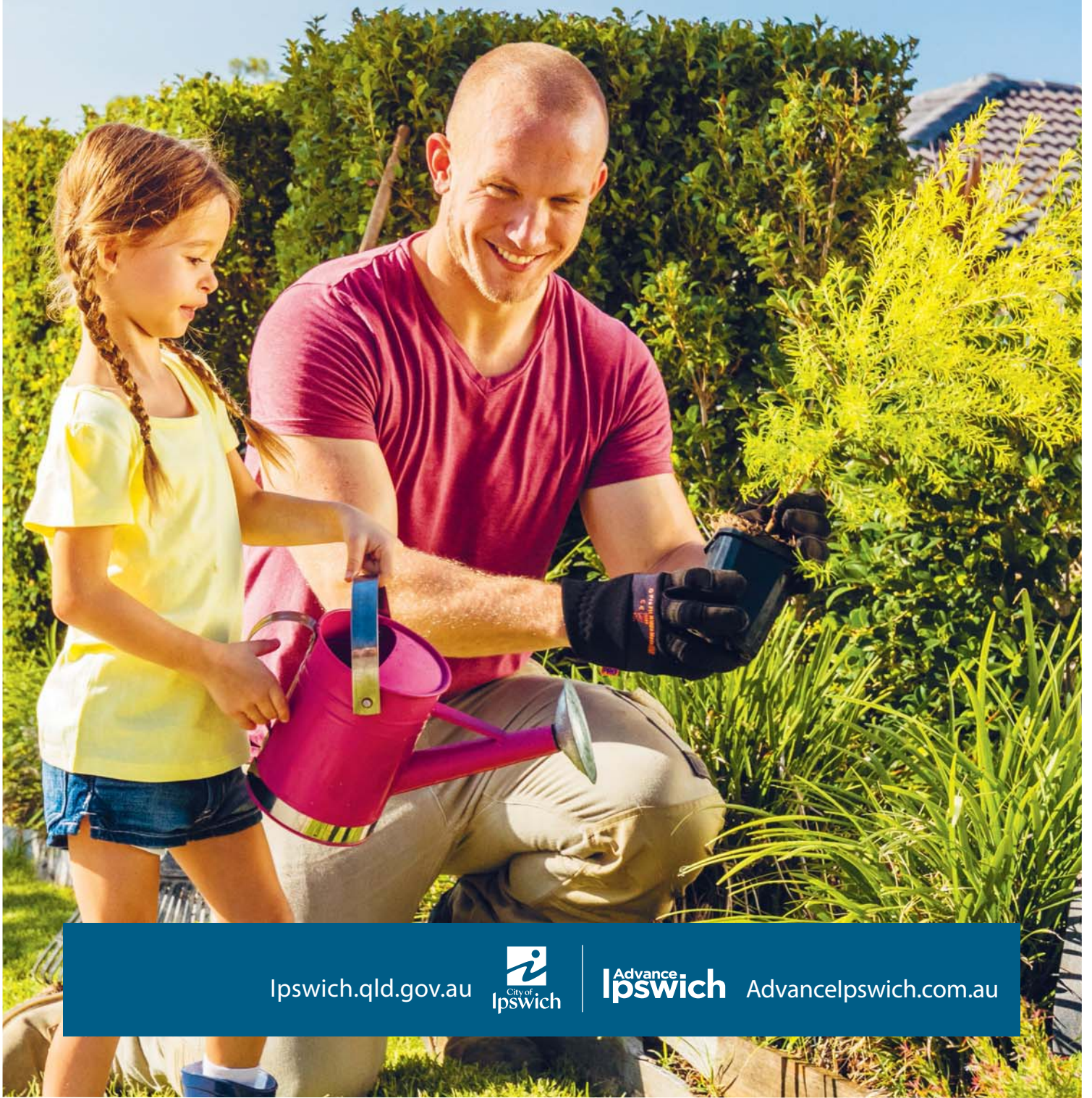


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Welcome from the Mayor



It's been a tremendous (and hot) start to what promises to be a very exciting year for Ipswich.

In January we officially welcomed the city's 200,000th resident. Megan Sabburg moved with her newborn son and partner from Gatton to South Ripley in December.

More recently Ipswich was named in the world's Top 7 Intelligent Communities at a conference in Taiwan. This prestigious accolade was recognition of Ipswich's ability to think global and act local, embrace digital technology and adapt to change.

Our city is really hitting its stride and this year we will see some projects that have

been a long time in the making begin to come to fruition with on-the-ground work.

Among them is the next phase of our CBD redevelopment. This \$150 million project, which is being delivered in partnership with major developer epc.Pacific, will make our city heart beat again.

In the third quarter of this year you can expect to see the demolition of the old shopping centre above the Queensland Motorsport Museum between Nicholas and Bell streets.

There are also many exciting private sector projects taking shape with the first sod having recently been turned on a new \$1.5 billion town centre at Ripley.

Our city is welcoming about an extra 165 people each week, making us the fastest growing region in Queensland.

While we are growing rapidly, we are not doing so at the expense of our environment.

In fact, we are working to maintain and in many instances improve our environment, particularly by grasping opportunities to improve koala corridors across the city.

Mayor Paul Pisasale
City of Ipswich

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Partnership helps koalas find their place in Ipswich

Ipswich City Council continues to work in partnership with urban residents, rural landowners and the Ipswich Koala Protection Society to preserve existing known habitat and improve patches of remnant vegetation areas by reconnecting koala corridors.

Council's Sustainability Plan also considers the potential for establishing refuges for koalas in urban areas.

Three local species of koalas were identified by the Ipswich Nature Conservation Strategy in 2015, while a recent study estimated the city's koala population to be in excess of 4,000.

Council's work to protect koalas and their habitat is supported by the Moggill Koala Hospital, adjoining local governments and the Ipswich Koala Protection Society.

Together their aim is to protect, enhance, manage and increase the local koala population and koala habitat in Ipswich.



Queens Park lighting trial leads to citywide change

In 2013 Ipswich City Council joined an LED street light trial project to measure cost savings while also replacing old lights.

A total of 62 lights are now installed in Queens Park and will ultimately pave the way for an LED street light replacement program across the city.

All have smart control capabilities and can be remotely dimmed and brightened during certain periods.

LED street lights contain no mercury and are virtually maintenance free for up to 15 years.

By switching to LED lighting council's street light power bill will be reduced by up to 60 per cent.

New Sustainability Plan



Council is committed to securing the green future of Ipswich for future generations to enjoy

City of Ipswich secures a green, sustainable future

Population growth doesn't have to come at the cost of the environment.

Ipswich City Council's recently adopted Sustainability Plan sets the vision, goal and priorities in the areas of emission reduction, energy, water and waste efficiency, optimising resources, building design and green infrastructure for both the council and the city.

Council's goal is to be a leading local government in sustainability and will specifically focus on:

- City-wide sustainability through education and community involvement
- Urban ecology and the natural environment

- Improving sustainability within council operations

- Promoting and attracting sustainable industries

In practical terms these key areas will include reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint, waste reduction, green star buildings and a focus on renewable energy.

The detailed development of a Sustainability Plan is the next step in achieving commitments in the Advance Ipswich and Smart City initiatives.

For more information visit Advancelpswich.com

Parkland project enhances stormwater harvesting

Innovation, technology and sustainability are at the heart of the new wetlands in Jim Donald Parklands at Eastern Heights.

The project provides measures of flood mitigation, water quality improvement and stormwater harvesting for a local catchment of 80 hectares.

This project created a number of firsts for Ipswich.

Council found itself in a unique position when a once in a generation opportunity enabled the city to purchase the former Bremer High School site from the Queensland Government.

Subsequently council sold part of the site to a private developer while keeping ownership of the old school's sporting fields for future community use.

Council retains ownership of the new parklands and sporting fields.

The wetland system now collects up to eight Olympic sized pools of water each year which is then filtered by nature and used for irrigation of the parklands and nearby sporting fields, saving ratepayers about \$70,000 per year in operational water costs.

Natural bushland preserved for future generations with backing of Enviroplan Levy

Since 1996 Ipswich City Council has been quietly preserving thousands of hectares of natural bushland for low-impact recreation and nature conservation.

This has been achieved under the Enviroplan Levy.

The Enviroplan is a clear recognition of the valuable contribution Ipswich's wildlife, waterways and natural bushland make to our way of life.

Reserves and conservation estates secured for current and future generations include

Purga Nature Reserve (138.5 hectares), Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate (1,919 hectares), Kholo Enviroplan Reserve (158 hectares), White Rock-Spring Mountain Conservation Estate (2,365 hectares), Haig Street Quarry Reserve (20.2 hectares), Woolshed Creek Conservation Reserve (259 hectares) and Grandchester Conservation Reserve (296 hectares).

Through deliberate management of these reserves council has preserved important wildlife habitat while opening opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with the environment.

Improvements such as interpretive signs and the establishment of walking trails and picnic tables have promoted recreation and awareness of Ipswich flora and fauna.

Under the Enviroplan council has also entered into several Voluntary Conservation Agreements with private landholders to help preserve high value bushland habitat on private properties.

These agreements recognise that preserving and enhancing local wildlife habitat requires a co-operative effort between council and the community.



Welcome to the autumn edition of *Ipswich Connect*.

Another hot and humid Ipswich summer is officially behind us as we turn our attention to the cooler months.

Much like the change of seasons, Division 1 continues to evolve.

The Park Avenue apartments overlooking Robelle Domain are up and running with more stages of development planned for the years to come.

Speaking of Robelle Domain, free Wi-Fi is now being offered at the Springfield Central parkland as council continues its commitment to Smart City infrastructure.

We will install our first smart bins at the domain later this year.

This is an incredibly exciting time for Springfield Central with the recent announcement of a \$6.3 billion plan to develop 10,000 apartments in the suburb, next to the train station.

As always, residents across the division can also look forward to improved infrastructure at parks and sports fields along with upgrades to roads and footpaths.

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Bold plan to deliver \$6.3 billion apartment project

Springfield Land Corporation and Chinese companies R&F Properties and Etone have signed an agreement to deliver a \$6.3 billion apartment project at Springfield Central.

The proposed development, known as Central Gardens, will be built next to the Springfield Central train station and will include about 10,000 apartments and extensive commercial and retail spaces.

Springfield Land Corporation Chairman Maha Sinnathamby said work on the project was expected to begin early next year, pending approvals.

"We look forward to a long and collaborative relationship with our new

partners, who will join many existing stakeholders that are actively investing in the development and commercialisation of Springfield," he said.

"Central Gardens accelerates the growth of Springfield by providing new housing and work choices for our diverse and growing community.

"Springfield is already one of Australia's fastest urban growth regions and this significant project will bring many opportunities for our community and commerce base to grow and prosper here."

Mr Sinnathamby said more than 2,100 jobs would be created during the life of the project.



An artist's impression of the Central Gardens development

Smart City continues with free Wi-Fi at Orion Lagoon

A day out at one of Ipswich's most popular recreation spots, Orion Lagoon at Springfield Central, is now even more convenient with free high speed Wi-Fi available for public use.

Orion Lagoon has been a huge hit with local families and visitors to Ipswich since it was launched at Robelle Domain in September 2015, attracting more than 400,000 people in its first 12 months of operation.

Outside of the Ipswich Mall in the CBD it is the first major community space in the city to

receive free Wi-Fi.

Access is simple, visitors can search for available networks on their device and join the FREEWIFI_MYIPSWICH network.

There is no password and no cost – just high speed Wi-Fi and connectivity.

The installation of Wi-Fi technology at the lagoon lays the foundation for the rollout of additional Smart City services at Robelle Domain in the future including intelligent lighting and smart bins.

Local Snapshots



2016 Young Citizen of the Year Chris Steinmuller, 2017 winner Laura Maskell and Mayor Paul Pisasale

Camira resident named 2017 Young Citizen of the Year

A Camira resident was named Young Citizen of the Year at Ipswich City Council's annual Australia Day Awards in January.

Laura Maskell is part of the one per cent of foster children who successfully complete university.

The 21-year-old graduated with a nursing degree in December last year and has dedicated much of her life to helping others including her foster parents, fellow foster children and young dance students.

Placed into foster care when she was just six-weeks old, Laura's strength, determination and commitment make her

a role model and mentor to young people in the City of Ipswich and beyond.

Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale said Laura was a leader and an inspiration to many.

"Laura is a tremendous ambassador for everyone in Ipswich, regardless of age," he said.

"We are a united city that celebrates success, shares sorrow and gives mates a helping hand.

"I couldn't be prouder, and I congratulate Laura on behalf of our 200,000 Ipswich residents."

Plan a Mobile Library visit

Ipswich City Council's Mobile Library visits Orion Springfield Central opposite Orion Lagoon from 1pm to 7pm every Thursday and 9am to noon on alternate Wednesdays. It also stops at the Camira Springfield Community Centre on Old Logan Road from 2pm to 7pm on alternate Wednesdays. The library has more than 10,500 loanable items including books, DVDs and CDs and offers group storytelling activities and internet access. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 3810 6887.

Counselling now available

Westside Community Care (WCC) offers a subsidised counselling service that covers a wide range of subjects including depression, anxiety, addiction, anger management and grief. The service is available from 9am to 7.30pm every Tuesday at the WCC centre at 389 Old Logan Road, Springfield. Counsellor Julianne Cutcliffe is a registered supervisor of the Australian Counselling Association and has been part of the Springfield community for more than 20 years. For more information visit Wccare.org.au or phone 3818 0921.

Keep pets safe and secure

Council, Bunnings Warehouse and the RSPCA have teamed up to host free DIY workshops to help keep dogs and cats safe and secure. The Division 1 workshop will be held at Bunnings Springfield Central from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, 23 March. It will offer low cost solutions for cat enclosures and tips to fix broken or inadequate fences. Bookings are essential and enclosed shoes must be worn. To RSVP visit Bunnings.com.au/stores/qld and select the Springfield Central store.

Indigenous art on the road

The 'reduce, reuse, recycle' message has hit the road with Indigenous art featuring on two council-owned waste trucks. Brad Eliot's work has been viewed by thousands of people, promoting the benefits of recycling and highlighting the community's connection to the Traditional Owners of the City of Ipswich. The recycling message is particularly important as Ipswich's population continues to increase, and people are reminded that plastic bags cannot be placed in recycling bins. For more visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au

Brookwater

Carole Park

Springfield Central

Camira

Springfield

Springfield Lakes



Welcome to the first edition of *Ipswich Connect* magazine for 2017.

It arrives in your mailbox at an exciting time for our great city with projects planned and progressing across the region.

Ipswich continues to thrive with the arrival of our 200,000th resident marking a major milestone in our history.

Another landmark event will occur when the \$150 million Ipswich Mall revitalisation project gets underway in the CBD this year.

There is also plenty happening in Division 2 and my commitment to improving local roads, parks and other infrastructure remains as strong as ever.

We recently celebrated the launch of Ipswich's 100th set of traffic lights at the intersection of Alice and Albert streets in Goodna and council continues to work on the \$300,000 upgrade of the adjoining Annabelle Park and Moodai Reserve at Bellbird Park.

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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History-making traffic lights boost road safety in Goodna

Ipswich's 100th set of traffic lights is improving safety for motorists and pedestrians at the intersection of Alice and Albert streets in Goodna.

The intersection is used by families travelling to and from Westside Christian College and Goodna State School, making it one of the busiest roads in the suburb.

The \$399,000 project was funded under the Australian Government's 2016-2017 Black Spot Program.

It also included the installation of right turn lanes on Alice Street into Albert Street.

The new lights are GPS-linked to emergency services to improve travel time for fire and ambulance vehicles on route to emergencies by turning the lights green as the vehicle approaches.

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

Ipswich's first set of traffic lights was installed in the Ipswich CBD in August 1961.

Meanwhile, road safety at Gables will also be enhanced with the addition of a right turn



arrow to traffic lights at the intersection of Old Logan Road and Brisbane Road.

The arrow will improve traffic flow at the busy local intersection.

Work is scheduled to be completed this financial year.

It's no bull, shark warning at Goodna boat ramp

A new sign warning people of the danger of sharks in the Brisbane River has been erected at the Goodna boat ramp off Brisbane Terrace.

The sign reminds visitors, particularly boaties, water skiers and jet ski users, of the presence of sharks in the water.

An increasing number of bull shark sightings has been reported across South-East Queensland in recent years including some in the upper reaches of the Brisbane River.

It is particularly important for people to take extra care when using boat ramps as bull

sharks are aggressive and prefer murky and shallow water.

The sharks are most active around dawn and dusk.



The new sign at the Goodna boat ramp

Local Snapshots



Cr Paul Tully at Moodai Reserve, Bellbird Park

Bellbird Park works lead to a better environment

Work is continuing on major enhancements to Annabelle Park and Moodai Reserve in Bellbird Park.

Two new footbridges and a network of concrete paths and gravel walking tracks are included in the \$300,000 project at the adjoining bushland reserves on Jones Road.

A multi-purpose half court with a basketball hoop is also being built along with a BMX pump track.

Landscaping improvements include the removal of thick undergrowth and weed infestations, securing the environmental reserves for future generations.

The new facilities will boost the visual safety and amenity of the area while

providing enhanced open spaces for residents in Bellbird Park and surrounding suburbs.

The combined 6.2 hectare reserves were originally set aside for recreational use by the former Moreton Shire Council more than 40 years ago.

Work on the council project is expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year.

Latest statistics from the 2016 Planning and Development Annual Report Card show Bellbird Park is one of Ipswich's leading growth suburbs.

A total of 620 people moved to the suburb during the year and 237 new dwellings were created.

Security cameras for Gables

New security cameras will be installed at Old Logan Road near the shopping centre at Gables along with two sites at Augusta Parkway at Augustine Heights. The cameras will have number plate recognition and will be monitored around the clock as part of council's Safe City program, which is widely recognised as one of the most effective CCTV networks in Australia.

Augustine Heights church

The largest capacity church ever built in Ipswich is now open at Augustine Heights. The 2,000 square metre centre was built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and can seat up to 1,200 people. The multi-million dollar facility on the corner of Augusta Parkway and Leon Capra Drive is an administrative hub for church operations in the local area.

'Smiley signs' hit the road

More 'smiley face signs' will be installed across Division 2 as part of a continued effort to improve road safety. The signs were last year installed at Goodna, Gables, Bellbird Park, Augustine Heights and Redbank. They register the speed of each vehicle and display a green 'smiley face' if cars are below the speed limit or a red 'sad face' if they are above the limit.

Pan Pacific Peace Gardens

Residents are reminded that the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens at McAuliffe Street, Redbank is an attractive area for small community and family events like birthdays, christenings and weddings. The park includes barbecues, shelters, a bush chapel and plenty of places for a picnic. Please contact council on (07) 3810 6666 to see if your event requires a permit.

Pop-up library in Goodna

A pop-up children's library will visit Goodna on Wednesday, 22 March. Delivered as part of the State Government-funded First 5 Forever program, the free event will be held at 27 Smiths Road from 9.30am to 11.30am. It will introduce families to a range of programs offered by Ipswich Libraries including Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler Time and Story Time. For more information visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au

Augustine Heights

Gables

Redbank

Bellbird Park

Goodna



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

We've had an exciting start to 2017. Earlier this year I met Ipswich's 200,000th resident, Megan Sabburg, and her young son Jackson at South Ripley.

Megan and her husband moved from Gatton to be closer to family and to enjoy the more laidback lifestyle that Ipswich has to offer.

We are very blessed to live not only in a terrific country but also the best city in Australia, where all residents play an integral part in our progress, development and lifestyle.

Your feedback, comments and requests are always welcome to help shape and grow Division 3 and the City of Ipswich.

My next mobile office will be held at Poppy's Café at 242 Ripley Road from 9am to 11am on Saturday, 25 March. Please come along for a chat.

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Stage two work underway at Redbank Plains Road

Construction work is underway on stage two of the Redbank Plains Road upgrade.

The \$7.6 million project includes widening the road from two lanes to four lanes between Cedar and School roads and installing new traffic lights at Frawley Drive.

The existing bike lanes will also be extended for the safety of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

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

of \$9.3 million.

Stage two work is being carried out by Hazel Brothers, 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.



The next stage of the Redbank Plains Road upgrade has started

Upgrades boost pedestrian access and road safety

Infrastructure upgrades are improving pedestrian access, road safety and flood mitigation across Division 3.

Council's Kerb and Channel Sub-Program provided \$1.2 million for Joseph Street at Dinmore between Pottery Road and Jacob Street.

An additional \$400,000 was spent on kerb and channel upgrades along Verrall Street at Riverview between Hansells Parade and Endeavour Street.

New footpaths in Tessman Street, Riverview and Cardwell Street, Redbank

Plains will offer improved pedestrian access to buses, schools and other community facilities.

A \$1 million project expected to begin in the second half of this year will reduce the risk of localised flooding with the construction of a new detention basin at Sandra Nolan Park in Redbank Plains.

Also at Redbank Plains, Glen Brae Street is set to be rehabilitated between Cedar Road and Glen Fairlie Avenue following the completion of the Redbank Plains Road stage two upgrade.

Local Snapshots



Cr Kerry Silver at Goupong Park, Collingwood Park

Beautiful Ipswich initiative builds community pride

Collingwood Park and Riverview are leading a new council program that builds stronger partnerships with local communities while beautifying suburbs and boosting civic pride.

Beautiful Ipswich encourages residents to connect with their community and take pride in their surroundings.

Planned improvements in Collingwood Park and Riverview include suburb entry statements, landscaping in local parks and street scaping.

Enhanced pathways and waterways are also on the cards as council and the community work together to achieve positive and lasting change across the city

and a cleaner, greener Ipswich.

Under the program, home owners can request free trees for the roadside verge outside their property by registering their interest at Mylpswich.com.

Council will then assess the property for the suitability of a street tree.

Tenants require the homeowner's permission before planting any trees.

If successful the Beautiful Ipswich program will be rolled out to other suburbs in coming months.

For more information visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au/beautifulipswich or Mylpswich.com

Fischer Road open to traffic

The new-look Fischer Road is now open to traffic, improving road safety and motorist access in and around South Ripley. The original gravel road has been widened to 9m, including a 7m wide asphalt surface that provides direct access between the busy Ripley and Scotts roads. The project was completed by Ecco Ripley developers Sekisui House and Ipswich City Council.

Meet your local councillor

Division 3 Councillor Kerry Silver will host a mobile office at Poppy's Café at 242 Ripley Road from 9am to 11am on Saturday, 25 March. Residents are invited to come along on the day and share their ideas and feedback. Cr Silver will also provide updates on a number of local projects including the \$1.5 billion Ripley Town Centre development.

Movies in the Park returns

The 11th season of the Heritage Bank Movies in the Park program will come to Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve on Saturday, 18 March. *Finding Dory* will be screened at 7pm, providing the perfect opportunity for a night under the stars with family and friends. For more information or to join the Movies in the Park mailing list visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au/mitp

Mobile Library visits Ripley

Ripley residents can access council's Mobile Library on alternate Wednesdays. The library stops next to the Providence Sales and Community office at Providence Parade from 2pm to 5pm. It has more than 10,500 loanable items including books, DVDs and CDs and offers group storytelling activities and internet access. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.Ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 3810 6887.

Free immunisation clinics

Council hosts free immunisation clinics at the Redbank Plaza Library in conjunction with the Story Time program. The clinics are held on the first Thursday of the month from 3.30pm to 5.30pm with upcoming dates including 6 April and 4 May. No bookings are necessary, just bring your Medicare card and your child's immunisation record book. Story Time follows the clinics at 6.15pm.

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

Division 4

Cr Kylie Stoneman



Welcome to an exciting new year in Division 4, a year where you'll see council projects rolling out across our community.

Right now we're saving bricks from historic Brynhyfryd Mansion – the Blackstone Hill 'Castle' – which were laid as a laneway many years ago.

These bricks are part of our community's history. When I learned they were being damaged by traffic I knew we had to act quickly.

After they're recovered I aim to incorporate them in a lookout at Blackstone Hill where they belong.

The division's first speed awareness signs have been installed near troublesome intersections in Bundamba and Blackstone.

Throughout the year these signs will be rotated to other local problem areas I've nominated in consultation with residents.

Another project scheduled for this year is the much needed signalised intersection at South Station Road and Cascade Street, Raceview.

This is just a little of what is happening in Division 4 in 2017. Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss these projects or any other issue.

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Parks and open spaces maintained for all to enjoy

Did you know Ipswich City Council maintains more than 550 parks and some 8,500 hectares of open space – not to mention numerous easements and footpaths?

Council's Works, Parks and Recreation (WPR) Department worked hard to maintain Division 4 parks and reserves for everyone to enjoy during another hot and humid summer.

However, work was made more difficult by a series of severe summer storms and downpours including a particularly fierce storm on 18 December which caused widespread damage to private property and council parks and reserves across the city.

Division 4 was badly hit with every suburb declared eligible for council's free kerbside storm waste collection.

In the weeks following the storm, while many people were on holidays, WPR staff and contractors worked tirelessly to clear

branches and trees from footpaths, roads and parks.

Their work is to be congratulated, as is the patience of residents as council continues to manage the fast growing grass in our parks and along our footpaths.



Council staff maintain more than 550 parks in Ipswich

Local Snapshots



Cr Kylie Stoneman (far left) and Mayor Paul Pisasale (far right) with the City of Ipswich Medallion recipients

Division 4 residents receive City of Ipswich medals

Several Division 4 community champions received City of Ipswich Medallions at the 2017 Australia Day Awards in January.

Congratulations to the following people:

- Gaylene Kathage is Bundamba State Secondary College's legendary administration officer who goes over-and-above for students, staff and parents every day.
- Cecil Heather is a skilled gardener and native bee expert who is always willing to share his knowledge and know-how with the community.
- Geoffrey Andrews, affectionately known as 'YOGI', is a long-term and much respected member of Scouts, where he holds the position of a Deputy Regional Commissioner.
- Ben McCrindle is a young man from Ebbw Vale with a track record of assisting the less fortunate in the community. Ben is studying for a nursing degree at the University of Southern Queensland, where he has been recognised as a Student Ambassador.
- The Castle Hill Trails Alliance is a dedicated and enthusiastic community group which has volunteered hundreds of hours to help create a special place for the local mountain biking community.

Blackstone

Booval

Bundamba

Dinmore

Ebbw Vale

Flinders View

North Booval

Raceview

Silkstone

Rotary Club anniversary

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Booval, which celebrates 50 years of service to the community in 2017. Rotary is a network of business, professional and community leaders who strive to improve the world through practical efforts. Over the last half century the Rotary Club of Booval has truly honoured the Rotary motto 'Service above self'. For more information visit Booval.rotaryclub.asn.au

Division 4 community room

Each week the Division 4 community room is abuzz with meetings of local groups and clubs. If your community group needs a place to meet please don't hesitate to contact the Division 4 office. Some of the groups that meet in the room include:

- Aberdare Fishing Club
- Friends and Family of Alcoholics
- Ipswich ASD Parent/Carer Support Group
- Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc
- Ipswich Cycling Club
- Ipswich Fishing Clubs Association
- Ipswich Genealogical Society
- Ipswich Queensland Fibromyalgia Support Group
- Ipswich Stamp Club
- Morris Car Group of Ipswich
- The Pink Divas

Please contact the Division 4 office for more information on any of these groups.

Discover local sports clubs

If you or your family would like to get more active in 2017 Division 4 has a range of terrific sporting clubs and council parks, reserves and swim centres where you can get your heart pumping. Options include:

- Blackstone Welsh Soccer Club (Blackstonesc.org)
- Brothers Leagues Club (Brothersipswich.com.au)
- Bundamba Swim Centre (Duswimming.com.au)
- Ipswich Basketball Association (Ipswich.basketball.net.au)
- Ipswich Knights Soccer Club (Ipswichknights.org.au)
- Quicksand Rebound Volleyball (Quicksandreboundvolleyball.com.au)
- Raceview Soccer Club (Raceviewsoccer.org.au)
- Skateaway Bundamba (Skateaway.com.au)



I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends over the festive season.

For many the holidays included a lot of cleaning up after Ipswich was struck by a couple of severe storms in December and January.

These storms resulted in water runoff into homes and yards and damage to trees.

It's a good reminder that it pays to ensure your residence is clear of large trees and gutters and storm water drainage is properly maintained.

However the most important thing is that you have appropriate home and contents insurance cover from a reputable insurer.

Many of you will already be aware of the road works being carried out at the intersection of Pine and Delacy/Tantivy streets.

The construction of traffic lights at this intersection will allow for improved access and safety for drivers, and importantly for pedestrians as well.

Please be patient while this work is completed.

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Speed awareness sign installed at Junction Road

Ipswich City Council has installed a new speed awareness sign on Junction Road at Karalee.

Part of a citywide program, the relocatable sign registers the speed of each passing vehicle and displays a green smiley face if cars are below the speed limit or a red sad face if they are above the limit.

The move follows a 2016 council trial that showed the signs helped to reduce the speed of vehicles on residential roads by five to 10 kilometres an hour.

Locations were selected across the city based on historical speed and traffic data.

The Karalee sign is fitted with intelligent transport technology that provides council with statistical data and on-site conditions.

It can also notify council of speed register and display faults.

Council expects to relocate the solar powered sign within three to six months as motorists adjust their driving habits and reduce their speeds.

It will then be moved to another area of Division 5 that will benefit from a visual reminder of motorists' speeds.



North Ipswich intersection set for \$1.6 million upgrade

Preliminary works to relocate essential services at the intersection of Pine and Lowry streets have been undertaken in recent months.

The move has paved the way for construction to start in mid-2017 on a new roundabout at the North Ipswich intersection on the border of Division 5 and Division 6.

Council allocated \$1.6 million for the project in the 2016-2017 budget with the works to improve traffic flow and safety for local motorists, complementing the existing roundabout at the intersection of Pine Street and The Terrace.

It will also enhance pedestrian access in and around the area, which is home to Ipswich Riverlink Shopping Centre and other businesses and retail spaces as well as the

North Ipswich Reserve, Club Services Ipswich, Jets Leagues Club and the Strand Hotel.

A number of on-street car parks will be removed as part of the project to help ensure safe distances are maintained for vehicles approaching and exiting the new roundabout.

Motorists should expect delays while the works take place.



The intersection of Pine and Lowry streets at North Ipswich

Local Snapshots



Alan Cumming Park will benefit from the installation of new lights

Green spaces to be enhanced across Division 5

Investment in parks, reserves and sports facilities in Division 5 is set to continue with work from North Ipswich to Karalee.

Alan Cumming Park will benefit from improved lighting and the delivery of a second rugby league field.

Work at the North Ipswich training base of the Ipswich Jets is expected to start in the second quarter of this year.

New lighting will also be installed at Blue Gum Oval at Karalee, home of

the Karalee Tornados junior rugby league club.

The project will improve lighting to competition standard, with work scheduled to begin in the third quarter of this year.

Meanwhile, a new youth play area is being designed for Cameron Park at Brisbane Road, Booval.

Detailed designs are due to be completed in the second quarter of this year.

Intersection work continues

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is undertaking works to improve the Pine and Delacy streets intersection at North Ipswich. The \$2.75 million upgrade will improve road network connectivity for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. It will also boost access to nearby businesses and tourist attractions. Motorists are reminded to remain patient during works, which are expected to finish in mid-2017.

Council meeting in Karalee

Residents of all ages are invited to an external Ipswich City Council meeting at Karalee later this month. The meeting will be held at Karalee State School at 77 Arthur Summervilles Road from 9.30am on Tuesday, 28 March. Council has held external meetings since 2004 with the most recent at Amberley District State School in Yamanto in October last year.

Money for Colleges Crossing

Water-based recreation activities will be boosted as part of a \$250,000 council plan to remove sediment from the off-shore lake at Colleges Crossing. About 20,000 cubic metres of sediment will be removed in an effort to improve conditions for swimming, canoeing and other water-based activities. The project is set to start in the second half of this year, pending State Government approvals.

Bremer Parade road works

Council continues to upgrade Bremer Parade in Basin Pocket at a cost of almost \$1 million. Kerb and channel is being installed, along with the relocation of existing gas crossings and water mains. Part of a council commitment to provide kerb and channel to all streets within the city limits by 2030, work is expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year.

Mobile Library timetable

Division 5 residents can access council's Mobile Library every Saturday at Karalee Shopping Village. The library stops at the Junction Road centre from 9am to 2.30pm. It has more than 10,500 loanable items including books, DVDs and CDs and offers group storytelling activities and internet access. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 3810 6887.

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



Welcome to the latest edition of *Ipswich Connect*.

The first part of the year is always busy as holidays draw to a close, children return to school and we head back to work.

Council has hit the ground running in 2017 with plenty of significant projects across the city.

We are continuing to rollout our 2016-2017 infrastructure program, which includes major works at the intersection of Pine and Lowry streets and stage two of the Redbank Plains Road upgrade.

Both projects will improve safety for motorists and cater to the ongoing growth our city is experiencing.

Believe it or not, council budget deliberations have already begun. As always, as Chair of City Infrastructure, I am continuing to work hard to secure the funds necessary to improve community facilities both in Division 6 and across the city.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or my office if you have any questions or concerns about local matters. Follow me on Facebook at [Facebook.com/CrCherylBromage](https://www.facebook.com/CrCherylBromage)

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Intelligent transport technology hits the streets

A new speed awareness sign has been installed on Sydney Street at Brassall.

The relocatable sign, part of a citywide program, registers the speed of each passing vehicle and displays a green smiley face if cars are below the speed limit or a red sad face if they are above the limit.

The move follows a 2016 Ipswich City Council trial that showed the signs helped to reduce the speed of vehicles on residential roads by five to 10 kilometres an hour.

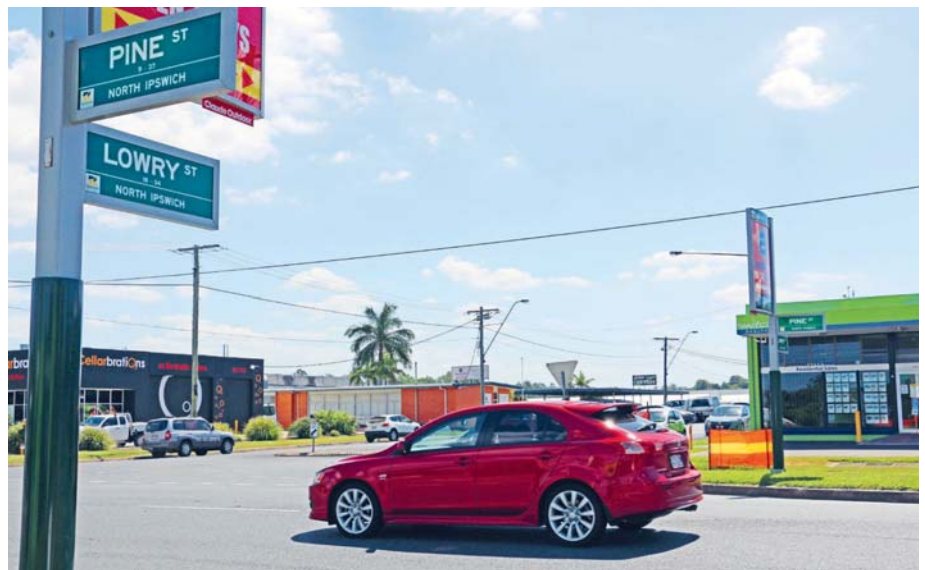
They are fitted with intelligent transport

technology that provides council with statistical data and on-site conditions.

The signs can also notify council of speed register and display faults.

Their unique design allows for them to be easily relocated, and council expects to relocate the solar powered signs within three to six months as motorists adjust their driving habits and reduce their speeds.

They will then be moved to other areas that will benefit from a visual reminder of motorists' speeds.



The intersection of Pine and Lowry streets is set to be upgraded

Preliminary work underway for intersection upgrade

The countdown is on to the start of construction to upgrade one of the busiest intersections in Division 6.

In recent months preliminary works to relocate essential services at the intersection of Pine and Lowry streets have been undertaken.

This work has paved the way for construction to start on a new roundabout at the intersection in the coming months.

Council set aside \$1.6 million for the project in its 2016-2017 budget with the works to improve traffic flow and safety for

local motorists.

Pine Street is a major thoroughfare connecting the northern suburbs with Ipswich Central and motorists should expect delays while the works take place.

Thanks to motorists in advance for their patience and understanding during this important upgrade.

Meanwhile, several kerb and channel projects have been completed in Division 6 in recent months.

These projects have improved drainage as well as the look of our local streets.

Local Snapshots



Cr Cheryl Bromage at the Brassall crossfit gym

Light and shade upgrades at Brassall crossfit gym

Crossfit enthusiasts can train for all seasons following the \$95,000 upgrade of facilities at Sutton Park.

Shade structures were installed over the Brassall crossfit gym in December, followed by solar lighting earlier this year.

The shade structures will help to protect people from the elements while keeping the exercise equipment dry and cool at Ipswich's first outdoor crossfit gym.

The strength and agility gym features a number of stations for interval training and combines elements of gymnastics, plyometrics and calisthenics.

It is proving popular with people across the city who are among the millions of people worldwide who complete WODs or Workouts of the Day.

Home of the Ipswich City Bulls Football Club, Sutton Park is at the corner of Hunter and Workshops streets.

Facilities include a basketball half court, kick around area, playground equipment, skate park, barbecues, public toilets and shelters.

It also has a bike safety learning track with street signs and line markings to help teach young children road rules from an early age.

Brassall Movies in the Park

Sutton Park will host the Heritage Bank Movies in the Park program on Friday, 31 March. *Storks* will hit the big screen at 7pm, drawing the curtain on the 11th season of the popular community program. Sutton Park is at the corner of Hunter and Workshops streets. For more information or to join the Movies in the Park mailing list visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au/mitp

Counters for bikeway

Keeping track of just how popular the Brassall Bikeway is will be easier following the installation of permanent counters – west of the local bikeway access to Clem Street, east of Vogel Road, north of Grace Street and north of Workshops Street. They are being used to register pedestrian and bicycle users.

Mobile Library in Division 6

Ipswich City Council's Mobile Library visits Brassall Shopping Centre at Hunter Street every Wednesday from 9am to noon. The library has more than 10,500 loanable items including books, DVDs and CDs and offers group storytelling activities and internet access. Regular events are also held for children and wheelchair access is available. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 3810 6887.

Fun time for toddlers

Parents and children can enjoy a free Pop-Up Toddler Time event at Coles Riverlink on 30 March. The event is supported by Ipswich City Council, the State Government and Riverlink Shopping Centre. It is a great way for children to learn while having fun and includes interactive stories, songs and rhymes. Drop in, no bookings required, at Coles Riverlink from 9.30am to 10am.

New emergency resource

A new dashboard now provides everything you need to know in times of emergency. The Emergency Management Dashboard brings together information including weather warnings, road conditions, power outages, river heights and emergency contacts. Council has also launched a video that provides an engaging and entertaining look at the steps people can take to prepare for emergencies. For more information visit Emd.ipswich.qld.gov.au

Blacksoil
Brassall
Karrabin

Leichhardt
North Ipswich
Tivoli

Wulkuraka



2016 will go down as a milestone year for the City of Ipswich.

It was of course the year that our population rose above 200,000 people.

While in the past it has taken about 15 years for our population to rise by about 50,000 people, the next 50,000 are expected to arrive in about half that time.

The growth rate of our city is expected to escalate and that brings with it some great challenges.

One of those challenges is to create a city centre that is vibrant and exciting and one that we can all be proud of.

With that in mind, there is some excitement in the air as we all await the commencement of the redevelopment of Nicholas Street and Union Place, which is set to begin in the later part of the year.

It appears that 2017 is also set to be a milestone year for Ipswich.

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Safety boost at busy Chermide Road intersection

Work is underway to improve motorist and pedestrian safety at one of Division 7's busiest intersections.

Funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program, traffic signals and pedestrian crossings are being installed at the intersection of Chermide and Robertson roads at a cost of more than \$900,000.

Council will further enhance the intersection by improving access to Limestone Park and Ipswich Hospice Care with increased on-street parking along Chermide Road.

Ipswich Hospice Care General Manager Paul Brew welcomed the move, saying more parking and pedestrian access would benefit

families and friends of loved ones at the Chermide Road facility.

"We welcome a significant number of visitors to hospice each and every day and crossing Chermide Road can certainly be hazardous at times, especially for the older members of our community," Mr Brew said.

"Pedestrian crossings will offer increased safety and peace of mind, not only for people visiting hospice but also those using the sports facilities at the nearby Limestone Park."

The upgraded Eastern Heights intersection is expected to open in the second quarter of this year.

Council approves two new aged care facilities

The development of two new aged care facilities in Division 7 has been approved by Ipswich City Council.

A 100-room Catholic Healthcare centre on the corner of Robertson Road and Raceview Street at Eastern Heights will be complemented by 120 units at 17 Heather Street, Silkstone.

The Eastern Heights centre is being built next to the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church and will include single rooms, communal recreation spaces, enhanced

landscaping and visitor parking.

The Silkstone proposal features six residential buildings, a community centre and a multi-purpose shed.

Accommodation includes 120 units over a two storey layout with covered walkways, communal spaces and pedestrian access to the nearby Jim Donald Parklands.

Both centres are close to medical facilities on Grange Road and shops and services along Raceview Street including a post office and dental surgery.

Local Snapshots



Cr Andrew Antonioli at the Eastern Heights intersection

Green projects deliver big benefits for community

Innovation, technology and sustainability are at the heart of a \$1.7 million urban stormwater harvesting project that will deliver water quality, flood mitigation and drought resilience benefits for Ipswich.

The wetland system at Jim Donald Parklands in Eastern Heights was constructed as part of the redevelopment of the former Bremer State High School site and includes more than 40,000 new plants.

It will collect about eight Olympic sized swimming pools worth of water each year, saving ratepayers about \$70,000 annually in operational water costs and

providing flood mitigation for surrounding residents and businesses.

Meanwhile, a concrete drain at Raceview will be returned to a natural waterway as part of a multi-million dollar plan to transform Small Creek.

The creek runs from Whitehill Road to Warwick Road and was turned into a concrete channel in the early 1980s.

The project will be funded through council's Stormwater Quality Offsets Program, improving wildlife habitat and the quality of water run-off into Deebing Creek while reactivating the land for community use.



Part of the wetland system at Jim Donald Parklands

Festival fun returns to CBD

The Ipswich Festival returns bigger and better in 2017. The annual celebration explodes into action at Fire on the River on Thursday, 4 May. Other highlights include the Street Concert, Honk! and Festival Parade on Saturday, 6 May. Global Fiesta is back on Saturday, 13 May and Jazz, Wine & Blues will be held on Sunday, 14 May. For more information visit Ipswichfestival.com.au

Sadliers Crossing roadwork

The \$1 million upgrade of Hawthorne Street at Sadliers Crossing and Coalfalls is expected to open in the second quarter of this year. Kerb and channel is being installed from Stephenson Street to Harlin Road, improving conditions at one of the major thoroughfares in these historic Ipswich suburbs. The project was funded as part of the 2016-2017 budget under council's Sealed Road Rehabilitation Sub-Program.

BMX club stays on track

The Ipswich BMX Club is on track to unveil its new-look facilities at Willey Street Park in coming weeks. The Moffatt Street club is riding high with the installation of a new racing surface and state-of-the-art LED lights. The polymer racing surface means club volunteers will no longer have to rebuild sections of the track after storms and other rain events.

Mall markets and food fairs

Markets and food fairs will continue to be held in the Ipswich Mall during the \$150 million revitalisation project. Twilight Markets are held every Friday from 4pm to 8pm with locally-grown produce, handmade art and craft, street performers, food trucks and more. The popular Food Fair in the Square is held on the last Saturday of the month with plenty of international offerings available.

Raceview street rehab work

Rehabilitation work along Blanck Street at Raceview is on schedule to be completed in the first quarter of this year. Part of council's Sealed Road Rehabilitation Sub-Program, work includes road widening and kerb, channel and drainage improvements from Raceview Street to the end of the Blanck Street cul-de-sac. The \$391,000 project was funded under the 2016-2017 budget.

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



Welcome to all Division 8 residents for another year.

The local government elections held last March included several boundary changes within each division.

This resulted in many residents being confused as to who their representative in council is and how to contact them.

If in doubt, please contact my Division 8 office and we will be pleased to assist you.

A reminder to residents regarding the availability of green waste bins, they are an excellent means of disposing all of your household green waste.

Costs start at about \$1 per week and the bins are serviced on a fortnightly basis on alternative weeks to the recycle bins.

On a less positive note, it is frustrating to see the continued practice of household items being dumped on the footpath.

Aside from the safety factor and potential risk of personal injury to pedestrians, offenders could face prosecution from council.

Please do the right thing and dispose of unwanted household items via the appropriate channels.

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New Yamanto fish ladder creates catchment history

Queensland's longest fish ladder has been launched at Berry's Weir.

The Yamanto structure is more than 80m long and 2.4m high with 35 steps and pools, providing native fish with easy access to their upstream homes for the first time in more than 50 years.

Delivered by fish ecology specialists Catchment Solutions alongside Reef Catchments and Stanwell Corporation, the ladder will help to improve fish populations and waterway health.

"This is a huge step up, so to speak, for native fish in the Bremer River area," Catchment Solutions biologist Matt Moore said.

"The ladder provides a series of steps and pools in a natural rock formation that allow the fish to easily ascend over the weir by swimming, stopping for a rest, and swimming again."



Plan to honour Traditional Owners at Purga reserve

A totem walk, yarning circle and traditional landscaping will be added to the Hardings Paddock Bush Tucker Trail at Purga.

Part of council's commitment to its Queensland-first Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), the project will honour the Traditional Owners of Ipswich – the Yagara People consisting of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul clans.

Three sandstone block totems will represent each of the clans while a yarning circle with shade and seating will provide an area for education, celebration and reflection.

The project will create a community meeting place of great cultural significance and will further enhance one of Division 8's most popular green spaces.

Ipswich became the first Queensland council to enter into an ILUA that covered its entire local government area in 2008.

The agreement helps to ensure that culturally significant sites like Hardings Paddock are better protected and recognised.

Part of the 2,200 hectare Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate, Hardings Paddock 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.



Hardings Paddock is a popular destination for campers

Local Snapshots



24//7 President Troy Dobinson, Cr Charlie Pisasale and Yellow Jersey manager Daniel Nielsen

Briggs Road criterium will put cycling on the map

The Briggs Road criterium facility will once again put Ipswich cycling on the map as excitement surrounding the project continues to build.

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

Ipswich City Council and the Queensland Government have each committed \$1.5 million to the facility.

A long-time supporter of the project, 24//7 Cycling Safety Fund President Troy Dobinson said the criterium would provide a host of community benefits.

"This aligns with a number of Ipswich

City Council campaigns from the iGO transport plan to combating issues related to childhood obesity," he said.

"We see the bike as a tool that can help with physical health, mental health and a whole range of other issues from the wider community."

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

"This hasn't happened overnight, it's taken a decade of work and it's really starting to attract a lot of interest in South-East Queensland, interstate and even internationally," Mr Dobinson said.

Kerb and channel upgrades

Balaclava and Guilfoyle streets are on track to receive kerb and channel upgrades in the first quarter of this year. The Churchill streets were identified as part of council's Kerb and Channel Sub-Program with works funded under the 2016-2017 budget at a total cost of more than \$1.4 million. Conditions have also been improved at Briggs, Old Toowoomba and Ripley roads along with Pisasale and Grampian drives, Darcy Lane and Woodford and Chalk streets.

Small Creek transformation

One of Australia's most ambitious creek naturalisation projects has been planned for a 1.7km corridor of land in Raceview. The multi-million dollar project will be funded through council's Stormwater Quality Offsets Program, transforming Small Creek between Whitehill and Warwick roads. It will reinstate a natural waterway while activating land for community use. Expected to take five years to complete, the project is the most substantial of its kind in South-East Queensland and will set new standards for waterway restoration efforts in Australia.

Four speed sign locations

A speed awareness sign will be moved between four locations in Division 8. Footings for the sign were installed at Chubb and Siemons streets in One Mile, Berry Street in Churchill and Whitehill Road, Raceview. Locations were selected based on speed and traffic data. The sign registers the speed of each passing vehicle and displays a green smiley face if cars are below the speed limit or a red sad face if they are above the limit.

Ivor Marsden cricket tribute

Ipswich cricket icon Ray Walker has been honoured with the official naming of an oval at the Ivor Marsden complex on Old Toowoomba Road. Ray prepared pitches for about 20 years before declaring his innings over in 2016. His commitment to cricket in Ipswich and beyond spans more than 35 years with roles from coach to curator. Ivor Marsden's former number one oval is now known as the Ray Walker Oval, home of his beloved Ipswich & West Moreton Cricket Association.

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



As you are probably aware from driving around our suburbs, development is continuing across Ipswich.

Some recent 2016 statistics saw Ipswich growing by nearly 7,000 people, with Springfield Lakes contributing 960 people.

Redbank Plains saw a slightly higher growth rate of 1,051 people.

Springfield Lakes had 648 lots created – this was the largest number by suburb in Ipswich – with 439 at Redbank Plains.

From these figures I'm sure you will agree that pushing for the rail extension to Redbank Plains makes good economic sense both for retail trade and access for our Brisbane workers.

The extension of the railway line from Springfield Central to Redbank Plains must not be allowed to disappear from residents' minds.

Please also remember to pay close attention to road rules in school zones.

With the high volume of vehicles at drop off and pick up zones council proactively monitors parking within school zones to improve safety for our children.

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Redbank Plains Road stage two upgrade underway

The \$7.6 million stage two upgrade of Redbank Plains Road continues to take shape.

The biggest infrastructure project funded as part of the 2016-2017 budget, construction includes widening the road from two lanes to four lanes between Cedar and School roads and installing new traffic lights at Frawley Drive.

The existing bike lanes will also be extended for the safety of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

The stage one upgrade between West Street and Glen Fairlie Avenue was officially opened in April last year at a cost of \$9.3 million.

Stage two work is being carried out by Hazel Brothers, 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.



Stage two work at Redbank Plains will cost \$7.6 million

Fernbrook school caters for growing population

A new primary school at Redbank Plains officially welcomed its first intake of students from Prep to Year 6 in January.

Fernbrook State School caters for the growing population in Ipswich's eastern suburbs.

It was named after extensive community feedback and consultation with the Daranbirrin, Jagara and Ugarapul people – the three major Indigenous groups of South-East Queensland.

Principal Scott Curtis said the co-ed school on Regents Drive had hit the ground running with 310 students starting on the

first day of term one.

"The community has been very excited about the possibilities the new school can offer students, especially within the field of STEM," he said.

"The community was heavily involved in the naming process with more than 80 per cent of the more than 200 people voting in favour of the name Fernbrooke State School.

"We look forward to developing a strong and successful state school. We can also start developing our identity through the school culture."

Local Snapshots



Land set aside for the community centre is currently being used by developers

Draft plans approved for new community centre

Ipswich's fastest growing suburb of 2016 is in line for a new community centre.

Draft plans have been endorsed to inform the final design of the centre to be built on council-owned land at the corner of School Road and Mt Juillerat Drive, opposite the site of a future Woolworths supermarket and currently being used by the developers of a nearby residential estate.

The proposed centre will be located at the heart of a future commercial centre to service the increasing population of Ipswich's eastern suburbs.

The draft plans include a community hall that can be divided into three

separate areas, three offices for government and non-government services, a parents' room, car park and an outdoor area with a covered veranda.

The State Government has already committed \$1 million to the project, which has an estimated total cost of \$1.8 million.

Latest statistics from the 2016 Planning and Development Annual Report Card show Redbank Plains is now home to more than 18,000 residents.

A total of 1,051 people moved to the suburb last year and 376 new dwellings were created.

Community meeting times

Community meetings continue to be hosted at the new Division 9 office. Meetings for Springfield residents will be held on 7 June, 13 September and 6 December. Redbank Plains residents are scheduled to meet on 6 June, 12 September and 5 December. The meetings are held from 6.30pm to 8pm at Suite C2, Level 2, Orion Springfield Shopping Centre, 1 Main Street, Springfield Central.

Reserve revamp continues

New playground equipment is scheduled to be installed at Rotary Bicentennial Park in Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve in the first quarter of this year. The move is part of the ongoing revitalisation of the reserve at the corner of Cedar Road and Moreton Avenue. It already includes barbecues, a kick around area, skate park, public toilets and upgraded bike and walking paths.

New bridge taking shape

The timber bridge at Halletts Road in Redbank Plains is being replaced with a new concrete structure at a cost of \$2.7 million. The bridge crosses Six Mile Creek at the Cashmere Road Reserve, providing access to residential areas off Rice Road and Pitt Way. The new two-lane structure will improve safety and traffic flow while boosting structural integrity and flood resilience.

Intersection safety boosted

Motorist and pedestrian safety has been improved with the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of School Road and Alawoona Street at Redbank Plains. The intersection serves one of Ipswich's fastest growing regions and offers access to schools, shops and parks. The lights are GPS-linked to emergency services to improve travel time for fire and ambulance vehicles on route to emergencies.

Movies in the Park returns

Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve will host the 11th season of the Heritage Bank Movies in the Park program on Saturday, 18 March. *Finding Dory* will be screened at 7pm, providing the perfect opportunity for a night under the stars with family and friends. For more information or to join the Movies in the Park mailing list visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/mitp

Augustine Heights

Redbank Plains

Springfield Central

White Rock

Bellbird Park

Spring Mountain

Springfield Lakes



Welcome to the eighth edition of *Ipswich Connect* magazine. Since the mid-1990s we have been talking about and predicting the coming growth of the City of Ipswich and the western rail corridor.

Ipswich notched up its 200,000th resident in January and the growth in and around Walloon and Rosewood has started with 1,500 blocks at Waterlea Walloon and a further 300 at Rosewood Green.

There are about 2,500 new blocks of land on the drawing board at the moment – many of which have been dormant for a decade and are now starting to re-ignite.

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 any issues to discuss.

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Catchment signs boost awareness of waterways

Ipswich residents now have a clearer understanding of how the region's waterways are connected following the installation of 18 new catchment signs.

The signs were installed on roadsides throughout Division 10 late last year, welcoming people to the catchments of the Western, Warrill, Purga, Black Snake and Woolshed creeks along with the Bremer and Brisbane rivers.

They are designed to encourage people to think about the catchment they are entering and how it connects with major waterways downstream.

The signs complement a series of revegetation and rehabilitation projects at waterways across Division 10 including the Franklin Vale, Black Snake and Ironpot creeks.

Residential creek frontages are improved as part of the Waterway Partnership Program with financial support from council through an annual grants allocation.

Council is also dedicated to improving sediment and erosion control by working with developers to better manage run-off at construction sites.



Cr David Pahlke with one of the catchment signs

Cunningham Highway rest stop open at Willowbank

There is even more reason for tourists to spend a little longer exploring Ipswich following the completion of a rest stop area at Willowbank.

Works at Albert Theaker Park on the corner of Champions Way and the Cunningham Highway were completed late last year at a total cost of \$280,000.

The rest area is already proving popular, particularly with grey nomads taking part in driving holidays.

It features picnic tables and shelter, rubbish

bins, a drink fountain, toilets and a noticeboard.

Just 20 minutes from the CBD and located outside Ipswich Motorsport Park, the new facilities encourage people to stop and see what the city has to offer and also helps to manage driver fatigue.

The move comes amid an Ipswich tourism boom with latest figures revealing a 23 per cent increase in domestic overnight visitors during 2016 compared to five per cent in Brisbane and four per cent on the Gold Coast.

Local Snapshots



Work on the Sapling Pocket project started in January

Sapling Pocket project has focus on a green future

An \$810,000 project will improve river bed and bank stabilisation while reducing erosion at Sapling Pocket.

Work at the Pine Mountain site started in January with 370 wooden piles being installed across three fields.

The piles will play an important part in reducing water flow speeds during major flood events like those seen in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

Sapling Pocket was inundated with water during the events, forcing the closure of the Mt Crosby Water Treatment Plant and impacting Ipswich's supply of drinking water.

Work is being funded by Seqwater and the Federal and State governments as part of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements program.

Council is managing the project, which also includes the planting of 40,000 native trees and shrubs across four revegetation zones and the appointment of full-time caretakers.

Conservation, revegetation and rejuvenation are the focus for the next two years, but eventually Sapling Pocket will become another significant green space for the Ipswich community.

Projects completed, underway, starting soon or working for

- Deebing Heights: Chicanes (\$125,000)
- Deebing Heights: Junwood Court drainage (\$70,000)
- Division 10: Bitumen road resealing (\$1 million)
- Ebenezer: Paynes Road bitumen sealing (\$750,000)
- Grandchester: Ipswich Road bitumen sealing and drainage (\$1 million)
- Pine Mountain: Ironpot Creek erosion control (\$400,000)
- Pine Mountain: Sapling Pocket flood mitigation (\$810,000)
- Marburg: Fernvale Road leading north to Somerset (\$2.4 million)
- Marburg: Greene Shed (\$130,000)
- Rosewood: Anzac Park lighting (\$220,000) and storage and ramp (\$70,000)
- Rosewood: Cobb & Co jailhouse and bottle tree (\$120,000)
- Rosewood: Dinosaur (\$150,000)
- Rosewood: Flood detention basin (\$1.2 million)
- Thagoona: Caledonian Park field irrigation and emergency road (\$115,000)
- Willowbank: Heit Park barbecue (\$35,000) and mini BMX track (\$15,000)
- Yamanto: Proposed off-leash dog park (\$100,000)

Meet your local councillor

Saturday, 18 March

- 8.30am Marburg Community Centre
- 9.15am Haigslea State School
- 9.45am Pine Mountain Hall
- 10.15am Willowbank shops
- 10.45am Division 10 office, Rosewood

Sunday, 19 March

- 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 subject to change.

Mobile Library in Division 10

Council's Mobile Library stops at John Street, Rosewood from 1.15pm to 7pm on Fridays. It also stops at Grandchester (5pm to 6pm at the Grandchester Hotel), Marburg (2pm to 4pm at Edmond Street), Walloon (2pm to 4.15pm at Queen Street) and Willowbank (5pm to 6pm at Heit Park) on alternate Tuesdays. The library has more than 10,500 loanable items including books, DVDs and CDs and offers group storytelling activities and internet access. For the full Mobile Library schedule visit Library.ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 3810 6887.

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

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Animals

- Roaming
- Excess numbers
- Noise nuisance



Waste/Bins

- New bins
- Missed bins



Payments

- Make a payment
- Direct debit



Parking

- Permits
- Enforcement
- Infringements



Roads

- Road and footpath maintenance
- Park equipment



Trees

- Mowing
- Tree trimming



Graffiti

- Report graffiti
- Vandalism



Other

- Submit a request/question

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April to June 2017

Issue Date: 13 April

Due Date: 18 May

July to September 2017

Issue Date: 4 July

Due Date: 17 August

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