

11 DAYS OF
ARTS & CULTURE



JULY 2022

SPARK IPSWICH

7 - 17 JULY 2022

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FESTIVALS

WELCOME TO SPARK IPSWICH



After the success of the inaugural festival in 2021, SPARK Ipswich is set to ignite the city again in 2022 with a fresh program of events, activations, and performances reflecting the culture of Ipswich, its people and places.

Audience favourites Waghorn to West, Little Day Out and SPARK on Tour are back with all new line-ups, and St Mary's will once again steal the show as the canvas for the iconic deLight projections.

This year's festival program welcomes new additions including WOMI a free, one-day World Music Festival in Springfield Central and llluminate, a festival hub where you can gather your friends and family and enjoy SPARK AFTER DARK in Ipswich Central.

Ipswich is a rapidly evolving to become a cultural destination of choice. Join us for SPARK Ipswich and discover all that our city has on offer.

Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich

Councillor Andrew Fechner
Community, Culture, Arts and
Sport Committee Chairperson
City of Ipswich

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

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FESTIVAL SNAPSHOT

7–17 JULY: SPARK AFTER DARK

Explore the festival's light-based installations of deLight and pixel.

7–17 JULY: LUMINATE

Gather and graze at the new festival hub, featuring main stage live performances in Timothy Molony Park.

7–10 JULY: SPARK ON TOUR

See what all the buzz is about when SPARK Ipswich hits the road taking A Bee Story to small halls across the region.

8 JULY: ILLUMINATIONS: CAMERATA - QUEENSLAND'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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25 JUNE–9 JULY: BUNKASAURUS

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8–10 JULY: MONSTER SIEGE

Sport for the non-sporty and arts for the non-arty. A fictional quest, where kids star as the best versions of themselves.

9 JULY: WAGHORN TO WEST

Ipswich's multi-venue indie live music crawl. 16 Queensland artists take over four venues for one epic night of live music.

9 JULY: SOUND THE HORN

Waghorn to West's music industry development event, empowering you to ask questions, develop networks and gain access to experienced music industry specialists.

10 JULY: WOMI

A one-day world music festival showcasing and celebrating the vibrancy of Ipswich and South East Queensland's culturally and linguistically diverse community.

15 JULY: BOYD MEETS GIRL

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16 JULY: PETER AND THE WOLF

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17 JULY: LITTLE DAY OUT

Ipswich's signature children's contemporary music and arts festival is little by name but BIG on fun.

17 JULY: THE BABUSHKA BOOK CLUB

Be entertained by a wickedly funny cabaret as Babushka turns your best loved novels inside-out and colours them various shades of grey.

25 JUNE – 21 AUGUST:

SPIRIT OF PLACE - HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

An exhibition of new work by much loved local indigenous artist, Sally Harrison.

24 MAY – 24 JULY: 25 YEARS IPSWICH ART GALLERY FOUNDATION

An exhibition of an eclectic range of artworks – from heritage to contemporary – acquired by the Foundation over its 25 year history.

**Head to SPARKIpswich.com.au for
the full program and to book tickets.**

Program details correct at time of printing. Always check the website for the latest event and program information.

SPARK AFTER DARK

When the sun goes down, SPARK AFTER DARK comes to life showcasing projections, light activations, music and performance. Gather your family and friends and explore deLight and pixel on foot, or view the light spectacle from luminate – the new festival hub in Timothy Molony Park.

DATE

Thursday 7 – Sunday 17 July

TIME

6.00 pm – 10.00 pm

COST

FREE

deLight

Over 11 nights St Mary's Church is transformed into a projection art piece, profiling local artists, heritage architecture and the culture of Ipswich, its people and places.

Participating local artists:

Kylie Hill, Jacob Sarra, Jarryd Lawton, Jennifer Kent, Rebecca Lewis, Lee FullARTon, Colin Mac, Kenneth Gavin Lewis, Glen Smith and Jessica Andersen.

Projection Artist: James Muller

Image: James Muller | Artwork: Charmaine Davis

pixel

HUMAN-MACHINE CONNECTION

The Design and Interactive Technologies team from the University of Southern Queensland explore the human-machine connection in an immersive light experience on the Ipswich City Council, 1 Nicholas Street building.



luminate

Shining the light on our local artists.

Timothy Molony Park is recreated as luminate, your festival hub.

Each night of the festival, luminate hosts music, dance, choir, big band and roving performances along with delicious food offerings and the best vantage points for SPARK AFTER DARK's light-based installations.

The luminate main stage program celebrates the talent, stories, communities and people of the Ipswich region against the backdrop of historic St Mary's and the newly developed 1 Nicholas Street.

Featured performances include Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Company, Bullhorn, Annie at the Helm, Orpheus Chorale, Cambrian Show Choir, Las Chimilitas, Brooke Austen, Kim Wright, Jarrad Wrigley, Taylor Wilton, Ipswich SHS Jazz Band, Ipswich City Big Band and many more...

DATE

Thursday 7 – Sunday 17 July

TIME

6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE

Timothy Molony Park

COST

FREE



Artist Pictured: Brooke Austen
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Taliitha Rice Photography

LITTLE DAY OUT

Ipswich's signature children's contemporary music and arts festival is little by name but BIG on fun. With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out is bursting with music, hands-on art experiences, food and roving entertainment.

Regurgitator's POGOGO show headlines the main stage with their witty, silly attitude and musical mash-up of funk, pop and rock.

Feisty trio Babushka want to break rules, sing killer tunes and show the next generation how to be rascals, radicals and ratbags. Prepare to spike your mohawk and fight for your right to party!

The young and young at heart are invited to sing, dance, create and play! Seedling planting, boomerang painting, quiet zone and a silent disco are all part of the Little Day Out experience.

DATE

Sunday 17 July

TIME

Session 1: 9.00 am – 11.30 am

Session 2: 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm

VENUE

Ripley Town Centre

COST

\$5 per entry – children 10 years and under receive a bucket hat

ADDITIONAL INFO

Little Day Out is a high-quality music, arts and sustainability experience for children 10 years and under and their accompanying adults.





Image Credit: Keegan Byrne
Artist Pictured: Clayton Francis

WAGHORN TO WEST

SPARK Ipswich presents Waghorn to West, Ipswich's multi-venue indie live music crawl.

16 ARTISTS
4 VENUES
1 EPIC NIGHT

DATE

Saturday 9 July

TIME

5.30 pm – 11.30 pm

VENUES

Circa 160
Goleby's Basement
Hotel Metropole
Studio 188

COST

\$25

ADDITIONAL INFO

18+ event

SOUND THE HORN

Level up, Connect and Get Noticed!

Waghorn to West's music industry development event.

For more information, visit
SPARKipswich.com.au

ARTIST LINE UP

BUGS
LISI

GRETA STANLEY
HALLIE
WIIGZ

ASHA JEFFERIES
AUSTIN MACKAY
DENNIS.

EMILY GRACE TAYLOR
FLAMINGO BLONDE
MELALEUCA
NICOLE MCKINNEY

CLAYTON FRANCIS
DUO
SOVIET X-RAY RECORD CLUB
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SPARK ON TOUR

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Kai Leishman

A BEE STORY

SPARK Ipswich hits the road taking the festival to small halls across the region. In A Bee Story we find ourselves in a sticky situation. Queen Bee & Worker Bee need to work together to rebuild their hive, but things never quite go to plan...

Join the bees on their buzzy adventures and be enchanted by their pollen-collecting skills, honey-making abilities, and super-bee strength. A Bee Story has themes of environmentalism, sustainability, and community spirit. The show is directed by performer Robbie Curtis (Circa, Cirque du Soleil, Circus Oz, Australian Ballet), and co-created with musician and performer Lizzie McRae.

See what all the buzz is about.

DATE

Thursday 7 July – Sunday 10 July

TIME

Performances: 10.00 am and 12.00 pm

VENUES

- 7 July Ripley Valley State Secondary College
- 8 July Goodna State School
- 9 July Bundamba State School
- 10 July Rosewood State High School

COST

- Individual – \$5
- Family of 4 – \$15
- Family of 5 – \$20

ADDITIONAL INFO

Recommended for ages 3+

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

25 YEARS: The Ipswich Art Gallery Foundation celebrates the Foundation's 25th anniversary with a large-scale exhibition that highlights its astonishing contribution to the Gallery's collection.

EXHIBITION DATES

Friday 21 May – Monday 24 July

TIME

10.00 am – 5.00 pm daily

SPIRIT OF PLACE - HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE:

An exhibition of new work by much loved local indigenous artist, Sally Harrison.

DATE

Saturday 25 June – Sunday 21 August

TIME

10.00 am – 5.00 pm daily

COST

FREE

BUNKASAURUS

In BUNKASAURUS, two clowns are continually distracted from the serious work at hand, and use a blend of puppetry and silent comedy to create an entertaining theatrical universe, steeped in imagination and creativity.

DATE

Monday 27 June – Friday 8 July

TIME

10.30 am and 2.00 pm

Duration: 55 minutes, no intermission.

COST

\$10 per person (FREE for under 2s not occupying a seat)





MONSTER SIEGE

Monster Siege is more than a game. It's a fictional quest where kids star as the best versions of themselves.

It's a show. On a sportsfield. There are rubber ducks. The dastardly King Slobber will stop at nothing to have them. The Game Master and the young defenders will do whatever it takes to protect them...

Parents are invited to perform as well as Slobbers, who are assailed by young defenders in Monster Siege.

DATES

Friday 8 July – Sunday 10 July

TIME

10.00 am and 2.00 pm daily

VENUE

Timothy Molony Park

COST

Tickets available at
SPARKipswich.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFO

Ages 12 – 17 years and their
parents or carers



PETER AND THE WOLF

Join Ipswich City Orchestras for a musical tale of courage and adventure.

This light-hearted symphony tells the irreverent story of a young boy named Peter who joins a menagerie of animals to outwit a fierce wolf.

With animals and characters brought to life by different instruments, this is the perfect introduction to the live orchestra experience.

DATE

Saturday 16 July

TIME

5.30 pm

VENUE

St Paul's Anglican Church

COST

Adults – \$35
Student/Concession – \$30
Children under 12 – Free

Tickets available at
Trybooking.com/BUSOV

BOYD MEETS GIRL

Boyd Meets Girl pairs Australian classical guitarist Rupert Boyd with American cellist Laura Metcalf. Songs of Love & Despair is the second album from the husband-and-wife duo; an album of love, despair and some things in between.

Largely conceived, arranged, rehearsed and recorded during the Covid-19 pandemic, Songs of Love & Despair contains the music that we were drawn to during this time - a time of unprecedented stillness and solitude, travelling at most a few kilometres from home for months on end. This collection of repertoire is half love, half longing; from the delicate beauty of Debussy and the joyousness of Boccherini, to the anguish of Messiaen and heartbreaking Appalachian folk songs, which tell stories of love, life and loss.

DATE

Friday 15 July

TIME

7:30 pm (60 minute performance)

VENUE

St Mary's Church
Elizabeth Street, Woodend

COST

Adults - \$20
Concession - \$15

Tickets available at
SPARKipswich.com.au

ILLUMINATIONS: CAMERATA – QUEENSLAND'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

French chic meets British refinement in Illuminations, where Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra performs classic works by Elgar, Debussy, and Britten.

Soprano Sofia Troncoso joins Camerata for Britten's "Les Illuminations". A bright and vivid song cycle, "Les Illuminations" pairs Sofia's "impressive... powerful voice" (Limelight Magazine) with some of the most glorious and moving string sounds that you will hear. Coupled with the deeply sensual French poetry of Rimbaud, Britten's song cycle with its sparkling orchestral sounds and divine vocal lines expresses sheer beauty.

DATE

Friday 8 July

TIME

7:30 pm

VENUE

Ipswich Civic Centre

COST

Adults - \$60
Student - \$50
Child (3-15) - \$35
Group (4+) - \$50

Tickets available at
ipswichciviccentre.com.au



WOMI

Featuring music from across the globe, WOMI is a one-day world music festival showcasing and celebrating the vibrancy of Ipswich and South East Queensland's culturally and linguistically diverse community.



Featuring Matt Hsu's Obscure Orchestra, Sasta, Estampa, MZAZA, No Way José, East of West, Tibet2Timbuk2, Shansheel Arabic Music Ensemble, Mircha Mangiacotti Quartet and many more...

Full line-up coming soon.



DATE

Sunday 10 July
9.00 am – 4.00 pm

VENUE

Main Street, Orion Springfield
Shopping Centre

COST

Free

Orion
Springfield Central

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Artists pictured above

Top left: East of West

Top right: MZAZA

Bottom left: Shanasheel Arabic Music Ensemble

Bottom right: Zumpa



Presented by Little Match Productions,
SPARK Ipswich and Ipswich Civic Centre.

The three unlikely bibliophiles of
Babushka deconstruct the classics, try to
look smarter than they are and drink a lot
of pinot grigio.

After performing to rapturous applause
at Queensland Cabaret Festival and
Melbourne Cabaret Festival, Babushka
wants to discuss some serious literature,
sing some killer tunes and expand the
membership of their bawdy book club.

Be entertained by a wickedly funny
cabaret that features the iconic music of
Kate Bush and Bananarama through to
Billie Eilish, as Babushka turns your best
loved novels inside-out and colour them
various shades of grey. Pass the brie!

DATE

Sunday 17 July

TIME

7:30 pm (60 minute performance)

VENUE

Ipswich Civic Centre

COST

Adults – \$40
Student – \$30
Group (4+) – \$35

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

M15+ (Course Language,
Adult Themes)

Tickets available at
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