

## **Ipswich Nature Centre**

The Ipswich Nature Centre, a native zoo, offers a close-up look at an amazing array of over 200 animals including wombats, wallabies, emus, snakes and bilbies. A vibrant rainforest walk-through bird aviary is alive with colour and sound, and youngsters will enjoy interacting with farm animals in the barn. Entry is free although a gold coin donation is appreciated.

### **Visitor Information Centre**

The multi-award winning Visitor Information Centre offers a one stop shop for travel information including maps, brochures and travel planning. With a team of passionate, knowledgeable locals to provide insights into the things to see and do in the Ipswich region, a visit to the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre is a must.

## Glasshouse / Shadehouse

Buds have been blooming in Queens Park since 1890. You can walk through the heritage listed Glasshouse and Shadehouse and imagine what it must have been like for the early curators cultivating exciting plant varieties in an indoor rainforest environment. The Glebe Garden Club maintains the Glasshouse and the Ipswich Orchid Society assists Council with the maintenance of the Shadehouse.

#### Café

Overlooking the main playgrounds, Queens Park Café makes a great refreshment stop for park visitors with its vast dining area and relaxing verandah. The menu features burgers, sandwiches (including gluten free options), desserts, cooked breakfast, and there is a dedicated children's menu.

## **Ipswich Region**



## **History and Culture**

This park remains sacred to the Traditional Owners of Ipswich. Sacred sites are very important to the Traditional Owners, as they provide a link between Country and personal identity and allow the passing on of cultural knowledge. Some of the sacred sites within Ipswich include guarry sites, traditional food resources, story places, pre-contact and historical camp sites, fighting grounds, ceremonial sites, bora rings and women's business sites.



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# **Queens Park**



### **Queens Park**

Queens Park, Queensland's first official parklands, is the perfect location for a day out with the family. Highlights include Nerima Gardens, the Ipswich Nature Centre, a coal mining themed playground, Glasshouse, Shadehouse, Bush Chapel, several sporting clubs, the Environmental Education Centre and the Queens Park Café.

### **Nerima Gardens**

Nerima Gardens is a Japanese garden designed to commemorate the Sister City relationship with Nerima City in Japan that cleverly incorporates native plants from the Ipswich region. The garden is a representation of the rivers, mountains and vegetation that make up the local landscape and is a place of peace and tranquility.

### **Environmental Education Centre**

The Environmental Education Centre is a place where everyone can learn about sustainability and how to protect the local environment. With an interactive fig tree 'growing' in the centre and plenty of floral and faunal friends to discover, there's lots of things to see and do while learning how to make a real difference to our environment.



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## **Opening Hours**

Venue		Days	Hours
Environmental Education Centre		7 days	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
		Public holidays	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
		Mon - Fri	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
		Sat and Sun	8.00 am - 5.00 pm
Queer	ns Park Café	Public holidays	10.00 am - 2.00 pm
		(Kitchen times vary) Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday and New Year's Day	
Ipswich		Tue-Sun	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Nature	Centre	School holidays - open 7 days	
Nerima Gardens		Tue - Fri	9.00 am - 3.45 pm
	(Sept - Easter)	Sat and Sun	9.00 am - 5.45 pm
	(Easter - Sept)	Sat and Sun	9.00 am - 4.00 pm
		School holidays - open 7 days	
Glasshouse/ Shadehouse		Open on select occasions	

Refer to Ipswich.qld.gov.au for up-to-date opening hours.



