

2025

IPSWICH IN AUTUMN

Your guide for entertainment,
events and activities



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ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget

Friday 25 April

Mark ANZAC Day by attending
a service or commemoration
across the City of Ipswich.

For more information visit
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Message from Ipswich Mayor, Teresa Harding



Welcome to the 2025 Autumn guide for Ipswich. There are so many events, festivities and activities to get involved with across our city during this time of the year.

As every year, ANZAC Day will be marked with services at local cenotaphs, and I encourage everyone to commemorate those who have served Australia. It is always a moving and important day for our nation.

Australia's biggest country music festival, CMC Rocks QLD, will return to Willowbank this year between 21-23 March drawing thousands of visitors who then get to explore all Ipswich has to offer.

Crowd favourite festival Planes, Trains and Autos is also returning, with its hallmark event Fully Charged taking to Ipswich skies, roads and museums between 3-5 May.

Autumn is also one of the best times to enjoy all the great outdoor activities that our beautiful region has to offer.

Council has exciting events planned throughout Autumn as part of our *Venture and Experience Nature* programs.

Ipswich's conservation estates and natural areas are the 'green lungs' of our region, providing clean air, habitat for native plants and animals, and preserving biodiversity.

They are also valuable places for residents and visitors to escape the city and spend time unwinding under the trees with the birds and native fauna.

There are so many beautiful walking tracks, mountains to climb and parklands to visit just a few minutes from your doorstep, wherever you live or stay in Ipswich.

And when you've experienced nature outside, head to the Ipswich city centre where the Nicholas Street Precinct has so many fantastic options for dining and relaxing – from General Public to HOYTS, seafood restaurant Kickin'Inn to That Dumpling Place, and so much more.

We look forward to seeing you and your loved ones out and about during Autumn in Ipswich 2025.

Front cover image: Autumn is a great time to get out and explore Ipswich's food and entertainment scene, [Discoveripswich.com.au/eat](https://discoveripswich.com.au/eat)

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boxes



Paper: newspapers,
magazines, junk mail
and office paper



Plastic: bottles
and containers



Metal: aluminium and steel



Glass: bottles and jars



Let's get it sorted

✗ No

Food and liquids



Coffee cups



Plastic bags and wrappers



Soft plastics



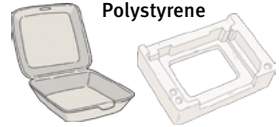
Drinking glasses and glassware materials



Clothing and shoes



Polystyrene



Long life milk cartons and juice tetra packs



Non-recyclable hard plastics and toys



These items can be disposed of in the red lid general bin.

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Juvenile cod are released into the Ipswich river system

NATIVE COD SWIMMING IN IPSWICH AFTER 100 YEARS

Ipswich is now home to a thriving population of native cod for the first time in more than 100 years, demonstrating Ipswich City Council's commitment to healthy river systems.

Tens of thousands of Mary River Cod fingerlings have been released into Ipswich creeks and rivers since 2020.

The most recent release in December 2024 saw about 8,000 fingerlings released at numerous sites across the catchments, including the Bremer and Brisbane rivers, and Warrill and Bundamba creeks.

Recent monitoring has found healthy Mary River Cod, including one measuring 60 centimetres believed to have been

released in 2020, showing that the program is achieving its aim to boost fish diversity in Ipswich waterways.

Mary River Cod are an apex predator and grow to more than a metre in length, and importantly they can stifle the reproductive abilities of exotic fish including tilapia, carp and mosquitofish.

This initiative has been supported by the Council of Mayors (SEQ) Resilient Rivers Initiative, and coordinated by the Somerset and Wivenhoe Fish Stocking Association.



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VENTURE

into the great outdoors

VENTURE into the great wide beyond and discover a season of outdoor events, right here in Ipswich. From cycling to adventure obstacle racing and regular weekend social events, there's plenty to get you moving this autumn.



With access to over 6,000 hectares of open parks and conservation areas, thrill seekers and nature lovers alike will find an outdoor endurance event to push their limits and create unforgettable memories along the way.

Dust off your bike on Sunday 30 March for the annual **Heritage Karalee-Ipswich 100**, one of South East Queensland's favourite charity bike rides.

Sprint, climb and dodge through beautiful terrain with the whole family in the **Spartan Trifecta** obstacle races on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May, or fly downhill in the newest pulse-pounding mountain biking series, the **Outlaw Downhill**, on Sunday 22 June.

Got a Saturday morning free?

Then head to one of four, local **Parkrun** events, run by welcoming volunteers to get your weekend off to the best start.



MORE INFO



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AUTUMN School Holiday Fun



IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Dazzle and Create - Inside the Artist's Studio

15 February – 18 May

Step into a vibrant art studio,
with hands-on maker stations.

Build your own razzle-dazzle
cubbyhouse, experiment with materials,
and create your masterpiece.

Ipswich Art Gallery

10.00 am – 5.00 pm daily | FREE entry

Bunk Puppets: Bunktopia at Studio 188

7–11 April and 14–17 April

Bunk Puppets returns to Ipswich these
Easter school holidays with a new live
shadow puppet performance to delight
and inspire all ages. Buy tickets online at
ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au

Visit ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au
for more information.





IPSWICH LIBRARIES

Go Wild!

Join in the fun at Ipswich Libraries these school holidays!

Check out the incredible range of FREE programs and events on offer – there's something for every age.

- Bugs Ed Drop-In
- Creative Claymation Workshop
- Eye Spy: Mythical Creatures Drop-In
- First 5 Forever Pop-Up Library Fun
- Free Flight Bird Show
- Road Test a Robot Drop-In
- Wildcall Wildlife Drop-In.

Bookings open Monday 17 March

Visit Ipswichlibraries.com.au for more information.

NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT

Hide & Sea

7–11 April

Make a splash these holidays in this interactive marine display featuring touch tanks with a variety of sea creatures!

A pelican takes centre stage daily, plus children's activities to enjoy!

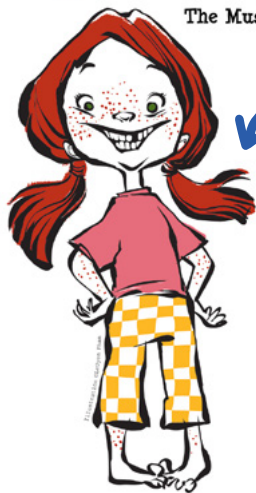
Tulmur Place, Nicholas Street Precinct
10.00 am – 2.00 pm daily | FREE entry

Visit Nicholasst.com.au for more information.



Freckleface Strawberry

The Musical



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Freckleface Strawberry the Musical

9–10 April

Presented by Fusion Arts Inc. Freckleface Strawberry the Musical tells the story of a young girl named Strawberry who is relentlessly teased for her freckles, leading her to try desperate measures to hide them, including scrubbing her face and even wearing a ski mask to school. Through her journey, she ultimately learns to embrace her uniqueness and accept that everyone has differences that make them special, based on the children's book by Julianne Moore.

For more details, visit ipswichciviccentre.com.au/whats-on

ACTIVE KIDS

Cast your sights on a range of FREE activities these school holidays

With Active Kids you can help your children experience the great outdoors!

Try your hand at fishing, dance at the silent disco or score a goal.

This Easter break, adventure is right around the corner!

For more details, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/activekids





COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW PARKING PLAN FOR CITY

A whole-of-city approach to parking will be implemented by Ipswich City Council to deliver better outcomes for all residents and businesses.

The new iGO Parking Action Plan will manage parking demand city-wide for the next 10 years.

Prior to adopting the new plan, council undertook extensive community consultation to better understand what residents need from council-managed on-street and off-street parking.

A key foundation of the new plan is to take a 'demand management approach' to parking.

This is the acknowledgement that existing car parking supply should be optimised before new car parking supply is created.

The Plan also attempts to balance the increasingly diverse needs of both businesses and residents who may need short or long stay parking, access to more loading zones, disability spaces, or even more electric vehicle charging stations and bicycle parking.

From here, council will now develop specific precinct plans to manage areas experiencing high parking demand, according to the management framework laid out in the iGO Parking Action Plan.



Visit ipswich.qld.gov.au to view the iGO Parking Action Plan.



EXPERIENCE NATURE

MARCH-MAY 2025

**AUTUMN IS FULL OF UNIQUE
EXPERIENCES FOR YOU**

Join in on special activities highlighting Ipswich's precious Enviroplan conservation areas.

For 29 years, the Ipswich Enviroplan initiative has invested in 12 conservation estates and reserves totalling more than 6,700 hectares – all for a greener future.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Use the free Agents of Discovery app to play a Mission in a new conservation area each month
- Active Kids has your Easter school holidays sorted with fun, nature-based activities
- Immerse yourself in nature with Active and Healthy, from meditation to guided walks
- Take a hike with a twist with Discover Ipswich, when you explore nature by moonlight
- Join bird and plant experts on tours of Stirling Road Reserve, normally closed to the public
- Be inspired by conservation action on the Little Liverpool Range at the Connecting Corridors Forum
- Expand your horizons through Ipswich Libraries 'Learn for Life: Indigenous astronomy'.

**FULL PROGRAM
AND BOOKING
DETAILS HERE**



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Come and try Bushcare



Visit our volunteers to see the work they've been doing to remove weeds and restore local bushland.

- ✓ No experience needed – all training and equipment provided
- ✓ Spend time with likeminded people
- ✓ Make a positive contribution to Ipswich's natural environment.

Find sites and working bee information at the Volunteer Portal: ipswich.qld.gov.au/volunteering

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RENEWED PARTNERSHIPS BOOST LOCAL BUSINESSES

Ipswich businesses are the winners thanks to renewed partnerships between Ipswich City Council and the Ipswich Region Chamber of Commerce and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

The renewed partnerships will continue for the next two years, bringing a host of benefits to all Ipswich businesses.

Council will provide the Ipswich Region Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce with critical funding in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Over the last three years, businesses, council and the chambers have benefitted from this partnership,

maximising engagement and creating a connected economy.

The partnerships directly deliver on council's Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 outcomes.

They build on the strategy's pillars of prosperity and partnership.

Local businesses are absolutely vital to Ipswich, providing employment and strengthening the economy.

Council is committed to supporting businesses as they grow and thrive.



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LIVE MUSIC - COMEDY - ENTERTAINMENT - DANCE - THEATRE



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MARCH (FROM 10 MARCH 2025)

Friday 14 March	Stitch in the 'swich – Best of Oz Comedy Showcase	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 15 March	Billy vs Elton Duelling Pianos	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 15 March	Steve Mondel: Long-Haul Flights Single Launch	Studio 188
20–21 March	0, Ophelia	Studio 188
Friday 21 March	Killer Queen Experience	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 22 March	Music of the Night	Ipswich Civic Centre
Thursday 27 March	The Westside Scramble	Studio 188
Friday 28 March	Kings of Country Rock	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 29 March	The Black Blues Brothers	Ipswich Civic Centre
Sunday 30 March	Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir	Ipswich Civic Centre

APRIL

Friday 4 April	The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver	Ipswich Civic Centre
7–17 April	BUNKTOPIA	Studio 188
9–10 April	Freckleface Strawberry the Musical	Ipswich Civic Centre
Friday 11 April	Rebecca O'Connor as Tina – Simply the Best	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 12 April	Stitch in the 'swich – Queens of Comedy	Ipswich Civic Centre
17–20 April	130 th Queensland Eisteddfod	Ipswich Civic Centre
Thursday 24 April	The Westside Scramble	Studio 188
Saturday 26 April	Good Morning Vietnam	Ipswich Civic Centre

MAY

Friday 9 May	HATCHERY 4305: AiR Creative Development – Murder Incorporated	Studio 188
Saturday 10 May	Jo Davie EP Launch	Studio 188
14–24 May	The Unscripted Adventures of Improv High	Studio 188
Saturday 17 May	Australian Celtic Women	Ipswich Civic Centre
Wednesday 28 May	Seniors Concert Group – Come to the Classy, Comical Cabaret	Ipswich Civic Centre
Friday 30 May	Stitch in the 'swich – Best of the Fest	Ipswich Civic Centre
Saturday 31 May	Seventh Wonder Performs Fleetwood Mac's Rumours & the Hits!	Ipswich Civic Centre

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O, Ophelia

by Amber Grossmann

THAT Production Company, mxE Productions and Studio 188, in association with JUTE Theatre Company and Overall Arts, present O, Ophelia—a powerful reimagining of Shakespeare's tragic heroine.

Ophelia, a young woman trapped by grief, misfortune and a tumultuous upbringing, is drawn into a toxic relationship with Hamish, a mysterious older boy. As Hamish pulls her into his dark world, Ophelia's sense of self erodes, echoing the struggles of young people navigating coercive control and emotional abuse in modern relationships.

This compelling new work not only delves into these critical themes but also reclaims Ophelia's story. Traditionally a tragic figure existing solely to further the male narrative, Ophelia is re-envisioned as a character with agency, resilience and voice. O, Ophelia transforms her from a passive victim into a multidimensional figure, offering audiences a fresh perspective on identity, relationships and self-worth.

Written and directed by Amber Grossmann, founder of emerging youth theatre company Overall Arts, this work evolved from a seedling idea into a full-scale touring production with the support of JUTE Theatre Company.

'I am incredibly excited to co-produce and tour this work,' said Ms. Grossmann. 'This is a story of our times—one that will deeply resonate with audiences.'

Poignant and thought-provoking, O, Ophelia invites audiences to witness a timeless tale brought vividly into the present.

O, OPHELIA

STUDIO 188
20-21 MARCH



Audience Warnings:
Course Language,
Implied sexual Content,
Implied Violence,
Coercive Control.
Recommended 15+.

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Production
Company

JUTE
THEATRE
COMPANY

OVERALL
ARTS

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STITCH IN THE 'SWICH

SUPPORTED BY 

**BEST OF OZ COMEDY
SHOWCASE**
14 MARCH



**BILLY VS ELTON
DUELLING PIANOS**
15 MARCH



**STEVE MONDEL:
LONG-HAUL FLIGHTS
SINGLE LAUNCH**
STUDIO 188
15 MARCH



KILLER QUEEN EXPERIENCE
21 MARCH



**MUSIC OF
THE NIGHT**
22 MARCH



**THE WESTSIDE
SCRAMBLE**
STUDIO 188
27 MARCH



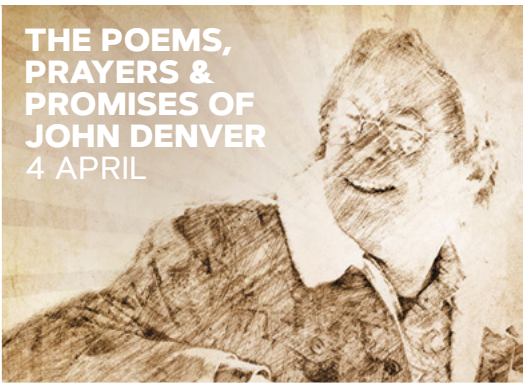
KINGS OF COUNTRY ROCK
28 MARCH



**THE BLACK BLUES
BROTHERS**
29 MARCH



**BLACKSTONE-IPSWICH
CAMBRIAN CHOIR**
30 MARCH



**THE POEMS,
PRAYERS &
PROMISES OF
JOHN DENVER**
4 APRIL



**BUNKTOPIA
STUDIO 188**
7-17 APRIL



9-10 APRIL



**REBECCA O'CONNOR
AS TINA - SIMPLY THE BEST**
11 APRIL



QUEENS OF COMEDY
12 APRIL



**130TH QUEENSLAND
EISTEDDFOD**
17-20 APRIL



**THE WESTSIDE
SCRAMBLE**
STUDIO 188
24 APRIL



GOOD MORNING VIETNAM
26 APRIL

**HATCHERY 4305:
AIR CREATIVE
DEVELOPMENT
MURDER
INCORPORATED
STUDIO 188
9 MAY**



**JO DAVIE EP LAUNCH
STUDIO 188
10 MAY**



**THE UNSCRIPTED
ADVENTURES OF
IMPROV HIGH
STUDIO 188
14-24 MAY**



**AUSTRALIAN
CELTIC WOMEN
17 MAY**



**SENIORS CONCERT GROUP -
COME TO THE CLASSY,
COMICAL CABARET
28 MAY**



**STITCH
IN THE
'SWICH**
SUPPORTED BY **Said Down
Comedy**
**BEST OF THE FEST
30 MAY**



**SEVENTH WONDER
PERFORMS FLEETWOOD
MAC'S RUMOURS & THE HITS!
31 MAY**



CROSSING THE DIVIDE

by Shock Therapy Arts

A high school history class, sets out on a two-day trek across the Great Dividing Range, learning about the expedition by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. As the group travel through the Blue Mountains, their guide Lionel draws their attention to what is often left out of the history books. They learn about some of the earliest interactions between Indigenous people and the colonial explorers, revealing some of this nation's difficult truths.

As the trip continues, Liam, a scholarship student from the Torres Strait, starts to feel uncomfortable, constantly having to declare or defend his experience as a First Nations person to his classmates. Tensions mount when Liam's friend Max refuses to see how European settlement created anything but a positive pathway to progress for a newly forming nation. Tempers flare around the campfire and Liam becomes lost – in time and place – as he's suddenly staring down the barrel of a shotgun held by an equally startled and confused Gregory Blaxland.

The physical landscape of the Great Dividing Range serves as an allegory for the pertinent issues that Australia is grappling with and the divide between various parts of our society. **CROSSING THE DIVIDE** asks the question - can we find a path to a more unified Australia, or is the distance too vast to cross and will we always be divided?

CROSSING THE DIVIDE

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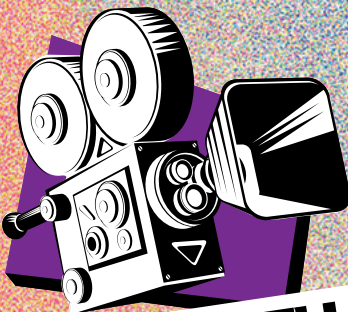
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This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland

IPSWICH FILM FESTIVAL



FOR YOUTH 2025

A national short film competition highlighting the promising talent of Australia's young filmmakers.

THEME: FUTURE IN FOCUS
SUBMISSIONS OPEN 4 APRIL
SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 15 AUGUST

YOUTH WEEK OPPORTUNITY!

Join Ipswich Libraries and the IFFY team to learn how to create your own stop motion films!

For more information and to book visit
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Through the opportunities available from council, I've been able to level up my career.

Kylie Stevens
Local visual artist

"The support from Ipswich City Council's Creative Industries programs has been a wonderful boost for my artistic journey. The grant and proposal writing assistance in ARTiculate helped me secure a Regional Arts Development Fund grant, and the residency at the Ipswich Art Workshop provided me the time and space to be creative and connect with the community. I'm now thrilled to showcase the results of these opportunities in an exhibition at the Ipswich Art Gallery later this year. If you have a passion for the arts, I wholeheartedly encourage you to explore the opportunities available through Creatorsofipswich.com.au"



Photo credit:
Katherine Neilsen



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THIRTY YEARS OF A SAFER IPSWICH CELEBRATED

Ipswich City Council has marked 30 years since its Safe City program turned on the first public safety cameras to actively reduce and deter crime across the city.

The Safe City has grown significantly from nine cameras in 1994 to now having almost 400 cameras actively tackling crime and improving public safety.

Safe City was ahead of its time - Ipswich was one of the first cities in Queensland to implement public safety surveillance cameras.

Since launching, Safe City has been actively working to prevent crime through its camera network and program, live streaming footage directly to Queensland Police Service.

Ipswich City Council is still leading the way for other councils, with many recognising the system as one of the best-known community safety surveillance systems.

On average, Safe City operators contact police with valuable information 5,000 times per year. Often, the difference between a guilty and innocent plea in court is the evidence gathered from these cameras.

Safe City cameras monitor public spaces through more than 360 cameras in more than 15 suburbs across Ipswich.



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Spicers Hidden Vale

Discover your own backyard...

Ever wished you could feel a million miles away, without having to travel far? Well you can. Right here in your own backyard, take the time to discover previously unexplored places where you can sleep under the stars, taste locally made brews, walk a llama and dance in light adorned laneways.



Stony Creek Brewing Co.



Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights

Most people in Ipswich will live no more than half an hour away from one of the region's top tourist destinations, **Spicers Hidden Vale**. If you've never been, then now's the time to check it out. The warm country welcome and attention to detail you will get from staff are second to none. The hatted restaurant is serving up the gorgeous paddock to plate fare and you can explore the sprawling 12,000 acre property with tours or on the back of a mountain bike in the adjacent **Hidden Vale Adventure Park**.

While a hot air balloon flight is on most people's bucket list, how many have actually booked one with the region's only balloon flight company, **Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights**? Book in to enjoy a tranquil flight over Ipswich and surrounding countryside and a hot breakfast afterwards. It's the city's best rated tour.

Have you ever met the animals at the **EWE Nique Hobby Farm** or taken a llama for a walk with **The Llama Farm**? There's animal experiences that will delight adults and children alike.

If you enjoy country hospitality head along the Warrego Highway to the town of Marburg where you can book a hanging tiipii picnic or a bell tent and sit amongst the trees at **The Soul Nook Collective**. Explore the antiques stores and enjoy pub grub at the hotel.

Set aside some time in your day to stop in at **Stony Creek Brewing** and meet Jack the new head brewer and co-owner of the brewpub. Grab a paddle and taste the exciting brews on offer and stay for music on Saturday nights in the laneway.



Hidden Vale Adventure Park – Devine trail



Imbibis Craft Distillery



The Soul Nook Collective

While you're exploring stop in at **Imbibis Craft Distillery** on Fridays to meet Jason, a former wine maker who now creates award winning gin, brandy and rum.

And if you love olives and lime products head out to **Watercress Creek Olives and Limes** to meet Bernie a fourth-generation farmer who offers up tours and picnics in the grove.

With 8,500ha of conservation reserves and parks and two rivers, there is plenty of opportunity for hiking, kayaking, mountain biking and camping.

Another hidden gem is **Hardings Paddock**, a bush camp set amongst gorgeous trees with hiking trails to explore. Here the stars go on forever and you can enjoy a simple breath of fresh air while you feel a million miles away.



Watercress Creek Olives and Limes



EWE Nique Hobby Farm

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the Ipswich Visitor Guide -
available late March



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ANTHOLOGY OF MEMORY: RACHEL NORTH

22 FEBRUARY – 13 APRIL 2025

Growing up and living in predominantly rural and regional areas, Ipswich-based artist Rachel North's new large-scale installation contrasts the materiality of wool, beeswax and ceramic vessels to discover how the colours and textures of a place can hold, heal, or hinder memory.

Image credit: Rachel North, *an anthology of memory/ lingering/ in the forgetting 2024 (detail)*, beeswax, natural and naturally dyed wool and silt with Gotland fleece, wild tussah silk and red eri silk thread. Image courtesy of the artist

DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE: MATTHEW CHEYNE + CAROLINE CHEYNE

1 MARCH – 1 JUNE 2025

Escape into a topsy-turvy realm where tents, rodeo bulls, zoos, wild animals, and nature act as metaphor for conflicting concepts of control and chaos. In this new exhibition of paintings and three-dimensional works, Matthew and Caroline Cheyne disrupt the everyday as they explore ideas of repulsion and attraction, permanence, and change.

Image credit: Matthew Cheyne + Caroline Cheyne, *Tending a small fire, 2025 (detail)*. Image courtesy of the artist and Mitchell Fine Art, Brisbane.
Photography by Caroline Cheyne.



WHAT'S ON

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Ipswich
ART Gallery



Queensland

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOS

SATURDAY 3 – MONDAY 5 MAY 2025



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WELCOME



It's a pleasure to welcome you to Planes, Trains and Autos, an event that truly captures the character and charm of Ipswich.

Supported by the Queensland Government through Round 28 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program, this event showcases the unique connection between our state's vibrant communities and the diverse regions they call home.

Events like the Planes, Trains and Autos bring people together, celebrate local culture and contribute significantly to the community's pride and economy.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore all that the Brisbane Region has to offer – whether it's its scenic beauty, local flavours, or the warm hospitality that makes this part of Queensland so special.

A big congratulations to the organisers and everyone who worked hard to bring this wonderful event to life. Thank you for being part of the thriving Queensland Destination Events Program.

Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Tourism



It's time for engines to roar again at the annual 2025 Planes, Trains and Autos festival.

One of our most popular festivals, PTA celebrates all things aviation, rail and automotive, offering a series of adrenaline-charged low-cost events across the city, with the main event at the Queensland Museum Rail Workshops.

Now in its fifth year, this fantastic festival continues to pay tribute to our city's long manufacturing history, our present pride in being a motorsport and Defence town, and our future as a defence, logistics and advanced manufacturing hub.

Across this power-packed program you will be sure to find an experience to fuel your fascination with an exciting array of events for the youngest enthusiast right through to the young-at-heart who yearn for the by-gone days of classic cars and steam trains.

There is so much to see and do this May long weekend across the skies, roads and rail – I hope you enjoy everything Ipswich has to offer.

Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich



Take your weekend *from 0-100*



There are so many incredible things to see and do in Ipswich. Why not explore your own backyard?



Scan to find the best accommodation, attractions and food we have to offer!

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Ipswich | 

WEEKEND

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOS PRESENTS FULLY CHARGED

Celebrating all things aviation, rail and autos, as well as showcasing fun-filled machines and methods of transport of all shapes and sizes. Look to the sky for thrilling aerial displays, on the ground explore a diverse mix of interactive exhibits, demonstrations, displays, roving entertainment, food trucks and more!



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SATURDAY 3 MAY

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QPSR SWANBANK COLLIER

Step back in time aboard the 'Swanbank Collier,' powered by a heritage diesel engine. Explore Swanbank's rich history and enjoy food and drinks on-site – perfect for a nostalgic day out!

SATURDAY 3 MAY

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PARK AND POSE

Your chance to get up close to an exciting range of classic and muscle cars plus try your hand at electric Go Karts. Enjoy live music and grab dinner at one of the nearby restaurants.

SNAPSHOT



GRANDCHESTER MODEL LIVE STEAM ASSOCIATION RUNNING DAY

Train enthusiasts young and old will be in their element during this day out in the country, with the hustle and bustle of a real railway station, only the locomotives are scaled down versions of actual coal burning steam engines.

MUSTANG CAR SHOW AT HOTEL COMMONWEALTH

Get up close with the action, snap photos of your favourite rides, and enjoy the buzzing atmosphere! Afterward, stick around for a delicious lunch and soak up the Sunday vibes.



RETRO PICNIC

The Retro Picnic has become a must-attend event for classic car and bike enthusiasts for a day of nostalgia and fun. This vibrant gathering features live rock 'n' roll tunes, a lively dance floor, a selection of delicious food trucks, and a curated array of vintage and retro stalls.

PLANES, TRAINS
AND AUTOS PRESENTS

FULLY

CHARGED



**SATURDAY
3 MAY –
ONE DAY ONLY**

9.00 am - 4.00 pm
Queensland Museum
Rail Workshops
North Ipswich



JOIN US FOR A POWER-PACKED DAY AT QUEENSLAND MUSEUM RAIL WORKSHOPS INCLUDING:

- Thrilling solo and formation aerobatic displays plus hot air balloon live burner displays
- Children's skateboarding workshops and demonstrations featuring pros
- Access to explore all museum exhibitions and activities
- Self-guided walk-through tour
- Large-scale machinery
- Food trucks and roving entertainment.

Early bird tickets on sale Thursday 20 March 2025

Adults \$6

Children and Concessions \$5

Family Pass: 2 Adults

and 3 Children \$20

Children under 3 and

Museum Members FREE

Tickets available on the day unless sold out prior. See website for pricing.



PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

A FREE shuttle bus is available from two park 'n' ride locations to Queensland Museum Rail Workshops and back via a historic bus, approximately every 30 minutes from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. Visit Planestrainsautos.com.au for locations.



FOR THE KIDS

Discover the newly refurbished Play Central, indoor playground for little ones! While at Rail Workshops, enjoy a range of interactive activities, from exciting Flight Tables to hands-on experiments in the Science Centre.



SENSORY INFORMATION

Elements of Fully Charged will be noisy, have very low light, be bright and may flash. Noise cancelling headphones advised. A Chill Out Zone will be available.

IN THE AIR

Buckle up to witness crowd-favourite aerobatic manoeuvres in solo and formation displays by the MXS-R and Extra 300L.



MEET THE PILOTS

On ground appearances by Matt Hall and Emma McDonald.





GET UP CLOSE

Explore a wide array of vehicles, including practical demonstrations and immersive experiences.

EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES



ON THE GROUND

Discover the fascinating world of an airport at the Brisbane Airport Information Van. Learn about the people, the 100 year history and the future that awaits!

DISCOVER RAIL

Ignite your passion for rail history and the marvels of engineering at Queensland Museum Rail Workshops. Explore the fascinating legacy of steam, diesel and electric locomotives and appreciate the once working trains on display.

ICONIC DESTINATION

Queensland Museum Rail Workshops stands as a living testament to Ipswich's rich history and industrial heritage. It played a pivotal role in the evolution of the region as the birthplace of Queensland Rail - once the site of Queensland's largest employer. Now continuing this legacy as a place for community, gathering, learning, and celebration.

THE SUNSHINE ROUTE EXHIBITION – 100 YEARS OF QUEENSLAND'S NORTH COAST LINE

Learn about Queensland's unique 'railway spine'. Taking over 35 years to construct, the line stretches from the south to the north of the state. This one-of-a-kind railway line tells a fascinating and uniquely Queensland story.

QUEENSLAND RAIL WALKING TOUR

Take a self-guided walking tour through parts of Queensland Rail's extensive workshops and see how locomotives and carriages are built and maintained.



Connecting Brisbane to the world for 100 years



This year, Brisbane Airport celebrates its 100th birthday. Across the century there have been many milestones, including royal visits from Queen Elizabeth II in 1958.

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