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### **Ipswich gets best ambo on earth**

Ipswich now boasts one of ‘the best paramedics in the world’ after Wayne Kirk has graduated at the highest level a paramedic can attain.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said Wayne graduated yesterday from the Queensland University of Technology with a Graduate Diploma of Intensive Care Paramedic Practice which gives him the ability to administer over 30 lifesaving drugs, practice high-level clinical skills and make autonomous acute clinical judgement.

Ms Nolan said those who decide to become an Intensive Care Paramedic don’t take the decision lightly because it’s a rigorous course.

“To advance to the Intensive Care Paramedic level a paramedic must already have five years experience as an emergency clinician and then a further 12 months concentrated study,” she said.

“They have developed world-class skills in clinical problem solving and patient management applicable to the out of hospital setting.

“But most importantly they can administer more than 30 lifesaving drugs and provide levels of care that were once only practiced by emergency physicians in hospital.

“To put it simply, these paramedics are the best in the world and can now offer many procedures that were once only practiced by emergency physicians in hospital.”

Wayne is one of 14 Intensive care Paramedics to graduate from their graduate diploma and commence work on road immediately.