



A Message from the Mayor

What a year it has been for Ipswich. The city's proud past and exciting future have been explored in a year-long celebration marking 150 years since Ipswich was proclaimed a municipality. As a city we have paid homage to the city's pioneers and to the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul Aboriginal clans who called Ipswich home before European settlement."

Ipswich's future is bright. Our reputation as a desirable place to live and establish business has been enhanced by numerous national and international award wins.

We are in the midst of the city's biggest growth phase with the population expected to more than double from the current 170,000 to 435,000 by 2031. Regardless of how big we become, Ipswich will retain the thing that has made it the vibrant modern city it is today – a strong heart and soul that is built on community pride. Ipswich is big enough to make a difference, yet small enough to care.

I look forward to celebrating many more years and milestones with you in Ipswich.

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Mayor Paul Pisasale
City of Ipswich



A Message from Cr Paul Tully

To celebrate Ipswich's sesqui-centenary, Ipswich City Council's Planning and Development Department gave six bright local students from the University of Queensland Ipswich campus a chance to shine while researching the city's proud past.

Each scholarship winner delved into a different aspect of the city's history and together they paint an illuminating picture of everyday life in the Ipswich of bygone eras. They include stories of the Railway Workshops from the dining hall; the role of women as depicted in photographs; the significance of the Bremer River; Ipswich's Greek café culture; a contemporary history of the city's retail sector; and how country music struck a chord in the city.

As Ipswich Heritage Consultative Committee chairperson, I am proud these vital stories from Ipswich's proud past will be committed to record for our bright future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Tully".

Cr Paul Tully
Planning and Development Committee Chairperson
Ipswich Heritage Consultative Committee Chairperson