

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

New romantic picnic pods launch for Valentine's Day

Imagine a romantic setting for you and your beau, the sunset showering you in golden light as you swing in your hanging picnic pod. You graze on a gourmet picnic and indulge in each other's company while soft music fills the countryside. That's the new product that The Soul Nook Collective's owner Taryn Ryan has dreamed up in her range of styled picnic products.

Taryn has gained many fans with her beautiful Boho-styled bell tent picnics and new shop in Marburg where she sells eclectic items like fashion, homewares, local artisan wares and organic coffee.

The pod picnics are a decadent experience that includes a gourmet picnic, styling and beautiful country setting and the new date night experience is being launched on Valentine's Day.

The Soul Nook Collective has used funding from the Ipswich City Council's Exceptional Experience's program to purchase three new Tipi picnic pods.



Images and video available, contact Taryn Ryan on 0409 543 512.

Rafter and Rose to open on weekends again

Popular café, Rafter and Rose will re-launch weekend trading for the Valentine's Day weekend.

Famous for their homemade baked treats, croissants, pies and tarts as well great coffee, the café will have cheesecakes, pumpkin pie, maple cream pies and fresh donuts available for the Valentine's Day weekend. Rafter and Rose stopped weekend trading during covid lockdowns last year.

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QPSR road to recovery

Ipswich's Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway is set to re-open this month after being closed for renovations. The works included structural upgrades to the souvenir shop, rest rooms and platform – which is being extended to double its length and also increasing its usability for those with mobility issues. The steam train rides often sell out, with the themed dinner trains and kids' Santa trains the most popular products.

In a tumultuous year, a cash injection from the Ipswich City Council to help the project was welcomed.

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Valentine's Day ideas

Romantic picnics, candle light dinners and paint your lover sessions are being held in Ipswich to celebrate the month of love!

There's also bucket list present ideas, escape room packages, shows and other ways to celebrate your loved ones, whether they be friends, family or your partner!

See what's on here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/how-to-show-your-love-this-valentines-day/>

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Kids will delight in Lego building, Light Play, Hungry Caterpillar, Pete the Sheep and more!

There's a heap of kids entertainment coming to Ipswich this year. The Hungry Caterpillar will make an appearance as well as the Owl and the Pussycat, Pete the Sheep and the Splash Test Dummies at the Ipswich Civic Centre. Also at the Ipswich Art Gallery the dazzling world of Light Play is coming in August and in December and January an exhibition called Built for Speed – where you can design and build and race your lego hot rod, dragster or supercar down ramps and tracks!

See the Ipswich Civic Centre line up here: https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/explore/libraries-and-council-facilities/ipswich_civic_centre



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Trip the Switch is ready to rock

On Saturday February 27, Aussie rock acts Ice House, James Reyne, The Angels, Shannon Noll, Killing Heidi, Boom Crash Opera, and local band Blues Arcadia will come to Ipswich to ready to rock live on stage at Willowbank Raceway. This covid-safe event is set to give music fans a taste of the event organisers are planning for future events!



Pictured are The Angels band.

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