



SPARK IPSWICH

11-20 JULY

A FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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WELCOME

Welcome to SPARK Ipswich 2025!

It's that time of year again when our city comes alive with colour, creativity and connection. SPARK Ipswich is more than just a festival – it's a celebration of everything that makes our city great: our people, our culture and our unstoppable community spirit.

This year is extra special as we mark 50 years of the Ipswich Civic Centre – a place that has hosted generations of performances, events, and memories. To celebrate this incredible milestone, we're inviting the whole community to be part of a special community production, showcasing the talents of local artists and performers. And, of course, we're throwing a Carpark Party, bringing live music and big festival vibes right into the heart of Ipswich.

Alongside these milestone events, SPARK Ipswich 2025 is packed with exciting performances, thought-provoking art and family-friendly experiences that will inspire and entertain. Whether you're dancing in the streets, exploring the latest exhibitions, or enjoying a show with friends and family, this is your time to experience the magic of our creative city.



Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich



Councillor Pye Augustine
Chair, Economic and Cultural
Development Committee

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People of the Yugara/Yagara Language Group, as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

BRANDING ARTIST KIANA GOOD

Kiana Good, an emerging local artist, was commissioned in 2025 to create the SPARK Ipswich branding artwork. Kiana works with various mediums, including oil and digital platforms, to bring her creative visions to life. Her work highlights Ipswich's architectural elements, seamlessly blending them to spark curiosity and reflect the harmony between people and place. The process

begins with in-depth research, carefully selecting and then positioning each element. This artwork represents just one of Kiana's many artistic styles, which can be explored on her Instagram @three.yeets.

She invites viewers to take a closer look and discover all nine Ipswich-inspired elements hidden within the piece.



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EXPERIENCE SPARK AFTER DARK

deLIGHT

deLIGHT ignites Nicholas Street with a dazzling fusion of art and light. Artistic talents join forces with projection wizard James Muller to animate their creations in vivid motion. Each night unveils a new artist, celebrating creativity under the stars.

Artists include: Chloe Adams, Andrew Kimberley, Rushanthi Herath, Kym Tabulo, Brandon Huges, Sean Williams, Jordache Guage, David Pearce and YEAHYEAHCHLOE.

Presented by Ipswich Festivals

- 📅 Friday 11 – Sunday 20 July
- 🕒 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 1 Nicholas Street
- 💷 Free



NEON: PLAY THE MUSIC

Neon: Play The Music lights up the night with glowing instruments and a mic for you to perform. Snap a pic, share the fun #IpswichFestivals #SPARKIPSWICH

*Presented by Ipswich Festivals,
produced by Volter International*

- 📅 Friday 11 – Sunday 20 July
- 🕒 4.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 📍 d'Arcy Doyle Place
- 💷 Free



HEXADECA

HEXADECA, created by Pulsing Heart, is an interactive, music-making playground that invites people of all ages, abilities and cultures to engage in playful, tactile art. Architecturally designed for immersive sound experiences, participants sit and spin to create soundscapes featuring music by artists including Aurora x Keira Simmons, Tim Koch, Belinda Gehlert, Kiah Gossner, Lewis But-Husaim, Rob Edwards, Adam Page and Tom Thum.

*Presented by Ipswich Festivals,
produced by Pulsing Heart*



Friday 11 – Sunday 20 July



Various



Nicholas Street Precinct



Free



THE BUBBLE CANTEEN

Experience The Bubble Canteen, a magical installation featuring 20,000 bubbles per minute – from delicate bubbles to giant, shimmering orbs. This enchanting spectacle delights and connects audiences through joy, laughter, and wonder.

*Presented by Ipswich Festivals,
produced by The Mask Family,
and originally commissioned
by Brisbane Festival*

- 📅 Friday 11 – Sunday 13 July and
Friday 18 – Sunday 20 July
- 🕒 4.30 pm and 6.15 pm
- 📍 Nicholas Street Precinct
- 🎫 Free



CARPARK PARTY

Ipswich Civic Centre's carpark will be transformed for six action-packed nights of entertainment to celebrate 50 years of Ipswich Civic Centre.

Featuring captivating performances by local Tulumur and Meanjin artists across multiple artforms, engaging workshops, bespoke roving entertainment and more!

📅 Friday 11 – Sunday 13 July and
Thursday 17 – Saturday 19 July

🕒 Various

📍 Ipswich Civic Centre

🆓 Free

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WORLD OF MUSIC IPSWICH- WOMI

Ipswich's signature world music event returns to Springfield with music, workshops, food and crafts from across the globe. With a jam-packed lineup, 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.

Bursting with life, light and colour, WOMI is a wonderful day out!



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📅 Sunday 13 July

🕒 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

📍 Main Street,
Orion Springfield Central

🆓 Free



LITTLE Day out



Sunday 20 July



Session 1: 9.00 am – 11.30 am
Session 2: 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm



Ripley Town Centre, Ripley



\$5 per entry –
children with a purchased
ticket receive a bucket hat

Little by name, BIG on fun.

With a focus on sustainability, Little Day Out is bursting with music, hands-on art experiences, food trucks and roving entertainment.

Gather your festival crew to sing, dance, create and play. Community Kaleidoscope, building cubbies and fairy villages, seedpod painting, nature jewellery, build a bee, a silent disco with haptic vests and straps are all part of the Little Day Out experience.

Join us for 'dirtgirl's Garden Party' musical eco-adventure with a female hearted, four-piece band set to bring a fresh and vibrant sound and 'poptomistic' tunes to this year's event!

Little Day Out programming is focused on children aged 10 and under.



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FOR THE KIDS



CLAY: CRAZY CRITTERS

Knead it, roll it, shape it, name it! Get hands on with clay and create your own Crazy Critter to take home.

Presented by Ipswich Art Gallery

31 May – 31 August

10.00 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Ipswich Art Gallery | Free | 0–13 Years +

IPSWICH LIBRARIES STORY TIME, TODDLER TIME, BOOKS AND BLOCKS

Join Ipswich Libraries for fun and engaging early literacy programs. Sessions bring stories to life with movement and interactive play. Perfect for little learners and their grown-ups!

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

Fri 11, Tue 15, Wed 16, Thu 17 and Fri 18 July
Ipswich Children's Library, Springfield Central Library, Redbank Plains Library | Free



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Come out to play with a morning full of fun picnic games, performances and an adventurous bear hunt! Bring your favourite bear and picnic rug to our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Presented by Queensland Museum Rail Workshops

Sat 12 July | Queensland Museum Rail Workshops | Entry fees apply



PROUDFOOT + FRIENDS

Get ready for the foot-stomping, rib-tickling, toe-tapping time of your life at the Proudfoot + Friends stage show spectacular! Catering to 3–7 year olds, proud First Nations performer Lucas leads a hilarious interactive sing-along adventure.

Presented by Ipswich Civic Centre and Cluster Arts

Sun 13 July | 2.00 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$15



FIRST FIVE FOREVER STORY TIME, MESSY PLAY AND LIBRARY FUN

Ipswich Libraries' First 5 Forever program offers engaging sessions for children aged 0–5 years. Sessions spark creativity with songs, books, movement and play.

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

Mon 14 – Thu 17 July
Winston Glades, Bundamba, Rosewood, Redbank Plains | Free

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

SECOND CHANCE – BOORRUMPAH GOUPONG ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Boorrumpah Goupong Aboriginal Corporation's exhibition, *Second Chance*, showcases the group's journey through life, culture and mental health education. Through art, the group tell their stories to provide a safe space for healing.

28 June – 27 July | 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Ipswich Community Gallery | Free



THE SALTY SIRENS PRESENTS

The Salty Sirens are two sapphic sailors, ready to lead you on a musical journey through traditional and modern nautical folk song, tales of shipwork, daring adventure, defiance and debauchery on the high seas. Hoist the anchor and limber up those sealegs – these really aren't your grandpa's sea shanties!

Presented by Banshees Bar & Artspace

Fri 11 July | 7.00 pm
Bar & Artspace | \$15 – \$20 | 18+

GROOVE TERMINATOR SUPPORTED BY DISCOVERY – DAFT PUNK TRIBUTE SHOW

Simon 'Groove Terminator' Lewicki is a trailblazer in Australia's music scene. His hit 'One More Time (The Sunshine Song)' earned international success, charting in Australia and France.

Discovery is Australia's leading Daft Punk tribute, offering high-energy remixes and mashups for an unforgettable party experience.

Presented by Ipswich Civic Centre and TMRW

Fri 11 July | 8.00 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$35 | 18+



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PETE MURRAY

Australian singer-songwriter Pete Murray embarks on a 55-date solo acoustic tour across the country this May. Supported by Rachael Fahim and Brett Wood, it marks his first-ever solo tour on home soil. Armed with his acoustic guitar and a stunning back catalogue, Pete promises an unforgettable musical journey.

Presented by TEG Live

Sat 12 July | 8.00 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$84.90



GURU DUDU'S SILENT DISCO WALKING TOURS

Guru Dudu's Silent Disco Walking Tours are a hilarious dancing, walking adventure for all ages. Wearing supplied headsets we groove our way through local streets, engaging passersby with our spontaneous flash-mob style dancing and antics.

Presented by Ipswich Festivals

Sat 12 July and Sat 19 July | 5.00 pm
d'Arcy Doyle Place | \$5



FANTASTIC FORMS

Fantastic Forms showcases over 150 works by Merric Boyd, Australia's father of pottery, alongside contemporary artists. The exhibition blends pottery, sculpture, and stop-motion, exploring Boyd's unique vision and Australian landscapes.

Fantastic Forms is a Bundanon Touring Exhibition. The exhibition is supported by the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to the national collections for all Australians.

14 June – 7 September | 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

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CRUISING WITH THE GRANDPARENT'S CLUB – A MUSICAL COMEDY

After a hit 2024 mini-tour, the team is back—this time at sea! Aboard the SS Grand Times, guest cruise director Jimmy Bigelow joins fun-loving grandparents who are 'not old, just old-er.' With family left onshore, they're ready to cut loose and embrace the grand cruising life.

Presented by Ipswich Civic Centre

Tues 15 July | 6.00 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$72.50



SHOWMEN

Experience Showmen, a spectacular blend of magic, illusions, stunts, and comedy. This unforgettable live entertainment takes audiences to the golden age of magic for a fun, family-friendly night!

Presented by Ipswich Civic Centre

Thurs 17 July | 7.30 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$50

8 BALL AITKEN BAND + TAYA CHANI SUPPORTED BY CAPTAIN MOONSHINE

Two heavyweights of the Australian blues-rock-soul scene 8 Ball Aitken and Taya Chani have teamed up with a new Americana album project 'Nightbird'.

Presented by Banshees Bar & Artspace

Fri 18 July | 7.00 pm
Banshees Bar & Artspace | \$40 | 18+



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MEL BUTTLE – TAKING MY SUNGLASSES OFF TO HEAR YOU BETTER

Mel Buttle is a busy bee.

From juggling a toddler to sold out shows across the country and keeping her millions of fans online happy, as the creator behind Australia's favourite online mum character 'Lyn' – she needs a lie down. Lucky for you she's very good at comedy too.

Presented by Token

Fri 18 July | 7:30 pm
Ipswich Civic Centre | \$52



IGNITE: CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

Musicians, performers, visual artists, writers, designers, filmmakers and cultural leaders – join us in celebrating the vibrancy and progress of our city's creative scene at this special up-late event.

Presented by Ipswich City Council

Sat 19 July | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Ipswich Art Gallery | Free, bookings essential

STREET ART JAM

Street Art Jam returns for its second year, transforming urban spaces with vibrant public art. Immerse yourself in creative workshops and demonstrations, showcasing art, music and dance in an unforgettable experience!

Presented by Queensland Museum Rail Workshops

Sat 19 July | Queensland Museum Rail Workshops
Entry fees apply



HOMEGROWN SPARK

YOUTHFUL VISIONS – SPARKING CREATIVITY

Explore an exhibition featuring youth art, celebrating young talent in Greater Springfield and Ipswich.

Presented by Creative Hearts Co

1–19 July | Creative Hearts Co. Brookwater | \$5



BANSHEES RAINBOW TAKEOVER

Banshees celebrates LGBTQI+ voices during SPARK Ipswich opening weekend with Thursday night karaoke, The Salty Sirens, Christmas in July drag show, and a Rainbow Stitch 'n' Switch craft afternoon.

Presented by Banshees Bar & Artspace

10–13 July

Banshees Bar & Artspace | Various | 18+

GROWING TOGETHER BY JACOB SARRA

Growing Together by local Goreng Goreng artist Jacob Sarra explores the enduring bond between a father and his two daughters, capturing love, connection and shared journeys through evocative artworks.

Presented by Yamanto Central

11–20 July | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Ground Level, Yamanto Central | Free



CONNECTED

Local Ipswich artists were invited to create a piece of artwork that reflects Ipswich's unique culture, heritage and environment. Through the artwork the artists celebrate their traditions, share their stories and preserve Ipswich's history.

Presented by Arts Connect Ipswich

12–20 July | 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Booval Fair | Free



BIG BAND SPECTACULAR

Featuring three Big Bands from Ipswich and surrounds playing music, you know and love, from the 1940s to today. Local professional and amateur musicians will thrill you with the sounds of trumpets, saxophones, trombones, and rhythm.

Sat 12 July | 7.00 pm

St Paul's Anglican Church Hall | \$25

HIPSWICH

A one-night-only birthday bash starring Ipswich's best.

Presented by Ipswich Civic Centre and Everybody Now

Sat 19 July 7.30 pm

Ipswich Civic Centre | \$52



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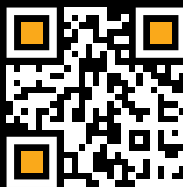


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SECOND CHANCE

Image courtesy of Sloane Stallan, Ugarapul Creation Story, 2025. Acrylic on Canvas, 90 x 125 cm. and Rhan Hooper, Coolamon and Hunting Boomerang, 2025. Mulga hardwood. Image by Louis Lim.

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