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**LOCAL RESIDENT TO DELIVER IMPORTANT
WATER MESSAGE WITH COUNCIL'S SUPPORT**

IPSWICH resident Steve Posselt will deliver some important water-saving messages to participants at a special free forum being held in Ipswich this month.

Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale said Mr Posselt was a member of Australian Water Association (AWA) and had been involved in the water industry with water associated business for more than 20 years.

As well as taking part in this month's forum in Ipswich, Mr Posselt is planning a special trip to highlight his message.

"Mr Posselt plans to undertake a trip never done before - to kayak from Brisbane to Adelaide via Toowoomba and the Darling River system," Cr Pisasale said.

"He is calling this trip *Kayak 4 Earth* and aims to collect important information on water monitoring from the locals who live on the Darling River system."

The 54-year-old is planning to leave on his 6000km journey at 12.45pm on May 27 from the boat ramp in Riverside Dr, West End.

"Mr Posselt has set up a website at www.kayak4earth.com and anyone wanting to be involved in his journey is invited to visit."

Ipswich City Council Business Units and Library Services Committee Chairperson Councillor David Pahlke said Ipswich City Council, via Ipswich Water, was sponsoring Mr Posselt's *Kayak 4 Earth* initiative by offering him the use of Ipswich Civic Hall to host a special forum.

The *Kayak 4 Earth Forum* will be held from 9am to 1.30pm on May 30 at the Ipswich Civic Hall's main auditorium.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided for participants.

Cr Pahlke said the message that Mr Posselt, a civil engineer who currently leads the Queensland climate change group within the AWA, was delivering was an important one which the community needed to take notice of.

"Mr Posselt is strongly focused on generating public awareness of the serious nature of climate change and its effect on future sustainability of our water supplies," he said.

“Global climate change and the increasing scarcity of water in Australia are serious issues facing us today.”

Cr Pahlke said guest speakers at the forum would include AWA Queensland branch president Robert Drury, Andrew Zuch from the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence, David Hood from David A Hood and Associates, Susan Jeanes from Renewable Energy Generators of Australia, AWA Chief Executive Officer Chris Davis and Wind Power Queensland managing director Lloyd Stumer.

“Council’s Ipswich Water retail manager Colin Hester will discuss the topic of sustainable water for Ipswich.”

Bookings for the Ipswich forum are essential and can be made by calling Ipswich Water on 3810 7855.

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