

Sustainable Ipswich



2024 PROGRAM

**EVENTS
ACTIVITIES
INSPIRATION**

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Sustainable Ipswich is an annual celebration of everyday actions we can take as a community to create a more liveable city.

It is an opportunity for the community and local businesses to be involved in promoting and celebrating sustainability and our environment.

Sharing stories, knowledge and ideas help us all live, eat and play the sustainable way!

By working together, we can protect and enhance our environment and its liveability for current and future generations.

Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Ipswich City Council's Sustainability Strategy details how council will increase existing efforts and implement new actions towards making Ipswich a more sustainable place to live.

Recently, council went above and beyond our strategy targets by shifting 90 per cent of council's energy portfolio to renewable energy sources.

This will reduce council's operational emissions by about 13,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year.

You can find the Sustainability Strategy at ipswich.qld.gov.au

Cr Jim Madden
Environment and Sustainability Chairperson

EFFICIENT HOME



GETTING AROUND



CIRCULAR ECONOMY



BUYING BETTER



KITCHEN AND GARDEN



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

The season is a mix of council and community events and activities, providing strong sustainability outcomes for the city of Ipswich.

Various dates	Mobile Nursery
1 October	Ipswich Libraries – Sustainable design for SEQ homes
2 October	Active and Healthy – Women on wheels session
5 October	Sustainable open garden trail Ipswich Libraries – Beyond the supermarket Active and Healthy – Returning riders session Active and Healthy – Beginners cycling class
8–13 October	Get Ready Week
12 October	Marburg Garden and Outdoor Expo eWaste CONNECTION open day
15 October	QPEEC – Visible mending workshop
16 October	CleanCo Swanbank Clean Energy Hub bus tour QPEEC – Paper making workshop National Ride to Work Day
17 October	QPEEC – Crochet workshop
19 October	Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival International Repair Day Ipswich Libraries – Hannah Moloney
26 October	Rosewood Native Plant Sale and Enviro Day
2 November	Trashion Show with Ipswich Climate Action Group
9–10 & 16–17 November	Garage Sale Trail
11–17 November	National Recycling Week
22 November	QPEEC – Recycleman

See the full program at [Ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability](https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability)

IPSWICH SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL 2024



Saturday 19 October



Tulmur Place,
Nicholas Street Precinct

Tulmur Place will be a hive of activity with a collection of free sustainability speakers and activities for the whole family.



MORE TO EXPLORE...

Come along and discover:

- Practical demonstrations
- Food stalls
- Workshops
- Live entertainment
- Sustainable products
- Local initiatives
- Guest speakers
- Waste sorting tips
- Mobile nursery
- Craft activities
- Upcycled artisans
- **FREE FAMILY FUN!**

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT

QUIBBLE MARKET

This popular Ipswich initiative will pop up at the festival, with quality pre-loved clothing, shoes, jewellery and more.

Create a unique wardrobe with some special pieces on a budget!

You might even be interested in hosting a stall yourself.

See [Quibblemarket.my.canva.site](https://my.canva.site)



LIVE WORKSHOPS



MINDFUL MEAL PLANS

Learn how to reduce your food waste with author and foodie Valerie Pearson.



GROW FOOD IN A RENTAL

Hear affordable ideas for how you can set up a plentiful garden.

FOR THE KIDS



WATER RANGER vs BLOCKA

Urban Utilities' show about the water cycle features cheeky puppet Blocka.



TOY LIBRARY POP-UP PLAY

Test out some of the 2,000 toys, games and puzzles in the Brisbane South Toy Library.

JOIN US ON 19 OCTOBER



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Ideas on what to bring:

- Old/broken electrical items to donate to eWaste CONNECTION
- Quality pre-loved toys and games to donate to Brisbane South Toy Library
- Ride your bike to the event for practical maintenance advice from Bicycle Queensland.



SPECIAL GUEST HANNAH MOLONEY

Gardening Australia's expert with tips to build a 'Good Life' around community and sustainability.

PICK UP YOUR FREE PLANTS

Bring along your rates notice or other proof of residency to the festival to collect your six free plants from council's Mobile Nursery.

The plant species suit our local climate and conditions and are proudly grown in council's production nursery.

Find out more at ipswich.qld.gov.au/freeplants





19 October is
also International
Repair Day!

HOW TO CREATE A HABITAT GARDEN

Ipswich residents – just like you – are transforming urban gardens into wildlife-friendly spaces.

When you see what can be achieved in a short time it can provide all the motivation you need to launch into your own project.

SUSTAINABLE OPEN GARDEN TRAIL

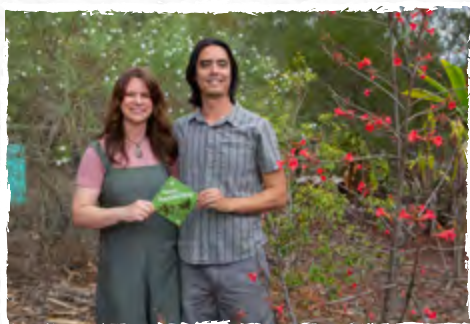
	Saturday 5 October
	Various locations around Ipswich



Wander through urban gardens full of inspiration for you to take home. See how low-maintenance native plants can be not only appealing, but create bird and bee-friendly backyards.

Chat to the homeowners and discover how you can have a beautiful, sustainable habitat garden too.

*Pre-registration required. See ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com



HABITAT GARDENS

Through the Enviroplan initiative, council offers a free Habitat Gardens landholder partnership.

Habitat Gardens is designed for people with urban blocks and supports them to make a positive contribution to Ipswich's natural environment.

For a five-year commitment, landholders have access to workshops, resources, 20 additional free plants each year and more.

See ipswich.qld.gov.au/lcpp







CELEBRATING OUR NATIVE PLANTS

There are many reasons to love Australia's native flora.

A garden brimming with native plants brings so many benefits:

- They need minimal maintenance once established
- They need less water and are more resilient to our harsh climate
- They provide food and habitat for local birds, butterflies, frogs and more
- They can suit any style such as formal, informal and edible gardens.



MARBURG GARDEN AND OUTDOOR EXPO

	Saturday 12 October
	Marburg Showgrounds

Everything you need for your garden and outdoor living space. Entry \$5 for ages 16+.

NATIVE PLANT SALE AND ENVIRO DAY

Presented by Native Plants Queensland

	Saturday 26 October
	Rosewood Showgrounds

Interact with local environment groups at this massive annual event focusing on fantastic native plants. Free entry, but bring your own boxes and bags for all your plant purchases!



100+ INVASIVE WEEDS OF IPSWICH

This handy guide will help you identify friend from foe in our natural environment.

Pick up a copy from the Queens Park Environmental Education Centre.

*Ipswich Libraries has exciting and practical ways
you can save money by
being more sustainable at home...*

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TOOL KIT

This tool kit contains equipment and instructions to help you identify issues that are affecting the energy efficiency of your home. This information can help you work out what steps to take to reduce the amount of energy you use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money.



3D PRINTER AND 3D MODELLING SESSIONS

Interested in finding out more about 3D modelling and 3D printing? Ipswich Libraries Makerspace has free 45 minute 'Book a Champion' sessions where you can learn the basics and get a taste of this incredible technology.

3D printing can be a solution for replacing and repairing small household items – some examples to come out of the Makerspace include sink plugs, small vacuum cleaner parts and air conditioner remote holders.

See ipswichlibraries.com.au to book a session.



LEARN FOR LIFE WITH IPSWICH LIBRARIES

In celebration of Sustainable Ipswich month, Ipswich Libraries is hosting sessions full of tips and ideas for sustainable living.

Bookings essential via ipswichlibraries.com.au

LEARN FOR LIFE: SUSTAINABLE DESIGN FOR SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND HOMES

🕒 Tuesday 1 October, 6.30 pm

📍 1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Homeowner, tenant or about to build? Join us for a session on reducing environmental impact and lowering living costs in existing dwellings or new builds.



LEARN FOR LIFE: BEYOND THE SUPERMARKET WITH DR KETAH SILVESTER

🕒 Saturday 5 October, 10.15 am

📍 Springfield Central Library

Go beyond supermarket fare and explore the diverse range of edible perennial herbs, fruit and vegetables perfect for SEQ growing conditions.

IN THE GARDEN: STORY TIME AND TODDLER TIME

🕒 Various dates during October

📍 Ipswich Children's, Redbank Plains and Springfield Central libraries

Discover the magic of stories and make new friends as we explore the theme of 'in the garden'.

Have fun with music, movement, stories and rhymes in a welcoming and inclusive environment.



SUSTAINABLE HABITS HAPPEN AT QUEENS PARK

Small changes to your everyday life can go a long way to being more sustainable.

During Sustainable Ipswich the **Queens Park Environmental Education Centre** will host some fantastic sessions to give you the skills to make those simple changes.

Bookings and more information at [ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com](https://www.ipswichcitycouncil.com/eventbrite.com)



FOR THE ADULTS



EVENING WORKSHOPS

Give your garments a second life with Ipswich Spinners and Weavers.

VISIBLE MENDING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 15 October

CROCHET BASICS

Thursday 17 October



PAPER MAKING WORKSHOP

Get creative with paper with Andrea from Art Before Housework.

Wednesday 16 October

FOR THE KIDS



DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

Bring the family for sustainability activities and inspiration.

See highlights of the **2024 Youth Sustainability Summit**

Early October

Join our new **Bush Kindy** for under 5s

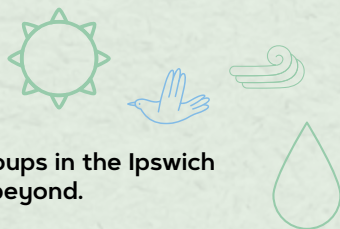
Friday 18 October, 9:00 am

Recycleman is coming to the centre – join in the fun and learn about sustainability!

Friday 22 November





COMMUNITY INITIATIVES MAKING A DIFFERENCE



During Sustainable Ipswich we celebrate people and groups in the Ipswich community committed to sustainability in our city and beyond.

For the full program of events and activities see ipswich.qld.gov.au/sustainability

eWaste CONNECTION OPEN DAY



 Saturday 12 October
 83 Oxford Street, North Booval

Donate your old or broken electronic items to this e-waste recycling initiative – and see the great work being done locally!



CLEAN ENERGY HUB BUS TOUR



Hosted by CleanCo Queensland

 Wednesday 16 October
 Bell Street, Ipswich meeting point

Hear about the re-imagination of Swanbank into a clean energy hub, with innovation and environmental improvements co-designed with the community.

TRASHION SHOW

Hosted by Ipswich Climate Action Group

 Saturday 2 November
 Ipswich Masonic Centre, Nicholas Street, Ipswich

All sorts of styles made from 'trash' and reclaimed items will be on the catwalk, showcasing that lots of items can be fashionable and fun.



TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

ecoBiz is here to help Ipswich businesses save money and reduce their impact on the environment.

This free sustainability program provides personalised coaching, training and tools.

Start your ecoBiz journey at Ecobiz.au



BEING ACTIVE BENEFITS YOU – AND THE PLANET

Riding a bike is fun, improves your physical and mental wellbeing, and is environmentally friendly.

Health professionals recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each day. Bike riding is an easy way to exercise!

See Bicycle Queensland for more information: Bq.org.au

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY BICYCLE SESSIONS

All sessions are delivered by trained, passionate and patient coaches from Ipswich Cycling Club. Register at ipswich.qld.gov.au/activehealthy

WOMEN ON WHEELS – WOMEN CAN FEEL SAFE LEARNING TO RIDE IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT



Wednesday 2 October, 6.00 pm



Ipswich Cycle Park, Raceview

RETURNING RIDERS – FOR ADULTS RETURNING TO RIDING AFTER SOME TIME



Saturday 5 October, 10.00 am



Ipswich Cycle Park, Raceview

BEGINNERS' CYCLING – NEW RIDERS OF ALL AGES WILL LEARN THE BASICS OF CYCLING



Saturday 5 October, 11.00 am



Ipswich Cycle Park, Raceview

IT'S A DATE!

RIDE TO WORK DAY



Wednesday 16 October



Your place of work

Join Australia's biggest celebration of commuter riding at National Ride2Work Day.

More than 50 per cent of car trips are less than 5km. Give the planet – and yourself – a boost and ride instead!

Find out more at Ride2work.com.au



GET READY FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Queensland is the most disaster-impacted state in Australia, with almost 90 disaster events in the past decade.

Climate change is a modern-day challenge that can impact our infrastructure, the way we live and our susceptibility to extreme weather events. Our ability as a city to plan, adapt and respond to a changing climate will ensure that we are prepared to meet this challenge.

A few hours spent working through simple planning tasks with your household, putting aside supplies and securing your home could make a huge difference to the impacts that a disaster or emergency event have on your home and family.

GET READY WEEK

7-13 October

It's time for all Queenslanders to Get Ready for the upcoming severe weather season.

Chat to council's Emergency Management team during a pop-up event.



Wednesday 9 October



Queens Park Environmental Education Centre

You can also find easy checklists and guides online at Getready.qld.gov.au

ONLINE HUB

Council's website is full of information to help you prepare, respond and recover from severe weather.

From heatwaves to floods, you can feel confident that your family can make an emergency plan and take the steps you need to stay safe.

See Ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency

DISASTER DASHBOARD

When disaster strikes, all the local information you need can be found in one place.

From power outages and road closures to flood camera feeds – the Disaster Dashboard has it all.



See Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au





TOP TIPS TO RECYCLE RIGHT

IT CAN BE HARD SOMETIMES TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT GOES IN YOUR YELLOW LID RECYCLING BIN.



HERE ARE THE TOP 5 ITEMS THAT **CAN** GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN:

- 1 Glass jars and bottles
- 2 Aluminium and steel cans and tins
- 3 Plastic bottles and containers
- 4 Cardboard boxes
- 5 Paper including magazines

REMEMBER TO KEEP IT LOOSE!

It might seem convenient to bundle your recycling into a plastic bag – but that will end up going straight to landfill.

Keep your recycling loose and make sure no soft plastics such as plastic bags end up in there.

Learn more: ipswich.qld.gov.au/recycling

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR FREE FLEXISKIP?



Ipswich households can book a **FREE** large item kerbside collection each year with **FLEXiSKiP**.



FLEXiSKiP is a heavy duty, 2 cubic metre skip bag. It's big enough to fit couches, mattresses, washing machines, bikes and other large items.

With this on-demand model a minimum of 50 per cent of materials collected will be recovered from landfill, and with the new bagged system there will be less chance of litter and debris left on the kerbside.

For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/kerbside or call (07) 3130 0412.

JOIN AUSTRALIA'S FESTIVAL OF PRE-LOVED STUFF

GARAGE SALE TRAIL



Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 November
Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 November



Across Ipswich

Keep the sustainability good times rolling with the annual Garage Sale Trail in November.

There's plenty of opportunity across Ipswich with two big weekends of bargain hunting!

You can register your own garage sale, or wait for the event to go searching for second-hand treasure.

Find out more at Garagesaletrail.com.au



IT'S A DATE!

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK



11–17 November



Everywhere

Planet Ark's annual campaign is an opportunity for everyone to improve their recycling knowledge, improve habits and build trust in recycling.

See Recyclingnearlyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek



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Recycle me when you're done! 
Put me in your yellow lid recycling bin.



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