

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

Trip the Switch

It's just over a month away until Ipswich's newest live music event takes place. Trip the Switch was announced back in November with a stellar line up including Icehouse, James Reyne, The Angels, Killing Heidi and more. The event has an extensive Covid safe plan and the venue is so large it can accommodate 27,000 people but the event is capped at 5000 to make sure that everyone is safe. It's an open air venue, there will be precautions in place and people can wear masks if they feel uncomfortable. Also if there is a new lockdown or restrictions on the day then people can hold onto their tickets as the event will be rescheduled or they can request a refund.

Though organisers hope that people will keep their tickets because they want to hold these music events annually bringing great music to Ipswich. Blues Arcadia a local band will start the show and gates open at 12pm on the day with music going until 9pm. Buses will be available from the Ipswich train station, Springfield and the Commercial Hotel in Redbank to the venue.

High res images:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tTuwd_hjwblLukeXzAb_RsO7IbzFLo6W?usp=sharing

Interviews with artists available, contact Valerie MacIver on Valerie.maciverevmpr.com.au or Carly Morrissey 3810 7712.

New owner for Elderflower Café

One half of the Ellen and Rod Café team, Jolie Beckett is now the new owner for Elderflower Café near the North Tivoli nursery. The café will still be dog friendly and will start off with a basic menu while Jolie find staff to fill out her team - including GF banana bread, chocolate brownies, muffins and melting moments. They are stocking Five Senses coffee in 250g and 1kg bags and a purchase comes with a free coffee. She will also be stocking Single Origin coffee in the future.

Ms Beckett said she plans on offering simple, wholesome and classic dishes for breakfast and lunch like eggs benny, burgers and homemade pastries! She has a strong coffee focus having started Ellen and Rod with her previous business partner and now she's striking out on her own, but still bringing with her a love for great coffee.

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Covid safe businesses

Ipswich is open for business with Covid safe measures in place. Hospitality businesses which pivoted to takeaways are once again open for dining following Covid safe practices and procedures. Tourism operators are Good to Go, having had stringent plans in place since last lock downs including, Floating Images Hot Air Balloons who say they were very busy flying over the Christmas and New Year's period until the lock downs with some beautiful green countryside due to recent rains and are now taking bookings again. Other experiences like Haigslea Ewe Nique Hobby Farm and The Workshops Rail Museum are also open.

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Veganuary

Indian Mehfil are celebrating Veganuary (vegan January)! Look out for a large range of delicious, healthy, vegan and vegetarian dishes like Baingan Bahar, Daal Tadka, Zira Aloo and Vegetables Madras to choose from. Think authentic Indian favours with fresh locally sourced produce.

Indian Mehfil have also introduced Mehfil Mondays with \$14.99 curries for dine in and dinner and kids eat free on Sundays for lunch and dinner for January!

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Gluten Free beer launched

4Hearts Brewing has launched a new gluten free beer! The delicious 4Hearts Brewing Gluten Free Single Hop Pale Ale has been crafted with using millet, a naturally gluten free grain, along with Citra hops. The resulting beer is pale gold with an amazing aroma of lychee, orange, tropical fruit and limes. A delicious beer, that you won't believe is gluten free!

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Last week to see Thomas!

Thomas the Tank Engine has steamed into The Workshops Rail Museum this summer for *Day out with Thomas*. Now in its final week the event will end on Tuesday 26 January 2021. Some family favourites have joined Thomas to celebrate 75 years including The Fat Controller, Annie and Clarabel, Douglas, Trevor the Traction Engine, and George the Steamroller. There are plenty of activities on offer for a whole day of family-friendly school holiday fun including the Thomas Play Pit, craft, colouring in, and games, as well as appearances by The Fat Controller.

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New mini market

The Soul Nook Collective are starting a new Fresh Friday mini market on Fridays weekly from 9am-11am with a focus on fresh spray free produce, potted herbs, artisan breads, organic milk and eggs and eventually meats also. The market is expected to kick off on January 22.

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