SPARK IPSWICH

6 – 16 JULY

A FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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WELCOME TO SPARK IPSWICH

Bright lights, unique experiences, a smorgasbord of music, arts and culture, there is so much to look forward to on the Ipswich social calendar. If you are searching for a cultural event to excite the senses, then you cannot miss the annual SPARK Ipswich Festival.

Ipswich's people and places will be at the heart of the 2023 festival and after a major success in 2022 we look forward to delivering another 11-day program full of arts and cultural events, activations and performances.

This year's program boasts the introduction of an all-ages festival called BRIGHTDAZE, a new canvas for the popular deLight projections, and returning crowd favourite events Little Day Out and WOMI. With diverse performances, hands-on workshops and visual feasts, gather your friends and family to enjoy a vibrant festival that ignites a spark right across the region.

Ipswich is a rapidly growing and ever evolving destination of choice. Join us as we celebrate all that our city has to offer and discover SPARK Ipswich in 2023.

Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich

Councillor Nicole Jonic
Chair of Economic and Industry Development Committee

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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.

FESTIVAL SNAPSHOT

6 JULY: IGNITE
Celebrate the opening of SPARK Ipswich 2023 with a ceremony that honours the stories, culture and art of our First Nations people.

6–9 JULY: SPARK ON TOUR
SPARK hits the road with Nadia Sunde's Twinkle and The Moon – an interactive children's theatre experience for 2–7 year olds.

6–16 JULY: SPARK AFTER DARK
Explore Ipswich's cultural heart with music, projection, live performance, comedy and dance.

6–16 JULY: INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
The Creators of Ipswich Summit and Ipswich Has Comic Talent are key opportunities SPARK has on offer for our local artists.

7, 8, 9, 15 AND 16 JULY: IMMERSE
An immersive playground of family-friendly arts workshops and performances.

8 JULY: BRIGHTDAZE
Chart-topping hip-hop superstar Allday headlines SPARK's all-ages takeover of the YMCA Springfield Central.

9 JULY: WOMI
Ipswich's signature world music event returns to Springfield Central with music, workshops, food and crafts from across the globe.

16 JULY: LITTLE DAY OUT
Ipswich's signature children's contemporary music and arts festival is little by name but BIG on fun.

16 JULY: COMMON PEOPLE DANCE EISTEDDFOD
The mighty dance battle between Ipswich suburban gladiators and other frenemy teams from across Brisbane.

3 JUNE – 30 JULY: RAUSCHENBERG & JOHNS
Significant Others draws upon the National Gallery's Kenneth Tyler Collection of prints by both Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns produced between 1968–1973.

6–16 JULY: EXHIBITIONS
Explore exhibitions such as 50 Years of NAIDOC Week Posters, Architectural Layers: New Work by Grant Quinn, Make Some Noise, and local artist Eva Fritz's Little Things Big Things: Interactive Installation for Children.

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.

IMMERSE

Tulmur Place transforms into an immersive playground of family-friendly arts workshops, performances on the main stage and food trucks galore!

TIME
10.00 am – 2.00 pm

VENUE
Tulmur Place
Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

COST
FREE

FRIDAY 7 JULY AND SUNDAY 9 JULY

It's time to get moving with circus and dance workshops and hands on arts activities for kids of all ages.

SATURDAY 8 JULY

Enjoy the special SPARK Edition of Ipswich's Handmade Expo Markets with artisan and homewares stalls, plus workshops to enjoy.

SATURDAY 15 JULY AND SUNDAY 16 JULY

Make, create and play with visual art workshops and demonstrations for young and old.

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THE HANDMADE EXPO MARKET

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WOMI

Ipswich's signature world music event returns to Springfield Central with music, workshops, food and crafts from across the globe.

Featuring **Bobby Alu, Bukhu Ganburged, East of West, Somaaya, Kizuna Taiko, Nicole Tate, No Way José, Taitu'uga, Tenzin Choegyal and Cye Woods, The Barleyshakes, The View from Madeleine's Couch, Vinod Prasanna and Shen Flindell** and many more.

DATE
Sunday 9 July

TIME
9.00 am – 4.00 pm

VENUE
Main Street,
Orion Springfield Central

COST
FREE

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Orion
Springfield Central

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BRIGHTDAZE

Chart-topping hip-hop superstar **Allday** headlines SPARK's takeover of the YMCA Springfield Central Community Centre, for the inaugural all-ages music festival, BRIGHTDAZE.

Featuring two stages, BRIGHTDAZE will showcase a stacked line-up of musicians and DJs with **Allday** joined by **Hope D, GLVES, Paulina, DJ Kritty, Scalymoth, Neesha Alexander** and more!

There'll also be the chance to unleash your inner DJ with workshops held throughout the day.

Please note patrons under 15 years of age will need to be accompanied by an adult.

DATE
Saturday 8 July

TIME
11.00 am – 6.00 pm

VENUE
YMCA Springfield Central Community Centre
134A Parkland Drive, Springfield Central

COST
$30 + booking fee

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SPARK AFTER DARK

OVER 11 NIGHTS, THE CITY'S CULTURAL HEART COMES ALIVE WITH MUSIC, PROJECTION, LIVE PERFORMANCE, COMEDY AND DANCE.

deLight

d'Arcy Doyle Place is transformed into a visual spectacle that profiles local artists, architecture and the nooks and crannies of this iconic Ipswich meeting place.

DATES
Thursday 6 – Sunday 16 July

TIME
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE
d'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

Pixel

The front of 1 Nicholas Street comes alive with artwork commissioned by Quandamooka, Jinibara, Darumbal artist – Jennifer Kent.

DATES
Thursday 6 – Sunday 16 July

TIME
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Inhabited Ipswich

Cynthia Copley, Donna Davis, Rebecca Lewis and Sean Williams activate CBD spaces and places with contemporary art and projection.

DATES
Thursday 6 – Sunday 16 July

TIME
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Celebration

Mark SPARK Ipswich's opening and closing with ceremonies that celebrate our First Nations people, art and culture.

DATES
Thursday 6 and Sunday 16 July

VENUE
d'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

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Meeting Place

Gather with friends at d'Arcy Doyle Place before following the light to performances and events at local venues including Banshees Bar & Artspace, Hotel Metropole, Ipswich Civic Centre, Pumpyard, St Mary's Church and St Paul's Church.

Banshees

DATES

6 July	Karaoke
7 July	SPARK MOFO
8 July	Group Songwriting for Mental Health
8 July	Disco Diva Drag Show
12 July	Open Mic Night
13 July	Reptrillion Culture Club
13 July	Karaoke
14 July	The Storming of Banshees Bar
15 July	Falling in Slow Motion - From Concept to Mini-Series
15 July	Daylight Ghosts, Sarah Stockholm, Ghost Mutt
16 July	Life Drawing
16 July	Ipswich Live & Local

VENUE

131 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

Ipswich Civic Centre

DATES

7 July	Mel Buttle - LIVE
7 July	Estampa
8 July	Laura Frank
9 July	Reflectiv, Songs for Stillness
16 July	Common People
	Dance Eisteddfod

VENUE

50 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Ipswich Art Gallery

DATE

7 July In Conversation: Dylan Sarra

VENUE

d'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

Studio *188*

DATES

8 July	Ipswich has Comic Talent
15 July	Eddie Ray: Silence of the Jams

VENUE

188 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

Ipswich ART Gallery

BANSHEES BAR & ARTSPACE

IPSWICH CIVIC CENTRE

TWINKLE AND THE MOON

Snuggled into their blanket cubby house, Nadia and Twinkle always share a book together before nap time. Today they're reading a book about a rocket ship! But... when the book is finished and it's time for bed... they blast off to the moon instead!

We're taking SPARK on the road, with Nadia Sunde's **Twinkle and The Moon** – an interactive children's theatre experience for 2–7 year olds and their families.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Thursday 6 July
Springfield Central Library
9.00 am and 10.30 am

Friday 7 July
Redbank Plains Library
9.00 am

Saturday 8 July
Rosewood Library
9.00 am

Sunday 9 July
Ipswich Central Library
9.00 am and 10.30 am

COST

FREE – Bookings essential

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COMMON PEOPLE DANCE EISTEDDFOD

The time has come for the mighty dance battle between Ipswich suburban gladiators and other frenemy teams from across Brisbane.

Throughout the year, the Common People Dance Project has been working with people of all ages and abilities to shape a series of over-the-top dance routines to some of the greatest hits of the '80s and '90s in homage to the legendary Rock Eisteddfods of decades past.

Dripping in sequins, sweat and spandex, cheer for your team as you watch them body roll, fist pump and running-man their way to victory.

DATE
Sunday 16 July

TIME
6.00 pm

VENUE
Ipswich Civic Centre

COST
$20 Adult
$15 Student/Concession
$10 Child (3–15 years)

COMMON PEOPLE DANCE PROJECT

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LITTLE DAY OUT

Photo credit: Mark Read

Little by name but BIG on FUN.

A SPARK festival favourite, Little Day Out is Ipswich's signature children's music and arts festival. With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out is bursting with music, hands-on art experiences, food and roving entertainment.

Headlining this year's festival, **Bunny Racket** creates a sound that brings all generations together in rock 'n' roll harmony.

With a line-up featuring members of **The Vines**, **Goons of Doom** and **Wolfmother**, Bunny Racket strikes a (loud) chord for all of us that pine for a time where being a kid meant endless freedom.

The young and young at heart are invited to sing, dance, create and play! Cubby building, nature craft, tiny tots zone and a silent disco are all part of the Little Day Out experience.

DATE
Sunday 16 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 with a purchased ticket 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

RIPLEY TOWN CENTRE HUB

AMORY AT RIPLEY

ELEPHAS EDUCATION

IPSWICH JUNIOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL & IPSWICH GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

CREATORS OF IPSWICH SUMMIT

The Creators of Ipswich Summit is an opportunity for artists, creatives and industry professionals from across the region to learn, collaborate and be inspired.

The 2023 summit theme is 'Framing our city's artistic legacy' and has been programmed for attendees to recognise future opportunities as part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032.

Visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au/creativeindustries to register.

DATE
Thursday 6 July

TIME
Summit: All day
Networking: 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

VENUE
Dandiri Room, 1 Nicholas Steet

COST
FREE - Bookings essential

IPSWICH HAS COMIC TALENT

We know that Ipswich Has Comic Talent.

So, we roped in the pros to help us unearth it.

Join MC, comedian Anthony Lamond, on Saturday 8 July to learn the craft of stand-up comedy. Anthony will help you unlock your passion, acknowledge your weaknesses and develop your strengths – before performing to a room of strangers, friends and peers!

DATE
Saturday 8 July

TIME
Workshop: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Show: 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

VENUE
Studio *188*

COST
Workshop: FREE - Bookings essential
Show: $10 per person

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EXHIBITIONS

RAUSCHENBERG & JOHNS

From their run-down New York studios, Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns began a private creative dialogue that introduced everyday signs, objects and media into their work. This exhibition draws upon the National Gallery's Kenneth Tyler Collection of prints with works by both artists produced between 1967 and 1973, and holdings of key works by their predecessors and contemporaries.

3 JUNE – 30 JULY | IPSWICH ART GALLERY | FREE

MAKE SOME NOISE

From crunching chips to tapping your toes, sweeping the floor or listening to birds singing, musical sounds surround us every day. Make Some Noise is a brand new exhibition for children to explore these everyday musical concepts through hands-on open-ended activities and experiential play spaces.

22 APRIL – 16 JULY | IPSWICH ART GALLERY | FREE

ARCHITECTURAL LAYERS:
NEW WORK BY GRANT QUINN

Through the lens of photography, Grant Quinn focuses his first solo exhibition, "Architectural Layers," on documenting the aesthetic reverence in the work of renowned Ipswich Architect George Brockwell Gill.

6 MAY – 9 JULY | IPSWICH ART GALLERY | FREE

NAIDOC POSTER EXHIBITION

In celebration of NAIDOC's rich history and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art evolution, an exhibition of NAIDOC Week posters spanning from its inception to 2023.

3–18 JULY | IPSWICH COMMUNITY GALLERY | FREE

LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS:
INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION FOR CHILDREN

Featuring large-scale artworks from the children's book *Little Things Big Things*, by local artist Eva Fritz, this immersive, inspiring and educational installation invites participants to explore themes around environment, sustainability and community connection.

26 JUNE – 21 JULY
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