

What's new in the Heritage City this May...

Festival of 4 Walls

As part of #ipswichtogether, an online festival will bring together key components from festivals and major events that have been cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19. The festival will run from May 15 until May 31 and include augmented reality experiences that bring components of the Ipswich Show and The Gathering into your living room. There will also be competitions and live music performances by local artists curated by Studio 188. Participants will be able to watch cooking demonstrations, story time and backyard fun designed to keep the kids active. The festival will be presented on the Ipswich Festivals Facebook page

For more information contact Brenton Waters on 3810 6784.

Screens Queensland

A new collaboration between Ipswich City Council and Screen Queensland will see the Ipswich Trekker hit the streets once again to help put the region on domestic and international filmmakers' radars. Council has been working with Screen Queensland to identify desirable filming locations around Ipswich, including 88 Limestone Street, Kholo Gardens, White Rock Spring-Mountain Conservation Estate and Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve.

Contact Carly Morrissey 3810 7712 (press release attached)

Front Yard Friday

Ipswich Show may be off, but the fun will go on. Ipswich residents are being encouraged to let their creative sides run free by decorating their front yards and driveways on May 15 for Front Yard Friday. The community-wide event is being held on the Ipswich Show Public Holiday, proving that while this year's show cannot go on because of COVID-19 restrictions, the fun of the day still can. Residents are being encouraged to decorate their gardens, fences and driveways as well as order their favourite takeaway from a local business and enjoy it at home. Radio station River 94.9 has residents covered with good tunes and will be playing Front Yard Friday requests throughout the day. Activities to help children with decorating their yard can be downloaded from Ipswich City Council at 1pswich.qld.gov.au/ipswichtogether. Front Yard Friday is part of Ipswich City Council's Ipswich Together program. Ipswich Together includes a range of community and council events and initiatives over the coming months to support our community through the pandemic.

Five key themes around response and recovery are at the heart of Ipswich Together. They are:

- Share accurate information and advice
- Stay connected and support isolated people
- Consider your actions and be kind
- Look after your wellbeing
- Support local business

See more about Ipswich Together activities at www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/ipswichtogether

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Retailers open again

Boutique shops in Ipswich have opened again ahead of Mother's Day.

Soul Sista Fashion, The Soul Nook Collective, Oh! Jojo Boutique and more are opening their doors again. See a full list here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/boutique-shops-open-this-weekend/>. Story is free to copy.

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Mother's Day Hampers

Don't want to cook on Mother's Day? No worries here's more than 15 places offering takeaway food hampers from breakfast to lunch and dinner options. There's also some great places in Ipswich to picnic with mum.

See the places offering Mother's Day hampers here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/treat-mum-to-a-picnic-hamper-this-mothers-day/>

Check out places to picnic here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/check-out-these-great-walks-in-ipswich/>

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Ipswich ends 2019 with great tourism numbers

The latest visitor information data shows that Ipswich had over 2 million visitors last year. The latest National Visitor Survey and International Visitor Survey data released in April show visitors increased by 29 per cent compared to 2018.

And those tourists spent around \$290 million while visiting the region, a jump of 12.1 per cent.

Contact Carly Morrissey for a copy of the press release.

6 Gourmet pizzas to try in Ipswich

Here's a good thing to come from Covid-19, more pizza options! Some of Ipswich's best restaurants are now doing pizza, including the hatted restaurant *Homage* at Spicers Hidden Vale and German restaurant *Heisenberg Haus* has had huge success with their traditional Italian pizzas – mum and dad Heisenberg trained with the Italians to perfect them! See the list of who's doing pizza here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/where-you-can-get-gourmet-pizza-in-ipswich/>

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