

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

Learn about Sidney Cotton, the inspiration behind James Bond's Ipswich connection

New pop up exhibition called Spy Espionage is coming to The Workshops Rail Museum. THE NAME is Cotton... Sidney Cotton. He may or may not have introduced himself like James Bond, but the inspiration for Ian Fleming's secret agent 007 grew up at Hidden Vale Homestead and his ashes reside in the Tallegalla Cemetery. Exhibition runs October 30- February 6.

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New tea house launches this weekend

Dona Perera will launch Tranquil Tea House on October 9, including a Tranquil tea event website and new Tranquil Tea tea bags which can be purchased at the tea house. The tea house is nestled in an 800 Square Meter garden with native plants, birds and bees a great place to book a special occasion whether it is a birthday celebration with tea and scones, Mothers' day celebrations with a High tea or an educational tea experience – which will be offered to the public on Sundays.

The tea experiences are designed for those interested in learning more about this time-honoured drink. Having grown up in Sri Lanka, Dona's been enjoying beautiful tea since childhood and believes in its ability to relax and delight, and to bring people together in conversation. A myriad of health benefits are attributed to the different teas on offer here too. Dona blends her tea using single estate black teas from Sri Lanka (Ceylon tea) including a wonderfully fragrant chai, Rose tea under her own Tranquil Tea brand. You'll find a range of teas uncommon in Australia such as the pomegranate tea which features a pure single-origin Ceylon tea infused with the fruit as well as hibiscus flowers and rose petals. There are several soursop teas, known to be particularly high in antioxidants.

Media wanting to attend the launch on October 9 from 3pm-5pm at 28 Greasley St, Tivoli are to contact Dona on the below number.

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Floating Images part of Tourism Australia \$12m content program

Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights was Ipswich's only tourism business selected to be part of Tourism Australia's National Experience \$12 M Visual Content program. They were put forward for selection due to the business being international trade ready. The \$12 million dollar new visual content creation program is aimed at supporting tourism operators, driving a product-led recovery and attracting travellers back to Australia once borders re-open, as part of its continued COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Floating Images is also turning 20 on December 1 and are offering a limited number famils to media.

Find out what's been lost over the side of the balloon, Graeme's favourite places to fly and what makes those brutal early morning starts all worth it!

Press release and images available: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C-mnf69ArSc6RVWLOqre1op0rp18AgHG?usp=sharing>

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Jacaranda season is here

Ipswich's beautiful Jacaranda trees are in full bloom providing a beautiful carpet of flowers and some great spots to take photos. Our top places to see the blooms are Timothy Malony Park, Queens Park, Woodlands of Marburg, Brisbane St Goodna and by air with hot air balloon and helicopter flights.

We've also heard there's a scenic route up and over Tallegalla Two Tree Hill from Rosewood to Minden that's lined with Jacarandas this time of year.

See the story here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/best-places-to-see-jacaranda-blooms-this-spring/>

Photos here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C-mnf69ArSc6RVWLOqre1op0rp18AgHG?usp=sharing>

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New manager at Spicers Hidden Vale

Spicers Hidden Vale, has just welcomed a rising star at Spicers Retreats, Cameron Brooksby, as an energetic new general manager. Cameron has moved to Queensland from the Hunter Valley where he ran Spicers Vineyards Estate, and while there completed the 12-month Star Anise future leaders' program. "What resonates with me at Spicers is the complete commitment to exceptional food and wine, which starts in the kitchen garden, whilst also providing an experience of the 'real' Australia in these incredible landscapes," says Cameron.

The magnificent, 12,000-acre historic Hidden Vale property is on fertile farming country near the foothills of the Border Ranges. The main Homestead is home to Homage Restaurant, and just down the road is the back-to-nature thrill of the Hidden Vale Adventure Park and 110kms of trails.

Before joining Spicers, Cameron's career in food and beverage management had taken him to high-end hotels and restaurants in regional Australia. In 2017 and 2018 Cameron worked as restaurant manager with executive chef Robin Wickens at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld, Victoria, and had a whirlwind year at Qualia Resort on Hamilton Island over 2015 and 2016.

"The one element that makes one venue stand out from the rest, is the team of people who offer the experience," explains Cameron. "I believe that a culture driven by sustainability in people, not just the environment, is crucial for any team who strive for service excellence."

Full press release and images available: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C-mnf69ArSc6RVWLOqre1op0rp18AgHG?usp=sharing>

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Mental Health Awareness Month at Ipswich Turf Club

The ITC team has earmarked October as Mental Health Awareness Month with the team planning a host of activities throughout the month. The Club will support This Is A Conversation Starter (TIACS) Foundation throughout the campaign hoping to raise awareness and funds. CEO Tim Dunn said the ITC team is keen to make some noise around mental health and support TIACS which is an organisation that connects individuals with free qualified counselling services. "The campaign isn't solely about raising money," Mr Dunn said. "It's also to prepare a plan for the long-term health of our staff and promote a healthy mindset for our stakeholders and community." Mr Dunn said support starts with the team at the Club. "Throughout the month the team will be donning the brightly coloured This Is A Conversation Starter shirts developed by TIACS parent company TradeMutt to help kick start some chatter," Mr Dunn said. "Mental health is often referred to as an invisible illness and we want to do our bit to help change that." The campaign will conclude with the This Is A Conversation Starter Race Day on Wednesday, 27 October. Tickets are \$70 per person with \$10 going directly to TIACS Foundation. Visit www.ipswichturfclub.com.au for further information. Follow the journey on social media @ipswichturfclub.com.au, more information here: <https://ieec.com.au/events-blog/itc-promotes-healthy-mindset>

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Jacaranda competition

With Jacaranda Season just around the corner Ivory's Rock would like to celebrate this magnificent time of the year with a bit of fun.

Stay with them over the month of October and share your Purple experience on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IvorysRockCaravanCamping/> to go into a draw to win a FREE weekend away for a Family of 4 on a Powered Site.

To enter you must stay onsite, you can choose between dressing up in purple, cooking something purple, creating a purple drink or converting your setup into a purple palace. The winner will be announced on Tuesday 2nd November via their Facebook page.

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Club Services Ipswich

Club Services Ipswich is hosting a Go Pink fundraiser luncheon on Wednesday October 13. They have partnered with The Ipswich hospital foundation to raise funds for specialised equipment for breast cancer care at West Moreton Health.

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Halloween Flicks, \$3 Disney movies and more...

Limelight Cinemas will be holding screenings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Hocus Pocus, Malignant and Halloween Kills and Antlers for Halloween.

There's also a Twilight Saga Marathon starting on October 9 and \$3 Disney films for the rest of October!

They are also teaming up with Able Australia for Seniors month with two Seniors Morning Tea screenings.

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Trick or Treat at Orion

Customers will be invited to dress up and collect a list of participating retailers from our Spooktacular Halloween Stall located in the Coles Mall. From there they will be able to explore the malls with their bag in hand ready to collect as many treats as they can on Thursday October 28, 3pm – 8pm. Retailers will also have offers and special food and drinks to get into the spirit of the evening.

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Booze 'n' Boo's Weekend

The PA Hotel is hosting a Booze 'n' Boo's Weekend Friday October 29 – Sunday October 31. Prizes for best costume and scary Halloween themed cocktails. \$10 wings each day 4pm-6pm with any drink purchase. Free entry.

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Halloween Twilight Market

The Ipswich Show Society will host a special Halloween Twilight Market on October 30 from 4pm-9pm.

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Happy Halloween Hunt

Happy Halloween Hunt is coming to Riverlink Shopping Centre on Sunday 31st October.

Join them between 10am – 4pm and follow the clues to find each Halloween station. Complete the task and receive your candy! Some of the fun includes a Spider Game, Whacker Ghost Box and a Guess What's Inside tombstone. Plus don't miss the Zombie dance floor outside iPlay between 10am – 7pm and while you're there get your FREE Special FX make up. There'll also be prizes for best dressed on the day.

For all the details visit www.riverlink.net.au

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Pottering around with the Dark Magician

Dark Magician are decorating the store for Halloween starting the first week of October, leading up to their Halloween event day. Sunday 31st Oct they are hosting a Halloween event. Called Pottering around the top of town. It's a Harry Potter themed day of fun and activities between Dark Magician, Rare and Pretty Dolls and Retro diner. The Retro Diner will be serving up a Harry Potter themed menu. And a Defence Against the Dark Arts interactive magical show will be held at Golebys basement with a costume competition at 1.30pm.

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Pimp Ya Parmi and Burger event

The Cafe Kalina Springfield is having a Halloween Pimp Ya Parmi and Burger afternoon on Sunday October 31. There will be giveaways, a best dressed comp a special kids spooky menu, spooky Halloween donuts and more with music on the deck by Raymond Foai. Bookings Essential.

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