



GALVANIZED

A FESTIVAL OF HERITAGE



5-14 SEPTEMBER



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WELCOME

Join us for Galvanized – A Festival of Heritage. This year's festival showcases Ipswich's best heritage experiences, celebrating the stories, people and places that have shaped the region.

The 2025 program features a spectacular range of events including newly reimagined Great Places of Ipswich, offering rare access to some of the city's most remarkable heritage locations; The Limestone Frolic, a lively celebration of historic dance and music; the stylish Baker's Ball; and the atmospheric Steam & Smoke BBQ.

Unlock the secrets of the region's rich and layered history with exclusive access to rarely seen heritage assets. Enjoy open days, hands-on workshops and guided tours that bring history to life – perfect for curious minds and heritage lovers alike.

Whether you're uncovering hidden history, exploring iconic sites, or enjoying unforgettable heritage events, Galvanized invites you to connect with Ipswich's proud past. Bring your friends and family to discover, learn and make memories together.



Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich

Galvanized 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.

**Galvanized is made possible
with the help of our partners.**



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RETIREMENT REIMAGINED

GREAT PLACES OF IPSWICH

13 Sep | 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

\$5 per person per property

Ticketed event – bookings essential

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Great Places of Ipswich opens the doors to some of the city's most significant heritage sites, rarely accessible to the public. Explore remarkable buildings including exclusive access to the historic Great Hall at Ipswich Grammar School. Discover the people and stories behind these treasured sites.

Presented by Ipswich Festivals



GALVANIZED HERITAGE BUS TOUR OF IPSWICH

Ticketed event – bookings essential

Start your tour with a delicious Devonshire Tea before heading off aboard a bus to take in the heritage city's iconic buildings and homes.

Presented by Discover Ipswich



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Marburg school students performing
a Gavotte dance, Marburg. C 1912.
Courtesy of Picture Ipswich

THE LIMESTONE FROLIC

5 Sep | 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Dandiiri Room,
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich
Free event – bookings essential

Music and dance are a living link to our heritage. Discover more about the history of dance in early Ipswich, with demonstrations and an opportunity to experience the dances yourself.

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

STEAM & SMOKE BBQ

7 Sep | 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Queensland Museum Rail Workshops, North Ipswich
Ticketed event –
bookings essential

Celebrate Dad with a smoky twist this Father's Day at the Steam & Smoke BBQ! Enjoy live music, smoked meats, artisan demos, and hands-on history. Perfect for BBQ lovers, history buffs and curious minds of all ages. Book your tickets online now and make it a day to remember.

Presented by Queensland Museum Rail Workshops



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

THE BAKER'S BALL

13 Sep | 5.30 pm – 11.00 pm

Marburg

Ticketed event –
bookings essential

A 1940s progressive dinner
dance through Marburg.
Dress in your vintage best and
practice your swing dancing for
this night of fun and frivolity.

Presented by The Great
Marburg Bake Off



46 Chermerside Road, Ipswich, 1920s. Courtesy of Picture Ipswich

CHARACTER HOUSES – LIVING, LOVING, BUILDING THE LEGACY

13 Sep | 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Dandiiri Room, 1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Free event – bookings essential

Ipswich is home to over 7,000 culturally significant heritage places—many of them privately owned character homes of diverse styles and eras. This public talk introduces the new 2025 Character Code and informally explores what it means to be a custodian of a character house today. Hear from a range of voices as we unpack the priorities, passions and pitfalls of preserving heritage at home.

Presented by Ipswich City Council

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TOURS

JACK SIM PRESENTS GHOST TOURS AUSTRALIA

5, 6, 12 and 13 Sep
Ipswich and Goodna
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Hear spooky stories of various Ipswich locations on these guided tours.

Presented by Historic Australia

GUN PIT RIDGE HISTORY AND HABITAT WALKING TOUR

6 Sep | 5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
White Rock - Spring Mountain
Conservation Estate,
Paperbark Flats Picnic Area
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Discover White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate at dusk. Watch the moon rise into the sky as the sun sets. Meet the furry locals and their feathery friends on this rare opportunity to explore the estate as the sun goes down on a guided walking tour to experience nature after the park has closed.

Presented by Discover Ipswich

OLD COURT HOUSE TOURS

6 Sep | 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
75 East Street, Ipswich
Free event

Tour the Old Court House! Built in 1859 this pre-Federation site is full of stories, brought to life by knowledgeable character tour guides. Devonshire Tea also available to purchase.

Presented by Old Court House Inc.

WHERE HISTORY RESTS

6 Sep | 10.30 am and 3.00 pm
Ipswich General Cemetery
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Join a walking tour of one of Ipswich's greatest open-air museums, Ipswich General Cemetery. Discover the stories and sites of early settlers.

Presented by Lost Ipswich,
Tracey Oliveri

RUBBIDY-DUBS TO PUBS MYSTERY BUS TOUR

6 Sep | 10.30 am – 3.30 pm
1 Union Place, Ipswich
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Hop aboard our bus to delve into the rich history of these cherished 'pubs,' 'shanties,' and 'boozers' spots of Ipswich. Discover the stories woven into our community's fabric while enjoying the finest cocktails, special brews, and house specials at each venue, accompanied by a refreshing lunch.

Presented by Discover Ipswich

LOST IPSWICH CITY WALKS

6, 7, 13 and 14 Sep
8.00 am – 10.00 am
West Street, Ipswich
Free event – bookings essential

Immerse yourself in the history of some of Ipswich's most iconic buildings on a walking tour through the Top of Town.

Presented by Lost Ipswich

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

STONY CREEK BREWERY TOURS

6, 10 and 14 Sep
11.00 am – 1.00 pm
88 Limestone Street, Ipswich
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Experience the best of Stony Creek Brewing with a fun, historical tour, including Homer the Beer Truck, a look at brewing equipment, beer tasting, and a delicious smash burger. Enjoy a goodie bag full of local discounts.

Presented by Stony Creek Brewery

GALVANIZED HERITAGE BUS TOUR OF IPSWICH

13 Sep | 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
Queens Park
Ticketed event – bookings essential

Start the tour with a delicious Devonshire Tea on the verandah of the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre overlooking the HMAS Ipswich memorial and Queens Park gardens. You will then head off aboard the bus to take in the heritage city's iconic buildings and homes with our very knowledgeable tour guide.

Presented by Discover Ipswich

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL TOURS

13 Sep | 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Nicholas Street, Ipswich
Free event – bookings essential

Uncover the story behind the recent rediscovery of the original town spring beneath the site and learn about the remarkable efforts of the local community to fund and build this significant memorial – dedicated to honouring the service and sacrifice of Ipswich soldiers.

Presented By Ipswich RSL Sub Branch Inc

HERITAGE ARCHITECT TOUR – IPSWICH ART GALLERY

14 Sep | 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Ipswich Art Gallery
Free event – bookings essential

Join City Architect Mark Tendys for an immersive tour of the Ipswich Art Gallery. Step inside Queensland's oldest Town Hall and uncover the fascinating evolution of this heritage-listed landmark—from its civic origins to its transformation into the cultural hub of Ipswich. Discover hidden details, architectural secrets, and the enduring legacy of a building that has helped to shape the city's identity.

Presented by Ipswich City Council



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VISIT



Chenaya Bancroft-Davies,
Urarrar (Bremer River) 2025,
synthetic polymer paint canvas,
courtesy of the artist.

JUGUN – SENSE OF PLACE

14 Jun – 21 Sep | 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

Charmaine Davis and Chenaya Bancroft-Davies, proud Goori women of the Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung Nations, present an exhibition of paintings of and about rivers that are important in their lives and the country around Tulumur (Ipswich), where they live and work, and Bundjalung, which is their traditional country. Presented By Ipswich Art Gallery

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH QUILT FAIR

4–6 Sep | 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

\$5 at the door

Marvel at hundreds of exquisite handmade quilts, each a unique work of art, beautifully displayed within the stunning St Paul's Anglican Church. See craftsmanship, colour and creativity in one of Ipswich's iconic heritage settings. Presented by St Paul's Anglican Church



COONEANA AFTER DARK

5 Sep | 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Cooneana Heritage Centre

Ticketed event – bookings essential

Experience life by firelight with live blacksmith demonstrations at flaming forges—perfect for dramatic photos. Music and storytelling bring history alive. Buy a jacket potato and enjoy a free drink. Presented by Ipswich Historical Society Inc.

PICTURE IPSWICH GALVANIZED CHALLENGE

5–14 Sep | Online | Free

Are you ready for the Picture Ipswich challenge? Picture Ipswich will be setting you a series of tasks. Will you be able to identify when and where a photo was taken? Can you put a name to a face? Follow the Picture Ipswich Facebook page for your daily challenge. Presented by Picture Ipswich, Ipswich Libraries



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

BOOVAL FAIR

6–13 Sep | 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Brisbane Road, Booval | Free

A look back at the 55 years of fashion, community and retail at Booval Fair.

Presented by Booval Fair



Created by Kerry Smith



IPSWICH HOSPITAL MUSEUM

10 Sep | 8.30 am – 11.30 am
Jubilee Building, East Street, Ipswich | Free

Visit the Ipswich Hospital Museum, located in the historic Jubilee Building, and explore the fascinating collection. Discover the rich history of Ipswich Hospital, from its founding in the late 1800s to its role in shaping medical care across the West Moreton region.

Presented by Ipswich Hospital Museum

ROSEWOOD STATE SCHOOL, 150 YEARS

13 Sep | 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
School Street, Rosewood

Rosewood State School is celebrating 150 years with a school fete to honour its rich history and strong community spirit. Join past and present students, families and locals to enjoy entertainment, celebrate the school's legacy and reflect on its contribution to education in Queensland since 1875.



Courtesy of Rosewood
Scrub Historical Society



IPSWICH FREEMASONS OPEN HOUSE

13 Sep | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
82A Nicholas Street, Ipswich | Free

Are you fascinated by the Freemasons? Learn more about this ancient fraternal society by exploring displays and listening to talks on all the aspects of freemasonry.

Presented by Freemasons Queensland Ipswich

WATCH AND LEARN

AT QUEENSLAND MUSEUM RAIL WORKSHOPS



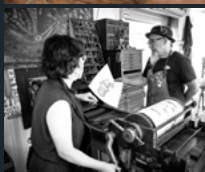
HERITAGE TRADES WORKSHOPS

6 and 7 Sep | Age limits apply
Ticketed events – bookings essential



BLACKSMITHING HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

Try your hand at blacksmithing with Rob Scully and Wayne Schmidt in half-day or full-day workshops.



DYEING WORKSHOP

Join artisan Norton Fredericks and explore the chemistry and beauty of botanical dyeing.

INK AND DRINK – LETTERPRESS PRINTING

Join us for a unique evening of creativity. Create your own original print using historic type and laser-engraved designs. Includes one complimentary beverage and all materials.



LEATHERCRAFT BELT WORKSHOP

Design and craft your own leather belt with Nathan and Terri from TJ's Leathercraft.

AT SAVAGE CUSTOM CREATIVE, WEST IPSWICH

KNIFE MAKING WORKSHOPS

Various
Ticketed events – bookings essential

JAPANESE CHEF KNIFE MAKING WORKSHOP

Forge your own high-carbon steel chef knife with a Japanese wa handle.

BEGINNER BLACKSMITH BLADE CLASSES

Learn blacksmithing basics and forge a blade to keep.

TWO DAY KNIFE WORKSHOP

Craft a custom stainless steel knife from start to finish.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS



IPSWICH ANTIQUE CENTRE

7 Sep | 2.00 pm

86 East Street, Ipswich | Free

Enjoy a presentation on the restoration of the Congregational Sunday School Hall and its conversion into the Ipswich Antique Centre in 2010.

Presented by Ipswich Antique Centre



GRANDCHESTER LIVE MODEL STEAM RUNNING DAY AND DISPLAY DAY

7 Sep – Running Day

11 Sep – Static Display Day

10.00 am – 2.00 pm

2 Ipswich Street, Grandchester

Tickets available onsite, cash only

Enjoy a family day in the country riding the scaled down versions of actual coal burning steam engines.

Enclosed shoes required. Food and refreshments available onsite or bring your own picnic.

Presented by Grandchester Live Model Steam Group



Chasing Our Past – Looking For Leichhardt – nla.obj-136518437-1 1 Portrait of Ludwig Leichhardt, National Library of Australia

CHASING OUR PAST – LOOKING FOR LEICHHARDT

9 Sep | 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Event Space 3, 1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

Free event – bookings essential

Botanist Professor Rod Fensham will share his fascinating insight into the life and character of German explorer Ludwig Leichhardt.

Presented by Ipswich Libraries

A GALVANIZED TRIVIA NIGHT

12 Sep | 6.30 pm

Café Providence,

6 Amity Way, South Ripley

Ticketed event – bookings essential

Gather your team, enjoy a fun-filled evening of fascinating facts, local legends and historical surprises. Prizes, laughs and bragging rights await!

Presented by Providence Stockland and Ripley Valley Community Inc.



Ipswich Central Discovery Trail

There's more to Ipswich Central than meets the eye – way more. Go beyond the shops and streets you know and uncover hidden art, epic stories and quirky history on the self-guided Ipswich Central Discovery Trail, only on the new Ipswich Trails app.

Download the Ipswich Trails app or walk the trail on your phone's browser.

