

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

Queensland's newest camping park opens

The Ipswich region welcomes a new accommodation experience to its mix with the opening of campgrounds and a caravan park at Ivory's Rock Conventions and Events, in the southern town of Peak Crossing.

With wallabies hopping about and koalas to spot, it is a great place to take some time out surrounded by Australian bush, including a number of conservation areas. Caravan clubs are welcome, as well as mums and dads wanting to give the kids a taste of nature, yet still have creature comforts such as laundry facilities, WiFi and even a number of private bathrooms.

To make life easier, Ivory's Rock will be offering a number of rent-a-tents, where all the hard work is done for you, arriving to a fully made up tent complete with beds and linen. These tents are priced for couples, but up to two small children can also be accommodated in the double-sized tents.

The 600 hectare property backs onto Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate (Mt Flinders) and the Ipswich-Boonah Trail. For the first time, walking trails around Ivory's Rock itself will be open to the general public, with campers and caravanners able to explore the private property and take in spectacular views. Being just a few kilometres off the main road between Ipswich and Boonah, the campground makes for an ideal base for drives around the Ipswich and Scenic Rim regions.

The caravan park and camping ground will open its doors on March 28th, taking guests between Thursday and Sunday nights.

Limited family opportunities on Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28.

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New guided walks available

Two night time walks are now available for visitors to explore Ipswich's conservation estates under the guidance of Ranger Jody and Ipswich Trekker, Josh 'the Bear'. Ever wanted to explore the walking tracks after dark and experience the magical City Lights from the best vantage points at White Rock – Spring Mountain?

Or perhaps explore the night sky during astrological events under a full moon, meteor shower or just spotting the odd shooting star at Mt Flinders on a Starlight Trail? *Guided Trail Walks of Ipswich* opens up these amazing conservation estates to the public after hours. Learn more about the history, flora and fauna of each location and enjoy light refreshments at the summit and lookouts. Bookings essential - contact Ipswich Visitor Information Centre on 07 3281 0555 or visit DiscoverIpswich.com.au

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New location for The Soul Nook Collective

The Soul Nook Collective has moved into a permanent location at the Old Marburg Church and will be offering creative classes including jewellery and chocolate making and floristry workshops, beautiful clothing lines, hand-sourced boho gifts and accessories and fresh flowers. The space will

also be home to on-site luxury picnics and regular Picnic with Soul events that feature live music and gourmet grazing platters!

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Retro Diner now offering singles the chance to mingle

A new singles social will be held on the last Saturday night of each month at the Retro Diner. The three-course shared platters are designed to be shared with new friends, who will be encouraged to move seats each course. Cost will include a glass of wine. Enjoy the retro feel of the diner and listen to retro music during the night while meeting new people. The Retro Diner has also started opening Friday nights until 8.30pm with a special menu including fresh off the trawler creamy garlic prawns, chicken schnitzels and parmis and steak works burgers.

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New award winning Chef at Dovetails

Darwin chef Shannon Ellison has joined Dovetails with 20 years of culinary experience. Shannon's working background includes 5 star hotels and resorts and his passion for food has been demonstrated through leading his teams to successful back-to-back AHA Gold Plate Awards in 2017 and 2018. Shannon's food ethos is based around creating simple yet sophisticated food that speaks for itself. Combining the best local produce with Australian native bush ingredients, Shannon and his talented brigade -Tabytha, Sarah, Ian and Eric - create a truly magical, creative and unique culinary experience for Dovetails diners. Dovetails new autumn menu is out now with a focus on native foods, bush tucker and local herbs.

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Pumpyard is part of Brewsvegas 2020!

The grassroots Brisbane festival, known as Brewsvegas is in its 7th year of celebrating all things beer. Two Brewsvegas events will be held at 4 Hearts Brewing this year. Both events are designed to showcase the love between food and beer.

A Brews and BBQ Masterclass is being held at 4 Hearts Brewing on Saturday March 14. Join 4 Hearts along with their best BBQ buddies Smoke and Daggers BBQ for a joint masterclass in all things brewing, BBQing and smoking. Your ticket includes 4 Hearts beers and BBQ samples, plus the opportunity to engage one-on-one with competition pit masters from Smoke and Daggers BBQ and the 4 Hearts brewing team in a relaxed atmosphere. They will be on hand to give advice and tips on home brewing and home smoking and BBQ setups, plus demonstrating how they do it as professionals. There is plenty of space, so get a group together for a relaxing day of beer and BBQ!

A 4 Hearts Brewing Beergustation will be held on Tuesday March 17. 4 Hearts Brewing food-loving brewer and beer loving chef have teamed up again to create a beer-gustation worthy for the BrewsVegas line up. Enjoy an intimate and exclusive brewery and dinner experience. The menu will pair six 4 Hearts beers with six creative courses, showcasing the best of local produce. Head brewer

Ken, will also be at the dinner table to discuss all things brewing, the life of a brewer and his love of food.

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Springfield goes Ballistic for Brewvegas 2020

A free event is planned at Ballistic Springfield as part of Brewvegas this year. Join in the fun at the 20-tap brewery and kitchen for a music festival on the lawn on Saturday March 21. There will be a range of bands with music for everyone, join us on the grass, enjoy craft beers brewed with the local community, great food, BBQ, stalls and entertainment for the kids.

Brewvegas officially runs from March 12-22.

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Discover Ipswich Magazine out now

The latest edition of the Discover Ipswich Magazine is out now. Find out what's new in Ipswich, where to eat, where to stay and more. Download the e-magazine or order a hard copy at <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/magazine/>

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Colour – see the world in a new light

A new exhibition opens at the Ipswich Art Gallery on March 14. The month long exhibition developed by Questacon explores colour. See colour as you've never seen it before. Visit the room of Missing Colours and hear fascinating stories from people who see colour when they hear music. There's four broad themes to the exhibition: Coloured Light – the origin of all colour; Controlling Colour – colours added, removed and transformed; Seeing Colour – experience, thoughts, understanding, action; Making Sense of Colour – human, animal, and machine vision.

Engage with more than 25 interactive experiences, ranging from coloured bubbles to iridescent insects to colour illusions. Runs Saturday March 14 – Sunday June 14 – closed public holidays.

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Upcoming events:

Friday night lights at Willowbank Raceway March 6

Friday Night Lights is a fun filled event for the whole family. Kids under 13 are free entry, general admission is \$10, fill a car for \$25. Free face painting, live music and a jumping castle. Race your mate in grudge lane, park your pride and joy at the car show. Trophies for coolest hot rod, street car and bike – registered street vehicles only.

Autumn Drift Matsuri at Queensland Raceway March 7

The first of this year's Drift Matsuri events, The Autumn Drift Matsuri runs from March 7-8 2020! There are two Drift Matsuri's per year, the Autumn Matsuri in March and the Spring Matsuri in October.

Ipswich 100 – March 15

Every year a massive cycling event happens in Ipswich. The Ipswich 100 is a 100 mile challenge (169km) – a one day ride of moderate difficulty to challenge seasoned and elite cyclists. It passes through the Ipswich countryside just beyond Harrisville, towards Kalbar, around Lake Moogerah and ascends Mt Alford before a run into Boonah. It then joins the Classic 100 ride (101km) which is breathtaking ride through the Scenic Rim to the South West of Ipswich, to Walloon and Rosewood, Mt Walker and Warrill View. Riders then come through Harrisville along Boonah Rd and into Peak Crossing then through Ipswich suburbs. There is also a 50km, 25km and kids rides available.

CMC Rocks returns to Ipswich March 20-22

This month get ready to rock in Ipswich country-style. More than 20,000 people are planned to attend CMC Rocks QLD 2020 at Willowbank Raceway from March 20-22. CMC Rocks QLD is the biggest international country and roots festival in the Southern Hemisphere. This year Miranda Lambert, Kip Moore and Morgan Evans are headlining the event.

The Italian Tenors are coming to Ipswich on March 26

Direct from Italy and returning in 2020 for their third Australian tour, the Italian Tenors are three of Europe's most successful operatic tenors who have become a worldwide pop-opera phenomenon.

Ross Noble will perform in Ipswich on March 27

Ross Noble is on his way to Ipswich on the second leg of his 85-date worldwide tour. Known as one of comedy's best improvisers, Noble has been honing his craft for over two decades. In his latest show, Humournoid, he poses the question: What happens when pure comedy takes human form?

Ipswich Antiques and Collectables Fair – March 28

An Antiques and Collectables Fair is being held at the Ipswich Showgrounds on Saturday March 28.

Ipswich Pony Express March 28-29

This unique motocross event will be held at the Tivoli Raceway.

Ipswich Met Fair – March 29

A Music, Electronics and Toys fair will be held on Sunday March 29 at the Ipswich Showgrounds.

Jap Nats Drifting 2020 at Queensland Raceway March 29

The Japanese Nationals is the premiere Japanese manufacturer meet for all die hard JDM fans. With 2 days of non-stop JDM swag including Time Attack, Show N' Shine, Cruising and a 1 day Drift Matsuri style drift day you will have a hard time getting it in to one weekend!

On Saturday you can check out the Show N' Shine, Cruising and Time Attack sessions, including a top 10 shoot out where the winner walks away with \$1000! Sunday is your chance to get a taste of the QR Drift Matsuri vibes with a whole day of sideways action across the skid pan, short track and circuit!