

Visit HISTORIC SITES

There are entire streets lined with grand homes. Check out Chelmsford Avenue, Quarry Street and Waghorn Street.



The Incinerator Theatre

- See the art deco facade of Studio 188, a 140 year old Baptist Church that is now home to a contemporary performance space.
- The Old Courthouse which is one of Ipswich's oldest buildings, built in 1859, can be found at 75 East Street. It is now home to community groups including the Ipswich Musical Theatre Company.
- St Mary's Catholic Church, built in 1904 on Elizabeth Street, is one of the most photographed landmarks in Ipswich.
- The Incinerator Theatre, located at Queens Park, houses the Ipswich Little Theatre. It opened in 1936 and was originally used to burn waste. It was designed by Walter Burley Griffin, who also designed the City of Canberra.
- Find heritage-listed St Paul's Anglican Church at 124 Brisbane Street. It was built from 1855-1859 with extensions added up to 1929 in a Gothic Revival style.



Visitor Information Centre

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IPSWICH CENTRAL

PRECINCT GUIDE



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Ipswich Central is the heart of the beautiful heritage City of Ipswich. Here you will find historic homes, eclectic cafes, shops and bars. See art in galleries and outdoors on building walls. Explore history in museums and beautiful churches and connect with nature in sculptured gardens and serene green spaces.



Discover THE NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT

Take a walk along a paved, tree-lined Nicholas Street to find boutique shopping, tasty treats and sips, and the best in entertainment.

Here you'll find restored historic pub Hotel Commonwealth and General Public serving up fun vibes. The precinct is also home to art works from renowned Australian artists Lincoln Austin, Kim Ah Sam and Kyra Mancktelow.

The main civic square, Tulumur Place plays host to major events, markets and school holiday activities. It also features a zero-depth water play area.

In addition, the precinct is home to Ipswich Central Library, Ipswich Children's Library and over 900 car parks.

Within walking distance you'll find d'Arcy Doyle Place which is home to heritage buildings including Indian Mehfil and St Paul's Anglican Church as well as Ipswich Art Gallery.

- 68. TULMUR PLACE, ZERO-DEPTH WATER PLAY AREA
- 69. HANDMADE MARKETS (MONTHLY)
- 70. IPSWICH CHILDREN'S LIBRARY/ 1 NICHOLAS STREET
- 71. HOTEL COMMONWEALTH
- 72. IPSWICH CENTRAL LIBRARY
- 73. OIKOS
- 74. IPSWICH POST OFFICE
- 75. THE RUSTY NAIL
- 76. GENERAL PUBLIC, HOYTS, MINIBOUNCE
- 77. BANSHEES BAR & ARTSPACE
- 78. ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
- 79. INDIAN MEHFIL
- 80. IPSWICH ART GALLERY, IPSWICH ART WORKSHOP, IPSWICH COMMUNITY GALLERY
- 81. d'ARCY DOYLE PLACE



TAKE A STROLL THROUGH Queens Park

Queens Park in Ipswich sits on the oldest designated parkland in the state. The well-manicured park encompasses the Ipswich Nature Centre, Queens Park Cafe, the Japanese inspired Nerima Gardens, a croquet club and a bush chapel. Also located on the same grounds you can find the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

A great spot for a picnic, Queens Park features green spaces, shady trees and a playground with a flying fox, model train and a liberty swing.

If you work up a hunger while at the park you can visit the Queens Park Cafe which offers all day breakfast and has a wide verandah overlooking the park.

Head over to the Ipswich Nature Centre Tuesdays to Sundays from 9.30 am to see furry native animals and barn yard friends. The centre is free to enter with donations accepted, opening Tuesday to Sunday (and Mondays during school holidays) and is open on public holidays, except Christmas Day and Good Friday.



Explore TOP OF TOWN

The Top of Town precinct is a stretch of Brisbane Street in the heart of Ipswich Central. It is a great location for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a place where you feel at home, day or night with laneways offering hidden local delights.

Discover the best known landmark of this part of town, The Old Flour Mill, where you can find specialty shops including The Soul Cauldron, Embers & Twine and The Mill Coffee Shop. Head towards Nicholas Street for cafes and restaurants, fashion stores and vintage finds, and up to Waghorn Street for historic pubs and a day spa.

55. STUDIO 188

56. LUCKY CAT CAFE

57. HEISENBERG HAUS

58. MONTE LANE

59. THE OLD FLOUR MILL

- THE SOUL CAULDRON
- EMBERS & TWINE
- THE MILL COFFEE SHOP
- NHURALAMA'S SHOP

60. FOURTHCHILD CAFE & RESTAURANT

61. ARTTIME GALLERY & FINE ART SUPPLIES, DARK MAGICIAN GAMES, RARE & PRETTY DOLLS

62. OH! JOJO BOUTIQUE

63. THE VINTAGE ADVANTAGE

64. BAKED BY JOSEPH & ANN

65. RAFTER & ROSE

66. ST. SHOEBILL

67. UB'S MILK BAR (UNGERMANN BROTHERS)

IPSWICH Street Art TRAIL

Ipswich is fast becoming a hot spot for art outside the four walls of a gallery space. Seven murals were painted in 2020, adding to existing murals dotted around the city, making a fantastic arts trail.

The most iconic piece is Rachael Sarra's Distant Country. The local Indigenous artist's work is featured on the wall of the Ipswich Health Plaza. Sarra explained her piece, 'As I walk day to day, distant from my country but guided by my ancestors, I feel the energy of the earth connecting with me.'

Older works that are worth noting are two beautiful, realistic fairy wrens painted on the side of the Ipswich City Uniting Church and a magnificent flying owl behind the F. Goleby & Sons building.



A. JORDACHE
FIRE STATION 101

B. STYNA
STUDIO 188

C. ASH TAYLOR
CIRCA 160
LUCKY CAT CAFE

D. DAVID W HOUGHTON
IPSWICH CITY
UNITING CHURCH

E. RC_COLLECTIVE
IPSWICH CITY
UNITING CHURCH

F. MIKE SHANKSTER
WEST STREET

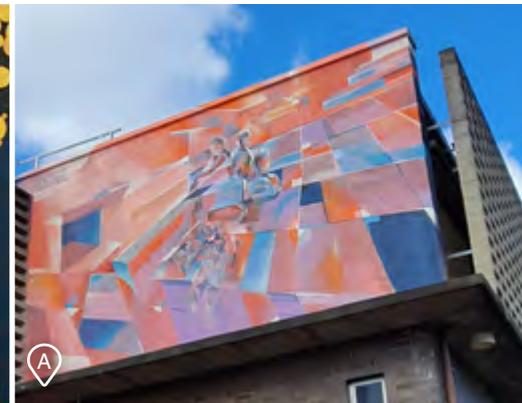
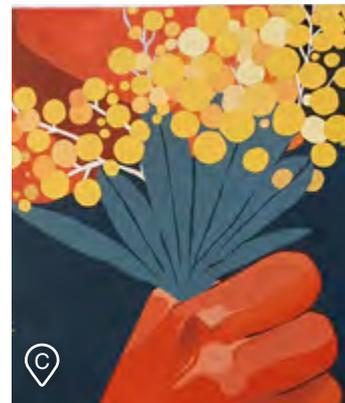
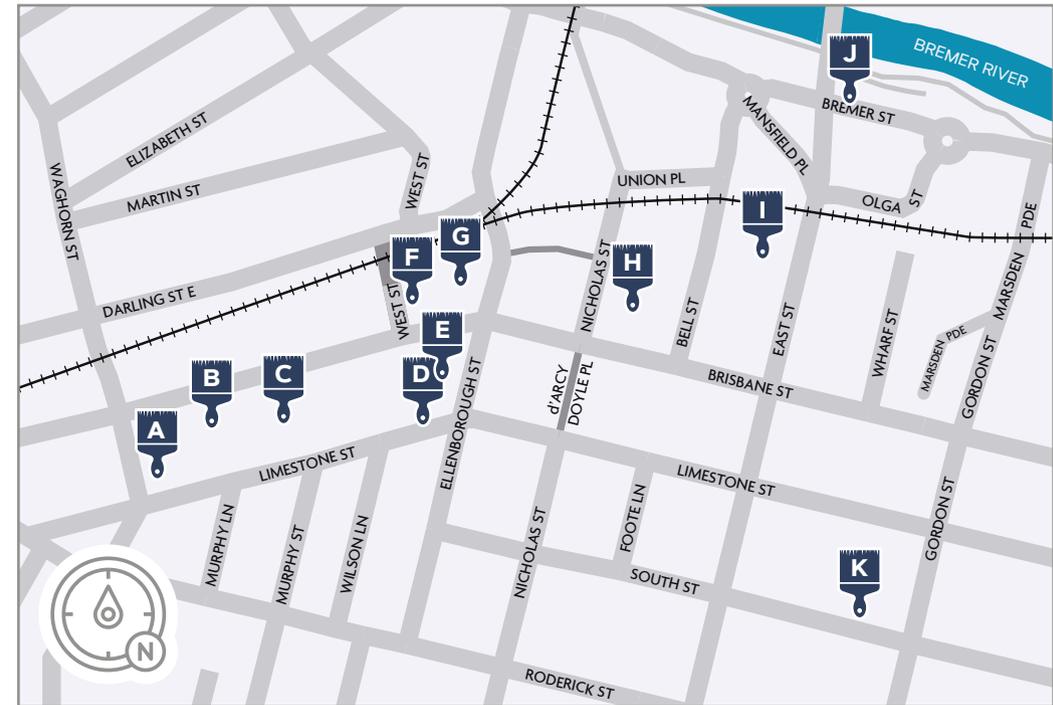
G. MICKY HORA
ELLENBOROUGH
TOWERS LANEWAY

H. GUS EAGLETON
CRIBB AND
FOOTE LANE
NICHOLAS STREET
PRECINCT

I. RACHAEL SARRA
IPSWICH HEALTH PLAZA

J. DEB MOSTERT
RIVER HEART
PARKLANDS

K. FINTAN MAGEE
LIMESTONE
STREET CENTRE



DIRECTORY

LEGEND:  Top of Town inset map over  Nicholas Street Precinct inset map over

NOTE: Check websites for more information including opening hours before attending.

ACCOMMODATION

- 49 Best Western Ipswich**
(07) 3202 3111
lhmi.com.au
- 51 Cumquat House**
(07) 3497 8664
Cumquathouse.com.au
- 22 Darling Cabin**
Airbnb.com.au/rooms/1290957336910936131
- 53 Ipswich Show Society – Caravan Park**
(07) 3281 1577
Ipswichshow.com.au/caravan-park
- 4 Motel Monaco**
(07) 3281 4200
- 16 Oaks Ipswich Aspire Suites**
(07) 3280 5100
Oakshotels.com/oaks-aspire
- 50 Quest Ipswich**
(07) 3813 6000
Questipswich.com.au
- 39 Rose Hill Apartments**
0417 767 558
Accommodationinipswich.com.au
- 27 Ruth's Cottage**
0410 851 270
Airbnb.com.au/rooms/24105277
- 3 Villa on Ferguson**
0412 984 462
Airbnb.com.au/rooms/39041523

ATTRACTIONS

- 14 Hardcore Blasters**
(07) 3505 5960
Hardcoreblasters.com.au
- 80 Ipswich Art Gallery**
(07) 3810 7222
Ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au
- 36 Ipswich Nature Centre**
(07) 3810 6666
DiscoverIpswich.com.au/nature-centre
- 2 Queensland Museum Rail Workshops**
(07) 3432 5100
Museum.qld.gov.au/rail-workshops
- 29 Seraphim Escape Rooms**
(07) 3555 5913
Seraphimescape.com.au

CONVENTION CENTRES

- 70 1 Nicholas Street**
(07) 3810 6699
Ipswichciviccentre.com.au/functions
- 11 North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre**
(07) 3810 6699
Ipswichciviccentre.com.au/nircc

EAT AND DRINK

- 64 BAKED by Joseph & Ann**
0492 904 881
Josephandann.com
- 18 Bakehouse Steakhouse**
(07) 3281 8132
Bakehousesteakhouse.com
- 77 Banshees Bar & Artspace**
(07) 3202 3883
Bansheesbar.com
- 6 Club Services Ipswich (CSI)**
(07) 3812 3366
Clubipswich.com.au
- 28 Ellen & Rod**
0488 598 290
Facebook.com/Ellenandrod
- 47 Essence of Indya**
(07) 3725 8601
- 31 Flame**
(07) 3282 7444
FlamePizza.com.au
- 60 Fourthchild Cafe & Restaurant**
(07) 3281 9934
Fourthchildcafe.com.au
- 45 Grays Bar & Restaurant**
0424 518 252
Graysbarandrestaurant.com.au
- 57 Heisenberg Haus**
(07) 3143 2303
Heisenberg.com.au

- 71 Hotel Commonwealth**
(07) 3543 2143
Hotelcommonwealth.com.au
- 79 Indian Mehfil Ipswich**
(07) 3281 8683
Ipswich.indianmehfil.com.au
- 5 Ipswich Jets Leagues Club**
(07) 3202 1887
Jetsleaguesclub.com.au
- 1 La Parrilla**
(07) 3498 0480
Laparrilla.com.au
- 56 Lucky Cat Cafe**
0483 191 285
Luckycatcafe.com/collections/ipswich
- 30 Memories of India**
(07) 3418 3369
Memoriesofindiaipswich.com.au
- 58 Monte Lane**
0432 333 270
Montelane.com.au
- 8 Montezuma's Ipswich**
(07) 3143 2099
Montezumas.com.au/ipswich
- 73 Oikos Cafe Ipswich**
Facebook.com/OIKOScafeAUS
- 35 Queens Park Cafe**
(07) 3281 5167
Queensparkcafe.com.au
- 65 Rafter & Rose**
0401 073 644
Facebook.com/rafterandrose
- 10 Ruby Chews Burgers & Shakes**
(07) 3281 0102
Rubychews.com.au
- 66 St. Shoebill**
Facebook.com/stshoebill
- 25 Stony Creek Brewing Ipswich**
0435 380 290
Stonycreekbrewing.com.au
- 23 The Cottage Restaurant**
(07) 3143 2644
Thecottage.restaurant.com.au
- 59 The Mill Coffee Shop**
(07) 3485 1400
Themillcoffeeshop.com.au
- 75 The Rusty Nail**
0405 337 604
Therustynailipswich.com.au
- 67 UB's Milk Bar (Ungermann Brothers)**
0415 820 853
Ungermannbrothers.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT

- 76 General Public Ipswich**
1300 576 740
Generalpublic.com.au/ipswich
- 76 Hoyts Ipswich**
(07) 3339 9771
Hoyts.com.au/cinemas/ipswich
- 26 Ipswich Civic Centre**
(07) 3810 6100
Ipswichciviccentre.com.au
- 37 Ipswich Little Theatre (Incinerator)**
(07) 3812 2389
ilt.org.au
- 40 Ipswich Musical Theatre Company**
0419 786 407
Ipswichmusicaltheatrecompany.com.au
- 9 Limelight Cinema**
(07) 3447 1100
LimeLightCinemas.com.au
- 76 miniBounce**
(07) 3569 0704
Bounceinc.com.au/minibounce-ipswich
- 55 Studio 188**
(07) 3810 6100
Ipswichciviccentre.com.au/studio-188

SHOPPING

- 61 Arttime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies**
(07) 3812 1188
Shop.arttime.com.au
- 61 Dark Magician Games**
0426 732 577
Dark-magician-games.myshopify.com

- 59 Embers & Twine**
0421 440 672
Embersandtwine.com.au
- 41 Ipswich Antique Centre**
(07) 3281 2330
Ipswichantiquecentre.com.au
- 7 Ipswich Riverlink Shopping Centre**
(07) 3294 5500
Riverlink.net.au
- 59 Nhuralama's Shop**
0412 970 001
Nhuralamasshop.myshopify.com
- 62 Oh! JoJo Boutique**
(07) 3143 2981
- 61 Rare & Pretty Dolls**
0450 977 373
Rareprettydoll.com
- 59 The Soul Cauldron**
0413 297 426
Thesoulcauldron.com
- 63 The Vintage Advantage**
0419 622 005

MARKETS

- 54 Ipswich Show Society – Twilight Events**
(07) 3281 1577
Ipswichshow.com.au/upcoming-events
- 69 The Handmade Expo Ipswich (monthly)**
0452 377 685

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 15 Bob Gamble Park**
- 32 Cunninghams Knoll**
- 81 d'Arcy Doyle Place**
- 44 Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve**
- 54 Ipswich Showgrounds**
(07) 3281 1577
- 46 Limestone Park**
- 33 Lions Lookout**
- 38 Nerima Gardens**
- 19 Nicholas Street Precinct**
- 34 Queens Park**
- 12 River Heart Parklands**
- 13 St Mary's Catholic Church**
- 78 St Paul's Anglican Church**
- 20 Top of Town precinct**
- 68 Tulmur Place**
- 48 Willey Street Park (BMX Track)**

SERVICES

- 21 Fire Station 101 (Multi arts hub)**
(07) 3810 7534
- 72 Ipswich Central Library**
(07) 3810 6815
Ipswichlibraries.com.au
- 70 Ipswich Children's Library**
(07) 3810 6815
Ipswichlibraries.com.au
- 43 Ipswich Hospital**
(07) 3810 1111
- 74 Ipswich LPO (Post Office)**
(07) 3281 3844
- 24 Ipswich Police Station**
(07) 3437 2777
- 17 Ipswich Railway Station**
13 16 17
- 42 St Andrew's Ipswich Private Hospital**
(07) 3816 9999
- 52 University of Southern Queensland**
(Ipswich Campus)
1800 007 252
Usq.edu.au/ipswich
- i Visitor Information Centre**
(07) 3281 0555
Discoveripswich.com.au/ivic

LEGEND

- Road
- Cobb & Co Tourist Drive
- Main Road
- Railway and Station
- Key Retail Precinct

