

# Sustainable Ipswich



**2023 PROGRAM**

EVENTS  
ACTIVITIES  
INSPIRATION

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# WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH?

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.

**EFFICIENT HOME**



**CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



**GETTING AROUND**



**KITCHEN AND GARDEN**



**BUYING BETTER**



## SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The Sustainability Strategy details how Ipswich City Council will increase existing efforts, and implement new actions, towards making Ipswich a more sustainable place to live as the city continues to grow.

The strategy presents five key Action Areas:

- 1. Sustainable Council**
- 2. Climate Adaptation**
- 3. Transport and Mobility**
- 4. Natural Environment and Healthy Waterways**
- 5. Circular Economy**

You can find the Sustainability Strategy at [ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au)





# PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

A season of events and activities will showcase Ipswich's sustainability actions across the community.

You will be inspired with actions you can take into your everyday life.

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

<b>Various Dates</b>	Mobile Nursery
<b>7 October</b>	Sustainable Open Garden Trail  Ipswich Libraries presents Illustrate like a Fashion Designer with eco-designer Kim Bailey
<b>9–15 October</b>	Get Ready Week
<b>11 October</b>	Youth Sustainability Summit  Active Healthy presents Oz Harvest Sustainable Eating Workshop
<b>12 October</b>	Ipswich Libraries presents Learn for Life: Sustainable Homes with Esther James
<b>18 October</b>	National Ride to Work Day
<b>21 October</b>	Ipswich Sustainable Living Festival  International Repair Day  Ipswich Libraries presents Learn for Life: Worm Farming from Home
<b>27 October</b>	Local Sustainable Business Forum
<b>28 October</b>	Rosewood Native Plant Sale and Enviro Day
<b>11–12 and 18–19 November</b>	Garage Sale Trail
<b>13–19 November</b>	National Recycling Week

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# IPSWICH SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

🕒 Saturday 21 October

📍 Tulumur Place, Nicholas Street Precinct

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

## More to explore...

### FESTIVAL ZONES

- Efficient home
- Circular economy
- Kitchen and garden
- Getting around
- Buying better



Come along and discover:

- Practical demonstrations
- Live entertainment
- Top Drop putt putt
- Craft activities
- Food stalls
- Sustainable products
- Waste sorting tips
- Upcycled artisans
- Workshops
- Local initiatives
- Mobile nursery
- Free family fun!



## Guest presenter

### GROW MORE FOOD WITH LESS EFFORT

**Phil Dudman**

Gardening talkback host on ABC local radio, TV presenter, author and editor.

With 30 years of experience growing food, Phil brings a bounty of knowledge on increasing your backyard production and composting using sustainable gardening techniques.

## Festival highlights

### QUIBBLE MARKET

This 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!



### REPAIR DEMONSTRATIONS

The Festival day also happens to be International Repair Day!

In celebration there will be demonstrations from Griffith University's Repair Cafe.

Find out how you can save household items from landfill by repairing rather than replacing.

## For the kids

Urban Utilities Water Warriors make a splash with their high energy water sustainability performance.

Holey bin Amoley by Art for Earthlings is a hilarious interactive comedy show with bumbling bin-vestigators.



### KEEP THE GOOD TIMES ROLLING WITH GARAGE SALE TRAIL

🕒 11-12 and 18-19 November

This is Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff with two big weekends of bargain hunting in November. 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](http://Garagesaletrail.com.au)





# PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A MORE EFFICIENT HOME

Ipswich Libraries has many ways you can save money by being more sustainable at home.

Go beyond browsing books with some hands-on and in-person learning.

## *Coming soon!* HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY KITS

Ipswich Libraries members will soon be able to borrow kits that make it easy to assess the efficiency of your home.

Find out:

- Power consumption, running costs and greenhouse gas emissions
- Hot and cold spots in your home that can be improved
- If your fridge, freezer, heating, cooling and hot water systems are running at optimal temperatures
- Flow rate from any water outlet



## 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](http://ipswichlibraries.com.au) to book a session



## LEARN FOR LIFE: SUSTAINABLE HOMES WITH ESTHER JAMES

🕒 Thursday 12 October  
6.30pm – 8pm

📍 1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Ipswich based residential building designer Esther James will share practical ideas to reduce the environmental impact of your home and lower living costs.

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

Bookings essential  
via [ipswichlibraries.com.au](http://ipswichlibraries.com.au)



# TRIALLING NEW TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY

**Springfield residents are the first in Ipswich to trial e-scooter hire as part of a six-month trial.**

E-scooter hire company Beam is delivering the pilot program with Ipswich City Council using a fleet of safety-focused e-scooters in Springfield Central, Springfield Lakes and Spring Mountain.

The Beam e-scooters feature geo-locking technology ensures the scooters remain out of high pedestrian zones and maximum speeds are limited.

The e-scooter trial will allow residents to try out shared e-scooters and provide council with guidance on the future of the technology.

Find out more about the e-scooter trial and provide feedback at [Shapeyouripswich.com.au](http://Shapeyouripswich.com.au)



## E-SCOOTER SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

- Riders must be at least 16 years old, or 12 with adult supervision
- Limit your speed to 12km/h on footpaths and keep to the left
- Wear an approved bicycle helmet that is securely fitted
- Don't use a mobile phone while riding
- Park in a safe location leaving a clear pathway



*There's a day for that!*

## RIDE2WORK DAY

**🕒 Wednesday 18 October**

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](http://Ride2work.com.au)



# 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 7 October

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](https://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](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/lcpp)



## LEARN FOR LIFE: WORM FARMING FROM HOME

🕒 Saturday 21 October | 9.30 am – 11.00 am

📍 Rosewood Library

Learn how to start, feed and care for a worm farm plus DIY from household items.

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

Bookings essential via [ipswichlibraries.com.au](https://ipswichlibraries.com.au)



# 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.



## NATIVE PLANT SALE AND ENVIRO DAY

Presented by Native Plants Queensland

🕒 Saturday 28 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!



## FREE PLANT PROGRAM

Claim 6 free plants each year with presentation of rates notice or other proof of residency.

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

Find out more details at [ipswich.qld.gov.au/free-plants](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/free-plants)

- Queens Park Nursery, open limited hours  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
- Mobile Nursery, dates and locations include:
  - 7 October at Johnston Park, John Street, Rosewood
  - 14 October at Langley Park, Camira
  - 21 October at Tulumur Place, Ipswich



# BE LIKE THE JONESES

**Reducing Ipswich waste to landfill is simple – and starts at home.**

Meet the Jones family! Through some simple actions, the Joneses are making a big difference to the amount of waste their household sends to landfill.



## FANTASTIC AT FOGO

The Jones family opted-in to council's green waste kerbside collection service for their garden clippings and now take advantage of the full food organics garden organics (FOGO) service.

- After each meal the Joneses scrape their plates and bowls directly into a kitchen caddy. All the food scraps go in – including meat, dairy, bones and more!
- The Joneses store their caddy in the fridge until bin collection day, to reduce any smells. Then, once it's been emptied into the kerbside bin, they wash it with warm soapy water.
- Their FOGO bin is collected fortnightly by council and the organic material is mulched and turned into compost at a local composting facility.

Opt-In To A FOGO Service Today – See [ipswich.qld.gov.au/fogo](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/fogo)



## RED-HOT AT RECYCLING

By keeping it simple, the Joneses are preventing contamination in their yellow-lid recycling bin.

- The Jones family always check first that items of paper, plastic, cardboard, tin or glass are suitable for the yellow lid bin.
- By giving containers such as milk bottles a quick rinse before putting in the recycling bin, the Jones family reduce spills and smells.
- All the recyclable items go in a large easy-to-access container, then the Joneses just empty it straight into the yellow lid kerbside bin – no plastic bags!

Know your kerbside recycling – see [ipswich.qld.gov.au/recycling](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/recycling)

# HOW MUCH WASTE CAN WE SAVE?

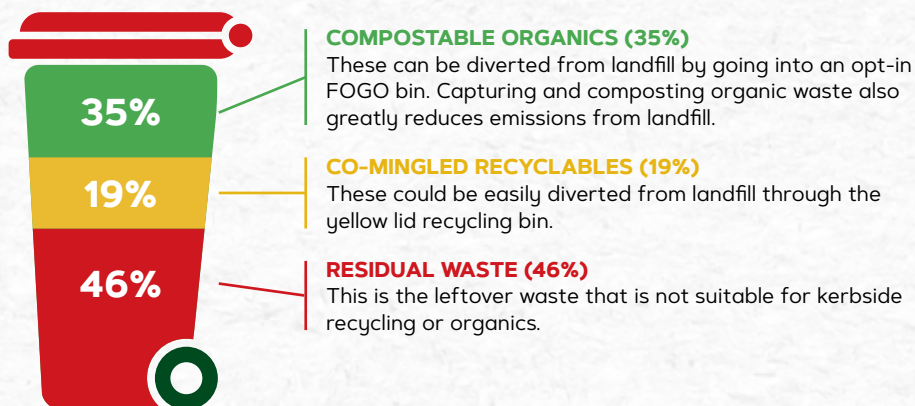
**Small changes at home can have a big impact at the amount of waste our city sends to landfill.**

On average, an Ipswich household generates 1 tonne of waste and recyclable material each year.

- By 2050 we have to divert 95% of our city's waste from landfill
- By 2050 we have to increase recycling of our city's waste by 70%

There is much opportunity for diverting waste from landfill, just sitting in our red lid bins!

For example, here is a typical Ipswich household red lid bin. Almost half of its content could be diverted from landfill today.



## OZ HARVEST SUSTAINABLE EATING WORKSHOP

🕒 Wednesday 11 October | 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

📍 North Ipswich Reserve

Join the Oz Harvest chef for a workshop that will boost your confidence and motivation in making healthy, budget-friendly food choices while learning practical tips on reducing food waste.

\$5 per participant.

To book see the Active Healthy Calendar at [ipswich.qld.gov.au/activehealthy](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/activehealthy)





# A FUTURE WITH REAL IMPACT

**Ipswich has incredible young people who are taking action and making a difference in their communities.**

The Youth Sustainability Summit is a way to bring students together to hear from each other, and environmental and sustainability experts, on ideas and actions to create a better future for us all.

These students take their passion for sustainability and become leaders in their schools and communities creating grassroots change.



## YOUTH SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

🕒 Wednesday 11 October

📍 Ipswich Civic Centre

The theme for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual summit is 'Impact'. The full day summit is for primary school students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 and focuses on helping to spark sustainability projects at home and at school.

\*pre-registration required. Schools interested in participating in future events can email [enviroed@ipswich.qld.gov.au](mailto:enviroed@ipswich.qld.gov.au)

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

Council provides several learning resources for schools on waste, sustainability and the environment.

Topics include:

- Compost and worm farms
- School recycling
- Waste education
- Waterway health

Find the resources at [ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroed](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroed)



# INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS AND HEARTS

There are lots of ways our little people can learn and be involved in sustainability.



## Story time at the park: Presented by Ipswich Libraries First 5 Forever

It's free to drop in to Queens Park Environmental Education Centre and nurture your child's love of language and stories with an environmental theme.

Story Time at the Park:  
Friday 6 October, 9.30 am

## AROUND IPSWICH

### Tales and Trails: Presented by Ipswich Libraries First Five Forever

Encourage literacy, learning and discovery with the outdoor self-guided reading experiences.

Special Tails and Trails in our conservation areas highlight an environmental theme – find new trails at Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve in Ipswich and at Hardings Paddock day use area in the Flinders – Goolman Conservation Reserve in Purga.

For a limited time only! A new trail for the book Hotel for Bees can be explored in Tulumur Place, Ipswich Central, during October and November.

## AT QUEENS PARK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Pop into the centre during October and see what great activities are happening in celebration of Sustainable Ipswich.

The centre is open Tuesdays to Fridays,  
9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

## AT IPSWICH LIBRARIES

### October theme: In the Garden

Join Ipswich Libraries Story Time and Toddler Times sessions in October for a special 'In the Garden' theme in support of Sustainable Ipswich Month.

- Thursday 19 October at Ipswich Children's Library
- Friday 20 October at Springfield Central Library

See [Ipswichlibraries.com.au](http://Ipswichlibraries.com.au)





# SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES GOOD FOR BUSINESS

**There are many ways local Ipswich businesses can both improve their environmental sustainability and lower operating costs.**

The ecoBiz Queensland program provides small to medium businesses with free advice, training and workshops to understand and save on some of the biggest bills – energy, water and waste costs.

The program, by Business Chamber Queensland and funded by the Queensland Government, has helped thousands of businesses cut their bills and improve sustainability through practical and easy-to-use plans and online tools.



## **LOCAL SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FORUM**

🕒 Friday 27 October

📍 Event Space, 1 Nicholas Street

Join an EcoBiz presenter and local businesses creating sustainable change. Find out how you can save money and create efficiency through sustainability.

For more information see  
[ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com](http://ipswichcitycouncil.eventbrite.com)



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## **NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK**

🕒 13–19 November

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

See [Recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek](http://Recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek)



# GET READY FOR EXTREME 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

🕒 10–16 October 2023

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

Council's Emergency Management team will be visiting shopping centres, libraries and community hubs in September and October to help the community prepare for severe weather.

See [Getready.qld.gov.au](https://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](https://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](https://disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au)





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*Recycle me  
when you're done!*

Put me in your yellow lid recycling bin  
or rip me up and put me in your compost.



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with the support of our partner:*

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