



What's new in the Heritage City of Ipswich this October.

The latest news and events from around Ipswich

New bar and brewery set to open

Ballistic Beer Co will open their Springfield bar and brewery this month. A newly launched Springfield Pilsner has won a silver medal in the Australian Independent beer awards. While the new bar and brewery will be recruiting staff, they also have an opening for what could be the best job in the world - a panel of beer tasters.

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Diwali Festival returns

Ipswich's longest running and most popular multicultural festival - the annual Indian Mehfil Diwali Festival of Light returns under the stars in dArcy Doyle Place on Sunday October 20 from 4.30pm.

Now in its 10th year, guests will be treated to a buffet of authentic Indian cuisine, Bollywood dance performance, Indian classical dance performance, Punjabi Bhangra, Henna painting and much more... Indian Mehfil owner Rajesh Sharma said "Diwali has become a popular fixture in the Ipswich cultural Calendar". "The event celebrates the victory of light over darkness, unity, prosperity and illumination of the inner self," he said.

"It is wonderful that the Ipswich community comes together on such occasions. The Ipswich Diwali Festival continues to grow in popularity and my family and talented team at Mehfil Ipswich are proud to invite our community to join us for this special celebration. It is important for us to celebrate the new day as we move forward to an exciting future."

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available by calling 3281 8683 or in person at Indian Mehfil Ipswich, 116 Brisbane Street, adjacent Ipswich Art Gallery.

Ticket prices: Adults \$55 | Children 7-14 \$20 | Children under 7 FREE | Table of ten \$500

Cash bar available. Parking available in Ipswich Central.

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Major acts coming to Ipswich

This month Ipswich will host Killing Heidi (October 5), You Am I and Jeadiah (October 17) and Shannon Noll (October 19) at the Racehorse Hotel.

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Biggest drift event in the nation

Over October 5-6 Queensland Raceway will host the Spring Drift Matsuri, one of the country's biggest drift events.

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Memories of India turns 1

One of Ipswich's most popular restaurants, Memories of India is celebrating one year in business. Owner Aman Sharma said the community has supported the business over the past year. Memories of India is one of Ipswich's top 10 restaurants according to Trip Advisor (currently number 8).

People rave about their butter chicken, vodka chicken and chicken 65 – see 8 dishes you need to try at this restaurant: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/eight-things-you-need-to-try-at-ipswichs-memories-of-india/>

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4 Hearts Brewing company to host Oktoberfest celebration

Celebrate Oktoberfest with 4 Hearts Brewing with a week of beer, food and entertainment from October 9-13. Saturday the 12th will feature traditional tunes from the Paradise City Oompah band and live entertainment all day long, plus some great giveaways. There will be three special Oktoberfest beers produced by 4 Hearts plus a German inspired menu available all week.

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Imperial Russian Ballet Company returns to Ipswich with Swan Lake

See one of the most loved classical ballets on October 11 at the Ipswich Civic Centre. The Imperial Russian Ballet Company was formed in 1994, headed by the Bolshoi Theatre soloist Gediminas Taranda. The Imperial Russian Ballet Company comprises 40 dancers from the major ballet schools of Russia.

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The Workshops Rail Museum open day and BrisStyle Landaway Markets

Entry is free on Saturday 19 October for the Museum's Open Day! Come in and explore the Museum, shop with BrisStyle's Handmade makers, board the land train for a ride around the grounds, grab a bite to eat from local food vendors or sit back and enjoy the live entertainment rocking out in the Museum forecourt. For the car enthusiasts, there will be V8 Race Cars and Muscle Cars on show, or if you want to get more hands-on, start your own engines on the Slot Car Raceway.

All Museum exhibitions are open from 9.30am to 4pm, including the new Bush Mechanics and Meteorites exhibits, as well as the Museum's collection of genuine locomotives, more than 15 interactive permanent exhibitions, Sciencentre, model railway, and kids adventure playground will be on show for you to explore.

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New high tea experience coming to Brookwater

See the Mad Hatter and Alice at an **Alice in Wonderland inspired high tea experience** at the Brookwater Golf and Country Club on October 19 from 2pm-5pm

Cost is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children includes a grazing style high tea, merlo coffee, tea and punch on The Lawn. Dress to impress as your favourite Alice in Wonderland character with prizes for adults and children.

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Didgeridoo workshops

Did you know in Ipswich you can make your own Didgeridoo and learn how to play one?

Didgeridoo Festivals holds a jam session on the first Saturday of the month outside on their bush stage. They are a didgeridoo community with a unique gathering of instruments surrounded by gum trees and wildlife. They also hold bush camps for men and boys with renowned artists. The next one is coming up on October 25 with Mark Atkins and Nathan Kaye on stage.

About the artists: Acknowledged as one of Australia's finest Didgeridoo players, Mark Atkins is also recognised internationally for his collaborative projects with some of the world's leading composers and musicians. A descendant of Western Australia's Yamitji people, as well as of Irish/Australian heritage, Mark Atkins is known not only for his masterly playing, but also as a storyteller, composer, percussionist, visual artist and instrument maker. Nathan Kaye is an influential part of the Australian roots music scene and renowned as the world's first didgeridoo-beat boxer, Nathan Kaye, is a globe-trotting one-man-band who thumps out songs on slide guitar, slide-didge and electric foot-drums. It's music that marries the earthy drive of John Butler, Xavier Rudd and Ben Harper with the uplifting

atmosphere of Michael Franti and Nahko Medicine For the People. It's the best sweaty, dirty, good-vibed foot-stomp you'll get from a one-man show. And his band show takes it next level! Marlon Riley - Birrmba is an accomplished storyteller, song-man and dancer. During the weekend he will share his knowledge and stories about local history and meanings in cultural workshops.

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Jacaranda Festival

This month the Goodna Jacaranda Festival will be held from October 25-27.

Thrill seekers can enjoy sideshow alley, while chill seekers enjoy free music and entertainment. Plus there's plenty to do for the youngest members of the family.

There will be live music, talent shows, market stalls, kids corner, band competitions and fireworks.

Side show alley has rides starting at \$4.25. Rides include dodgem cars, swings, cha cha, rock climbing wall, a land train, wild hog, jumping castles and more.

This year the Kid's Corner has an animal petting farm, pony rides, and workshops.

Once you've had your fill of entertainment, fill up on food stalls selling the usual burgers, dagwood dogs, chips and hot dogs, if that's not enough you can choose from New Zealand chur burgers, German sausages, Asian delights, Spanish churro, Mexican nachos and lots more. Boost Juice will also be there with super tasty smoothies.

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See the Jacarandas

The Jacaranda trees are now in full bloom. To see them head to Brisbane Terrace Goodna, the Goodna Pool, Evan Marginson Park and the Goodna RSL. You can also see Jacarandas at Timothy Molony Park in Woodend, Queen Victoria Parade in Ipswich, and along East St Ipswich.

Ipswich ghost tours

The last Ipswich ghost tour for the year will run on October 26. This special Halloween ghost tour has been created with Jack Sim in conjunction with the Ipswich City Council. Three new and different tours have been created this year.

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