

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

Flavours of Ipswich launches

The Inaugural Flavours of Ipswich restaurant program launches Wednesday April 7 and will run until Saturday April 24. The program sees participating restaurants offering two course lunches for \$25 and three course dinners for \$35. With mouth-watering food like fried camembert, succulent seafood and slow cooked brisket there's something for everyone on the menu.

Award-winning venues are taking part including Bakehouse Steakhouse, The Prince Alfred Hotel, The Cottage Restaurant, Club Services Ipswich and Brothers. And some restaurants are even offering the dishes as takeaway.

There's so much to see and do in Ipswich while the program runs, so it's easy to make a weekend of it - <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/make-a-weekend-of-it-while-youre-discovering-flavours-of-ipswich/>

Here's shows you can see while the program runs: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/book-in-for-lunch-dinner-and-a-show-during-flavours-of-ipswich/>

And 20 reasons to taste test: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/20-reasons-to-take-a-bite-at-flavours-of-ipswich/>

See the menus here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/flavours-of-ipswich/>

Last minute famil spots are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – please contact carly.morrissey@ipswich.qld.gov.au

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Planes Trains and Autos

Three of the country's biggest motorsport personalities will headline an adrenaline charged weekend in Ipswich when the inaugural Planes, Trains and Autos event is held on Saturday 1 May.

Planes, Trains and Autos, presented by RPQ Group, will be held from 9am to 4pm at The Workshops Rail Museum at North Ipswich to celebrate all things aviation, rail and autos.

Motorsport hero Craig Lowndes, two-time Dakar Rally and Red Bull Factory KTM Rally Team rider Toby Price and three-time World Superbike Champion Troy Bayliss are locked in for the event.

An exciting line-up of military displays including flypasts, interactive family-friendly activities as well as car, truck and motorcycle displays is also planned.

In a coup for the city, Planes, Trains and Autos has been officially designated as an Air Force 100 event in celebration of the Centenary of Air Force, meaning it is officially part of the Royal Australian Air Force's efforts to mark 100 years of service to Australia.

Highlights of Planes, Trains and Autos include:

Motorsport superstars

Hear from former Supercars racer and Australian sporting hero Craig Lowndes, together with three times World Superbike Champion Troy Bayliss and two-time Dakar Rally champion Toby Price.

Fantastic flypast

See a unique warbird flypast featuring multiple aircraft undertaking manoeuvres.

RAAF Base Amberley celebration

See Air Force and Army vehicles on display and a F-111 module including nose, bay, engine, tail fin, fuel tank, missile training aid and flying suits from this iconic Air Force aircraft.

History that comes alive

Explore The Workshops Rail Museum through hands-on exhibitions, multi-media encounters and colourful stories that celebrate the story of rail in Ipswich and beyond.

Enthralling auto displays

See motorcycles through the ages, muscle cars, historic trucks and buses, emergency services vehicles, Air Force and Army machinery, drag cars and more.

Plenty for the family

Kids are spoilt for choice with the Nippers Railway adventure playground, interactive displays and hands on activities including launching your own bottle rocket, wind tunnels and more. Look out for Auto-bot Bumblebee and take a snap with the no ordinary yellow Volkswagen.

A trip to yesteryear

Take a heritage bus to Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway and ride the first public diesel hauled mixed freight train in 30 years. Tickets essential.

The full program for Planes, Trains and Autos is available at planestrainsautos.com.au

Alongside Planes, Trains and Autos, the popular Queensland Auto Spectacular at Willowbank Raceway will take place on the day following – Sunday 2 May.

Entry is free, but tickets are essential due to COVID-Safe Event requirements and are available online at www.planestrainsautos.com.au

Images here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wTrO5KftGmHlbmm2gtuno9dZrFbgYnv-?usp=sharing>

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New show for Ipswich Little Theatre

Following sell out shows last month the Ipswich Little Theatre are now performing The Savannah Sipping Society, an insightful comedy following the lives of four Southern women who meet at happy hour and decide to reclaim their enthusiasm for life. Filled with laughter, misadventure and the occasional liquid refreshments, these middle-aged women bond and find their confidence again. Say "Cheers"!!

All performances are at the historic Incinerator Theatre, Burley Griffin Drive, Queens Park Ipswich.

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New ghost Tours



This month Historic Australia (formerly Brisbane Ghost Tours) will launch two new ghost tours in Ipswich. The first, a Haunted Ipswich CBD Ghost Tour, showcases sites around the Ipswich CBD with haunted histories.

The tours have been created by Jack Sim who also hosts Ipswich Cemetery tours. The second new tour will be a walking tour of the Goodna Cemetery.

A special famil will be held on Thursday April 15 from 7.30pm-9.30pm for media to learn more about the Haunted CBD Ghost Tour.

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Contact Nikki Porta (Historic Australia marketing) for tour information 0401 666 442

School holidays Ideas

Looking for school holidays ideas?

6 animal experiences in Ipswich: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/6-amazing-animal-experiences-to-check-out-this-weekend/>

Holidays ideas: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/make-these-easter-holidays-memorable-with-great-activities/>

and April events: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/whats-on-ipswich-dishing-up-the-goods-for-an-action-packed-month-of-april/>

Watercress Creek Olive Festival



The annual Watercress Creek Olive Festival is back this year! People are invited to head out to the farm on April 11 from 8am-2pm for fresh produce, farm tours, market stalls and helicopter rides! You can even purchase a picnic pack to enjoy in the olive grove on the day. Last year's even was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Contact Bernie Mahon on 0416 201 640

Trip the Switch new date

Trip the Switch organisers have announced a new date for the rock concert. Saturday July 3 will see some iconic Aussie artists take over Willowbank Raceway from noon.

See Ice House, James Reyne, The Angels, Shannon Noll, Killing Heidi, Boom Crash Opera and local band Blues Arcadia.

A bus service will be running to Willowbank from three locations during the day, the Ipswich Station, The Commercial Hotel Redbank and the Springfield Station – the bus will return patrons at 9.15pm and 10pm.

Contact Gerry Murphy on 0408 446 121

Back in Time Family Fun Day



This month the Ipswich Historical Society will be holding a family fun day at the Coonena Heritage Centre. History will come alive with outdoor activities and 'olde worlde' classroom with school ma'am to keep you in line. Watch the blacksmiths in action, see displays and learn to spin and weave. Check out old fashioned motorbikes and see how they used to wash clothes by hand. Enjoy a sizzling sausage for lunch and a Mr Whippy original ice cream for dessert. You can also book a ride on the heritage bus!

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