Think Big

Start with secondary sources.

Many books, booklets and articles have already been published on Ipswich History. Start with those to get your context and a feel for your subject area.

For example:

- Jubilee History of Ipswich
- The Bremer River
- Ipswich in the 20th Century
- Ipswich Municipal Centenary
- Ipswich Heritage Study and Expanded Ipswich Heritage Study
- Moreton Shire Queensland Discovery and Settlement

There are also many secondary sources that are written about specific general topics:

For example:

- No Easy Field (coal mining)
- Triumph of the Narrow Gauge (railways)
- Deebing Creek and Purga Missions 1892-1948

Drill Down

After looking at secondary sources you can now narrow down your field and look for specific sources that will help your particular avenue of research.

You can now start exploring the exciting world of original sources and new information to be found in newspapers, photos, oral histories, letters, government memos and reports, maps, architectural plans, legal documents, wills, electoral rolls and much, much more.

The limits are your time, enthusiasm and imagination.

The Digital Age

We live in a great era when information is being made more widely available to people with computer access – sometimes without even leaving your home.

Trove

A database run by the National Library of Australia which provides bibliography of books, articles, diaries, maps, letters and music and lists where to find them.

Provides full text of many Australian newspapers including:

- The Queensland Times (1909 to 1954)
- Brisbane Courier (1864-1933)
- The Courier Mail (1933-1954)
- Moreton Bay Courier (1846-1862)
- North Australian, Ipswich and General Advertiser

Trove is word Searchable - use the Advanced search, many key words and lateral thinking.
Picture Ipswich

- A growing digital collection of photographs of Ipswich including the Whitehead Collection and the Rosewood Scrub Collection. Currently almost 10,000 images
- Digital copies of letters and documents
- Digital versions of publications including Ipswich in the 20th Century and Final Gauge School Enrolments
- Eddie Habben’s Ipswich and District Roll of Honour, WWI
- James Ivory Diaries
- By the Bremer – a blog with articles of historical research
- Oral histories collection by Robyn Buchanan and interviews regarding 2011 floods by Robyn Buchanan and Margaret Cook

Other Local Repositories

Ipswich Genealogical Society
Open three days per week for research.

Their website lists their resources as:
- The 1828 Census
- Shipping records
- Cemetery records
- The Queensland Government Gazettes
- Obituaries - Ipswich and District
- The International Genealogical Index
- Index to Birth, Deaths and Marriages for all Australian States
- The Fassifern Guardian 1901 - 1930
- Index to Birth, Death and Marriage notices from The Queensland Times and Courier Mail
- Mine Workers Muster
- Railway Workers Muster
- School Enrolments
- National Burial Index

Ipswich Historical Society
Visit the society's website for photos and information about its collection.

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

- Holds land title information recording land ownership

Ipswich City Council

- Holds sewerage and drainage plans
- Website also has links to oral history, indigenous and local history information

Queensland State Library

- Photograph collection – only about half the collection is on the digital catalogue
- Manuscript and cuttings collection
- Maps and Plans
- Newspapers on microfilm
- Genealogical research databases – shipping registers, electoral rolls etc
- Indigenous records
Queensland State Archives

Many Ipswich City Council records are held at Queensland State Archives:

- Rates Books
- Rates Cash Books
- Valuation Registers
- Valuation and Return Registers
- Water Rates Books
- Water Rates Cash Books
- Daily Cash Books
- Water Supply Books
- Index of Rates Books
- Rate Collectors Letter Books
- Letter Books
- Building and General Purposes Committee Reports

Queensland State Archives has many records for genealogical research such as school registers, government employee records, wills and land ownership records.

Holds records on schools, hospitals, colleges, ambulance and fire stations and more – anything that government had responsibility for or may have administered or funded.

Fryer Library, University of Queensland

Sources Include:

- Architectural drawing collections include Will Haenke
- Newspapers on microfilm
- Books, journals and theses

Other Sources

Oral History

A rich source of information, stories and “colour” for your research:

- Ipswich City Council website holds many transcripts of interviews conducted by Robyn Buchanan and Margaret Cook
- Willis L Haenke Historical Foundation Website has mining oral histories by Margaret Cook

Church Archives

- Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches all maintain public research rooms

National Archives

Australian War Memorial

Australian Cemeteries

Special interest groups, archives and museums

These include:

- Fire Brigade Historical Society
- Queensland Police Museum
- Brisbane Tramway Museum
- Royal Historical Society
- National Trust of Queensland
- Queensland Maritime Museum