

# GREEN DEAL SEALED

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HORSERIDERS and bushwalkers will be able to enjoy land in the Flinders to Greenbank corridor after an agreement was signed by the Ipswich City and Beaudesert Shire councils yesterday.

The partnership commits both councils to jointly managing the area's conservation, cultural heritage and recreational values.

Cr David Morrison, who signed the memorandum of understanding with Ipswich mayor Paul Pisasale and Beaudesert councillor Hajnal Ban, said it was a simple, but important agreement.

"While 99% of the trail is in Beaudesert Shire, some of it does come to Ipswich," Cr Morrison said.

He said the memorandum would help to provide a consistent and co-ordinated approach between the two councils when it came to issues involved in the management of public estate within the corridor such as fire, weed and pest management and balancing the needs of recreational activities with conservation matters.

Cr Ban said the agreement was



**WORKING TOGETHER:** Beaudesert Shire councillor Hajnal Ban signs an agreement to manage greenspace from Flinders to Greenbank with Ipswich mayor Paul Pisasale and Cr David Morrison.

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the first of its kind signed by Beaudesert Shire Council.

"It's a positive way forward for us to work with our neighbouring councils," Cr Ban said.

"We are tearing down the picket fence."

Mayor Paul Pisasale said the agreement was more than just a piece of paper.

"It's about creating a lifestyle in south-east Queensland," he said.

"We will be also be able to seek out joint funding opportunities

for operational and capital activities that impact on the corridor such as joint regional trails development, recreational park opportunities and scenic amenity initiatives to enhance the natural setting of both councils."