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## Our city cries out for a decent rain

THIS parched, dry city of Ipswich is crying out for a decent fall of rain.

Dust storms and bushfires are taking their toll on residents' health and patience.

Nothing is more depressing than watching treasured plants die as the garden withers under relentless heat and moisture-sapping wind.

Water tanks installed to combat the "big dry" again stand empty.

As these words are being written, black clouds are forming and bringing the hope of some wet relief.

We certainly hope the Bureau of Meteorology is right when it says there's the chance of an afternoon shower today and tomorrow, with the prospect of a thunderstorm on Wednesday.

Predictions that the hot and windy conditions are expected to continue in coming months are bad news indeed for firefighters.

They have been particularly busy over the weekend, with blazes burning in rural areas.

Ipswich and district homeowners mightily appreciate their hard work and dedication.

## QT celebrates long history

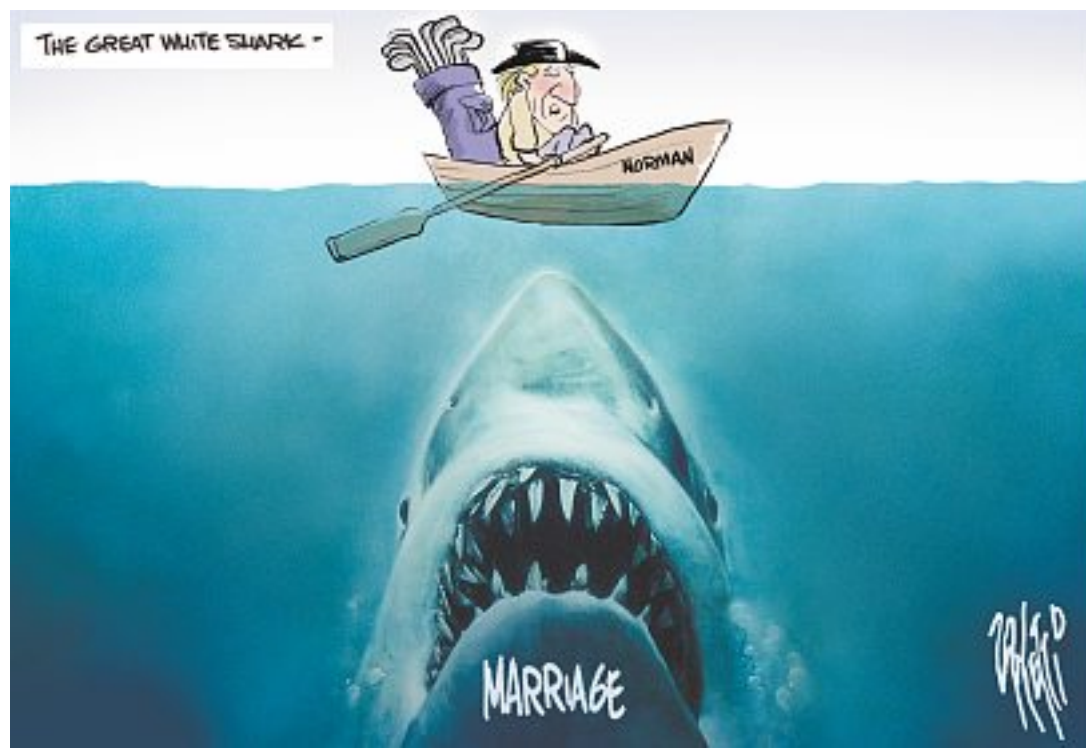
MEETING former QT workers who are now in their 80s at a reunion on Saturday was a memorable experience.

It was clear from their comments that producing newspapers was not, and is never, just "a job" – it's an engrossing way of life. These past journalists and production staff speak affectionately of their QT days.

## MEET THE TEAM



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## STREET TALK: So kids...who is your all time favourite cricket player?



**MICHAEL Clarke.** I reckon he's awesome and a good role model.

**DANICA PARKES, 14**  
Ipswich  
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**MY dad,** because he taught me how to play.

**JAKE BAKER, 10**  
Parkinson  
SE0409AT



**ANDREW Symonds.** He is awesome.

**MEEGAN MACLURE, 15**  
Bundamba  
SE0409AV



**ANDREW Symonds.** He plays like an old-fashioned gentleman.

**CONNOR BROADFOOT, 14**  
Newtown  
SE0409AS



**MIKE Hussey.** He is a good catcher and a good all-around sportsman.

**PATRICK MUNNINGS, 9**  
Boonah  
SE0409AU



**RICKY Ponting.** He is one of the best ever Australian captains.

**DANIEL DRAGER, 12**  
Walloon  
SE0409AW



**MAYOR on Monday**  
with Cr Paul Pisasale

## Ipswich opens its heart to neighbours

IPSWICH residents have been opening their hearts and wallets to help those left devastated by the tsunami in Samoa and American Samoa.

Council is contributing \$10,000 towards the tsunami's victims.

Our city has a deep connection with Samoa and I was honoured and very proud earlier this year to be given the title of Samoan high chief – Afioga Lautoamapapafaasasa (pronounced Lotoa - MarParpar - Far - SarSar).

I thank Leighton Contractors for the wonderful project they unveiled for the city last Friday – the Regeneration of Woogaroo Creek Riparian Zone in Leslie Park at Goodna.

The company created the legacy project involving the planting of 400 native trees and plants in the park to thank the local community for their patience and understanding during the Ipswich Motorway upgrade.

This project is a wonderful gesture on Leighton's behalf which will enhance our natural environment.

I enjoyed taking part in the Brentwood Rise Community Consultation session on Saturday.

This area continues to grow and develop and it is wonderful as always to welcome a steady stream of new residents to our city.

The National Servicemen's Association christened their new trailer at a family barbecue lunch at the Swanbank Picnic Reserve on Sunday.

The organisation provides a wonderful support network to local servicemen through the Ipswich and West Moreton District Branch.

Congratulations must go to the members of the SeniorNet association who are seniors who assist other seniors to use computers and the internet.

The association is holding its 13th annual general meeting today and council is proud to be able to support this long-running community asset.

I also want to acknowledge the wonderful work being done in the area of drowning awareness by Andrew and Katherine Plint.

The couple established the charity Hannah's Foundation after losing their beautiful daughter Hannah when she drowned in their backyard pool two years ago.

I am sure that there are many youngsters still alive today through the awareness they have created.

They have my full support and that of the city and I was pleased to be able to officially open the second annual drowning awareness function held by the foundation last Saturday.

**IPSWICH WEATHER**

**TODAY**

**WARNINGS:**  
Information at [www.bom.gov.au/weather](http://www.bom.gov.au/weather)  
Tropical Cyclone 1300 659 212\*  
Land Weather and Flood 1300 659 219\*  
Coastal Marine 1300 360 427\*  
(\*local call cost)

**IPSWICH AREA:**  
Mostly fine, just the chance of an afternoon shower. Light to moderate SE to NE winds. Fire Danger: High [12-24].  
Yesterday : Min: 12 Max: 29 Rain: 0mm

**BRISBANE:**  
Mostly fine, just the chance of a shower. Light to moderate southeast to northeast winds. Max: 24  
Tuesday. Mostly fine. Max: 25  
Yesterday : Min: 17 Max: 27 Rain: 0mm

**SOUTHEAST COAST DISTRICT:**  
Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE to NE winds. Fire Danger: High [12-24].  
Tuesday. Mainly fine, isolated showers about the coast.

Monday. Mostly fine. Max 26

Tuesday. Fine. Max 27

Wednesday. Shower or storm. Max 28

**COASTAL**

**FRASER ISLAND TO COOLANGATTA:** SE to NE winds 10 to 15 knots. Lighter SW to SE winds 5 to 10 knots inshore early. A 2 to 2.5 metre S to SE swell. Seas to 1.2 metres. Isolated showers.  
Tuesday. SE to NE winds 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots in the evening. Lighter SW to SE winds 5 to 10 knots inshore early.

**MORETON BAY:** SE to NE winds 10 to 15 knots. Lighter SW to S winds 5 to 10 knots early. Seas to 0.7 metres. Isolated showers.  
Tuesday. SE to NE winds 10 to 15 knots. Lighter SW to S winds early.

**THE TIDES**

Noosa Head	Mooloolaba	Brisbane Bar	Gold Coast
2:02 am 0.3m	2:08 am 0.1m	3:53 am 0.2m	2:13 am 0.0m
8:15 am 1.8m	8:26 am 1.7m	9:59 am 2.2m	8:39 am 1.5m
2:25 pm 0.4m	2:32 pm 0.3m	4:17 pm 0.4m	2:41 pm 0.1m
8:17 pm 1.7m	8:28 pm 1.5m	10:00 pm 2.0m	8:45 pm 1.3m

Tides times provided by courtesy of QLD Transport and NTF.

**SUNSMART** UV ALERT 8:10am - 3:00pm Max UV Index 9 (very high)

**AUSTRALIA TODAY**

Adelaide	Fine	18
Brisbane	Mostly fine	24
Canberra	Showers/storm	15
Darwin	Afternoon shower	34
Hobart	Showers developing	15
Melbourne	Shower or two	18
Perth	Fine	24
Sydney	Showers, storm	20

**SUN, MOON & PLANETS for Brisbane**

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:22 am	5:51 pm
Moon	6:51 pm	5:28 am
Mercury	4:37 am	4:29 pm
Venus	4:19 am	4:00 pm
Mars	1:25 am	11:55 am
Jupiter	1:35 pm	2:55 am
Saturn	4:48 am	4:43 pm

Last 1/4 Oct 11 New Oct 18 First 1/4 Oct 26 Full Nov 3

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