

2025-2026

IPSWICH IN SUMMER

Your guide for entertainment,
events and activities



**IPSWICH
ART GALLERY**

We're
open

**7 DAYS A WEEK
10AM – 5PM**

d'Arcy Doyle
Place, Ipswich



lost in palm springs



**13 DECEMBER 2025 –
8 MARCH 2026**

Vicki Stavrou, *Late Afternoon Sprinklers*, 2021
Acrylic on gallery cotton canvas, 63 x 94 cm. Image
courtesy of the artist and Anthea Polson Gallery

Ipswich
ARTGallery



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Message from Ipswich Mayor, Teresa Harding



Summer has arrived in Ipswich bringing blue skies, warm sunshine and long, light-filled days. It's the perfect season to enjoy our region's spectacular natural beauty. With more than 550 parks and reserves, there's plenty of places to pack a picnic, fire up a barbecue or explore our scenic trails.

When the mercury rises, our cultural hubs offer a cool retreat. The Ipswich Art Gallery and Ipswich Civic Centre are hosting a vibrant summer program of exhibitions, live music, theatre and comedy – with something to delight art lovers and theatregoers alike.

Our city's littlest residents can escape the heat by splashing their way through one of our many water parks. Inside this guide, you'll find a list of family favourites, including the Orion Lagoon and water play area, and the Splash 'n' Play Adventure Park at South Ripley.

Summer can also bring severe weather. Council crews have been working hard to prepare, and I encourage all residents to do the same. The disaster season advice in

this guide can help to get your home ready, and stay informed via the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard.

The Garden Organics (GO) program is growing strong – just like our gardens! Thanks to the GO bin service, we saw 2,400 tonnes of green waste kept out of landfill in just the first two months. That's a 1,000 tonne improvement compared to the same period last year. This momentum continues as we head into the warmer months showing just how quickly positive change can take root when we all pitch in.

As the festive season approaches, the city will come alive with Christmas in Ipswich. Our city's heart will transform into the St Nicholas Precinct, a jolly wonderland for all ages. Homes across our suburbs will sparkle in the annual City of Ipswich Christmas Lights Competition. It's one of my favourite events of the year and a fantastic family outing to share in the magic of our beautifully lit streets.

There is no better place to celebrate all that summer has to offer than right here in Ipswich.

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If you have any feedback regarding the Summer Guide, please email council@ipswich.qld.gov.au or visit ipswich.qld.gov.au

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GET READY FOR DISASTERS

get
ready
QUEENSLAND

Ipswich, is your household ready for a severe storm, bushfire or other disaster?

1. Understand your risk

Check the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard for weather warnings, flood cameras, alerts and more. [Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au)

2. Prepare an emergency plan

Make an emergency plan and ensure everyone in your household knows what to do.

3. Pack an emergency kit

Pack a kit with essential supplies to last your family (including pets) 3+ days.

Access handy tools and resources at ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency and keep your family safe.





TIME TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER SEASON

Ipswich has had its share of natural disasters and now is the time to take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones from extreme weather events.

Clearing gutters, tidying up yards and removing tree branches close to buildings are among the measures people can take to limit the damage of severe storms, while sandbags can be helpful if placed strategically before a flood event.

It's recommended to have an emergency plan outlining when to evacuate your home and what to do in this situation, including what to pack, where to go and what to do with pets.

Residents are also urged to have an emergency kit ready including items such as water, baby supplies if required, non-perishable food, medication, essential toiletries and important documents.

Ipswich City Council's Disaster Dashboard at [Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au) is the key information hub during times of disaster for Ipswich residents, providing rolling updates about road hazards, power outages and the impacts of severe weather.



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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



IPSWICH LIBRARIES

Embark on an **Epic Adventure** at Ipswich Libraries these school holidays!

Check out the amazing line-up of FREE activities – there's an experience waiting for curious explorers of all ages.

- Bookish Baubles and Ornaments Workshop
- Busy Builders Lego Drop-In
- Christmas Disco
- Digital Cut-Out Animation Workshop
- Eye Spy: Creature Creations Drop-In
- Letters to Santa
- Pirate Adventure Stage Show
- Road Test a Robot Drop-In
- Summer Reading Program
- Write Your Own Adventure Workshop.

Bookings open Friday 21 November 2025

For more information visit ipswichlibraries.com.au



IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Build it, fly it, roll it, Move It!

This summer, IAG Kids is bringing back your favourite hands-on activities in a brand-new exhibition, *Move It*.

Race a LEGO car, test your flying skills in the wind tubes, send balls soaring through gravity-defying runs, and use your body to create a work of art.

Are you ready to *Move It*?

For more information visit ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au

QUEENS PARK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Beat the summer heat with crafts and play in the air-conditioned centre.

Go on a special Agents of Discovery scavenger hunt. There are little challenges hidden around the centre. Find them all for a reward!

Drop in Tuesdays to Saturdays, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/qpeec



SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025–2026

Saturday 6 December 2025 – Saturday 24 January 2026 | Participate anywhere, anytime.

Creature Creations!

Let your magical reading adventure begin!

Collect and submit your booklet at any Ipswich Libraries branch OR register and log activities via the Beanstack Tracker app for a chance to share in a huge selection of prizes*.

*All participants receive a minor prize.

Ages 0–17 years

FREE PROGRAM | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

ipswichlibraries.com.au



IMPORTANT EVENT DATES: (Bookings required)

- Summer Reading Launch – Saturday 6 December 2025
- Summer Reading Celebration – Saturday 14 February 2026 (Program participants only)

IPSWICH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE



Ipswich City Council is on the hunt for young people aged 13-18 years, that attend school in Ipswich, to join the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council (IYAC).

IYAC act as a voice for Ipswich's young people – giving them a chance to influence, raise awareness and make a difference within the community.

Interested?
Want to know more?
Visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/IYAC

**Applications close
Friday 5 December 2025.**



The best of Ipswich in summer

Summer in Ipswich is all about making the most of cool summer nights, enjoying free water parks and Christmas planning!



Tulmur Place

1. Splash parks

When the mercury rises in Ipswich, head to a free and fun water park. There are six to choose from – including zero-depth parks with waterspouts and tipping buckets.



2. School holidays ideas

Wondering how you'll entertain the little ones with six weeks off over the summer break? We've got a list of some of the best things to do with kids in Ipswich, including animal experiences, train rides, art classes and more. How many can you tick off the list before school goes back?



3. Christmas gift guide

Find the perfect present at an Ipswich boutique. Choose from local artisan creations, fashion, jewellery or collectables.





Ipswich Nature Centre



Top of Town



Oh! JoJo Boutique



Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights

4. Gift an experience voucher

There are many experiences in Ipswich that offer gift vouchers. Whether your loved one is an adrenaline seeker, wants a relaxing getaway or is a budding creative, you will be able to find a gift they will love. There's also indulgent dining experiences at award-winning venues for foodie lovers. Whatever their passion is, you will be able to find the perfect present.



5. Take advantage of cool summer nights

As the sun goes down, it's the perfect time to head out and enjoy a drink with friends and family in the cool night air. Enjoy dining in a laneway, drinks on a deck or shopping at a night market.



Grab a free copy of the Ipswich precinct guides, available from the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.



BEAT THE HEAT AT IPSWICH'S COOLEST WATER PARKS



When the weather warms up, Ipswich water parks are the ultimate summer escape.

From lagoons and wading pools, to fountains and splash zones, the city's free water parks offer a family-friendly oasis for all ages.

Set in the River Heart Parklands, Bob Gamble Park offers a zero-depth water park, giant playground and 25 metre flying fox to keep the whole family entertained.

The Orion Lagoon at Springfield Central offers hours of fun with shallow pools, beach-like shores, stepping stones and splashing spouts.

Little ones will love the big tipping bucket at Robelle Domain's zero-depth water

park, with waterspouts and cool jet sprays.

Whiterock Adventure Playground and Splash Pad offers splash-tastic fun at its zero-depth water park, with blasting water canons and sprinkler pads.

The South Ripley Splash 'n' Play Adventure Park is sure to delight with its array of water play features, wiggly sprayers, water shooters and more.

Cool off in the heart of the city at Tulumur Place, where fountains leap from the ground and simulated rain falls from above in the zero-depth play area.



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THE APP

Free physical activity classes
for all ages and abilities.

Download the app today to
view and manage your bookings.



COUNCIL HITS REFRESH ON WEBSITE



Ipswich City Council has given its website a major upgrade for the first time in six years, with a focus on improved usability and searchability.

The website receives about 165,000 unique visits each month as residents access information about services or engage with important matters in the community.

Council listened to feedback and used analytics to deliver an upgrade that streamlines the user experience.

The front page has been reconfigured to provide easier and faster access to the most commonly used services via a series of prominently positioned buttons.

This includes reporting issues to council, planning and building services, waste and recycling, making payments and dog registrations – areas that receive more than half of the traffic on the website.

Search capabilities have also been vastly improved, with residents more easily able to find information contained across almost 550 council webpages.

Links to other key council websites including Ipswich Libraries, Ipswich Civic Centre, Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich Festivals, Picture Ipswich and Shape Your Ipswich also feature on the website.



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The Great Cane Toad Bust 2026

From 17-25 January 2026 get your friends and family together to remove toads and help the environment. **Every toad counts!**

Host or join a community cane toad bust event near you.

Council has partnered with environment group Watergum to hold special cane toad bust events in January for landholders and the community.

Watergum can use humanely euthanised toads in the production of Cane Toad Tadpole lures.

See Watergum.org/greatcanetoadbust



Be a good sport when busting cane toads

Cane toad busting is part of life in Queensland – but it's important to euthanise and dispose of these pests responsibly.

Stepped hypothermia is the current best practice, in line with research and RSPCA guidelines.

STEP 1

Put the toads in a **container with air holes**, ensuring they can breathe but not escape.

STEP 2

Place in the **fridge for 24 hours**. This will put the toads in a 'torpor' which is a natural state similar to hibernation, which switches off pain receptors.

STEP 3

Transfer toads to the **freezer for a further 24-48 hours** to euthanise them through freezing.

Cane toads remain toxic for some time after death, so to avoid hurting wildlife, you could either dispose of your euthanised toads in the household red lid general waste bin, bury at least 50cm deep or put them in a hot compost.

Cane toads are Australia's worst invasive species. They are toxic at every life stage and can produce up to 35,000 eggs per reproduction cycle.

BE A GOOD



Don't end up on the naughty list

Batteries **DO NOT** go in kerbside bins. Visit lpswich.qld.gov.au/batteries for disposal locations.

Make sure your rubbish goes in the right bin



RECYCLING BIN



GENERAL WASTE BIN



GARDEN ORGANICS (GO) BIN



Cardboard boxes and packaging



Cards and envelopes



Broken toys



Broken drinking glasses, glassware and ceramics



Live Christmas trees (broken down)



Wrapping paper (no glitter or foil)



Cardboard advent calendars



Old Christmas decorations



Glittery paper, foils and cellophane



Grass clippings, prunings, cuttings, trimmings, twigs, sticks, palm fronds and weeds from the pre-holiday clean up



Drink containers – glass and plastic bottles, cans



Paper/ cardboard gift tags

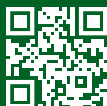


Bubble wrap/ styrofoam/ packing peanuts



LET'S SORT IT OUT.

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lpswich.qld.gov.au/waste

IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES



IPSWICH TURNS A NEW LEAF WITH GARDEN ORGANICS SUCCESS

Ipswich has turned a new leaf with the rollout of the Garden Organics (GO) bins proving to be a great success.

With the support of the community, council has diverted over 1,000 tonnes of additional green waste from going into landfill since the introduction of a standard three-bin service across the city.

The GO bins are expected to see even greater use as warmer months bring more garden activity.

With every branch, leaf and grass clipping now contributing to compost rather than landfill, the city is not only reducing environmental impact but also cutting costs associated with the State Government waste levy.

Ipswich's GO success is part of a bigger shift in how our city handles waste.

The free On-Demand Large Item Kerbside Collection program has diverted almost 1,000 tonnes from landfill in its first year.

The return of glass recycling has kept an extra 2,300 tonnes out of landfill in the last three years, helping lift household recycling rates by nearly three per cent.

Together, these efforts are helping Ipswich grow a cleaner, greener future.



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CREATORS' SUMMIT - IPSWICH

The Future Belongs to the Weird

SATURDAY 7 MARCH

The Creators' Summit is Ipswich's unique day of ideas, art and connection. It is where creative hobbyists meet professionals, where emerging talent sits alongside established names and where collaborations begin. Expect talks, workshops and shared experiences.

It is about building a creative future together that is bold, curious and a little unusual. In 2026 the theme is *The Future Belongs to the Weird...* because ordinary never changes the world.

Tickets on sale now
Creatorsofipswich.com.au

EARLY BIRD
TICKETS \$25



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AMY SHARK^{AS}

THE SOLO ACOUSTIC "SONGS & STORIES" TOUR



23 NOVEMBER

IPSWICH CIVIC CENTRE

Amy Shark has come a long way since Adore first hit the airwaves in 2016, catapulting her from Gold Coast indie artist to one of Australia's most celebrated singer-songwriters. With her raw honesty and knack for unforgettable hooks, she's given us anthems like I Said Hi, Mess Her Up and Everybody Rise, racking up multi-platinum hits and shelves of ARIA Awards along the way.

Her debut album Love Monster was the best-selling Australian release of 2018, followed by Cry Forever, which saw her team up with Ed Sheeran, Keith Urban and blink-182's Travis Barker. Shark's star power hasn't been confined to music either. In 2023 she joined the judging panel of Australian Idol, landed the cover of Rolling Stone, and even took home a Logie, becoming one of the few artists to ever win both an ARIA and a Logie.

Fast-forward to today and Amy is still on top, with her third straight #1 album Sunday Sadness and a touring schedule that shows no signs of slowing down. After a sold-out run earlier this year, her Songs and Stories acoustic tour has been extended, giving fans across regional Australia the chance to experience Amy in her most intimate and stripped-back form yet.

AMY SHARK

RAGE
MORE
MUSIC & MORE

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LIVE NATION

THE WESTSIDE SCRAMBLE

BIGSOUND Reflections: Ipswich in Tune with the Industry

Seven Ipswich trailblazers recently represented our city at BIGSOUND 2025, Australia's leading music industry event. Musicians Damien Johnson, Sam Wylie, Dustin Schmidt, Paulina Schueman, Levi Podlich and Michael VanderPutten, along with manager Nicole Schueman, joined thousands of delegates in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley for four days of showcases, panels and networking.

Supported by Ipswich City Council through the Regional Arts Development Fund in partnership with Arts Queensland, this group connected with venue owners, touring organisers, promoters and industry heavyweights. They returned inspired, motivated, and full of fresh ideas for what is possible in Ipswich.

Now, join them at November's Westside Scramble for stories, inspiration and momentum as we build the next chapter of Ipswich music.

At this special panel discussion, hear their key takeaways from BIGSOUND, insights into emerging trends, and practical tips for building a career in music. More importantly, learn how these experiences are sparking new collaborations right here at home.



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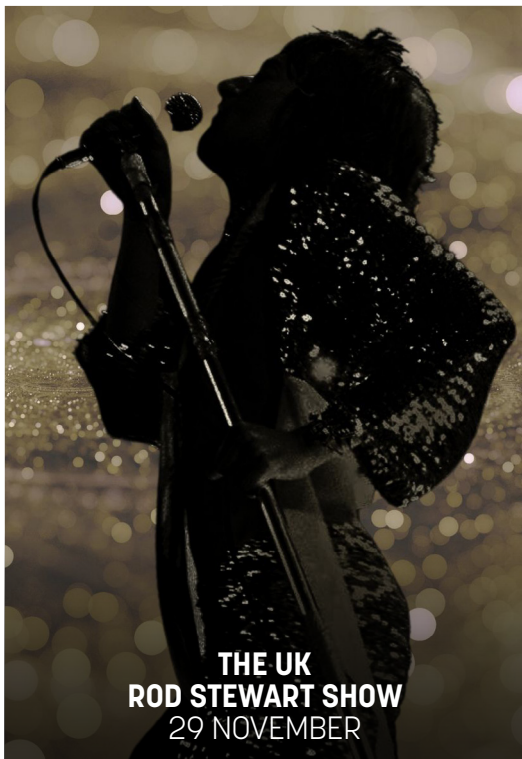
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**THE UK
ROD STEWART SHOW**
29 NOVEMBER

**IPSWICH SENIORS' CONCERT GROUP
FRANTIC, FESTIVE FROLICS**
10 DECEMBER



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**CHRISTMAS
COMEDY SPECIAL**
12 DECEMBER



**THE TRAVELING
WILBURYS COLLECTION**
13 DECEMBER

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS: ON TOUR
1 FEBRUARY

A group of performers singing on stage.



**ROCKARIA –
THE ELO EXPERIENCE**
6 FEBRUARY



**CREEDENCE
CLEARWATER
COLLECTIVE**
13 FEBRUARY



**LOVE IN LIGHTS
VALENTINE'S DINNER
AND SHOW**
14 FEBRUARY



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TJAKA

w/ Master Wolf & The Soul Mechanics

From Splendour in the Grass to Dark Mofo, The Great Escape in the UK, and Taiwan's PASIWALI Festival where they performed to 30,000 people, Tjaka have cemented their reputation as a must-see live act. Wherever they go, this powerhouse trio leaves crowds buzzing with an energy that's impossible to resist.

At the heart of Tjaka are brothers Geoff and Jake Fabila, proud descendants of the Jabirr Jabirr tribe of the WA Kimberley, alongside longtime friend Felix Fogarty. Based in Brisbane/Meenjin, the three share an undeniable chemistry on stage, fusing culture, rhythm and unrelenting passion into every performance.

Their sound is a fiery collision of electronic beats, funk, reggae and dance, ignited by Jake's lava-hot rap flow and underpinned by grooves that melt audiences into motion. But what truly sets Tjaka apart is their signature instrumentation. Expect blistering guitar solos, the earth-shaking resonance of the FaceBass, and the innovative Didjeribone, a slide didgeridoo that adds a raw, otherworldly edge to their set.

More than a gig, a Tjaka show is a contemporary Indigenous experience, blending tradition and modernity with explosive creativity. High-energy, unapologetic and unforgettable, Tjaka aren't just performing music, they're making waves.



This program is supported by the
Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.



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**MEAT LOAF THE CONCERT –
THE JIM STEINMAN SONGBOOK**
28 FEBRUARY



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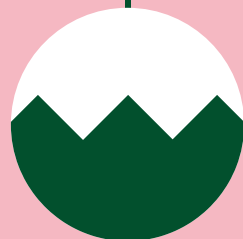
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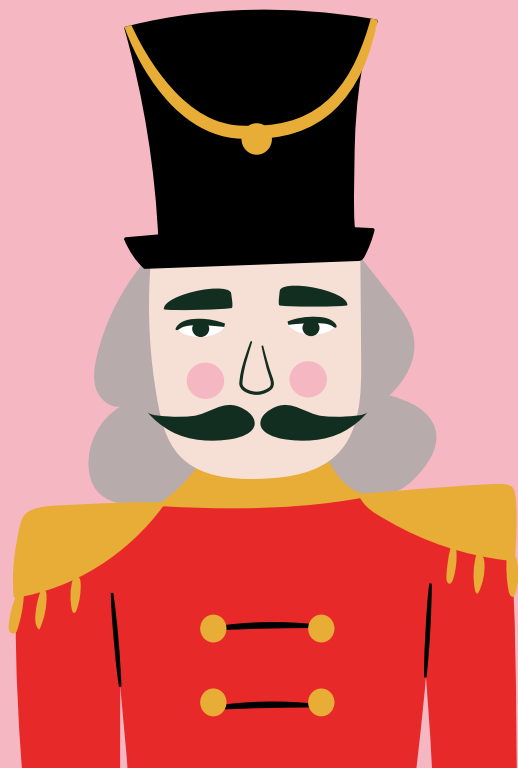
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Christmas

IN IPSWICH





**12-21
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St Nicholas PRECINCT

📅 Friday 12 – Sunday 21 December

🕒 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm

(Monday 15 December 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm)

📍 Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas as the urban heart of our city dazzles with a spectacular lighting installation.

Nicholas Street Precinct will transform into an experiential atmosphere of lights, colour and magical moments, presented by Ipswich Festivals in partnership with Ray White AKG.

With new installations and experiences to enjoy, gather your family and friends, and make precious memories with photo opportunities, live entertainment and market stalls.

Entry is free.

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year!

Visit Christmasinipswich.com.au to see the full program.



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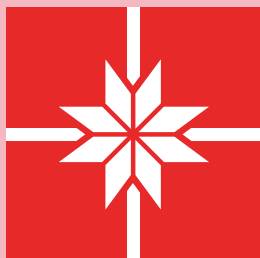


St Nicholas PRECINCT

Low Sensory Night

-  Monday 15 December
-  6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
-  Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

A special evening at the magical Christmas lighting installation, St Nicholas Precinct, for those seeking a gentler, sensory-friendly experience. With a quieter environment and dedicated low sensory tent, this evening allows more families to experience the joy of Christmas.



Festive Feasting

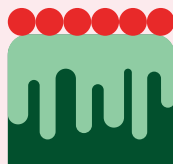
When visiting St Nicholas Precinct, why not make a night of it? Create memories over a meal at one of Ipswich's delicious restaurants before or after attending a city Christmas celebration.

Scan the QR code to find the best places to eat in Ipswich Central this festive season.



While in Top of Town, soak up the festive spirit and explore local shops full of charm and character.

It's the perfect place to dine and find that unique gift for the person who has everything – because the best presents can't be found just anywhere.





18 NOV
-11 DEC

Letters TO SANTA

Receive a letter from the North Pole

- 📅 Tuesday 18 November – Thursday 11 December
- 🕒 During opening hours
- 📍 All Ipswich Libraries branches or
UB's Milk Bar, 126 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

Collect and post your letter at any Ipswich Libraries branch or UB's Milk Bar Ipswich. Santa's reply will be sent directly to your address.

Get in quick to allow Santa enough time to respond between wrapping presents.

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LIBRARIES**

 **UB'S
MILKBAR**
UNGERMANN BROTHERS



Lighting of the City Christmas Tree

powered by Energex

- 📅 Thursday 27 November
- 🕒 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm lighting
- 📍 d'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

Join local carollers and an early visit from Santa to help officially light the City Christmas Tree!

Extend the celebrations with Santa and Sirens in Nicholas Street Precinct from 5.00 pm.

City Christmas TREE



City Christmas Tree Lights On

- 📅 Thursday 27 November –
Wednesday 7 January

Santa & SIRENS



- 📅 Thursday 27 November
- 🕒 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- 📍 Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

Where holiday magic meets real-life heroes! This is your chance to meet Santa and friends amidst a variety of emergency service vehicles decorated in festive cheer.

Capture the moment with photos and embrace the joy of the season with a nod to those who serve and protect. You'll also be entertained with carols by Journey Church.



Christmas Lights COMPETITION

**ENTRIES
CLOSE
28 NOV**

presented by

Narellanpools^o
IPSWICH

Dig out your Christmas lights and decorations! Entries for the City of Ipswich Christmas Lights Competition presented by Narellan Pools Ipswich are now open!

Win a share in over \$8,000 worth of cash and prizes!

All entrants will automatically be entered into the Lucky Entrant draw with five winners each receiving a \$200 venue voucher for General Public – Australia's favourite eatertainment.

Be sure to download the handy Tips and Tricks document via **Christmasinipswich.com.au** for guidance on lighting design, being a good elf and keeping safe thanks to Energex.

Entry is **FREE**, quick and easy via **Christmasinipswich.com.au**

HURRY ENTRIES CLOSE 9.00 AM FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER



BEST RESIDENTIAL

presented by STRUD

Winner: \$1,500 cash
Runner-Up: \$1,000 cash

BEST BUSINESS/ORGANISATION

presented by Event Cinemas Springfield

Winner: Private movie screening at Event Cinemas Springfield
Runner-Up: \$500 worth of gift vouchers for use at Event Cinemas Springfield

BEST STREET

presented by Stockland

Winner: \$500 cash to share + 'Best Street' council installed street sign
Runner-Up: \$250 cash to share

BEST NEW ENTRY

presented by G.J. Gardner Homes Ipswich

Winner: \$750 cash
Runner-Up: \$250 cash

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

presented by Aussie Homes Ipswich

Winner: \$1,500 gift card

People's Choice

Show support for your favourite Christmas lights display by voting in the People's Choice online from 1–9 December.

Visit displays

Keen to check out the stunning Christmas lights displays across the City of Ipswich? A full list of addresses will be available online from Monday 1 December.



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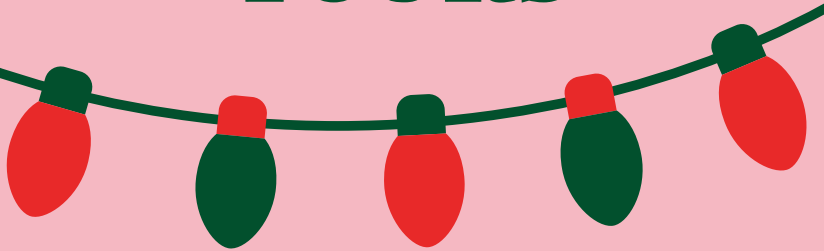
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19-20
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Christmas Lights TOURS



- 📅 Friday 19 and Saturday 20 December
- 🕒 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
- 👤 Adults \$40 | Concession \$35
Children (up to 12 years) \$30
Family (2A+2C or 1A+3C) \$125

Discover Ipswich Christmas Lights Tours will be sure to get you into the spirit of the festive season. View a selection of the best displays from this year's City of Ipswich Christmas Lights Competition presented by Narellan Pools Ipswich in an air-conditioned coach. Enjoy a light supper with entertainment and surprise visitors during your magical Christmas adventure. Spaces are limited and bookings essential. Group bookings welcome.

Book online via [Christmasinipswich.com.au](https://christmasinipswich.com.au), by phone (07) 3281 0555 or email info@discoveripswich.com.au

Christmas CAROLS

BRASSALL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

- 📅 Friday 28 November
- 🕒 6.00 pm with entry from 5.00 pm
- 📍 Sutton Park, 61 Workshops Street, Brassall

Bringing the community together for Christmas, this spectacular stage show features local performers and live orchestra, visit from Santa, an array of delicious food and an amazing fireworks finale.

CITYHOPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

- 📅 Sunday 7 December
- 🕒 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 7 Rex Hills Drive, Ripley

Gather with family and friends to enjoy live music, festive food, kids' activities, carols and lighting of the Christmas tree to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

RACEVIEW COMMUNITY CAROLS UNDER THE BIG TREE

- 📅 Sunday 7 December
- 🕒 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 141 Wildey Street, Raceview

Enjoy carols under the stars beneath the big fig tree lit up like a Christmas tree. Traditional Christmas carols led by local community groups.

SPRINGFIELD CAROLS

- 📅 Saturday 13 December
- 🕒 5.00 pm, fireworks 8.30 pm
- 📍 Robelle Domain, Education City Drive, Springfield Central

A highlight for adults and children alike and a high point of the Greater Springfield calendar. Promoting community spirit and seasonal goodwill, featuring live music performances, traditional carols, a visit from Santa, food trucks, market stalls and a fireworks display. The Springfield carols at Robelle Domain will brighten up your Christmas.

CAROLS ON THE CORNER

- 📅 Saturday 13 December
- 🕒 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 Cnr of Eileen Street and Glebe Road, Booval

Help Ipswich Uniting Church ring in the Christmas season with festive cheer! Join them for an evening of fun and music including FREE family activities - jumping castle, animal farm, face painting, children's craft and sausage sizzle.

WHITEHILL CHURCH CAROLS

- 📅 Sunday 14 December
- 🕒 4.00 pm – 7.45 pm
- 📍 219 Whitehill Road, Raceview

Join us for an afternoon of singing your favourite carols and songs, exploring the true story of Christmas. Stay on for a festival of fun, including free entertainment, low-cost food options and a fireworks display.

MARBURG COMMUNITY CAROLS EVENING

- 📅 Sunday 14 December
- 🕒 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm
- 📍 Marburg Community Park, Cnr Queen and Edmond streets, Marburg

An evening filled with face painting and free craft activities for children, market stalls, free sausage sizzle and carol singing.

KRUGER BAPTIST CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

- 📅 Sunday 14 December
- 🕒 Sausage sizzle from 5.30 pm and carols from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
- 📍 Kruger Baptist Church, Cnr of Kruger Parade and Henderson Street, Redbank

Join us for a traditional nativity sing-along Carols by Candlelight under the stars.

Christmas MARKETS AND UP-LATE

SOUL NOOK CHRISTMAS MARKETS

- 📅 Saturday 15 November
- 🕒 8.30 am – 2.00 pm
- 📍 Soul Nook,
89–93 Queen Street, Marburg

Our famous annual Christmas markets are back and bigger than ever! Make sure to mark your calendars and join us at Soul Nook for some jolly good fun this festive season.

TOP OF TOWN 'LIGHT UP THE NIGHT' MARKETS

- 📅 Thursday 27 November
- 🕒 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 📍 Brisbane Street (from Ellenborough
to Waghorn streets), Ipswich

Visit Ipswich's historic Top of Town and browse unique, handcrafted treasures with the opportunity to pick up a creative Christmas gift whilst soaking up the festive atmosphere.

SANTA'S SUGAR PLUM POP-UP

- 📅 5–26 December
- 🕒 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Wed–Fri 9.00 pm
- 📍 ARTtime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies,
203 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

Experience the sweetest Christmas shopping in a handmade wonderland. Complete our nutcracker hunt to go in the draw to win a special Santa gift.

IPSWICH HANDMADE EXPO CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
- 📍 Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

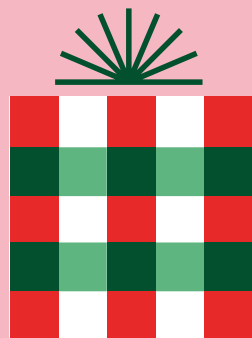
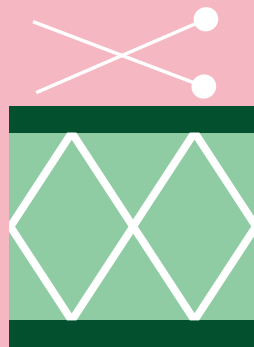
With over 100 amazing handmade stalls, delightful food trucks, live music and so much for the children to do. Christmas shopping at its best!

THRIFTS AND SIPS OF CHRISTMAS

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 11.30 am – 4.30 pm
- 📍 Soul Nook,
89–93 Queen Street, Marburg

Sunset lovers, second-love hunters and vintage treasure seekers — this one's for you all wrapped in a big Christmas bow.

Join us for a golden afternoon as we switch it up with our preloved markets for Christmas vibes, good tunes and great company in the charming countryside of Marburg.



ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT EVENT

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 4.00 pm
- 📍 Ipswich Showgrounds, 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich

Get into the festive spirit with enchanting Christmas decorations, glittering festive lights, free activities, amusement rides, fun entertainment, Christmas carols and a special visit from Santa himself! There will also be a fantastic variety of Christmas stalls.

TOP OF TOWN - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 📍 Brisbane Street (from Ellenborough to Waghorn streets), Ipswich

Top of Town stays open for a night of Christmas shopping. Come along and view festive windows and support the local small business community.

OFF THE WALL ART EXHIBITION

- 📅 12–21 December
- 🕒 10.00 am – 3.00 pm daily
- 📍 Ipswich Community Gallery, d'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

Over 40 local artists offering unique, one-of-a-kind works of art and craft – perfect for a truly special Christmas gift for someone you love.

CHRISTMAS THRIFTY THREADS PRELOVED MARKET

- 📅 Sunday 14 December
- 🕒 7.00 am – 12.00 pm
- 📍 Ipswich Showgrounds, 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich

Clear out your 2025 closet, embrace sustainability, festive cheer and get ready for 2026. Santa might even drop by with treats for all ages!

ORION TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKETS

- 📅 Tuesday 23 December
- 🕒 9.00 am – midnight
- 📍 Orion Springfield Central, 1 Main Street, Springfield Central

Join us for a special twilight market in celebration of Christmas. A day and evening full of local crafts, food and those last-minute gifts. Pets on a leash are welcome.



Christmas COMMUNITY EVENTS

SANTA'S ARRIVAL PARADE ORION SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL

- 📅 Saturday 8 November
- 🕒 9.00 am – 10.00 am
- 📍 1 Main Street, Springfield Central

Join us for our wonderful Christmas Parade – a magical free community event to officially welcome Santa and Mrs Claus to town!

SANTA'S ARRIVAL PARADE RIVERLINK SHOPPING CENTRE

- 📅 Saturday 15 November
- 🕒 10.00 am – 1.30 pm
- 📍 Downs Street and The Terrace, North Ipswich

Join us for a day full of Christmas cheer and watch Santa and his friends make their grand arrival to Riverlink Shopping Centre!

HOPE DELIVERED - A CHRISTMAS EVENT

- 📅 1–25 December
- 🕒 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
- 📍 Cnr of Eileen Street and Glebe Road, Booval

Ipswich Uniting Church transforms into a magical Christmas wonderland with Christmas lights and tree displays. On Saturday 6 December see the Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir and Ipswich Model Band.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT BOOVAL FAIR

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 from 10.00 am
- 📍 Cnr Brisbane and South Station roads, Booval

Celebrate the magic of Christmas at Booval Fair! Captain Christmas, Mrs Claus, Buddy the Booval Kangaroo, Frosty, Rudolph and their festive friends will welcome Santa with a spectacular parade through the centre.

MARBURG SHOW SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

- 📅 Saturday 6 December
- 🕒 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 📍 Marburg Showgrounds, 45–55 Queen Street, Marburg

Experience Christmas in the country with family friendly activities and rides. Enjoy a special visit from Santa!

FRANTIC, FESTIVE FROLICS

- 📅 Wednesday 10 December
- 🕒 10.00 am and 1.00 pm
- 📍 Ipswich Civic Centre, 50 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

The Ipswich Seniors' Concert Group invite you to join them for yet another astonishing spectacle of jollification with Frantic, Festive Frolics!

FRIENDSMAS TRIVIA AT HOTEL COMMONWEALTH

- 📅 Wednesday 10 December
- 🕒 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 5 Union Place, Ipswich

Join us for an evening of amazing food, great drinks, games and trivia! The questions are fun – not hard – and will take you back through all the best bits.

YAMANTO CENTRAL 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

- 📅 11–24 December
- 📍 488 Warwick Road, Yamanto

Special appearances by Santa, his reindeer, The Grinch and daily giveaways for lucky Yamanto Central shoppers! Over \$5,000 in prizes to be won.

ROSEWOOD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

- 📅 Friday 12 December
- 🕒 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 📍 Rosewood Showgrounds, 1 Railway Street, Rosewood

The much loved Rosewood Christmas Festival is back with market stalls, free rides, carols and a visit from Santa.

STITCH IN THE 'SWICH CHRISTMAS COMEDY SPECIAL

- 📅 Friday 12 December
- 🕒 8.00 pm
- 📍 Ipswich Civic Centre,
50 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Another hilarious line up supported by the Sit Down Comedy Club to celebrate Christmas with a smile!

ULYSSES CLUB ANNUAL IPSWICH TOY RUN

- 📅 Sunday 14 December
- 🕒 10.30 am
- 📍 Brassall Shopping Centre
to Ipswich Showgrounds

Join or support the 30th Ipswich Toy Run to raise funds for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and Ulysses Club Arthritis Fund.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ

- 📅 Thursday 18 December
- 🕒 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm
- 📍 15 Kingsford Street, Goodna

Kick off Christmas with a community BBQ including Santa photos, treats, dunk tank, jumping castle, face painting, music and so much more.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE COMMUNITY GAILES COMMUNITY HOUSE

- 📅 Saturday 20 December
- 🕒 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- 📍 2 Bruce Lane, Camira

Plenty of family friendly activities including petting zoo, photo booth, sing along to Christmas carols and a visit from the jolly man himself.

More local Christmas celebrations and events at Christmasinipswich.com.au

2026 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Fireworks

Residents are encouraged to turn their heads towards the sky this New Year's Eve! Fireworks will launch across the region in Springfield Central, South Ripley, Ipswich Central and Rosewood.

For information on the best viewing locations visit Christmasinipswich.com.au

Want to know what's on near you?

Scan the QR code to view a list of New Year's Eve events across the city.



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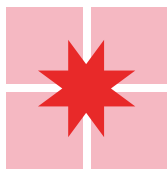
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New Year's Eve
Fireworks



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