakfast program continues to thrive. Every morning before school starts a dedicated band of volunteers and teachers provide cereal, toast and Milo to the students. This is a great community program. Should you want to help out contact the Division 5 office.

North Ipswich roundabout

The Lowry Street and Pine Street intersection at North Ipswich is problematic at most times of the day. Because of this Ipswich City Council will construct a new roundabout at the intersection at a cost of about \$1.6 million. This roundabout will boost safety and at the same time will improve traffic and pedestrian flows in the immediate area. The project is currently in the design phase, with work due to start in the second half of next year.

Money for Bremer Parade

Bremer Parade in Basin Pocket will receive kerb and channelling over the next year at a cost of almost \$1 million. This is only a small area and there is much more to be done in this regard across the city and in the division. Work on this important project is expected to start later this year.

Bridge business case

The recent budget provided funding to progress planning for construction of the Norman Street Bridge. This project has been around for a number of years and council is now investing funds to see a full business case developed. This will take more than 12 months but must be completed before seeking funding from the State and Federal governments.

Sealed road rehab program

Council's Sealed Road Rehabilitation Sub-Program will improve conditions along sections of Blackall, Bass, Elizabeth, Delacy, Hood, Perth, Burke and Hopetown streets, Fullelove, Tasman and Wentworth courts, First and Fifth avenues, Phillip Crescent and Blackwall Road during this financial year.



Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve at Chuwar is set for upgraded parking and pathways

Local sports clubs and parks among big budget winners

Some of the big winners from the 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget were sports clubs and parks in Division 5.

About \$2 million will be spent in the coming year on a number of sports fields with lighting upgrades being a priority to allow for increased usage.

Blue Gum Oval at Karalee, home of the Karalee Tornadoes, will benefit from new lighting on field two; Cribb Park, home of the Norths Tigers and Northsiders,

will receive lighting and cricket pitch improvements as well as irrigation on field three; and Alan Cumming Park, the training base of the Ipswich Jets, will gain lighting on field two.

In addition, work will be carried out to increase the capacity of the existing car park at Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve.

New pathways will also be constructed at the popular picnic and tourist spot in Chuwar.

Barellan Point	East Ipswich	Muirlea	North Tivoli
Basin Pocket	Ipswich	Newtown	Tivoli
Booval	Karalee	North Booval	
Chuwar	Moore's Pocket	North Ipswich	

Division 6

Cr Cheryl Bromage



There are many exciting projects being delivered in Division 6, and right across Ipswich, that will help to shape our city for current and future generations.

As chairperson of the City Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee, it was great to see a 20% increase in spending – up to \$100 million – on infrastructure in this year's budget.

Among projects funded was \$1.6 million for a new roundabout at North Ipswich and the completion of the next stage of the Brassall Bikeway.

The roundabout will improve traffic flow and safety for local motorists while the bikeway will add another connection to the existing network in the division.

It is an honour to represent Division 6 and the great City of Ipswich. If you have any questions or concerns about local issues I encourage you to contact my office.

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Upgrades will keep our motorists moving

Road projects planned for Division 6 will keep local motorists moving.

The 2016-2017 Budget included \$1.6 million to construct a new roundabout at the intersection of Pine and Lowry streets at North Ipswich.

With Pine Street serving as one of the major thoroughfares from Ipswich Central to the city's northern suburbs, this project will improve traffic flow and safety for local motorists.

Progress on the project has already been made, with detailed designs expected to be completed in the coming months.

It is scheduled to go out to tender in the first half of 2017, with on-the-ground work expected to then begin in the months following.

Division 6 residents can also expect to see plenty of road resurfacing works taking place this financial year.

Roads set for attention include North and Liverpool streets at North Ipswich as well as Booth, Sharpe and Collins streets at Brassall.

Sections of Aspinall Street at Leichardt will also be resurfaced.



Councillors Wayne Wendt and Cheryl Bromage at the busy Pine and Lowry streets intersection, which borders Division 5 and Division 6 in North Ipswich

Toongarra Road works close the 'missing link'

An important upgrade to the Ipswich road network is now in place following the completion of works at Wulkuraka.

In early August, council completed construction of 280m of road pavement on Toongarra Road.

The works extended west from Beirne Street to link with a section of road previously upgraded as part of the State Government's new generation rollingstock maintenance centre at Wulkuraka.

As well as the reconstruction of the road pavement, the works carried out by council included installation of kerb and channel and underground drainage.



A section of Toongarra Road referred to as the 'missing link' has been upgraded

A 2m wide footpath was built and improvements made to driveways impacted by the work.

The relatively short section of road left undone during the initial works had been referred to by some as the "missing link".

Its completion has been welcomed by local motorists, with improved traffic flow and safety along the road.

Local Snapshots

Quarry reserve upgraded

If you haven't visited Haig Street Quarry Reserve for a while now is a good time with refurbishment works at the site completed recently. The works included upgrades to entry points, walking tracks and signage. Two new entry points were constructed along Henry Street. A new 110m track was constructed from the south-west corner of the reserve to connect with the Willy Wagtail Circuit. A 660m old bitumen track was deconstructed and replaced with a new walking track on the same alignment. Trial markers and other signage were also updated.

Christmas in the Park

The popular Brassall Christmas in the Park celebrations will be held on Friday, 25 November at Sutton Park. This free event, now in its 21st year, will start at 6pm. It promises great entertainment for the entire family including free rides, fireworks, fairy floss, stage shows and food available to purchase.

Sports plan progresses

Plans for new sporting fields at Windle Road in Brassall are being progressed, with \$100,000 allocated for design. Council previously identified the site as suitable for development of a local sporting facility. The funds will allow council to complete design work so the project is ready to go when construction funding is available. It is expected the future facility will include two sporting fields, multi-purpose courts and a clubhouse. Once complete the new sporting fields will provide a valuable recreational space for the city and residents in Division 6.

iGO work ongoing

Important work to address Ipswich's current and future transport needs is continuing. In June this year council endorsed the final version of its City of Ipswich Transport Plan, iGO. It will help guide council in its funding and planning decisions and will be a valuable tool for lobbying other levels of government for support. To learn more about iGO visit ipswich.qld.gov.au



One of three 25m steel truss bridges is manoeuvred into place as part of stage four of the Brassall Bikeway

Brassall Bikeway stage four works completed

An important milestone in the development of the popular Brassall Bikeway was reached recently when stage four of the project was completed.

The \$3 million extension, jointly funded by council and the State Government, included the installation of three 25m steel truss bridges and extension of the bikeway another 2.8km.

The bridges were constructed offsite and lowered into place using a crane in late May.

They were part of continuing the 3m wide concrete bikeway between Gregory Street, Wulkuraka and Diamantina Boulevard, Brassall.

As well, LED path lighting was installed and landscaping works undertaken.

The extension has been well received by the community, particularly the Friends of Brisbane Valley Rail Trail group.

"The extension enabled just under 3km of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail to be improved, reinvigorated and most importantly, finally officially opened for public use," Friends of Brisbane Valley Rail Trail president Tanya Smith said.

"We believe the extension of the network along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail is a fantastic result for not only the residents of Division 6, but a fantastic achievement for the entire City of Ipswich."

Brassall

Leichhardt

Tivoli

Karrabin

North Ipswich

Wulkuraka



It has been a busy time since the council election in March of this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Division 7 residents for the honour and opportunity to continue in your service.

It is a great responsibility to represent you on the Ipswich City Council and I'm excited to be working with you to take Ipswich forward.

I have also been appointed as chairman of the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee and I look forward to the challenges that come with this important new role.

The City of Ipswich is set for enormous growth over the next 20 years and as such, encouraging and developing a vibrant, sustainable and progressive city that embraces, respects and cherishes the environment and its rich heritage is my highest priority.

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Club riding high with upgraded BMX facilities

The Ipswich BMX Club is riding high with \$625,000 allocated for upgrades in the council budget.

The Willey Street Park BMX track at Moffatt Street is in line for a new start ramp and canteen along with improved lighting and announcing facilities.

The move caps a rollercoaster six months for the club, which was left reeling when an air compressor and automatic starting system valued at \$10,000 were stolen in April.

"I can't say enough about the support we've received from the council and the community," club president Lee Smith said.

"We've bounced back bigger and better than ever and these upgrades are really going to take the club to the next level."

Work on the new ramp, canteen and announcer's box is set to start in the first quarter of next year.



Members of the Ipswich BMX Club will benefit from infrastructure upgrades. Photo by Jeremy Murphy

Green space comes to life at Eastern Heights

The stage one development of Jim Donald Parklands continues at Eastern Heights.

The project will link the former Bremer State High School ovals with the nearby fields at Jim Donald Park.

Directly south of the new \$85 million Silkstone Residents residential and retail development, it will feature multiuse sports fields and ovals with improved lighting and irrigation, a clubhouse and dug-out shelters.

The council master plan also calls for boardwalks and a lookout around extensive wetlands as well as picnic areas and a network of recreational pathways.

Council allocated \$600,000 towards the

construction of a car park off Grange Road in this year's budget, with a further \$600,000 to be set aside in 2017-2018.

The 16-hectare parklands are bordered by Blackstone Road to the north; Cambridge, Russell and Madden streets to the east; Robertson Road to the south; and Cooina Street and Grange Road to the west.



Jim Donald Park will form an important part of the 16-hectare Jim Donald Parklands

Local Snapshots

Lights for busy intersection

Motorist and pedestrian safety at one of Division 7's busiest intersections will be improved with the support of the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program. Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Cherside and Robertson roads at a cost of \$750,000. The project will also improve pedestrian access to Limestone Park. Work is expected to start in the first quarter of 2017, with the new intersection due to be operational in the first half of the year.

Hawthorne Street project

Council's Kerb and Channel Sub-Program includes more than \$1 million to upgrade Hawthorne Street at Sadliers Crossing and Coalfalls. Kerb and channelling will be installed from Stephenson Street to Harlin Road as part of the project funded under the 2016-2017 Budget. Work is due to start in the third quarter of this year and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017. Hawthorne Street is one of the major thoroughfares in the historic Ipswich suburb.

Sports facilities boosted

Upgraded lighting, irrigation and change room facilities will boost playing conditions at a number of Limestone Park sports fields. Mark Marsh Oval is set to receive improved lighting while irrigation will be upgraded at the junior AFL/cricket field. Bill Patterson Oval will benefit from improved change rooms, with work due to be completed before the end of the year. Limestone Park hosts sports including AFL, athletics, cricket, netball, rugby league and soccer.

Upgrade for Lions Lookout

Lions Lookout at Queens Park will be upgraded thanks to funding from Ipswich City Council and the Scenic Lookout Upgrade Program (SLUP). Work will include improvements to lighting, car parking, signage, landscaping and park furniture. Safe City cameras will also be installed to boost the safety of visitors to the Victoria Parade lookout. SLUP funding was secured with the support of the Scenic Valleys Regional Roads & Transport Group.



Cr Andrew Antonioli with one of the industrial bin planter boxes at East Street

Recycled bins bring more colour to Ipswich CBD

Adaptive reuse in the Ipswich CBD now extends beyond the city's heritage buildings with council taking a green approach to recycling old industrial bins.

The bins have been cleaned, painted, fitted with irrigation systems and planted with small shrubs, perennials and annuals as part of a trial to bring relocatable gardens to the CBD.

The first three gardens have been placed at East Street, outside the telecommunications exchange between

Brisbane and Limestone streets.

The move brings colour and life to what is an otherwise hard landscape and has potential for local artists and schools to add touches of creativity and flair to the planter boxes themselves.

There could also be opportunities to transform the bins into community or market-style produce gardens.

The relocatable gardens will be extended to other parts of the CBD if the trial is successful.

Coalfalls	Newtown	Silkstone
Eastern Heights	Raceview	West Ipswich
Ipswich	Sadliers Crossing	Woodend



Welcome once again to all residents of Division 8, and also to our new residents following the boundary changes in March.

As part of the new council structure I have been appointed Chairman of Arts and Social Development.

This new committee encompasses a vast range of sectors including performing and visual arts such as the Civic Centre, Studio 188 and Ipswich Art Gallery; community development programs; social development planning; and community development grants.

I look forward to collaborating with all sectors and working towards positive outcomes for all involved.

Division 8 will see many improvements to local parks and various infrastructure rehabilitation projects which will be delivered as part of the 2016-2017 Budget.

There are many great things happening not only in our division, but throughout our great city.

Community feedback is always welcome along with positive ideas and suggestions to further enhance our lifestyle and opportunities in Division 8.

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Briggs Road criterium on track with \$3m funding

The Briggs Road criterium facility is on track after Ipswich City Council and the State Government committed \$1.5 million each to the project in June.

The stage one development will include a 1.7km asphalt circuit that can be configured to three different lengths.

Troy Dobinson and the team from the 24//7 Cycling Safety Fund worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the project, with continued support from Mayor Paul Pisasale and State Member for Ipswich Jennifer Howard.

Detailed designs are due to begin by the end of this year and are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

The criterium will provide a significant boost for the Ipswich cycling community, which has produced a number of state and national champions and most recently saw Michael Hepburn make the Australian team for the Rio Olympics.

It will become Ipswich's leading cycling venue, replacing the Limestone Park velodrome that was demolished in 2010.



A criterium facility at Briggs Road will provide new opportunities for Ipswich

Young tennis aces set to get new Hot Shots courts

Two new Hot Shots courts will be installed at the George Alder Tennis Centre at Ernest Street.

The courts will cater for the increasing number of Ipswich children who are playing tennis and will be developed between two full-size courts at the Leichhardt facility.

Managed by Top Tennis Academy, the centre already includes 12 European clay courts and a half court with practice wall.

Other facilities include a clubhouse with a pro shop and kiosk.

The centre hosts Hot Shots, junior and adult coaching, squad and fitness sessions, social fixtures, school programs, Fast4 Tennis and

Saturday leagues. Court hire is also available.

Hot Shots is designed for children from as young as three. It features four stages of development, with participants eventually working their way up to play on full-size courts.



The George Alder Tennis Centre at Leichhardt is set for an upgrade

Local Snapshots



Brigette Cross, baby Mason Cross, Cr Charlie Pisasale, Lynda Marum and Liam Cross at Hardings Paddock

Boundary change delivers campgrounds to Division 8

Hardings Paddock is now officially part of Division 8 after boundary changes adopted at the local government election in March.

Part of the 2,200 hectare Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate, the Purga destination is less than 15km from the Ipswich CBD.

Facilities include toilets, camp-shower cubicles, kitchens, barbecues, tables, a holding yard for horses, and caravan access. Electricity is not available.

Visitors should bring plenty of water, including some for showering, and a shower bag. The on-site holding yard includes access to water for horses.

Surrounded by natural bushland, there are just eight camp sites that must be booked in advance in order to gain vehicle access to the grounds.

The area is becoming increasingly popular with locals like Brigette Cross, who visits Hardings Paddock most weeks with her sons Mason and Liam.

"It's a great asset for the area, very green and quiet and so close to the city," the Peak Crossing resident said.

"People are free to bushwalk, bird watch, camp, barbecue and ride a bike or horse as they please."

For more information on Hardings Paddock visit DiscoverIpswich.com.au

Park infrastructure boost

Upgraded lights will be installed at the George & Eileen Hastings Sporting Complex at Chubb Street, One Mile. The park includes two softball diamonds, a kick around area, picnic facilities and shelters. Home of the Ipswich Softball Association, it has hosted regional, state, national and international teams in recent years. The lighting project will further enhance one of Division 8's leading sports facilities.

Green streets and suburbs

Warwick Road, Ripley Road and Ash Street are in line to receive streetscape improvements totalling about \$45,000. A section of Warwick Road will be landscaped from the Ipswich City Council Yamanto depot to Berry Street, while trees will be planted along parts of Ripley Road and Ash Street. The move is part of an election commitment to beautify Ipswich's suburbs and streets.

Council meeting in Yamanto

Residents are invited to an external Ipswich City Council meeting at Yamanto later this year. The meeting will be held at Amberley District State School at Deebling Creek Road from 9.30am on Tuesday, 11 October.

Funds for footy field lights

Jim Finimore Park at Old Toowoomba Road, Leichhardt will be boosted by improved lighting funded under the recent budget. The facility features gridiron-style goal posts, a kick around area, picnic facilities and recreational pathways. It is widely used by the Ipswich Touch Association, which hosts games throughout the year, and is a popular venue for personal training groups. The ovals are open from 6am to 10pm.

Kerb and channel upgrades

Balaclava and Guilfoyle streets will receive kerb and channel upgrades as part of the 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget. The Churchill streets were identified under the Kerb and Channel Sub-Program. Work is due to begin in the last quarter of this year and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017 at a total cost of more than \$1.4 million.

Amberley	Flinders View	One Mile	Ripley
Churchill	Goolman	Peak Crossing	South Ripley
Deebling Heights	Leichhardt	Raceview	Yamanto



I am humbled by your support at the local government election in March this year. There is much to achieve in Division 9.

If the Cross River Rail project does not go ahead now is a good time to lobby your State Member for the extension of the Springfield Central train line to Redbank Plains.

The corridor is preserved and in conjunction with the State Government council has delivered the iGO plan which has set aside land for a car park that will service the needs of people in Bellbird Park, Redbank Plains and Ripley.

I also support Rail Back on Track's call for an investigation into the bus service in Springfield Lakes, Springfield Central and Redbank Plains.

This year's budget will deliver great infrastructure in Division 9 and some of the projects are listed here.

My office should open at Orion Springfield Central in October, Lendlease will deliver the sports fields at the back of the Springfield Central schools, and I am pursuing tennis courts for Redbank Plains.

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Park revamp continues with new playground

New playground equipment will be installed at the Rotary Bicentennial Park in Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve.

The 2016-2017 Budget also includes funding for improved irrigation at two of the reserve's sports fields.

Plans to transform the park at the corner of Cedar Road and Moreton Avenue were officially adopted in January 2009.

It already includes fields for team sports including rugby league and union, soccer, AFL, softball and baseball.

An off-leash dog park is accessible via

Willow Road and opened in September last year.

Other facilities include barbecues, a kick around area, skate park, toilets and extensive bike and walking paths.

The park redevelopment coincides with the \$16.9 million upgrade of the adjacent Redbank Plains Road and the \$140 million expansion of the nearby Town Square Redbank Plains shopping centre.

A \$4.3 million 80-megalitre capacity detention basin which includes 67,000 plants was also built to help to reduce the risk of localised flooding in the area.

Six Mile Creek crossing set to get new bridge

The timber bridge at Halletts Road in Redbank Plains will be replaced with a new concrete structure at a cost of \$2.7 million.

The single-lane bridge crosses Six Mile Creek at the Cashmere Road Reserve, providing access to residential areas off Rice Road and Pitt Way.

About 1,000 vehicles use the bridge each day, and a new two-lane concrete structure will improve safety and traffic flow for motorists and cyclists while boosting structural integrity and flood immunity.

Funded as part of the 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget, the project will further

improve the road network in Redbank Plains and will complement works which have been completed during the past 18 months.

Construction is expected to begin in the last quarter of this year, with the new bridge due to open in the first half of 2017.



The Halletts Road bridge will be replaced with a new two-lane concrete structure

Local Snapshots

Electorate office to move

This year's budget includes funding to relocate the Division 9 electorate office from Raceview to Springfield Central. This will better reflect the boundary changes that were made following the local government election in March and will offer improved access for residents. The new office will be located above Coles at Orion Springfield Central and is due to open in late October.

Springfield sports upgrade

The \$22 million Southern Sporting Fields project at Springfield is taking shape with the first facilities expected to open in the first half of 2017. The Lendlease development includes eight rectangular fields that can be configured to make four cricket ovals. The master plan for the land bordered by Sinnathamby Boulevard, Wellness Way, Springfield Central State High School and Springfield Central State School also features eight tennis courts, 16 netball courts and two clubhouses. More than 650 car parks will be developed alongside an amphitheatre, kick around area, children's playground and extensive seating. The fields behind the high school are due to open by next June, providing increased opportunities for teams across Springfield.

Improved crossing safety

Traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of School Road and Alawoona Street at Redbank Plains later this year. The move will help to improve crossing safety for school students, staff and parents at this increasingly busy stretch of road. Council will continue to monitor road safety and crossing conditions throughout Division 9 as the Ipswich population surges towards 200,000 people.

Community centre a focus

Council continues to work with other levels of government to deliver the proposed community centre at School Road, Redbank Plains. This is an important facility that will provide a hub for groups of all ages and interests. It will cater for some of Ipswich's leading growth suburbs and will link with existing centres and services in Collingwood Park, Redbank and Springfield.



Cr Sheila Ireland at the new-look Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve

Council commits \$7.6m to Redbank Plains Road

The \$7.6 million stage two upgrade of Redbank Plains Road is the single biggest infrastructure project funded as part of the 2016-2017 Ipswich City Council Budget.

The busy Division 9 road will be expanded from two lanes to four lanes between Cedar and School roads.

This follows a \$9.3 million council investment in the 2015-2016 financial year for stage one, which officially opened in April this year.

The project involved upgrading the road

from two lanes to four lanes over 800m between West Street and Glen Fairlie Avenue.

In addition to increasing the size of turning lanes, bicycle lanes were incorporated along the full length of the upgraded section of road.

New traffic lights were also installed along Redbank Plains Road at Cedar Road and Henty Drive.

About 20,000 vehicles a day use the road, with a predicted increase to 27,000 vehicles a day by 2025.



The \$9.3 million stage one upgrade of Redbank Plains Road opened in April

Augustine Heights	Redbank Plains	Springfield Central	White Rock
Bellbird Park	Spring Mountain	Springfield Lakes	



Welcome to the seventh edition of *Ipswich Connect* magazine. The March local government election is well and truly behind us.

I look forward to working as hard as ever for my residents of the new-look Division 10, which now includes much of Deebing Heights.

The realigned division covers some two-thirds of the Ipswich City Council area, and I represent a population of about 16,000 people.

Just to think back a little, when I was first elected in 1991 I had guardianship over a population of about 3,500 people.

We have seen incredible growth in the division over the past 25 years.

Please see my 'Meet your local councillor' dates and times on the page opposite for those who wish to avail themselves of my services or have an issue to discuss.

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Budget funding boost for Rosewood library design

The development of a library in Rosewood is one step closer with council allocating \$300,000 for concept and detail designs in the 2016-2017 Budget.

The library will be built on council-owned land on the corner of John and Railway streets and will include parking for visitors and staff, high-speed internet access, print and photocopying facilities, collaboration spaces, individual study areas and thousands of loanable items.

The design could also feature an outdoor reading area, community meeting room,

heritage presence and divisional office.

It will be a resource centre for a huge area of Ipswich including people in Grandchester, Thagoona, Walloon, Marburg, Haigslea, Ironbark and other suburbs.

Council is looking at design options that will offer a modern space for programming, community events and functions.

A library has been on the drawing board since the 1990s, and now Ipswich City Council is working to put bricks and mortar in place at the most strategic block of land in Rosewood.

New agreement protects Ipswich koala population

A landmark program between council and property owners is the latest step in protecting the region's koala population.

Council's first Koala Conservation Agreement was officially signed at the Mt Forbes headquarters of the Ipswich Koala Protection Society (IKPS).

Under the partnership council will support IKPS property owner Ruth Lewis with a range of measures such as free tree allocations, weed control rebates and fencing installation funding.

Ruth and her team of IKPS volunteers do great work not only locally, but across the state, travelling more than 20,000km a year rescuing koalas and other wildlife.

Property owners with land that has been identified as having koala habitat present and property owners with the potential to



Koalas like Phil will benefit from the historic Koala Conservation Agreement

restore habitat on their land are eligible for the new program.

Properties are identified using the State Planning Policy Koala Habitat Mapping and the Ipswich Nature Conservation Strategy 2015.

For more information on the Koala Conservation Agreement or to see if your property is eligible, phone (07) 3810 6666.

Local Snapshots



Concept design for the planned Rosewood library



Cr David Pahlke and Mayor Paul Pisasale at the Rosewood library development site

\$2.4m for Marburg road reconstruction projects

Reconstruction work along sections of Queen Street and Marburg-Fernvale Road will improve traffic conditions to the tune of more than \$2.4 million.

The project will extend about 1 km from Louisa Street to Postman's Track, boosting the connection between the Ipswich City Council and Somerset Regional Council local government areas.

The major road through Marburg services

the showgrounds and a number of businesses and offers direct access to the Warrego Highway.

About 850 vehicles use the road each day.

The project is currently in the planning and design phase and is due to go to tender early next year.

Work is expected to start in mid-2017, with the new road set to open to traffic in early 2018.

Projects completed, underway or starting soon

- Division 10 bitumen road resealing: \$1 million
- Ebenezer Paynes Road gravel road bitumen sealing: \$750,000
- Grandchester Ipswich Road bitumen sealing and drainage: \$1 million
- Marburg Fernvale Road leading north to Somerset: \$2.4 million
- Rosewood Anzac Park lighting: \$220,000
- Rosewood Anzac Park storage and ramp: \$70,000
- Rosewood Blakes Road bitumen reconstruction: \$700,000
- Rosewood Cobb & Co jailhouse and bottle tree: \$120,000
- Rosewood flood detention basin: \$1.2 million
- Thagoona Caledonian Park irrigation: \$110,000
- Walloon K&C Bell, Kinsley and Kinmoth streets: \$2.5 million stage one
- Walloon K&C Calvin Street: \$1.3 million stage one
- Willowbank Heit Park landscaping and seating: \$30,000
- Yamanto proposed off-leash dog park: \$100,000

Meet your local councillor

Saturday 17 September

- 8.30am Marburg Community Centre
- 9.15am Haigslea State School
- 9.45am Pine Mountain Hall
- 10.15am Willowbank shops

Sunday 18 September

- 8.30am Grandchester Hotel
 - 9.15am Thagoona train station
 - 9.45am Walloon shops
 - 10.15am Sarah Drive Park, Yamanto
 - 11.15am Sovereign Drive Park, Deebing Heights
- Times are approximate and are subject to change.

Road rehab and resealing

Ipswich City Council will spend \$1 million on sealing Ipswich Road at Grandchester. The project is due to begin in the first half of next year and will be funded as part of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 budgets. The road is an important link between Rosewood Laidley Road and Long Gully Road. The Sealed Road Rehabilitation Sub-Program will improve Pisasale Drive, Purga School Road, Marburg Fernvale Road, Queen Street, Schultzs Road, Champions Way, Hodgsons Road, Trewick Lane, Grandchester Mount Mort Road, Tallegalla Two Tree Hill Road, Grants Road and Mt Walker West Road.

Amberley	Ironbark	Pine Mountain	Woolshed
Ashwell	Jeebropilly	Purga	parts of Karrabin
Blacksoil	Lanefield	Rosewood	Mt Walker West
Calvert	Lower Mt Walker	Tallegalla	Muirlea
Ebenezer	Marburg	Thagoona	Mutdapilly
Goolman	Mt Forbes	The Bluff	Peak Crossing
Grandchester	Mt Marrow	Walloon	South Ripley
Haigslea	Mt Mort	Willowbank	Yamanto

Ipswich Australia Day Awards

Tell us about an inspiring role model or an engaging event you've attended within our community and they could be recognised with an Ipswich Australia Day Award.

Nominating has never been easier and is now available all year round.

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Important Rate Dates

October to December 2016

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