

# Your Community

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## Planning for the future

Is the pace too fast? This is a question often asked and whilst the answer is yes, it is a positive yes.

Could you imagine the current development in Ipswich generally happening without proper planning.

Planning is what we as a city have going for us. Our town plan and the SEQ Regional Plan layout what can happen and, more importantly, where it can happen.

This forward planning allows us to control the development so we can achieve the best possible outcome for Ipswich in the future.

In the local area, business development will mainly happen along Brisbane Road and the rail corridor. Residential densification will also be kept to areas near railway stations and the Booval Fair shopping centre. This means that community members will continue to maintain their great lifestyles in the residential precincts of Division 4.



Cr Nardi with Gatsby, enjoying the leash-free area at Jack Barclay Park with local residents, Adam, Leeanne, Cara and their pet Jo-Jo. Inset: Mayor Pisasale supports proper planning and the SEQ Regional Plan.

What is trying to be achieved in the local area is connectivity by linking suburbs and areas together.

An example of this is the 1.2-km wheelchair-friendly walk/cycle path through Jack Barclay Park off Gledson Street, North Booval. This links North Booval residents to the Bundamba Pool and school area.

Pathways which enable ease of getting around safely on the footpath are, and will be into the future, a major issue for Cr Nardi and a planned network for the entire division has been put in place.

It is also time to remember to conserve water. Level 3 restrictions are just around the corner and this will mean only buckets or watering cans can be used.

## Welcome

Welcome to the June 2006 edition of the Ipswich Update.

Another summer is over and our hopes for decent rainfall appear to have been in vain. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate residents of Division 4 for the way in which you have pulled together as a community to conserve our water.

My works program for the year is nearing completion with only a handful of projects left to be completed.

I am currently working on next year's projects and look forward to announcing them after the council budget in June.

Until the next edition, keep safe.

## Warrego to Cunningham highway connection

The Queensland State Government has announced that option "B" is their preferred corridor option for the Warrego to Cunningham Highway Connection.

Option "B" will connect the highways to the west of New Chum Road. The corridor will cross Brisbane Road to the east of the Noel Street intersection and then travel west of River Road, Dinmore, connecting to the Warrego Highway east of the power transmission lines.

There are many reasons necessitating the building of this connection, one of which is to alleviate the amount of heavy transport

passing the school and residences on River Road, Dinmore.

A short-term solution for heavy vehicles will be the extension of Hoepner Road, Bundamba near the Capral Aluminium plant to link onto Brisbane Road at Ebbw Vale between the Ebbw Vale railway station and the new Denmac Ford Showroom.



All of these options will be some time away and as your local government community representative, Cr Nardi will encourage all those involved in these projects to get on with them to have the best outcome for the community.

## Local Snapshots

### Neighbourhood Watch

There are three active Neighbourhood Watch groups in Division 4:

**Bundamba** - 4th week of the month (alternates between Bundamba TAFE & Alfred Seymour Park)

**Dinmore / Ebbw Vale** - 2nd Tuesday each month at Murri Baptist Church Hall, Dinmore at 7.30pm

**Riverview** - 3rd Tuesday each month at Riverview Neighbourhood House at 7.30pm

### Community Room

The Division 4 Office has a Community Meeting Room available for any community group within the division to use free of charge. Currently it is used by the Ipswich Genealogical Society, Aberdare Fishing Club, Ipswich Bushwalkers, Probus, Life Education and others. To make a booking phone the Division 4 Office on: 3816 2444.

### Bundamba Creek flood mitigation works

Construction work on the long-awaited flood mitigation works in Bundamba Creek has started. The major part of this work is the widening of the creek to 10 metres and removal of approximately 60,000 cubic metres of material from the creek bed. It is expected that this work will reduce flood levels by up to half a metre.

### Great Australian Bite morning tea

On Wednesday, April 5 more than 160 people attended Trevor's annual Great Australian Bite Morning Tea. Everyone had a great time and learnt some tips from Cr Nardi's daughter Melina, who gave an interesting talk on healthy foods for diabetics. Everyone who attended received a free recipe book containing low GI recipes.

### ANZAC Day

A large number of residents attended services held at both Bundamba Memorial Park and Ebbw Vale Memorial Park. A big thank you to both the Bundamba Anzac Observance Committee and the Ebbw Vale Memorial Committee for their hard work in the upkeep of these memorials. Also, thank you to the Bundamba Salvation Army who put on breakfast after the Bundamba service.

### Leash-free dog areas

Jack Barclay Park, North Booval and Buckenham St, Dinmore have both received a leash-free dog area. Cr Nardi often visits the local parks and is pleased by the number of people using these areas - it appears to be a very successful idea. Council's Parks Department have done a great job on these areas.

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