

What's new in the Heritage City this May

Where you can use your Greater Brisbane Holiday Dollars in Ipswich

Greater Brisbane Holidays Dollars have started hitting people's inboxes today, so we've dug up the Ipswich operators that are participating in the program.

One is Floating Images hot air balloon Flights. Pilot Graeme Day said now is a great time to go flying: "currently at the moment this is the greenest I have ever seen this region in autumn in my 20 years of flying here. The autumn mornings have been fantastic for flying with a lovely crisp chill in the air."

See the current list here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/brisbane-holiday-dollars/>

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Grave of Ipswich child restored by Ghost Tours Australia, in time for 125 anniversary of death

This week marks 125 years since little Beatrice Twemlow died, and was buried in Goodna Cemetery. Her grave is visited as part of a new Goodna Cemetery Haunted History Tour recently launched.

Ipswich Ghost Tours / Ghost Tours Australia commissioned stone masons Batstones to repair her grave in time for the actual anniversary of her burial, Friday 7 May, part of their commitment to Ipswich's history and heritage. Ghost Tours Australia also plan to restore/repair five more graves over the next two years.

There was an urban legend that the ghosts of little children lingered at the cemetery - long ago Beatrice's grave was one of those which urban explorers visited at night.

Her cause of death was Whooping Cough (Pertussis). At the time her father Charles was the schoolteacher at Goodna State School. The family were living at the Goodna School House when Beatrice died. Charles was head teacher at Southbrook, Walloon, Goodna, Bundamba and Ipswich Central Boys School.

Having the assistance of the Exceptional Experiences grant to start the new Goodna Tour was pivotal in being able to commit to undertaking these restorations.

This Saturday night a small ceremony during the Goodna Cemetery Haunted Heritage Tour will be held.

Read more here: <https://ghosttoursaustralia.com.au/ipswich/grave-repair-beatrice-twemlow/>

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Imbibis wins award

Imbibis Craft Distillery won two silver medals at the 4th London Spirits Competition for Three Myrtles Gin and Shiraz Brandy. The medals are an ultimate endorsement in the global spirits industry. Three Myrtles Gin scored highly in the three judging aspects of quality, value and packaging. The Shiraz Brandy also scored highly in all judging aspects and was the only Australian Brandy to win a medal.

Located inside an old winery in Ipswich, Imbibis is proud to be one of only a few Australian distilleries producing their own neutral spirit for Gin production. The Brandy is made from grapes grown in South East Queensland and is double distilled in small batches. The awards are testament to the quality of spirits produced at Imbibis.

The website is www.imbibis.com.au

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New train and station refurbished at QPSR

The Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway recently unveiled a new train and their newly renovated station. Bubba, the train, started life in the mines and has been painstakingly restored by the volunteers at the QPSR. At a recent launch over 100 people rode on Bubba for the first time from the newly upgraded station which is 118 years old. The works saw modern toilets and an extension of the platform added. An Ipswich Exceptional Experiences Program Grant helped them upgrade the station.

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The Gathering

Grab your kilts and get ready to show your Celtic pride at The Gathering on May 23. This celebration of Celtic music, culture and performance in the Spirit of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo features the Queensland Pipe Band Championships, lost arts, medieval re-enactments and strong-man style Highland Games. There will also be Haggis to taste and the chance to learn to play the bagpipes.

See more here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/event/the-gathering/>

Anywhere Festival

Also this month the Anywhere Festival comes to Ipswich. Running from Friday May, 7 to Sunday, May 23 the festival will pop up anywhere around Ipswich. There will be live gigs at Banshees Bar and Art Space, theatre at the Arts Alive Creative Arts School and performances in the new Nicholas St Precinct, as well as acts at Studio 188 and circus acts.

See all the gigs here: <https://anywhere.is/>

Festival of Horsepower is coming

Next month the Festival of Horsepower will be held in Ipswich combining different horse-powered events. The month-long program of adrenaline includes the largest drag racing championship held outside of North America, the Winternationals, two Days of Thunder celebrating the big bangers of motorsport with Porsche Motorsport as this year's feature and also Australia's largest regional race day the Ipswich Cup.

See more here: <https://www.discoveripswich.com.au/event/festival-of-horsepower/>