

What's new in the heritage city of Ipswich this November.

Ballistic Beer Co has opened a new Brewery, Bar and Kitchen in Springfield and they have the best job in the world on offer...

Queensland owned and operated Ballistic Beer Co. is proud to announce the opening of their 3rd bar/hospitality operation in the growth corridor of Springfield Central, Ipswich. As part of the opening launch they have offered eight locals the chance to become a Ballistic Beer Bud!

"We are new to the community and want to be as in touch with as many Springfield and Ipswich locals as possible. We couldn't think of a better way than to put a call out for some local beer tasters!

"Our Beer Buds will meet with the manager of the Springfield site and Head brewer once a month to taste beers and give feedback about where we should be going with our flavours! Entries opened on Friday October 25 and close after two weeks.

"Beer drinkers come in all shapes and sizes and there is no person who isn't suitable for the role!

"We are extremely excited to start this program to connect to a wide variety of people from the community so come down and fill out a form in-store. Alternatively check out or Facebook from Friday the 25th for online entry!"

Ballistic Springfield opened on October 23.

The newly created Springfield Pilsner had already won a silver medal in the Independent Brewers Association Indie awards and is used on the new menu, in Two Butcher beer infused sausage balls.

There's also plenty of other beery items on the menu.

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New rooms open at Ipswich Massage and Herbal Day Spa with an historic twist

The Ipswich Massage and Herbal Day Spa has been busy working on an extension that will provide an additional 5 treatment rooms.

That brings their number of treatment rooms to 12.

A huge feature is recycled exposed beams that are around 150 years old from the first Ipswich Boys Grammar School boarding house.

The beams carry the names of the students, who used to climb up and etch into the wood. Some of the local names that are recognisable include Foote, Zinglemann, Wrigby and Gould amongst others. A book has been written about the beams called Boys in the Beams.

The owners have taken inspiration for the extension from The Now Massage in New York. With bohemian styling, high ceilings and rattan pendants. There will even be swinging suspended chairs.

This new investment also sees the addition of 5 brand new electric customised pregnancy tables for pregnancy massage and noise cancelling headphones so you can customise what you listen to while receiving treatments.

An open day will be held for people to explore the rooms, meet therapists and learn about the new services on offer – Sunday November 10 at 3pm.

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Finding Santa launch

Santa and his helpers are hiding in Ipswich! Can you find them all?

Catch a glimpse of Rudolph waiting for a bus, watch as Dasher and his mates graze and if you've been good this year, you might even see Santa getting your present ready!

Finding Santa is an interactive augmented reality trail that will be available across 40 locations within the city of Ipswich. Using your digital device you will be able to discover animated Christmas Characters, step into the live photo and upload to social media!

The Finding Santa augmented reality trail will be live from 15 November to 31 December 2019. Watch your step and look out for the festive pavement stickers as you make your way around the city this Christmas.

All you need is your smartphone or device to discover playful and interactive Christmas animations throughout Ipswich. Download the free 'Finding Santa' App from the App store or Google Play, and look for the 'Finding Santa' pavement stickers throughout the city. Scan the stickers using your smartphone or tablet to discover Santa and his reindeers magically come to life.

From Thursday 14 November, Finding Santa locations, instruction video, a link to the app and even a print at home marker, will be available at: **Christmasinipswich.com.au**

Take a selfie with Santa and his helpers and #findingsanta to win some great prizes.

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Christmas in Ipswich launches

With the start of Finding Santa Christmas officially launches in Ipswich.

- See the brand new Christmas Tree lit up in d'Arcy Doyle Place from November 15- December 31.
- Top of Town will be running a where's TOTI campaign from December 15-21 – Find TOTI the elf, filling a entry form and go in the draw to win a Top of Town Experience Package worth over \$1000.
- On Sunday November 17 Orion Springfield Central will host a Christmas Street Party on the night of their monthly markets on Main St. There'll be special guest appearances by Paw Patrol's Chase, Marshall and Skye plus free face painting, free kid's Christmas workshops including gingerbread decorating and the chance to plant your own mini Christmas tree as well as plenty of insta worthy photo ops as well as dance performances and carollers. Runs 10am-4pm.
- On December 13, Christmas Wonderland will open with an expanded light show, pre-entry entertainment and market feel. Runs until December 22.
- From December 19-22 there will be four days of Fireworks at Riverlink Shopping Centre starting at 8pm.
- There will be a bunch of Christmas Markets around Ipswich to celebrate the season –see the full list here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/pick-up-a-present-at-this-years-christmas-markets/>

For more information on Christmas in Ipswich see <https://www.christmasinipswich.com.au/>

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Pumpyard releases new canned beer

It was only back in June that 4 Hearts Brewing launched canned beers, including their limited edition carrot beer, Limestone Pale Ale, Kickback Red IPA, Sunshine Lager and Ipswich Challenger.

But due to popular demand they've added another flavour to their line-up.

The Coal Miners Stout is now available in cans for a limited time – it's been on tap for a while but due to its popularity it's now available to take home in a can.

The beer is made with German Smoked Malt and has a creamy finish.

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Visitors rank eating out as top reason to visit Ipswich

Tourism figures in the heritage city continue on an upward swing with international visitors coming into the region up 41.9%, day trippers up 22.1% and domestic overnight stays up 14.7%.

The tourism and hospitality industry employs more than 15,392 people in the Ipswich region and is an important growth sector.

Recent growth comes off the back of a previous 12 quarters of above average visitor growth which has led to Ipswich, a city with no beaches, becoming one of the fastest growing regions in South East Queensland.

Ipswich cafes and restaurants have been luring people to the heritage city with eating out and dining showing the fastest growth of top activities reported by visitors to the region.

There was a 27% increase in people listing foodie reasons for their visit to Ipswich.

Tourism Research Australia data shows in the year ending June 2019 there were a total of 1.89 million visitors to the region, placing Ipswich as one of the fastest growing local government areas in SEQ behind only Logan for total visitors - a 20% increase year on year.

Ipswich led the growth in international visitors, the 41.9% increase year on year in that sector the fastest annual growth of any SEQ local government area for the period.

Ipswich Tourism Operators Network award winning restaurants like Spicers Hidden Vale which recently won a chef hat at the Good Food Guide Awards 2020 and the Prince Alfred (PA) Hotel which won a QLD Hotel Award in 2018 for Best Casual Dining are driving tourists to the region.

The PA Hotel were finalists for four awards in the 2019 QLD Hotel Awards including best themed bar and best traditional bar.

PA Hotel manager Peter Coultas said the hotel was ahead of the curve with quality food and drink offerings which was bringing customers in from Ipswich and surrounds.

"We find people are after a great experience when dining out and our fresh menu, quality and service standards really set the bar high."

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Aeroflow Outlaw Nitro Funny Cars

The Aeroflow Outlaw Nitro Funny Cars will return to Willowbank Raceway on November 9.

It's coined as the most spectacular show in drag racing.

Featuring the Nitro Express, Terminator, Avenger, Stormtrooper and many more in an extravaganza of 12 nitro cars.

These 4000hp beasts will take to the iconic Willowbank quarter mile! Also featuring the flame-throwing, wheel standing funny car - Nitro Sheriff racing the full track on its back wheels!

Join the official pit party from 3pm to 4pm, meet the drivers, see the cars up close, and have fun in the Kids Zone Plus ... see the Nitro Sheriff flame shows during the hour.

Featuring Queensland's best Sportsman racers, the action keeps rolling all day with the Final round of the Qld Drag Racing Championship

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99 Bikes Dingo

Over the weekend of November 9 and 10, the 99 Bikes Dingo will take place at Hidden Vale Adventure Park.

There will be mountain biking and trail runs as well as kids events.

On the Sunday the Dingo Enduro will take place, a four hour – three stage ride.

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