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Message from Ipswich Mayor, Teresa Harding



Winter in our city is definitely the season of fun, fast-paced action and adrenaline, coupled with celebrations of the people, places, arts and culture of lpswich. Plenty to warm you up.

The Festival of Horsepower will be back throughout June with another monthlong program packed full of excitement.

The annual festival includes a number of Australia's signature racing and motorsport events, featuring the Gulf Western Oil Winternationals at Willowbank Raceway.

At Australia's largest drag racing event, you will see the amazing flame throwing 'Top Fuel Funny Cars' with up to 400 vehicles competing for the national championship honours.

The TAB Ipswich Cup is always a crowd favourite. Whether it's the horses you follow, the fashions on the field, DJ festival or catching up with old friends, it's Ipswich's social event of the year, this year on 22 June.

SPARK Ipswich is an 11-day citywide event, a festival of arts and culture running from 4 to 14 July.

When the sun goes down, deLight comes to life showcasing large-scale projections on local architecture. Gather your family and friends, and explore the projections and music in d'Arcy Doyle Place from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm each night, or enjoy a myriad of live performances and experiences from a local venue.

And we don't forget the young ones. Little by name but big in fun. A SPARK Ipswich festival favourite, Little Day Out is Ipswich's signature children's music and arts festival.

With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out is bursting with music, hands-on art experiences, food and roving entertainment.

There are numerous events and attractions at Ipswich Civic Centre, Studio 188, Ipswich Art Gallery and more to round out a jam-packed festival program. So, brave the cooler temps and enjoy a wonderful winter in Ipswich.

Front Cover Image: Purga Nature Reserve includes a 350m wheelchair-accessible Tea Tree Boardwalk.

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In 2021, Belinda Janson was the only female waste truck driver in Ipswich City Council's (council) Resource Recovery team.

Now, almost 10 per cent of the team of 70 are women – and council isn't stopping there.

In 2021, council applied for and was granted an exemption by the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) under the Anti-Discrimination Act to advertise for females only to be recruited for a training program, in a bid to increase the number of women in this part of our workforce.

The ruling by QIRC meant council was exempt for three years from relevant sections of the Anti-Discrimination Act in relation to the advertising and recruitment of waste truck drivers.

However, this exemption was ultimately not required. Following the landmark ruling, council shared Belinda's story online and through the media to raise awareness among women in the community.

This alone proved effective in encouraging women to come forward and apply for existing opportunities available.

"I'm thrilled that more girls are getting on board," Ms Janson said.

"I love this job, it's good fun. There's no reason at all that it can't be done by different genders – it's a job for everybody.

"I'd say to anyone that is interested to give it a go. All of us girls love it!"

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activities for the whole family

Spend some time outside and make the most of Ipswich's warm sunny days.



Get outdoors

Spend the day hiking, biking or walking around the 8,500ha of parks and conservation estates in Ipswich including Flinders Peak (pictured). The weather is perfect for outdoor exploration as the days are warm but there's a coolness to the air.



Try an adrenaline fuelled adventure

Whether your passion lies in escape rooms, motorsport or soaring to new heights, there are several ways to get your blood pumping in Ipswich. Try your hand at gel blasters, Rage Cage Smash Rooms (pictured) or or the new go-kart track at Queensland Raceway for an awesome adventure.







Have a picnic

There are some amazing places to have a picnic in Ipswich. Choose from lux styled picnics where someone else takes care of all the hard work for you, or opt to visit one of the city's fantastic parks like Queens Park (pictured above), where all you need do is pack the esky. Check out the list for some more location ideas.

Explore your inner farmer

Spend a weekend exploring farms, like The Llama Farm (pictured), tasting produce and meeting animals. Learn all about farm life and at the end of the day stay in a rural retreat with gorgeous country views.





Taste comforting dishes

When it starts to get cool, there's nothing better than a warming, hearty meal. Think butter chicken, mouth-watering burgers and melt in your mouth ribs like the ones at Bakehouse Steakhouse (pictured). Scan the QR code for a list of venues serving up top comfort food in Ipswich.





NEW ONE-STOP ENTERTAINMENT VENUE TO OPEN FOR GENERAL PUBLIC IN IPSWICH

A major Victorian entertainment company will soon call Nicholas Street Precinct home after signing up to open in the Nicholas Street Venue building.

General Public, which operates three outlets in Victoria, will bring their 'eatertainery' concept to the Nicholas Street Venue, including state-of-the-art arcade games, 14 tenpin bowling lanes, golf simulators, billiard tables, food and licensed drinking spots.

General Public is making its first expansion outside Victoria and is expected to be operating at the Nicholas Street Venue by late 2024 in an almost 3,000 square metres entertainment space on the ground floor of the site.

Nicholas Street Precinct is set to become the premier leisure,

entertainment and cultural destination in the heart of a revitalised Ipswich Central.

General Public will include tenpin bowling lanes, billiard tables, darts room, event spaces, a great music ambience, and lpswich's latest arcade centre with interactive games suitable for all.

The \$71.9 million Nicholas Street Venue building will be Ipswich's largest entertainment hub, with 12,500 square metres of multiple leisure and hospitality businesses over two levels.

Up to 10 businesses will lease space in the Nicholas Street Venue once the redevelopment is complete later this year.



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IPSWICH LIBRARIES

Don't Stop Moving!

Join in the fun at Ipswich Libraries these school holidays!

Check out the incredible range of FREE programs and events on offer – there is something for every age.

- Play On Breakfast with Libby and Georgie Trickett
- Soft Tip Archery
- Magic Pete Show and Workshop
- Music Production with DJ Lab
- Busy Builders Drop In LEGO™
- Circus Skills Drop In
- Road Test a Robot Drop In
- Book Bingo Reading Challenge
- Eye Spy: Skateboarding Library Search.

Bookings open Monday 3 June.

Visit Ipswichlibraries.com.au for more information.





IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Merging art, design and language, tap into your creative expression with design.it!

Experiment with different design tools and techniques, and draw inspiration from artworks to shape your ideas into masterpieces.

Saturday 1 June - Sunday 28 July 10.00 am - 5.00 pm daily

Visit Ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au for more information.







NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT

Play On

Want to keep your kids active these school holidays?

Experience Play On where your children can learn new skills and try a range of sports activities.

This program of activities aims to improve your child's health, fitness and wellbeing.

Monday 24 to Friday 28 June 10.00 am - 2.00 pm daily

Tulmur Place, Nicholas Street Precinct Three hours of free parking

For more details, visit Nicholasst.com.au



IPSWICH CIVIC CENTRE

This July school holidays, hands will be clapping and toes tapping with Dorothy's mega mix of dance hits!

Get ready to Romp-Bomp-A-Stomp with everyone's favourite Dinosaur in this extravaganza of show stopping songs, including all The Wiggles greatest hits like Rock-A-Bye Your Bear, Hot Potato & Do the Propeller!

The fun doesn't stop there! Joined on stage by all her Wiggly friends you'll be 'Shaking your Hips' with Wags the Dog, 'Move your Arms' like Henry the Octopus and singing 'Quack, Quack' with Captain Feathersword!

Wednesday 3 July 10.00 am

For more details, visit lpswichciviccentre.com.au/whats-on







A MONTH-LONG PROGRAM PACKED FULL OF ADRENALINE AND EXCITEMENT

FESTIVAL OF HORSEPOWER

IPSWICH | JUNE



WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY 1 JUNE CRUISE THE NIGHT

Rev up your engines for an epic social cruise night on the national circuit with food trucks, trade stalls and family-friendly activities.

THURSDAY 6 TO SUNDAY 9 JUNE GULF WESTERN OIL WINTERNATIONALS

The flame-throwing 'Top Fuel Funny Cars' are back, plus over 400 vehicles competing in the biggest drag racing event in Australia.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE TAB IPSWICH CUP BARRIER DRAW

Hear from racing commentators, owners, trainers and jockeys about the upcoming TAB lpswich Cup and other feature races.

SATURDAY 22 JUNE TAB IPSWICH CUP

It's Ipswich's social event of the year! With plenty of entertainment, horses, fashions, socialising and in-field festive fun

SUNDAY 23 JUNE WESTERN STAR FEATURE RACE DAY

There is nothing quite like a family day out at the trots! Join in the fun at one of the last harness racing courses left in Queensland.

FRIDAY 28 AND SATURDAY 29 JUNE HI-TEC DRIFT

It's pure motorsporting theatre as Hi-Tec drifting and circuit racing come together over two huge days of smoking battles.

FRIDAY 28 TO SUNDAY 30 JUNE QUEENSLAND KART CHAMPIONSHIPS

Experience the best kart racing action with drivers from all over Australia competing to be crowned as state champions.

SATURDAY 29 AND SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2 DAYS OF THUNDER

Get ready for a massive weekend of Super Series racing, motorsport legends, trade stands and plenty of entertainment.



TRACKSIDE TO TABLESIDE

Take a break from the adrenaline to explore citywide foodie delights and refuel during Festival of Horsepower.

















GULF WESTERN OIL WINTERNATIONALS

Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June Willowbank Raceway | Ticketed event

The biggest drag racing event of the year is back! The Gulf Western Oil Winternationals is the largest championship event held outside of North America and is the final round for the Professional National Drag Racing Championships (NDRC) and the NDRC Eastern Conference Final.

From the amazing professional brackets Top Fuel and Nitro Funny Cars through to junior dragsters, every bracket that competes for national championship honours will be represented. With more than 400 cars and motorcycles from all over the country expected to be on track over four big days of racing, there's non-stop action every day, both on and off the track.

All the thrilling racing action will be complimented by a wide range of activities – and all conducted in a festive atmosphere for the whole family.



TAB IPSWICH CUP

Saturday 22 June Ipswich Turf Club | Ticketed event

The TAB Ipswich Cup is undoubtedly a highlight on the racing calendar. More than just a horse race, it's the social event of the year for the Ipswich region and beyond. Whether it's the horses you follow, the fashions on the field, DJ festival or just catching up with old friends, the TAB Ipswich Cup is an event not to be missed.

TAB IPSWICH CUP BARRIER DRAW

Tuesday 18 June | Free event

Starting positions for the TAB Ipswich Cup will be revealed at the coveted TAB Ipswich Cup Barrier Draw, hosted by Sky Racing. Discover track favourites and race form from jockeys, owners and Sky Racing commentators in preparation for the race.

TAB IPSWICH CUP CALCUTTA

Thursday 20 June Ticketed event

Don't miss your chance to draw one of the TAB Ipswich Cup Day runners before the official auction starts! Be there to 'buy' the Cup winner at this year's TAB Ipswich Cup Calcutta.



WESTERN STAR FEATURE RACE DAY

Sunday 23 June Marburg Pacing Association Entry from \$3, kids free

Bring the whole family and experience all the excitement just metres from the track. Built for endurance, the Standardbred Horses vying to pull their cart across the finish line is an impressive and exciting sight.

With plenty of food and family entertainment, it's easy to see this is country style racing at its best.

QUEENSLAND KART CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June Ipswich Kart Club | Free entry

Experience all the exhilarating karting action as the best drivers from around Australia compete to be crowned as state champions.

With qualifying rounds on Friday, heat racing on Saturday and all the heart pumping finals action on Sunday, you won't want to miss all the fun on and off the track at South East Queensland's premier karting track.





QUEENSLAND RACEWAY

2 DAYS OF THUNDER

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June

Get ready for the adrenaline-pumping 2 Days of Thunder as part of the Hi-Tec Oils Super Series. This national racing car championship features TA2 Muscle Cars, V8 Classic Touring Cars, Formula RX8, Australian Excel Series, Formula Vee Australian Super TT, Legend Cars Australia, Replica Tourers and more.

CRUISE THE NIGHT

Saturday 1 June Ticketed event

Find out firsthand what it's like to drive on the other side of the pitwall at Queensland Raceway. Cruise the national circuit with your mates and enjoy food trucks, trade stands and activities for the kids in an epic night out at the track.

HI-TEC DRIFT

Friday 28 and Saturday 29 June Ticketed event

With nominal points left between contenders, you won't want to miss all the thrilling drift battles and nail biting finishes of the Pro Am and Pro Series as well as giveaways and of course, lots and lots of smoke.

BUSHCARE

Get hands-on with likeminded volunteers on a mission to improve our natural environment.

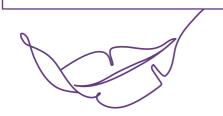
It's easy to become a Bushcare volunteer:

- no skills or knowledge needed; everything can be learned 'on the job'
- meet new people with similar interests and a shared goal
- do up to three trial days to see if it is for you
- do a short induction to become a regular volunteer – and get a free hat and gloves
- see the rewards of your hard work as you transform weeds into native habitat

Sign up for a trial

lpswich.qld.gov.au/volunteering

Ipswich's Bushcare groups have regular working bees that you can join for a trial. Find information and register through the Volunteer Portal.





FIND A GROUP NEAR YOU!

- Garden of Eden Project, Cribb Park, North Ipswich
- Mason's Gully Regenerative Project, Rosewood
- Peace Park Arboretum, Rosewood
- Jim Donald Wetlands, Silkstone
- Woogaroo Creek, Eugene Street Reserve, Bellbird Park
- Opossum Creek Regenerative Project, Brookwater
- Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve, Ipswich
- Lorikeet Reserve, Bundamba
- Friends of the Wetlands, Tivoli.

Eco-friendly festivals!

Be inspired by special events with an environment and sustainability focus.

PEAKS TO POINTS FESTIVAL

20 July - 4 August

This regional celebration of council and community efforts to care for creek catchments includes some outstanding lpswich initiatives.

Ipswich City Council is proud to support Peaks to Points Festival and contribute activities including enviro talks, guided tours of Enviroplan conservation estates and a National Tree Day community planting.

Peakstopoints.com.au



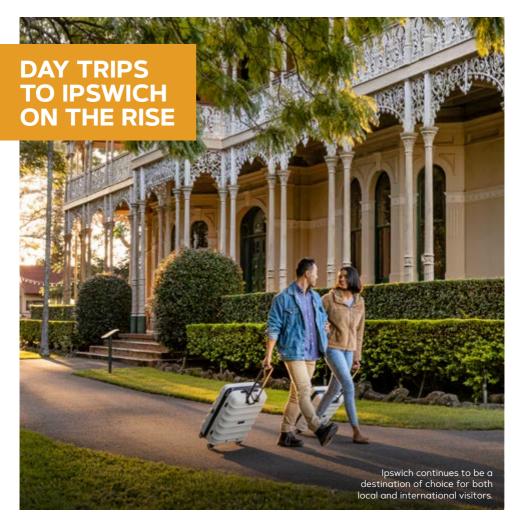
SPARK IPSWICH -IN A WORLD OF MY OWN

24 June - 13 July

Ipswich artistic duo Pan and Boo will transform Queens Park Environmental Education Centre into a magical oversized crochet and embroidered garden.

Children will love exploring the interactive feature and learning about the natural world. In a World of My Own will also feature craft activities and easy learn to crochet classes.

Sparkipswich.com.au



Ipswich's burgeoning reputation as a destination of choice is being fuelled by the highest number of day trippers to the region since the COVID-19 outbreak.

The latest data released from Tourism Research Australia revealed day trips to the region were up 15.3 per cent year on year, with only 2019 reporting higher numbers. In 2023, day trips were up considerably to nearly 1.5 million visits.

The Tourism Research Australia data also included international visitor numbers for the first time since COVID-19, showing promising green shoots for local tourist operators.

International tourism was up 1.5 per cent on the previous figure prior to the COVID-19 shutdown period.

Encouraging more visitors, visitor nights, length of stay and visitor expenditure have all been targets of council's Destination Management Plan and City Events Plan, with the new figures showing pay-off from these plans.



Inspiration for planning a visit to Ipswich can be found on council's dedicated website at Discoverlpswich.com.au



PSWICH CIVIC CENTRE



JUNE		
31 May – 1 June	Head Over Heels	Ipswich Civic Centre
Wednesday 5 June	Dave O'Neil – Overweight Lightweight	Ipswich Civic Centre
Thursday 13 June	Hatchery 4305 Performance – Growing Pains	Studio 188
Friday 14 June	Growing Pains	Studio 188
14-23 June	The Life and Death of Almost Everybody	Fire Station 101
Saturday 15 June	Solidarity Külture Ćlub	Studio 188
Thursday 20 June	The Westside Scramble	Studio 188
Friday 21 June	Ben Lee	Studio 188
Saturday 22 June	Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham (of The Waifs)	Studio 188
Saturday 22 June	Stitch in the 'swich – World Comedy	Ipswich Civic Centre
Friday 28 June	Take Me To Paris – Dinner and Show	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 29 June	MusiQue	Studio 188
Sunday 30 June	From Campfire to Stage Light	Ipswich Civic Centre
Sunday 30 June	Global Echoes – Unique Sounds	Studio 188
JULY		
Wednesday 3 July	Dorothy the Dinosaur Spectacular Show!	Ipswich Civic Centre
Thursday 4 July	FRY UP	Studio 188
Friday 5 July	The Beryls Present The Pageant – Dinner and Show	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 6 July	FEEDER - PERFORMANCE	Studio 188
Saturday 6 July	Ipswich Has Comic Talent – The Show	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 6 July	A Taste of Ireland	Ipswich Civic Centre
Tuesday 9 July	Drag Aerobics	Studio 188
10-11 JULY	STUDIO SHORTS – Flickerfest Indigenous Spotlight	Studio 188
11-13 JULY	St Mary's and St Edmund's Colleges' Production of Mary Poppins	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 13 July	MIXTAPE SESSIONS – BEMAC Unplugged: Kristal West	Studio 188
Sunday 14 July	Common People Dance Eisteddfod	Ipswich Civic Centre
24-27 July	Every Brilliant Thing	Ipswich Civic Centre
Friday 26 July	Stitch in the 'swich – Comedy Variety Night	Studio 188
26 July - 4 August	The Drowsy Chaperone	Fire Station 101
Saturday 27 July	MusiQue	Studio 188
Sunday 28 July	Acoustic Guitar Spectacular	Studio 188
	AUGUST	
Thursday 15 August	The Westside Scramble	Studio 188
Saturday 17 August	The Robertson Brothers 1960's Variety TV Show	Ipswich Civic Centre
Tuesday 20 August	The Gruffalo	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 24 August	The Sunshine Club	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 24 August	Stitch in the 'swich – Young Guns of Comedy	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 24 August	MIXTAPE SESSIONS	Studio 188
Saturday 31 August	MusiQue	Studio 188

FROM IPSWICH TO THE BERYLS:

A Journey Driven by Passion and Fun

Patrick Dwyer's fascination with comedic legends like Jim Carrey and Mike Myers, during his childhood, fuelled his unwavering determination to pursue a career in entertainment. This avid passion ultimately led him to collaborate with Laura Trenerry, resulting in the creation of The Beryls after their university years in Toowoomba. Through their improvisational sessions, the characters Roger and Victoria were born, embodying the distinctive essence of The Beryls.

Embracing Victoria's confidence on stage, Patrick has adopted personal mantras that enhance his performances. He believes in the adoration of every audience member and embraces unexpected mishaps as spontaneous elements of the show.

Amidst the whirlwind of performances, Patrick cherishes the laughter-filled moments shared with friends from the theatre world. These bonds, formed through mutual experiences and passion, have consistently provided him with support and joy throughout his career.

Performing in Ipswich holds a treasure trove of cherished memories for Patrick. Winning the Best Actor award at the One Act Play Festival at Ipswich Little Theatre when he was around 8 or 9 ignited his lifelong passion for performance. Another memorable highlight was 'Little Boxes' at the Anywhere Festival in Brisbane, an outdoor production in a vast car park that

Reflecting on performing for his hometown crowd, Patrick expresses, "As I gaze into the audience, I see familiar faces – individuals who have been with me since the beginning. Their steadfast support is a testament to our community's strength and a constant reminder of my profound gratitude for this enriching career journey."

epitomised experimental theatre.

The Beryls Present
The Pageant –
Dinner and Show









HATCHERY 4305 PERFORMANCE -GROWING PAINS @ STUDIO 188 13 JUNE



THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ALMOST EVERYBODY
@ FIRE STATION 101
14-23 JUNE





THE WESTSIDE SCRAMBLE
@ STUDIO 188
20 JUNE













Global Echoes UNIQUE SOUNDS

@ **STUDIO 188** 30 JUNE

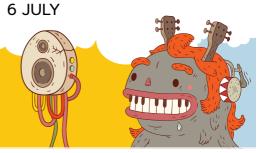


DOROTHY
THE DINOSAUR
SPECTACULAR
SHOW!
3 JULY



THE BERYLS PRESENT
THE PAGEANT - DINNER
AND SHOW
5 JULY

FEEDER - PERFORMANCE © STUDIO 188





A TASTE OF IRELAND
6 JULY















COMEDY VARIETY NIGHT

@ STUDIO 188

26 JULY









THE WESTSIDE SCRAMBLE @ STUDIO 188 15 AUGUST













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ENTRIES CLOSE:

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AGE CATEGORIES:

THE SECRETARIAN SHAPE

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12 - 17 Years

18 - 25 Years



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Offenders can be fined over \$2,000.

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The former Jamie's Ministry of Food in d'Arcy Doyle Place within Ipswich Central has reopened as the new Ipswich Art Workshop, an arts hub for the city's creative community.

Council approved the Ipswich Arts Advisory Group's recommended approach of initial activation through a diverse range of activities and workshops.

A variety of workshops will allow council to gauge community interest, both from the wider Ipswich community and the local creative community.

The initial activations will include weekend and evening classes, and workshops programmed by the lpswich Art Gallery designed to align with lpswich Art Gallery and lpswich Community Gallery exhibitions, and ad hoc masterclass workshops

organised to enhance the skills of local artists.

The former Jamie's Ministry of Food has been decommissioned as a training kitchen, with all cooking equipment and appliances removed, with stove tops, ovens, cooking equipment and small appliances transferred to charity organisation GIVIT, which will be provided to community organisations.

Local ceramist Jane Du Rand connected council with Brisbane Boys Grammar School, which donated used equipment to the new studio such as tables, stools, map/plan drawers, a printing press, camera tripods and a photography backdrop.

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Rescheduled for an unmissable, conflict-free celebration of creativity.

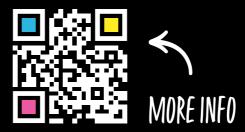
Mark your calendars for the lpswich art event of the year!

ENTRIES OPEN

1-31 August

EXHIBITION

1-9 November



EXHIBITIONS



Articulation

🛗 1 June – 4 August

Encompassing work from 14 diverse practitioners, this design exhibition unravels the intricate relationship between language and its profound influence on cultural and social dimensions through objects and space.

Image from left: Caroline Austin, language box, 2021. Liam McCallion, Paxton Aarnik in American Walnut, 2021. Courtesy of the designers.



ELSEWHERE: Kirralee Robinson

🛗 25 May – 4 August

A sculptural exhibition of light, optics and found objects, where materiality meets a daydream.

Kirralee Robinson Pipe Mirror DETAIL, 2024, found galvanised steel ducting pipe and mirrored glass. Image courtesy of the artist.

DISCUSSION



IAG Up Late: Urban Renewal Discussion

🛗 6 July

⊘ 6.00 pm - 6.45 pm

Art, architecture and design – join us for a discussion about the challenges and opportunities of urban renewal with experts from a range of fields that help shape our urban spaces for the future.

What's on:Ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au





A FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's time to ignite your passion for the City of Ipswich.

The fourth annual SPARK Ipswich festival is set to light up the city once more with a diverse medley of music, art, culture and unique new experiences.

Ipswich's people and places will remain at the heart of the 2024 festival with another 11-day program full of arts and cultural events, activations and performances.

A Teddy Bear's Picnic is new to the packed program, with children and their families set to enjoy brunch on a picnic blanket alongside their favourite teddy.

Crowd favourite events Little Day Out and WOMI will return, while deLight will feature the works of 17 local artists projected across 143 Brisbane Street and St Paul's Anglican Church in spectacular light works.

An Ipswich team will again don sequins and spandex to take on other areas of South East Queensland in the Common People Dance Project and this will be the ultimate finisher for the SPARK Ipswich festival this year.

There will be plenty of hands-on workshops, live performance and visual SPARK-taculars to ignite the creativity of you, your friends and family, right across the region.

Join us as we celebrate all that our great city has to offer and discover your SPARK in 2024.

Mayor Teresa HardingCity of Ipswich

Front cover image creative direction by Renee Yates

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.



WELCOME

Our fourth citywide festival of arts and culture showcases local talent and creates unique audience experiences for all. We celebrate the cultural diversity of the region as **WOMI** returns to Orion Springfield Central with a bold line up of world music. **deLight** and **pixel** use cutting edge technology to shine a spotlight on local visual artists, and **d'Arcy Doyle Place** offers up a nightly program of local musicians. **Little Day Out** and the inaugural **Teddy Bear's Picnic** are bursting with cultural experiences for little people and their families. And there is much, much more!

The 2024 program is teeming with exhibitions, music, performances and hands on experiences across the city, revelling in the world class artists, musicians and performers that call Ipswich home. We invite you to dive deep into this year's program, to fill your diary with creative experiences, and adventure to new places and spaces.

RENEE YATES

For SPARK Ipswich 2024, local artist Renee Yates was commissioned to create *Home*, a mixed-media artwork using coloured pencil drawings and cut paper collage that captures four different landscapes of the Ipswich region. Elements of the work are featured throughout the festival program and through the light art installations at d'Arcy Doyle Place and pixel.

Renee has lived and worked in the Ipswich region for 16 years. Her practice focuses on storytelling using hybrid analogue and digital techniques, combining original coloured pencil drawings, cut paper collage, and digital media – including field recordings – to create representations of local landscapes. In addition to her arts practice, Renee is an award-winning educator and Media Arts teacher at a local high school.



A section of Renee Yate's work, Home.



d'ARCY DOYLE PLACE

Join us nightly in d'Arcy Doyle Place, a meeting place to begin your SPARK Ipswich journey of discovery.

Chill out and enjoy illuminated artworks, artist talks and music under the starry sky. Gather together before heading on to one of the many live shows, performances and exhibitions on offer across Ipswich.

DATES

Thursday 4 July - Sunday 14 July

TIME

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

VFNUF

d'Arcy Doyle Place

COST

Free



PIXEL

Collaborating with festival artist Renee Yates, SAE Creative Media Institute students produce exceptional animations and a lighting display all inspired by Renee's artwork 'Home'.

DATES

Thursday 4 July - Sunday 14 July

TIME

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

VENUE

1 Nicholas Street and Metro B Building, Nicholas Street Precinct



deLIGHT

St Paul's Anglican Church (St Paul's) and 143 Brisbane Street will be transformed into a dynamic outdoor gallery. Local artists will have their works brought to life through collaboration with Projection Artist James Muller (Earth Base Productions), resulting in a stunning display of vibrant moving images.

St Paul's will be a celebration of First Nations artists with a compilation of works showcased every night.

Artists include Chenaya Bancroft-Davis, Kacie Fahey, Danielle Leedie Gray, Kylie Hill, Jennifer Kent, Jacob Sarra and Robin 'Tallman' Wakkajinda.

143 Brisbane Street will showcase an artist each night of the festival.

Thu 4 July Miss Gertrude
Fri 5 July Kirsty O'Brien
Sat 6 July Shannon Nayler
Sun 7 July Emily Kate Murray
Mon 8 July Jacob Lee Adlington
Tue 9 July Cynthia Copley
Wed 10 July Kaden Sutherland

Thu 11 July Dave Reid
Fri 12 July Kate Douglas

Sat 13 July Christopher Bentley

Sun 14 July All artists

combined works



DATES

Thursday 4 July – Sunday 14 July

TIME

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

VENUE

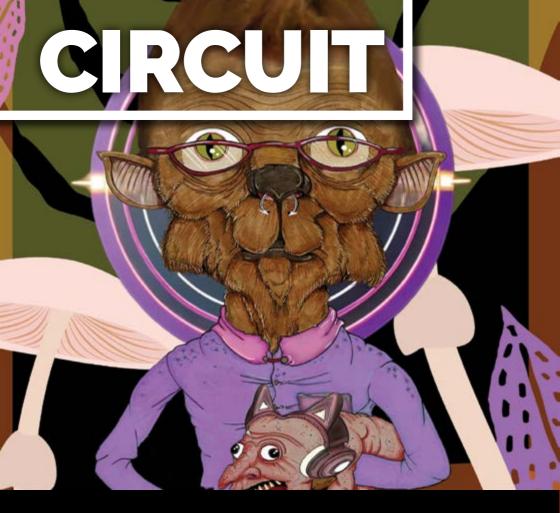
143 Brisbane Street and St Paul's Anglican Church

COST

Free



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MUSIC IN MANY PLACES

Two electrifying musical events transform Ipswich Central into a symphony of sound each Saturday of the festival!

Imagine over 15 unique venues, each pulsating with its own rhythm, scattered throughout the city centre. From energetic pubs to trendy barbershops, art-filled spaces, and aromatic Indian restaurants, the beats will echo through every corner.

DATES

Saturday 6 and 13 July

TIME

5.00 pm - 9.00 pm

VENUE

Ipswich Central

COST

Free





Ipswich's signature world music event returns to Springfield Central with live performances, workshops, food and crafts from across the globe.

Featuring performances by Paco Lara Flamenco, Haystack Mountain Hermits, Mzaza, Mango Matic, Run Rabbit, Gosti, Guava Love, Shanasheel, Innessa, Menaka and more.

DATE

Sunday 7 July

TIME

9.00 am - 4.00 pm

VENUE

Main Street, Orion Springfield Central

COST

Free









If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. If you go down in the woods today, you'd better go in disguise. For every bear that ever there was, will gather there together because, today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

Children and their families are invited to celebrate SPARK Ipswich's inaugural Teddy Bears' Picnic. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy, picnic rug and snacks. There will be craft workshops for you and teddy to enjoy, stage performances, roving entertainers and of course... A Bear Hunt!

DATE

Saturday 6 July

TIME

9.30 am - 12.00 pm

VENUE

Queensland Museum Rail Workshops

COST

\$5 per entry









Little by name but BIG on FUN.

With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out is bursting with music, hands-on art experiences, food trucks and roving entertainment.

Gather your festival crew to sing, dance, create and play. Tinker with tools, create a clay self-portrait, make an art mobile, bubble wands and a textured cardboard mural, all part of the Little Day Out experience.

Festival favourites Burger Joint headline this year with their Junior Burger Rock Show, a fresh, uniquely Australian rock concert for kids!



TOWN CENTRE

DATE

Sunday 14 July

TIME

Session 1: 9.00 am - 11.30 am Session 2: 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

VENUE

Ripley Town Centre

COST

\$5 per entry – children with a purchased ticket receive a bucket hat



PERFORMANCE

FRY UP

Come and satisfy your appetite for local delights, anything from art mashups to musical performances.

THU 4 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$20

The Beryls Present The Pageant – Dinner and Show

Backcomb that big hair, slip into your favourite 80's taffeta frock and prepare to snatch that crown! Your hosts Victoria Beauvoir and Roger Seahorse are hilarious in their satirical play set at a children's beauty pageant that goes terribly wrong.

FRI 5 JUL 6.00 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre Tickets from \$58–\$60 includes dinner and show



Ipswich Has Comic Talent: The Show We know that Ipswich Has Comic Talent. So we roped in the pros to help us unearth it. SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre | \$10

A Taste of Ireland

Hot off its sold out 2023 UK Tour, laugh, cry and jig into the night with a show that has entertained thousands.

SAT 6 JUL 7.30 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre Tickets from \$70

STUDIO SHORTS - Flickerfest Indigenous Spotlight

To celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024, a collection of short films will be screened over two nights, Indigenous Spotlight Shorts, highlights and celebrates the best First Nations creatives in front of and behind the camera.

THU 11 and FRI 12 JUL 7.00 PM Studio 188 | Free

Palace Ipswich Presents: DIVAS

Get ready to be dragged into a night of the epic, the romantic and the tragic as Palace Ipswich presents DIVAS!

SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace \$20 online, \$25 at the door | 18+

Common People Dance Eisteddfod

Working with the common people to create outrageous dance routines to some of the greatest '80s and '90s hits. Dripping in sequins, sweat and spandex, cheer for your team as they running-man their way to victory.

SUN 14 JUL 6.30 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre Tickets from \$10-\$20



MUSIC

Banshee Karaoke with Alexis Diamond

Join our fabulous host as she guides us through the best and worst of karaoke.

THU 4 and 11 JUL 7.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

JB Paterson, Tom Harrison and Serena Stranger

A night of country folk and storytelling from some of Queensland finest artists.

FRI 5 JUL 7.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace | \$15 | 18+

SPARK Electronic

SPARK goes electronic, with electrifying live acts. Featuring Bri & Si, Kairos Kin, DAMIEN from Ipswich and DJ Graham Dunn.

SAT 6 JUL 6.00 PM | Banshees Bar & Artspace \$10 online, \$15 at the door | 18+

Romance

The Ipswich Junior String Ensemble presents an evening of soaring string music from the greatest Romantic Composers.

SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM St Paul's Anglican Church | Free



Synthétique

An immersive, modular synth event featuring artists ready to wiggle you into new sonic dimensions.

SUN 7 JUL 5.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

Open Mic at Banshees

A friendly and inclusive event where musicians, comics and other performance artists can share their creative wares on our stage!

WED 10 JUL 7.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

The Disgruntled Variety Show

Forget Cabaret, this is Punkaret. Featuring The Disgruntled Taxpayers, Orlando Furious, Biggie Nixz, Daynosaur and Britney's Diary the audience can expect the unexpected in this genre bending event.

FRI 12 JUL 7.00 PM Banshees Bar & Artspace | From \$10 | 18+

Big Band Spectacular

Music, you know and love, from the 1940s to today. Three Big Bands thrill with the sounds of trumpets, saxophones, trombones, and rhythm.

SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM St Paul's Anglican Church Hall | \$25



MIXTAPE SESSIONS – BEMAC Unplugged: Kristal West

Let Kristal West take you on a musical journey with a tribute to Dr. Eddie and Dr. Bonita Mabo. SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$25

VISUAL ART AND EXHIBITIONS

ELSEWHERE: Kirralee Robinson

A sculptural exhibition of light, optics and found objects, where materiality meets a daydream.

25 MAY – 4 AUG 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

Articulation

A design exhibition that unravels the intricate relationship between language and its profound influence on cultural and social dimensions through objects and space.

1 JUN - 4 AUG 10.00 AM - 5.00 PM Ipswich Art Gallery | Free



In a World of My Own

An interactive fibre arts garden for children with reading, craft and play activities. Fun for the whole family.

24 JUN – 13 JUL TUE-SAT 9.00 AM – 2.00 PM Queens Park Environmental Education Centre Free

Back to the Futurism

Explore a neon night of nostalgia. Glow in the dark and ultraviolet artworks on show.

4-7 and 9-14 JUL 9.00 AM - 10.00 PM Arttime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies | Free

Ipswich A Mosaic

Step into a world of vibrant colours and intricate details. From sweeping landscapes to abstract compositions, the pieces on display capture the beauty and diversity of Ipswich and its surroundings.

4-7 and 10-14 JUL Banshees Bar & Artspace | 18+



Once UP ON a Table

With handmade goods, paintings, photography and woodwork, revitalise your love of the simple life.

6-7 JUL 9.00 AM - 3.00 PM Old Ipswich Court House | Free

WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

Circus Skills Drop In

Discover the art of juggling, hula hooping, twirling, tumbling, balancing and more with expert coaches from Circus Ipswich.

2-5 JUL 10.00 AM | Ipswich Libraries venues Free | 6-17 years

ARTiculate - Yarn and Yarn

Learn of the creative process 'In a world of my own' plus create your own fibre work.

THU 4 JUL 6.00 PM

Queens Park Environmental Education Centre Free, ticketed

Every Brilliant Thing – Open Rehearsals

Join Ipswich-based THAT Production Company in open rehearsals. An interactive theatrical experience that invites audiences to consider the small joys that make life brilliant.

4, 6, 11, 13 JUL 10.00 AM | Fire Station 101 Free, ticketed



deLight Artists Talks

The local artists selected to participate in deLight share insights into their art and practice.

4-14 JUL 6.00 PM | d'Arcy Doyle Place | Free

Grown Up and Me Crochet

Dip your toes into the world of fibre arts by learning some beginner crochet stitches. You'll also make your very own flower!

FRI 5 JUL 10.30 AM Queens Park Environmental Education Centre | Free, ticketed | 9+



Sink the Ink

Create a tattoo on synthetic skin in a fun, safe and controlled environment. You will be shown basic line work and shading techniques.

5–10 JUL 3.00 PM Pumpyard Brewery | \$59 | 18+

IAG Up Late: Urban Renewal Discussion

Art, architecture, and design – learn about opportunities that help shape our urban spaces for the future.

SAT 6 JUL 6.00 PM | Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

FEEDER - PERFORMANCE

Come and watch emerging artists who have fine tuned their musicianship with industry finest, put on their best gig yet!

SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$15

Drag Aerobics

Imagine a workout where the beats are as fierce as the fashion, and the instructor is a charismatic drag queen with a flair for fitness.

TUE 9 JUL 6.30 PM | Studio 188 | \$22

Event	Location	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
FOR THE KIDS				
In a World of My Own	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm
Circus Skills Drop In	Ipswich Libraries Venues	10.00am	10.00am	
Grown Up and Me Crochet	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre		10.30am	
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Queensland Museum Rail Workshops			9.30am - 12.00pm
Little Day Out				
MUSIC				
d'Arcy Doyle Place	d'Arcy Doyle Place	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Banshee Karaoke with Alexis Diamond	Banshees Bar & Artspace	7.00pm		
CIRCUIT - Music in Many Places	Various venues – Ipswich Central			5.00pm - 9.00pm
JB Patterson, Tom Harrison and Serena Stronger	Banshees Bar & Artspace		7.00pm	
SPARK Electronic	Banshees Bar & Artspace			6.00pm
Romance	St Paul's Anglican Church			7.00pm
WOMI - World of Music Ipswich	Orion Springfield Central			
Synthétique	Banshees Bar & Artspace			
Open Mic at Banshees	Banshees Bar & Artspace			
The Disgruntled Variety Show	Banshees Bar & Artspace			
Big Band Spectacular	St Paul's Anglican Church Hall			
MIXTAPE SESSIONS – BEMAC Unplugged: Kristal West	Studio <i>188</i>			
PERFORMANCE				
FRY UP	Studio 188	7.00pm		
The Beryls Present The Pageant – Dinner and Show	Ipswich Civic Centre		6.00pm	
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STUDIO SHORTS - Flickerfest	Studio <i>188</i>			
Indigenous Spotlight Palace Ipswich Presents: DIVAS	Banshees Bar & Artspace			
Common People Dance Eisteddfod	Ipswich Civic Centre			
VISUAL ART AND EXHIBITIONS				
In a World of My Own	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am – 2.00pm
Back to the Futurism	Arttime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm
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ELSEWHERE: Kirralee Robinson	Ipswich Art Gallery	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm
Ipswich A Mosaic	Banshees Bar & Artspace	4.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm
deLight	143 Brisbane Street and St Paul's Anglican Church	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
pixel	Nicholas Street Precinct	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Once UP ON a Table	Old Ipswich Court House			9.00am - 3.00pm
WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS				
Circus Skills Drop In	Ipswich Libraries venues	10.00am	10.00am	
ARTiculate - Yarn and Yarn	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre	6.00pm		
Every Brilliant Thing – Open Rehearsals	Fire Station 101	10.00am		10.00am
Grown Up and Me Crochet	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre		10.30am	
Sink the Ink	Pumpyard Brewery		3.00pm	3.00pm
IAG Up Late: Urban Renewal Discussion	Ipswich Art Gallery		'	6.00pm
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FEEDER - PERFORMANCE	Studio 188			7.00pm

Times and dates subject to change – check out the Ipswich Festivals website to confirm and for bookings and ticket details.

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