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Nolan announces Ipswich Police Beat Shopfront move

The Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan, MP, today announced the move of the Ipswich Police Beat Shopfront to a bigger and better location in the mall.

Ms Nolan said the current Shopfront located near Ipswich Square would be demolished and re-located a short distance to a larger site within the mall.

"The Shopfront is moving as part of the Ipswich City Council's redevelopment of the Ipswich City Mall and Central Business District," Ms Nolan said.

"The move will provide more room and better facilities than that at the existing Police Beat location."

"This bigger shopfront will allow for future growth in staffing at the Police Beat, in line with an expected increased in calls for police service as the Ipswich Central Business District is redeveloped by the Council."

Ms Nolan said negotiations between the Ipswich City Council and the Queensland Police Service had recently been completed. She said the "Citysafe" operations would also be relocated next to the Police Beat.

Ms Nolan said there were currently three sworn officers, two of whom were part-time and one administrative officer attached to the beat.

"Additional officers work from the beat during high calls for service periods, such as Friday and Saturday nights," Ms Nolan said.

Ms Nolan said the current Shopfront was officially opened on May 19, 1995 by the then Minister for Police, Paul Braddy and Mayor of Ipswich John Nugent.

"It was needed after the opening of the Ipswich Mall and Ipswich Square in 1987, which brought a variety of businesses and the general public to this area," Ms Nolan said.

"The Police Beat Shopfront area consists of about 380 businesses including churches, solicitors, banks and retailers.

"It is a major community based policing initiative for Ipswich City, working with businesses and other agencies such as CitySafe to reduce the crime."

The Ipswich Mall Police Beat comes under the control of the Officer in Charge, Ipswich Police Station, situated approximately 1 kilometre away.

The Ipswich Police Beat Shopfront carries out all general duties including foot patrols, arrests and crime reports.