

City of Ipswich

# Corporate Plan 2026-2031

## Community Engagement Report

December 2025



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Corporate Plan is a working document outlining council's five-year priority outcomes. It should outline performance measures and targets for monitoring progress in achieving the outcomes of the Community Vision. To progress the Community Vision which is a 20-year statement, there will be four different Corporate Plans which each run for 5 years used to achieve the vision.

While the Community Vision is owned by everyone, the Corporate Plan specifically identifies council's contributions and priorities. All decisions regarding projects and allocations of resources across council will align to the publication produced by this project for the next 5 years.

As part of drafting the Corporate Plan 2026-2031, council sought community feedback to guide the outcomes of the plan. Engagement was open between 20 October 2025 and 7 December 2025.

The themes and stakeholder insights identified in this report will inform the preparation of the final Corporate Plan 2026-2031.

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## WHY WE ENGAGED

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Engagement for the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 development aims to:

- Educate stakeholders on what has been delivered over the past five years both by council and others to progress the vision.
- Understand community reactions to the proposed outcomes for each theme.
- Inform prioritisation of outcomes to aid in transparent decisions post adoption.







## HOW WE ENGAGED

The engagement was undertaken between 20 October 2025 and 7 December 2025.

### Engagement feedback channels

The community was able to contribute their feedback through the channels detailed below.

#### Shape Your Ipswich

Feedback was sought through the [Corporate Plan 2026-2031](#) project page on council's Shape Your Ipswich engagement platform. Survey questions can be seen in Appendix 1.

#### Hard copy survey

Community members were able to complete a hard copy survey to share their feedback. The questions in the survey replicated the online version on Shape Your Ipswich. These surveys could be picked up at pop-up events, Ipswich City Council libraries, Ipswich City Council building (1 Nicholas Street), downloaded from the Shape Your Ipswich page, or mailed to residents upon request.

#### Pop up events

13 community engagement events were held to provide the broader community with general information on the project and capture feedback. The following events were held:

Date	Location	Contributions
23 October 2025	Booval Fair Shopping Centre	36
24 October 2025	Evan Marginson Park (Goodna Jacaranda Festival)	12
25 October 2025	Evan Marginson Park (Goodna Jacaranda Festival)	17
29 October 2025	Winston Glades Shopping Centre	24
30 October 2025	Yamanto Shopping Village	14
31 October 2025	Redbank Plains Community Centre	11
1 November 2025	Tulmur Place	24
2 November 2025	Orion Springfield Central (Springfield Markets)	31
4 November 2025	Redbank Plains Community Centre	33
7 November 2025	Rosewood Village Shopping Centre	22
8 November 2025	Ripley Markets	19
13 November 2025	Karalee Shopping Village	29
28 November 2025	Tulmur Place (International Day of People with Disability)	8

Email

The community was able to directly reach out to council via [communityengagement@ipswich.qld.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@ipswich.qld.gov.au) with feedback on this project.

Phone

The community was able to directly reach out to council via 3810 6666 with feedback on this project. Callers would be directed to either the project team if they had specific questions about the project or directed to the community engagement team for capturing feedback.

Division 4 community group meeting

Division 4 councillors invited community groups and organisations across division 4 to an in-person event to learn more about the engagement and encourage their feedback. The event was held at 1 Nicholas Street on 25 November 2025. A total of 17 community members attended the meeting.

Multicultural Australia meeting

Multicultural Australia comprises of people of diverse cultural backgrounds who come together to have a voice for raising issues and sharing ideas in their community. As part of the meeting, council staff and Division 1 Cr Pye Augustine shared information about the engagement and encouraged their feedback. The event was held at 1 Nicholas Street on 4 December 2025. A total of 27 Multicultural Australia members participated in engagement activities.

Promotional channels

To maximise engagement, the following communication channels were used to reach the community and trigger awareness.

Ipswich City Council social media

The engagement opportunity was also shared on the following Facebook pages:

Facebook page	Date of posting
Ipswich Queensland Community and News	31 October 2025
Cr Jim Madden – Ipswich City Council Division 4	20 November 2025

Shape Your Ipswich email campaigns

Three email campaigns were sent out via Shape Your Ipswich to share the engagement opportunity. The first campaign was sent on 20 October 2025 and was sent out to Shape Your Ipswich members who had selected any of the following categories of interest:

- Animals
- Arts, culture and heritage
- Business and economy
- City design and planning
- Community
- Environment, sustainability and climate change
- Governance
- Health and wellbeing
- Indigenous
- Parks and recreation
- Sport
- Transport and movement
- Waste/Resource Recovery
- Disaster Management
- Tourism

This campaign was sent to a total of 1,449 members, of which 694 (47.9%) opened the email.

The second campaign was sent on 18 November 2025 and was sent out to Shape Your Ipswich members who are registered to be part of council's Community Panel. This campaign was sent to a total of 251 members, of which 126 (50.2%) opened the email.

The third campaign was sent on 5 December 2025 and was sent out to members signed up to the quarterly Shape Your Ipswich newsletter. This campaign was sent to a total of 4,226 members, of which 1,177 (27.9%) opened the email.

Across the duration of the engagement period, the Shape Your Ipswich project page was viewed 1,010 times.

### **Ipswich First**

An article, [Community asked to help shape next era of Ipswich City Council](#), was distributed on 27 October 2025 by Ipswich First. The article shared details of the project and encouraged community members to have their say. The article received 326 views.

### **Direct email**

All council staff emails incorporated a banner on the email footer between 20 October 2025 and 27 October 2025 to raise awareness of the engagement opportunity when corresponding to community via email.

In addition, representatives of the following community groups and organisations were directly reached out to via email to encourage their participation in various engagement activities:

- Amberley District State School
- Ashwell State School
- Brassall State School
- Carers QLD
- Churchill State School
- Cricket Ipswich
- Haigslea State School
- Ipswich Adventist School
- Ipswich Football Club (Sutton Park)
- Ipswich North State School
- Ipswich State High School
- Ipswich Youth Advisory Council
- Jets Rugby League Club
- Karalee and Surrounding Community Association
- Karalee State School
- Karalee Tornadoes
- Landcare West Moreton
- Lions Club Rosewood

- Marburg and District Residents' Association
- Marburg Harness Racing Association Inc.
- Marburg Mt Crosby Cricket Club
- Marburg Show Society
- Marburg State School
- Mt Morrow State School
- Multicultural Australia
- Musketeers Baseball Club – Tivoli
- Norths Junior Rugby League Club
- Norths Seniors Rugby League Club
- Pine Mountain and District Progress Association
- Pine Mountain Historical Society
- Railways RSL Sub Branch
- Rosewood Agricultural Society
- Rosewood Bowls Club
- Rosewood Community Centre
- Rosewood Crusaders Soccer Club/Rosewood United Soccer Club
- Rosewood Equestrian Group
- Rosewood High School
- Rosewood Little Athletics
- Rosewood Men's Shed
- Rosewood Roosters Rugby League Club
- Rosewood State School
- St Brigid's Catholic Primary School
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Tivoli State School
- Walloon State School
- West Moreton Anglican College

Overall, these engagement and promotional activities led to 443 contributions as outlined in the table below.

Engagement Channels	Contributions <sup>1</sup>
Shape Your Ipswich	123
Pop up events	280
Hard copy survey	0
Division 4 community group meeting	11
Multicultural Australia meeting	27
Phone	0
Email	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total number of individuals who submitted feedback per engagement channel. Noting individuals may be counted multiple times if submitting multiple submissions.



# WHO ENGAGED

To understand how likely the findings in this report reflect the sentiment of the impacted community, sample size and demographic representation have been considered.

## Sample size

The affected community was determined by research undertaken as part of the engagement planning stage. This project was considered to affect, or potentially affect, the whole Ipswich population.. 259,886 were considered affected, based on .id community data.

Based on a 95% confidence level, it was recommended that anywhere between 318 - 473 contributors participate to ensure an acceptable margin of error of 5%. This range aligns with industry standards for exploratory research, allowing for a reasonable degree of data accuracy while balancing resourcing constraints.

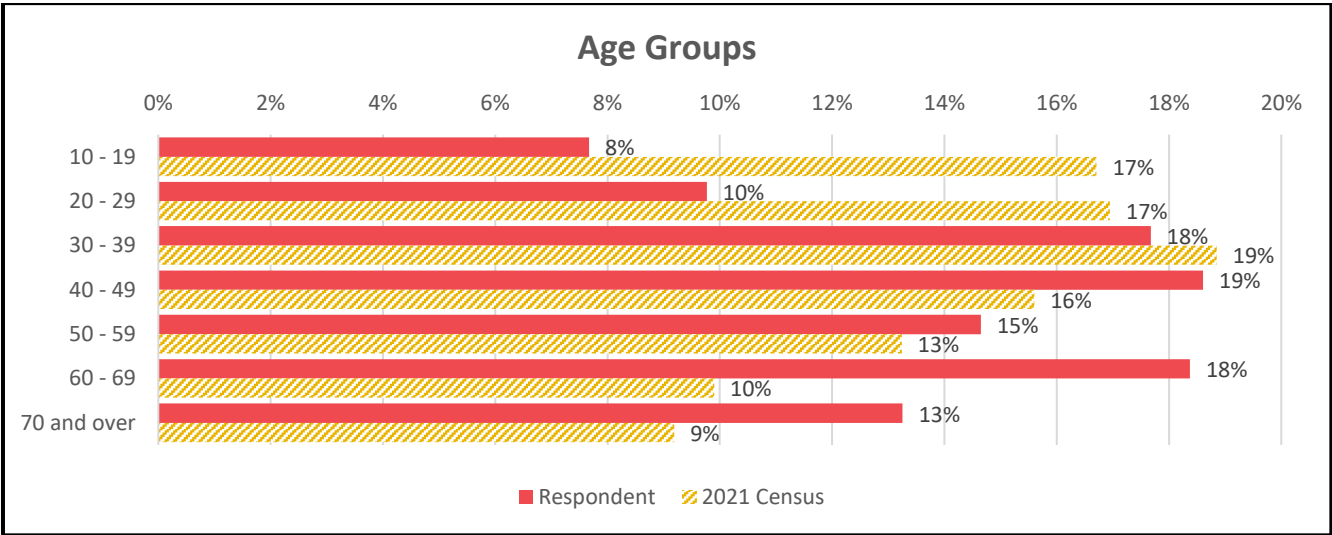
Across all engagement channels, a sample size of 443 was achieved, therefore fitting within the recommended sample size range to achieve a 96.1% confidence level and 5% margin of error.

## Demographic representation

Engagement channels sought demographic information from participants, except for contributions received via email, as this was not considered suitable for this format. A minority of participants opted out of providing some or all demographic information.

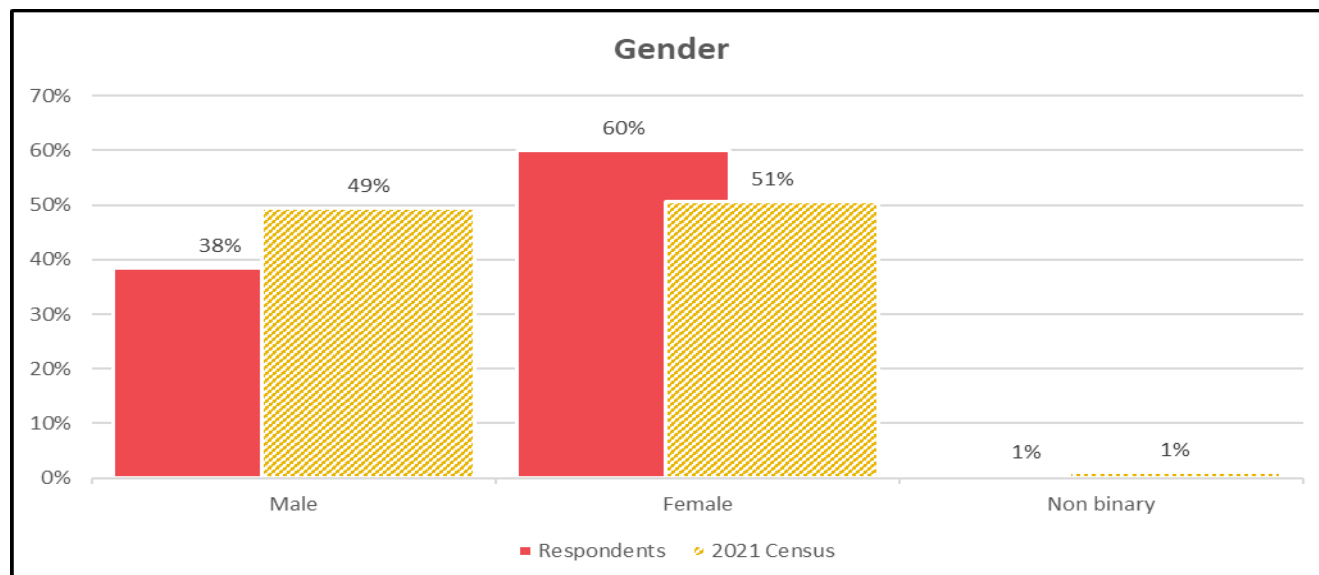
### Age

This engagement targeted community members 10 years and older and census data used has been adjusted to reflect this. 430 respondents confirmed their age. The percentage of survey respondents aged 30 and older reflected the proportion of people in that age group in the general community. 18% (75) of survey respondents were aged under 30. While this does not reflect the proportion of people in that age group in the general population, it is considered a reasonable sample size.



## Gender

438 respondents confirmed their gender. All gender categories were represented among respondents, and were relatively reflective of the Ipswich community, with somewhat of a skew towards females (60%).

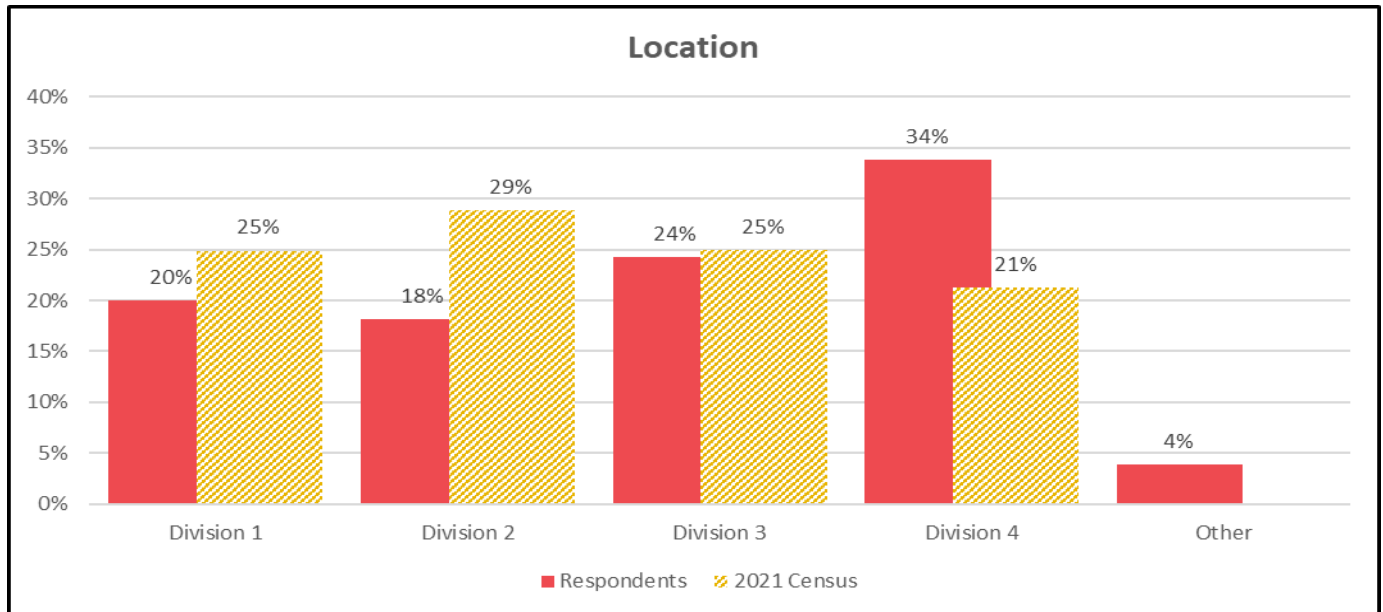


## Locality

441 respondents confirmed their locality. Respondents were relatively equally spread across Ipswich, indicating good representation of all four divisions. In total, 54 Ipswich suburbs were represented:

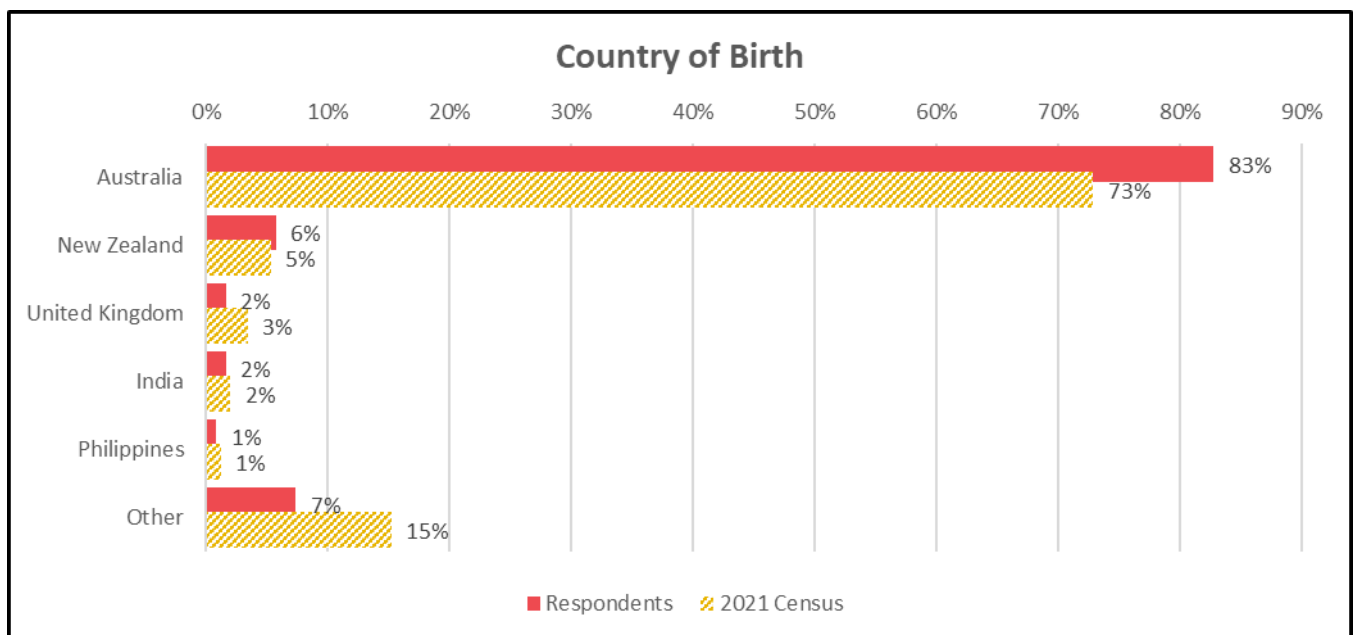
- Amberley
- Augustine Heights
- Barellan Point
- Basin Pocket
- Bellbird Park
- Blackstone
- Booval
- Brassall
- Brookwater
- Bundamba
- Calvert
- Camira
- Churchill
- Chuwar
- Collingwood Park
- Deebling Heights
- East Ipswich
- Eastern Heights
- Flinders View
- Gailes
- Goodna
- Haigslea
- Ipswich
- Karalee
- Karrabin
- Leichhardt
- Marburg
- Moores Pocket
- Newtown
- North Ipswich
- One Mile
- Peak Crossing
- Pine Mountain
- Purga
- Raceview
- Redbank
- Redbank plains
- Ripley
- Riverview
- Rosewood
- Sadliers Crossing
- Silkstone
- South Ripley
- Spring Mountain
- Springfield
- Springfield Lakes
- Thagoona
- Tivoli

- Walloon
- Woodend
- Yamanto
- West Ipswich
- Wulkuraka
- Yeronga



## Country of birth

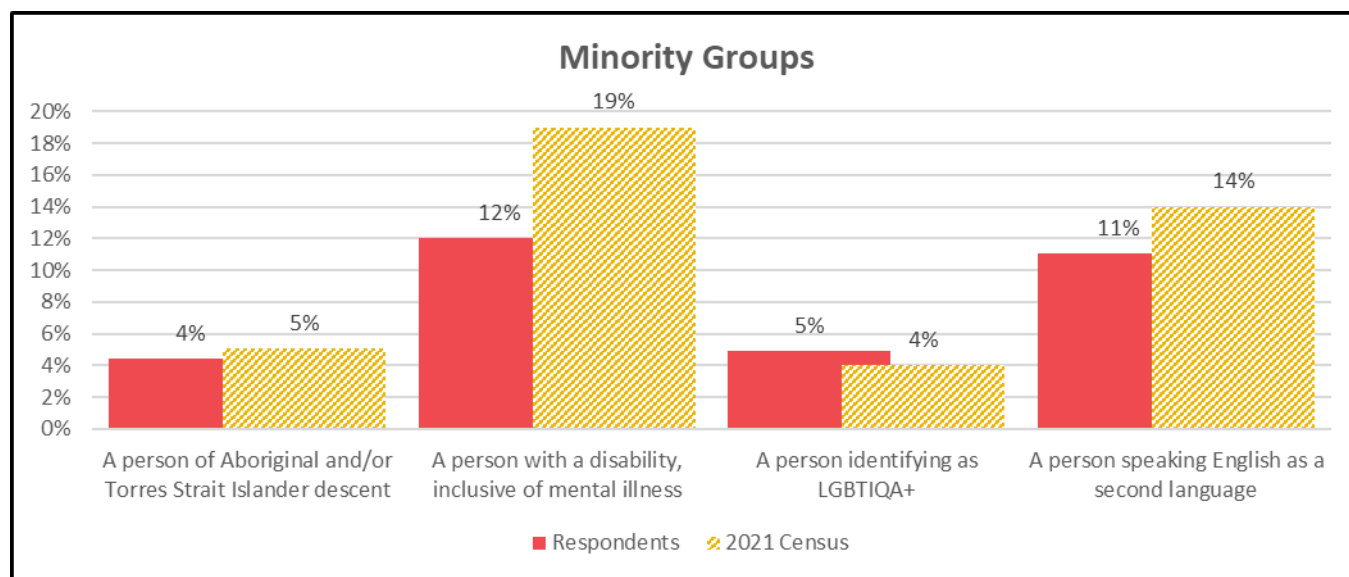
122 respondents confirmed their country of birth. Respondents broadly reflect the community profile, with a strong representation of Australian-born respondents and similar proportions for more common countries of birth such as New Zealand, United Kingdom, India, and the Philippines. While respondents include fewer people from “Other” countries compared to census data, a reasonable sample size was still captured.





## Minority groups

431 respondents confirmed whether they identified as any of the listed minority groups. As census data for these areas is not available specifically for the Ipswich community, this has been compared to overall Australia percentages. All surveyed minority groups were represented as part of engagement, with reflective numbers for people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, people identifying as LGBTIQ+ and people speaking English as a second language. While people with a disability, inclusive of mental illness, were somewhat underrepresented, a reasonable sample size has been captured.



Given the representation from most of the identified characteristics of the affected community, in conjunction to meeting the recommended sample size with 433 contributors, findings outlined in this report are considered statistically representative of the affected community.

## WHAT THE COMMUNITY TOLD US

A summary of the feedback received across all channels has been outlined below.

**Please select your top five outcomes from the list below and rank them in order of priority.**

441 respondents provided an answer to this question. Respondents were able to select up to five outcomes and then rank them in order of priority. To calculate rankings, the following value was given to each outcome based on their ranking priority:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	No ranking
Value	5	4	3	2	1	0

Across all respondents, the top five outcomes were:

1. "Expand transport and community infrastructure networks" (635)
2. "Crime prevention and health promotion" (598)
3. "Advocacy to fund major infrastructure, policy reform and services" (573)
4. "Active and public transport infrastructure improvements" (473)
5. "Safe, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods" (419).



However, when data is broken down by demographics, trends identified the following variations in the top five priorities as outlined below.

### By location

- Division 1 respondents were more likely to prioritise “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities and services”.
- Division 2 respondents were more likely to prioritise “Increase economic development and employment”.
- Division 3 respondents were more likely to prioritise “Promote placemaking and liveability” and “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities and services”.
- Division 4 respondents were aligned with the top five outcomes highlighted in the overall ranking.





## By minority group

- A person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent was more likely to prioritise “Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters”, “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services” and “Community’s trust in our services”.
- A person with a disability, inclusive of mental illness was more likely to prioritise “Promote place making and liveability”.
- A person identifying as LGBTIQ+ was more likely to prioritise “Historical buildings are conserved and enhanced” and “A clean, green, circular economy city”.
- A person speaking English as a second language was more likely to prioritise “Increase economic development and employment” and “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services”.



## By age group

- Respondents under 30 years old were more likely to prioritise “A clean, green, circular economy city” and “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services”.
- Respondents between 30-49 years old were more likely to prioritise “Increase economic development and employment” and “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services”.
- Respondents 70 years and over were more likely to prioritise “Increase economic development and employment” and “Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services”.
- Respondents between 50-69 years old were aligned with the top five outcomes highlighted in the overall ranking.



## Share any comments around your top rates outcomes

221 respondents provided an answer to this question. Comments provided insights into community understanding of each of the outcomes, as well as more specific details into what delivery on this outcome looks like to the community.

Outcome	Detail
<b>Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New/improved sporting facilities (indoor and outdoor sports grounds, local pools)</li> <li>• Ensure active and healthy activities are accessible (consider affordability, people with a disability, CALD communities, youth)</li> <li>• Position Ipswich as a leader in the sporting sector</li> <li>• Improve access to health services and literacy</li> <li>• Support for existing programs and ongoing implementation of them</li> </ul>
<b>Respected cultural landmarks, knowledge and practices</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to actively celebrate diversity of community</li> <li>• More multicultural landmarks and exposure to diverse cultures</li> <li>• Consult with and learn from First Nations communities</li> </ul>
<b>Historical buildings are conserved and enhanced</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain the character of Ipswich's history as development continues</li> <li>• Greater regulations around upkeep and restoration of historically significant buildings</li> <li>• More opportunities for community to engage with heritage – communicate historical context, options for using and experiencing the sites</li> <li>• Promote city heritage as a drawcard for people who live and visit Ipswich</li> </ul>
<b>Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicly available Disaster Management Plans for outer regions of Ipswich</li> <li>• Improved evacuation solutions and support travel in and out of areas during emergencies</li> <li>• More involvement with Queensland Police Services</li> <li>• No future infrastructure in flood prone areas</li> <li>• Ongoing support for storm notifications</li> </ul>
<b>An engaged community</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve community members with lived experience</li> <li>• Provide accessible opportunities for all community cohorts to engage, including hard to reach audiences</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of more engagement projects</li> <li>• Ensure council decisions consider community feedback</li> <li>• More community programs, events and centres that are free/accessible to all</li> </ul>
<b>Crime prevention and health promotion</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stronger enforcement around non-smoking spaces, illegal parking/driving, stolen shopping trolleys, and other illegal activities</li> <li>• Ensure safety of marginalised groups</li> <li>• More safe city cameras and lighting in housing estates, shopping precincts and parks</li> <li>• Implementation of neighbourhood watch / youth diversion programs</li> <li>• Focus on crime prevention rather than reactive policing</li> <li>• Concern that health services are over capacity</li> <li>• Greater police presence</li> </ul>
<b>Strong diverse arts scene</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More public facing art opportunities such as the Creative Summit</li> <li>• Important element to improving liveability</li> <li>• Art facilities in need of an upgrade to meet market needs</li> <li>• More murals and jobs for artists</li> <li>• Art scene considered important for driving visitation to Ipswich, boosting economy and improve liveability</li> </ul>
<b>Safe, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More accessible and diverse community programs and events, such as sensory days, Harmony Day, and multicultural events</li> <li>• Programs run at locations outside of Ipswich Central</li> <li>• Greater inclusion of people under 5 or over 50</li> <li>• Celebration of multicultural backgrounds</li> <li>• Implementation of an anti-racism framework</li> <li>• Improve accessibility for people with a disability such as safer footpaths</li> <li>• Facilitate connections between community and service providers/community groups</li> <li>• More community-focused spaces such as community halls</li> <li>• Access to interpreters</li> </ul>
<b>Promote place making and liveability</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More space activation during nighttime and weekends</li> <li>• Encourage more community participation in events</li> <li>• More pedestrian-focused spaces and playgrounds for kids</li> <li>• More residential and mixed-use developments around Ipswich Central</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empty historical buildings transformed into various temporary accommodation solutions (homeless, emergency)</li> <li>• Improve city maintenance including reducing vandalism, litter and overgrown green spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Expand transport and community infrastructure networks</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public transport network and frequency of services, particularly in newly developed suburbs and Karalee</li> <li>• Fix potholes and other damage to existing roads and footpaths</li> <li>• More traffic controls and cameras to improve road safety, particularly at busy intersections and roundabouts</li> <li>• Additional lighting for improved road visibility</li> <li>• More free carparking</li> <li>• Additional lanes and traffic management to reduce congestion</li> </ul>
<b>Active and public transport infrastructure improvements</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase frequency and reliability of services inclusive of outside of peak hours</li> <li>• Ensure the time to take public transport is competitive with private vehicles</li> <li>• Current footpaths pose safety risk due to damage or steep gradient and require fixing</li> <li>• More footpaths and bike paths connecting to key areas across Ipswich</li> <li>• More active and public transport solutions will support healthier lifestyles, and reduce road traffic/pollution</li> <li>• Improve connections between different transport modes</li> <li>• Shelters at bus stops needed</li> </ul>
<b>Increase economic development and employment</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage more businesses in Ipswich to increase employment opportunities</li> <li>• Provide support to youth and diverse people entering the workforce</li> <li>• Promote and provide funding for small businesses</li> <li>• Attract mid-size businesses and manufacturing</li> </ul>
<b>A clean, green, circular economy city</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritise transport solutions that prioritise people/active transport, reduce reliance on cars and support environment</li> <li>• More education and incentives around appropriate waste management</li> <li>• Implement more energy efficient solutions</li> <li>• All decisions should consider environmental impact</li> <li>• Provide additional services such as second hand stores, repair centres and resource recovery centre vouchers</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor experiences with the kerbside collection blue bags due to limited space, weight and extended periods out on streets</li> </ul>
<b>Balance positive conservation and nature-based recreation</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage community in tree plants and other environmentally beneficial activities</li> <li>Retaining green spaces and parks, incorporating nature throughout Ipswich</li> <li>Decision making should protect animals and plants, such as koalas and melaleuca trees</li> </ul>
<b>Waterway health is improved</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage visitation to waterways through more activations and access to water-related recreational activities</li> <li>Dredge river</li> <li>Concern for silt in Deebing Creek</li> <li>More filtration applied to waterways</li> </ul>
<b>Natural environment supports the continuation of traditional cultural practices</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities to learn from and consult with First Nations communities</li> <li>Tie positive conservation with traditional cultural practices</li> </ul>
<b>Advocacy to fund major infrastructure, policy reform and services</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase available facilities including health services, education programs, sporting and event facilities</li> <li>Improve safety and reduce traffic on major roads including Warrego Highway, Ipswich Highway, Centenary Highway, Cunningham Highway, Bremer Bridge, David Trumpy Bridge, second bridge to Ipswich Central</li> <li>More connected public transport system with extension of train lines and bus routes</li> <li>Advocate for changes in development laws to reduce flood issues and protect natural environment</li> <li>Policy reform to support homeless communities and improve housing affordability</li> </ul>
<b>Outstanding customer service</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater focus on maintenance of public spaces, with mentions of local parks, streetscapes, creative and sporting facilities</li> <li>Improve community access to staff and elected representatives</li> <li>Focus on getting “the basics” under control as first priority (mowing, bin collection, overall cleanliness, fix footpaths and roads).</li> <li>More real-time feedback and efficient responses on reported issues</li> <li>Support for continuation of positive customer service</li> </ul>

<b>Community's trust in our services</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase transparency around government decisions</li> <li>• Community concerns need to be more proactively acknowledged and addressed</li> </ul>
<b>Our people are supported to deliver at their best</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have the support to do the right thing</li> <li>• Respect and value for council staff</li> </ul>
<b>Our procurement of goods and services is continuously improving</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve spending outcomes to help support other outcomes</li> <li>• Ensure value for money to improve community trust</li> </ul>
<b>We are leaders in good governance</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to making decisions and standing by them</li> <li>• Ensure public facing documents and services are up to date</li> <li>• Clarity around actual outcomes from council plans and commitments</li> <li>• Greater transparency and improved processes for informed decisions</li> <li>• Concerns around current governance practices not up to standard</li> </ul>

#### **A sample of quotes from respondents included::**

- “Better infrastructure to accommodate increased population, a second river crossing is needed. Heritage buildings need better upkeep, more focus on maintaining and restoring and allowing public to experience the heritage.”
- “Crime is high, more safe city cameras in housing estate streets. More advocacy and development for large scale event spaces and assistance for tourism in preparation for the Olympics overflow.”
- “I believe Ipswich is on the verge of blossoming into its next life stage. Infrastructure and transport, along with economic development and employment are absolutely pivotal i.e. continuing to activate the Ipswich CBD, tenancing empty spaces and making the area safer and more activated through this invigoration. Further, we want to continue supporting our neighbourhoods to be the welcoming, inclusive and vibrant homes that attract active community members. Finally, by respecting and supporting the workers in Council to be their best, it enables them to deliver their best for the community. Keep the fire lit in your workers, respect and value them, and it will overall benefit the community.”
- “Footpaths need to be better maintained - many areas with unsuitable footpaths for disability scooters or wheelchair usage. More bus stops should have shelters, the Ipswich heat is not suitable for unsheathed bus stops. Bus services should be more frequent and reliable.”
- “Ipswich has many areas affected by flooding and natural disasters, being prepared for these events is crucial. As the fastest growing region in SEQ, transport and infrastructure are a high priority, but have the funding to provide these, Council must advocate for funds from the State and Federal Government. Crime is a big problem in some areas of Ipswich and health facilities



are not always available when need, forcing people to attend the emergency department at the hospital and wait for hours at a time. An engaged community helps promote customer service, trust and accountability in the services we provide to the community.”

- “Ipswich needs to invest in cultural infrastructure including a new art gallery and an up-to-date entertainment/conference centre to create a vibrant city centre that can host major exhibitions and events.”
- “I am a strong believer of building mixed buildings (Commercial and Residential), outwards not upwards to connect people everywhere within Ipswich region. Pedestrians and Bicyclists should be prioritised over vehicles. Hopefully creating a city that is similar to Amsterdam where everything is a bicycle ride or a walk away and I feel safe doing so. More trees on the verges to make it safer in the heat and prettier on the eyes. It would be incredible to see an avenue of trees native to the region being a showstopper especially down Pine st. Finally a city cat or river transport of some kind. I truly believe that all of these things would make a difference in making Ipswich a city that is coming along into a city that is up-and-coming and the place to be for living and accessibility to all, especially before the Olympics. As for the environment I would love to see Natural Sequencing Farming (NSF) techniques being used to restore the ground and to provide further natural flood management.”
- “More needs to be done to support the growing population and increasing deforestation. It's great people are getting homes but I'm not see the bush replaced.”
- “Consider use of unoccupied council venues and facilities for temporary accommodation to ease and reduce youth and elderly homelessness.”

### Share any final comments on the development of the Corporate Plan 2026-2031

144 respondents provided an answer to this question. Where reasonable, comments that aligned with one of the Corporate Plan outcomes have been reflected in the table above. Additional themes included:

Theme	Detail
<b>Delivery of the Corporate Plan 2026-2031</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General support for the overall direction of the Corporate Plan and the draft outcomes</li> <li>• Seeking more specific and measurable outcomes</li> <li>• Clear and public updates as delivery progresses</li> <li>• Concerns that the outcomes need to be achieved at a faster rate than what has been proposed</li> <li>• Felt that tourism should be more clearly represented in the outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Community engagement experience</b>	<p>Respondent comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciative of the opportunity to share feedback</li> <li>• Perceptions that engagement was delivered online only</li> <li>• Would like to see more information on how community feedback is used in the project</li> <li>• Seeking further community involvement in the delivery of the plan</li> </ul>

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## SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT EVIDENCE

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In addition to the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 engagement, Ipswich City Council has recently conducted other engagement activities that are relevant to the Corporate Plan. These findings allow for a more robust understanding of community sentiment and expectations to ensure informed decision-making. Themes identified in these previous engagements have been outlined below.

### Community Views in Ipswich

Each year, council partners with [.idcommunity](#) to understand current community sentiment in Ipswich and identify opportunities to advance quality of life in the local area. The last check in was undertaken between 14 May 2025 and 19 June 2025. 1,124 individuals provided feedback through this engagement. Key findings from this engagement included:

- Overall liveability in Ipswich has remained stable in the past 12 months, despite falls in Australia and South-East Queensland. Experiences with safety and health services have increased, while road congestion is an increasing challenge.
- Ipswich outperforms the national average in ‘affordable decent housing’, but this is a key issue affecting younger residents and renters.
- Sustained population growth in the city signals a need for integrated planning and investment to protect long-term liveability - with transport infrastructure emerging as a critical priority.
- Financial optimism is growing in Ipswich, with residents feeling more secure in 2025 and looking ahead with greater confidence - despite inflation remaining a top concern.
- Residents of Ipswich continue to feel susceptible to the effects of climate change, with recent extreme weather events like ex Tropical Cyclone Alfred amplifying concerns about flooding, storms, and cyclones.

These findings indirectly support the community’s prioritisation of the following outcomes:

1. “Expand transport and community infrastructure networks”
2. “Crime prevention and health promotion”
3. “Advocacy to fund major infrastructure, policy reform and services”
4. “Active and public transport infrastructure improvements”
5. “Promote place making and liveability”
6. “Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters”.

While not as strongly highlighted in the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 engagement, the Community Views in Ipswich survey suggests “Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters” is another high priority of the community.

Detailed findings have been outlined in the [Living in Ipswich 2025 Views Report](#).

### iFuture Community Vision

The iFuture Community Vision is a 20-year vision for the Ipswich community and is used to guide the direction of the Corporate Plan. Between 21 October 2024 and 1 December 2024, community members were asked to provide feedback on the current vision, “Ipswich, a city of opportunity for all.

Join us.”. 31 individuals provided feedback through this engagement. Key findings from this engagement included:

- Respondents generally agreed that the vision still aligned with where they would like to see Ipswich in 2041, with 55% of respondents stating the vision either somewhat or fully aligned. Of those who felt it was less aligned, comments indicated concerns around whether the vision is achievable.
- Respondents identified a strong economy, inclusive culture, and reliable transport as key components for achieving the vision by 2041. In addition, comments discussed housing solutions, greater focus on community health and safety, and protecting Ipswich heritage and green spaces.

These findings indirectly support the prioritisation of the following outcomes:

- “Increase economic development and employment.”
- “Safe, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods”.
- “Expand transport and community infrastructure networks”
- “Promote place making and liveability”
- “Historical buildings are conserved and enhanced”
- “Balance positive conservation and nature-based recreation”.

Detailed findings have been outlined in the [iFuture Community Vision Community Engagement Report](#).

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## FINDINGS

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Review and analysis of the data from all engagement activities identified the following key findings from the community.

Findings as outlined in this report are to be shared publicly via Shape Your Ipswich, along with relevant project updates to show how the community's feedback has shaped this project. The information may be used to inform next steps for this project.

- Across all respondents, the top five outcomes were:
  1. "Expand transport and community infrastructure networks"
  2. "Crime prevention and health promotion"
  3. "Advocacy to fund major infrastructure, policy reform and services"
  4. "Active and public transport infrastructure improvements"
  5. "Safe, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods"
- While the top five outcomes remained relatively consistent, there were shifts in the top priorities when considering different demographics. Other outcomes of note included:
  - "Historical buildings are conserved and enhanced"
  - "A clean, green, circular economy city"
  - "Promote placemaking and liveability"
  - "Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities and services"
  - "Increase economic development and employment"
  - "Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters"
  - "Community's trust in our services".
- Community identified the importance of having clear and measurable outcomes for council to publicly report back on to measure success.

These findings generally align with other engagement activities undertaken on similar topics.



# APPENDIX

## APPENDIX 1 – SURVEY QUESTIONS

### ABOUT YOU

Please complete these questions to help us know who has or has not been represented in this survey.

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#### 1. Gender

Select one answer only	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non binary / Gender diverse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

#### 2. Year of birth

#### 3. Country of birth

#### 4. Which suburb do you currently live in?

#### 5. Access, equity and inclusion. Do you identify as any of the following?

Tick all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
<input type="checkbox"/>	A person with a disability, inclusive of mental illness
<input type="checkbox"/>	A person identifying as LGBTIQ+
<input type="checkbox"/>	A person speaking English as a second language
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above

#### 6. Relationship to Ipswich

Tick all that apply			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work in Ipswich	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own a business in Ipswich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Live in Ipswich	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay rates in Ipswich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit Ipswich	<input type="checkbox"/>	No relationship to Ipswich
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) _____		

## PROPOSED OUTCOMES

The next questions refer to the proposed outcomes for the Corporate Plan 2026-2031. For ease of reading, summarised versions have been used for this engagement.

7. To support council in achieving the Community Vision by 2041, the following 2031 outcomes have been proposed. Please select your top 5 outcomes from the list below and rank them in order of priority, with 1 being the most important to you.

Label from 1 – 5. Leave all other squares blank.			
<input type="text"/>	Deliver active and healthy activities, facilities, and services.	<input type="text"/>	Increase economic development and employment.
<input type="text"/>	Respected cultural landmarks, knowledge and practices.	<input type="text"/>	A clean, green, circular economy city.
<input type="text"/>	Historical buildings are conserved and enhanced.	<input type="text"/>	Balance positive conservation and nature-based recreation.
<input type="text"/>	Prepared and ready for emergencies and natural disasters.	<input type="text"/>	Waterway health is improved.
<input type="text"/>	An engaged community.	<input type="text"/>	Natural environment supports the continuation of traditional cultural practices.
<input type="text"/>	Crime prevention and health promotion.	<input type="text"/>	Advocacy to fund major infrastructure, policy reform and services
<input type="text"/>	Strong diverse arts scene.	<input type="text"/>	Outstanding customer service.
<input type="text"/>	Safe, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods.	<input type="text"/>	Community's trust in our services.
<input type="text"/>	Promote place making and liveability.	<input type="text"/>	Our people are supported to deliver at their best.
<input type="text"/>	Expand transport and community infrastructure networks.	<input type="text"/>	Our procurement of goods and services is continuously improving.
<input type="text"/>	Active and public transport infrastructure improvements.	<input type="text"/>	We are leaders in good governance.

8. Share any comments around your top 5 rated outcomes.

9. Share any final comments on the development of the Corporate Plan 2026-2031.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Help us engage the community effectively.

10. Thinking about your experience with this engagement, how easy or difficult was it to:

Tick the description that best fits your experience with each of the stages of engagement					
	<i>Very easy</i>	<i>Somewhat easy</i>	<i>Somewhat difficult</i>	<i>Very difficult</i>	<i>Unsure</i>
Find out about the opportunity to have your say					
Understand what the project is about					
See how community feedback might be used in council decisions					
Share your thoughts or feedback					

11. Please share any comments about your experience contributing to this engagement.

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***Thank you for your feedback.***





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