



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

The latest news and events from around Ipswich

New farm experience opens

The Llama Farm is one of a growing number of farm visit experiences you can enjoy in the Ipswich region but with Queensland's biggest herd of llamas, it's an experience unlike any other.

Visitors can choose a llama to walk with on a lead along a purpose-built trail on the farm which borders the upper reaches of the Brisbane River at Pine Mountain.

Many of this herd of 75 have been born and raised here and so are extremely friendly around humans, which is handy if you're after close-up and selfies.

Farmer Shane Hancock was a city-raised Queensland teacher before buying his first Llama six years ago. He was also an ambassador for Australia Zoo for several years and recently Bob Irwin named one of his young Llama's Chandler after Bindi's fiancé.

Visitors will also see donkeys, miniature ponies, a large flock of peacocks, Chinese geese, turkeys, guinea fowl and two big fluffy white Maremma dogs, Lucy and Lola, whose job it is to guard the poultry.

Contact Shane Hancock on 0403 284 665

Images available

Great Houses of Ipswich returns

Three brand new heritage homes are on display this Saturday as part of the Great Houses of Ipswich National Trust program. Ipswich National Trust Branch vice president Simone Hubbard who coordinates the program has introduced a Hunt for Heritage Treasure with the chance to win a Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary family pass.

The houses include Woodlands of Marburg, Seminary Rd Marburg; The Duce House, 88 Brisbane Rd Booval; Collingwood, 15 Murphy St Denmark Hill. Properties are open from 10am to 4pm, cost is \$5 per person, children and national trust members may enter for free.

Simone Hubbard was recently featured on Queensland Weekender talking about why heritage homes are so special. <http://queenslandweekender.com.au/my-queensland-simone-hubbard/>

Contact Simone on 0466 600 590

Images available

Powercruise is on

This weekend Powercruise #77 is on.

Powercruise has a huge cult-like following with all age groups from across Australia building dedicated elite cars, and making the trek to this iconic event. Queensland Raceway plays host to Powercruise #77 from September 5th – 8th, with this event shaping up to the biggest one yet!

“Over the three days of on-track action over 800 entrants will take advantage of the event, taking on other like-minded car enthusiasts in a controlled and safe environment”, promoter Micheal Gilbert said. “This is why we created the event many years ago, to give the car owners somewhere to let their hair down and participate in a variety of events alongside their mates”.

Contact Neil Lewis from Queensland Raceway 5461 9100.

Images available

Eco-Hunt

Coinciding with Bio Diversity Month this September an Eco-Hunt is being held at White Rock Spring Mountain. Anyone can play along simply by downloading the QuestaGame app, hunting for wildlife and native plants in the area. The game is mission to map, discover and protect the precious biodiversity of Ipswich. The Eco Hunt runs from September 9- October 7. The person with the highest score for individual sightings will be win the champion spotter title and a prize TBA.

<https://questagame.com/whiterock>

Contact Carly Morrissey 3810 7712

Wildlife rangers at the Workshops

See mammals, marsupials, reptiles and more at the museum these school holidays. Get up close and personal to some of the Australia’s favourite animals and learn about their day to day lives. Runs from September 21 to October 7 daily at 11am and close up experience at 11.30am.

Images can be provided on request.

Contact Louise Whitlck on 3432 5105.

Bugs-a-bout

Every Thursday in September (during the school term) kids can learn about bugs. Designed for children 2-6 years, Little Nippers can come and learn about how important insects are and talk about their amazing characteristics. September 5, 12 and 19, 9.45am-10.30am.

Contact Louise Whitlock on 3432 5105.

Bush Mechanics

An exhibition based on the popular ABC television series Bush Mechanics has opened at The Workshops Railway Museum. The exhibition features a range of items from the series, including two original cars, clay figurines, specially commissioned artwork and interactive displays, it also provides broader insights into Aboriginal life and culture.

Visitors to the exhibition will be able to see original footage from the series and try their hand at some of the ingenious and resourceful nyurulypa, or tricks, by assembling the discarded parts that make up the exhibition's 'bush driving simulator' and operating it. Open now until Feb 2020.

Contact Louise Whitlock on 3432 5105.

Hall of Fame

The workshops rail museum are also Ipswich's longest running recipient of the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame accolade. They've been a Certificate of Excellence winner for the past eight years – and in the Hall of Fame for the past three years. To get a certificate of excellence you need to maintain a customer review rating for four-and-a half stars or above for the year, to enter the hall of fame you must have received a certificate of excellence for five years in a row.

Contact Louise Whitlock on 3432 5105.

Mamma Mia

The Ipswich Musical Theatre Company (IMTC), that brought sold out performances of The Phantom of the Opera (2014), Mary Poppins (2015), Wicked (2016), Les Misérables (2017), and Strictly Ballroom (2018) to the stage, now brings a brand new production of the world's favourite feel-good musical MAMMA MIA!

With the stage transformed into a Greek island paradise and featuring the incredible songs of ABBA including Dancing Queen, Voulez Vous, S.O.S, Take a Chance on Me, and The Winner Takes All, MAMMA MIA! tells the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father.

September 13-22 at the Ipswich Civic Centre.

Contact the Ipswich Musical Theatre Company Production Manager Kenneth Mundt 0419 786 407.

The World Turns Modern: Art Deco

A new exhibition comprised entirely of works selected from the National Gallery of Australia collection, provides superb examples of the diverse expressions of Art Deco.

From around the 1920s, Australian artists responded to the international movement towards modernism and Art Deco. Shaking off the austerity of World War I they created images of an abundant nation filled with strong, youthful figures, capturing the vitalism of a nation reborn. Technological advancements and urbanisation influenced the emergence of Art Deco: a new aesthetic in art, architecture, design and fashion.

With its bold, simplified shapes and emphasis on geometry and line, Art Deco provided the right aesthetic for the times. Buildings lost their decorative embellishments, fashion became less structured and corseted, and women were enjoying greater freedoms, such as the right to vote and to travel unchaperoned. The image of the stylish independent woman became popular in portraiture and graphic design. The art also encapsulated the excitement for many people around the potential to travel across continents and internationally.

This exhibition is supported by the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to the national collections for all Australians. Available now until October 27.

Contact Sharon Marsh from the Ipswich Art Gallery 3810 7227.

Ungermann's Cooking classes

Ungermann Brothers Ice Cream Parlour in Ipswich has seen a huge uptake in their cooking classes. You can learn the secrets behind their gourmet ice creams, which were dreamt up by Masterchef contestant Ben Ungermann and his brother Danny. Head chef Laruen Bishop will take you through how to create the ice cream and then how to plate them like a Masterchef.

Contact Danny Ungermann on 0417 260 340

Queensland's largest mountain biking event

This month Ipswich will host Queensland's largest Mountain biking event – the Flight Centre Cycle Epic held at the Hidden Vale Adventure Park. The award-winning Flight Centre Cycle Epic is a great mountain biking tradition that began in 2002 with a bunch of mates challenging themselves on a 117 kilometre epic trail ride. In 2003, the inaugural Australian mountain bike marathon started a new era in the sport.

Over the past 16 years, the EPIC has gone through multiple evolutions, most recently due to the 2011 floods which destroyed much of the track infrastructure. The track-building team have worked hard to develop extensive tracks of an international standard – creating rides that cater for different ages and skill levels.

The EPIC weekend now has something for everyone, from the novice riders, runners and walkers through to the professionals of each discipline, offering eight races and several categories to challenge and reward riders and runners alike.

Held at Hidden Vale Adventure Park September 14-15.

For more information contact Hayden Brooks on 0414 343 579.

Ipswich Street Food Festival

This month Ipswich will host its first Street food and market festival by the Design Collective Markets and Events.

Roll up, roll up the food trucks are coming to town! Set on the beautiful lush green grass of the Ipswich Sports Club the best mobile chefs will be serving up the most delicious world food and sweet

treats. Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy an afternoon and evening of live music and family friendly entertainment. Free jumping Castle for the kids.

September 8 from 3pm-9pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/ipswich-sports-club/ipswich-street-food-beer-music-fest/2451625991790321/>

McGrath Greater Springfield Running Festival

On 15 September 2019 Ipswich's Springfield will host the second annual McGrath Greater Springfield Running Festival. Whether this is your target race or a special training run, the McGrath Greater Springfield Running Festival has the perfect challenge with IAAF-AIMS certified Half Marathon, 15km, 10km, 5km and 1km distances

<https://greaterspringfieldrunningfestival.com.au/>

Queensland XCO State Championships

Hosted by the Ipswich cycling club the championships will be held at Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve on September 29 from 7.30am to 2pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/374236360143823/>

Multifest

Ipswich MultiFest is a rich celebration of the diverse cultures of Ipswich, featuring multicultural youth performances, cultural activities and foods from around the world. Come and celebrate Ipswich MultiFest with us on the last day of school before the spring holidays.

Friday September 20 from 10am - 6pm at Robelle Domain Circle, Springfield.

Naughty Little Kids open day

On Tuesday September 24 get ready for a cuteness overload with baby goats. People will be allowed into the baby pen to pat and hold the kids. There will be a jumping castle, face painting and everyone can milk a goat by hand. There will also be a mini market with stalls selling goats' milk gelato, cheese and soap. As well as a coffee van, there will be a sausage sizzle and a large picnic area. People are welcome to bring their own food, drinks and picnic rug. The day is split in to three time slots of 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm. Numbers for each time slot are limited so people need to book online to secure their preferred time.

Entry is \$7.50 per person (under 2 years old are free).

Find out more and purchase tickets at <https://www.naughtylittlekids.com.au/product/open-day-24th-september-2019/>

Contact Nathan Jackson on 0417 872 201.

- Images for the Llama Farm, Great Houses of Ipswich and Powercruise can be found in the following drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hxOWyTAmCHHiUeagkA5rZfgrrOlcCTUH?usp=sharing>