

Pre European

The Clans that were part of the Yagara Language Group occupying the region as they had for thousands of years before European contact.

1823

Lt Oxley left Sydney to survey Port Curtis (Gladstone), Moreton Bay and Port Bowen with a view to establish convict settlements.

1824

A Convict Settlement was established at Moreton Bay, initially at Redcliffe then at Brisbane Town.

1824

Lt Oxley, Cunningham and Butler explore the Brisbane River.

1824

Lt Oxley and Cunningham identified and named the Bremer River.

1827

Logan explores the Bremer River.

1827

Convicts and overseer sent to Limestone Hills.

1849

Aboriginal Reserve established on the Bremer River (abandoned after 2 years).

1848

First subdivision of crown land into smaller allotments at Woodend Pocket.

1843

Andrew Petrie discovers coal at Redbank.

1843

Limestone renamed Ipswich and the auction of the first Ipswich allotments held in Sydney.

1842

Free settlers arrive and Henry Wade surveys Little Ipswich and the township of Limestone.

1841

Great flood in Ipswich and Brisbane.

1839

Penal Settlement at Moreton Bay closed.

1829

First brick cottage erected at 'Limestone'.

1855

Partnership of Cribb & Foote formed (*department store proprietors*).

1856

Site for Goodna Village determined & Goodna proclaimed a village. First newspaper in Ipswich, the North Australian was established.

1857

Flooding at Ipswich and Brisbane.

1858

The 'Municipalities Act of 1857' was passed in the Colony of New South Wales.

1859

Separation of Queensland from the Colony of New South Wales.

1860

Coach services between Brisbane and Ipswich started and first bridge over the Bremer River erected.

1860

Qld's 1st defence force No 1 Infantry Company and Qld Mounted Rifles form in Ipswich.

1865

Queensland's first railway line between Ipswich and Grandchester opens and the first iron rail and road bridge constructed across the Bremer River.

1864

First railway workshops established at North Ipswich. The Colony of Queensland passed its first local government enactment under 'The Municipal Institutions Act of 1864'.

1863

The Governor of Queensland, Sir George Ferguson opened the Ipswich Grammar School and serious flooding occurred in Ipswich.

1862

First Ipswich Post Office is built.

1861

First mining strike in Queensland occurred at Campbell & Towns coal mine at Redbank.

1860

The first Mayor of Ipswich, John Murphy elected and Ipswich Hospital opens.

1860

Ipswich proclaimed a Municipal Town on the 2 March.

1866

First coal mine in Tivoli is opened by Hooper & Robinson.

1867

Railway line from Ipswich to Toowoomba opens.

1868

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Ipswich and the first school at Redbank Plains opens.

1869

Ipswich City Council acquires the School of Arts and Town Hall.

1870

Lewis Thomas opens the Dinmore coal mine.

1875

George Thorn junior became Premier of Queensland.

1875

Railway line from Ipswich to Brisbane opens and Cobb & Co coaches cease operation between Ipswich and Brisbane.

1892

Deebing Creek Mission established.

1890

Thomas Lorimer Smith builds the Woodlands mansion at Marburg.

1889

Lewis Thomas builds Brynhyfryd on Blackstone Hill.

1887

Major flooding in Ipswich.

1886

Cambrian Choir formed.

1879

Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon Divisional Boards created.

1878

Kerosene street lamps change to gas lighting and water supply station at Kholo established.

1877

First Queensland Woollen factory opened in Ipswich.

1892

Water pumping station commissioned at Mt Crosby.

1893

Severe flooding of Ipswich and Brisbane.

1897

New railway bridge erected over Bremer River.

1901

Federation of Australia 1 January, Ipswich Technical College and new Post Office with clock tower completed.

1902

Local Authorities Act 1902 proclaimed.

1903

Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon Divisional Boards became the Shires of Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon.



