



SPARK

IPSWICH

4 - 14 JULY

A FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's time to ignite your passion for the City of Ipswich.

The fourth annual SPARK Ipswich festival is set to light up the city once more with a diverse medley of music, art, culture and unique new experiences.

Ipswich's people and places will remain at the heart of the 2024 festival with another 11-day program full of arts and cultural events, activations and performances.

A Teddy Bear's Picnic is new to the packed program, with children and their families set to enjoy brunch on a picnic blanket alongside their favourite teddy.

Crowd favourite events Little Day Out and WOMI will return, while deLight will feature the works of 17 local artists projected across 143 Brisbane Street and St Paul's Anglican Church in spectacular light works.

An Ipswich team will again don sequins and spandex to take on other areas of South East Queensland in the Common People Dance Project and this will be the ultimate finisher for the SPARK Ipswich festival this year.

There will be plenty of hands-on workshops, live performance and visual SPARK-taculars to ignite the creativity of you, your friends and family, right across the region.

Join us as we celebrate all that our great city has to offer and discover your SPARK in 2024.

Mayor Teresa Harding
City of Ipswich



Front cover image creative direction by Renee Yates

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.



WELCOME

Our fourth citywide festival of arts and culture showcases local talent and creates unique audience experiences for all. We celebrate the cultural diversity of the region as **WOMI** returns to Orion Springfield Central with a bold line up of world music. **delLight** and **pixel** use cutting edge technology to shine a spotlight on local visual artists, and **d'Arcy Doyle Place** offers up a nightly program of local musicians. **Little Day Out** and the inaugural **Teddy Bear's Picnic** are bursting with cultural experiences for little people and their families. And there is much, much more!

The 2024 program is teeming with exhibitions, music, performances and hands on experiences across the city, revelling in the world class artists, musicians and performers that call Ipswich home. We invite you to dive deep into this year's program, to fill your diary with creative experiences, and adventure to new places and spaces.

FEATURE ARTIST **RENEE YATES**

For SPARK Ipswich 2024, local artist Renee Yates was commissioned to create *Home*, a mixed-media artwork using coloured pencil drawings and cut paper collage that captures four different landscapes of the Ipswich region. Elements of the work are featured throughout the festival program and through the light art installations at d'Arcy Doyle Place and pixel.

Renee has lived and worked in the Ipswich region for 16 years. Her practice focuses on storytelling using hybrid analogue and digital techniques, combining original coloured pencil drawings, cut paper collage, and digital media – including field recordings – to create representations of local landscapes. In addition to her arts practice, Renee is an award-winning educator and Media Arts teacher at a local high school.



A section of Renee Yate's work, *Home*.



d'ARCY DOYLE PLACE

Join us nightly in d'Arcy Doyle Place, a meeting place to begin your SPARK Ipswich journey of discovery.

Chill out and enjoy illuminated artworks, artist talks and music under the starry sky. Gather together before heading on to one of the many live shows, performances and exhibitions on offer across Ipswich.

DATES

Thursday 4 July – Sunday 14 July

TIME

6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE

d'Arcy Doyle Place

COST

Free



PIXEL

Collaborating with festival artist Renee Yates, SAE Creative Media Institute students produce exceptional animations and a lighting display all inspired by Renee's artwork 'Home'.

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TIME

6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE

1 Nicholas Street and Metro B Building, Nicholas Street Precinct

COST

Free



deLIGHT

St Paul's Anglican Church (St Paul's) and 143 Brisbane Street will be transformed into a dynamic outdoor gallery. Local artists will have their works brought to life through collaboration with Projection Artist James Muller (Earth Base Productions), resulting in a stunning display of vibrant moving images.

St Paul's will be a celebration of First Nations artists with a compilation of works showcased every night.

Artists include **Chenaya Bancroft-Davis, Kacie Fahey, Danielle Leedie Gray, Kylie Hill, Jennifer Kent, Jacob Sarra** and **Robin 'Tallman' Wakkajinda**.

143 Brisbane Street will showcase an artist each night of the festival.

Thu 4 July	Miss Gertrude
Fri 5 July	Kirsty O'Brien
Sat 6 July	Shannon Nayler
Sun 7 July	Emily Kate Murray
Mon 8 July	Jacob Lee Adlington
Tue 9 July	Cynthia Copley
Wed 10 July	Kaden Sutherland
Thu 11 July	Dave Reid
Fri 12 July	Kate Douglas
Sat 13 July	Christopher Bentley
Sun 14 July	All artists combined works



Photo credit: James Muller

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6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE

143 Brisbane Street and
St Paul's Anglican Church

COST

Free

Photo credit: James Muller



CIRCUIT



MUSIC IN MANY PLACES

Two electrifying musical events transform Ipswich Central into a symphony of sound each Saturday of the festival!

Imagine over 15 unique venues, each pulsating with its own rhythm, scattered throughout the city centre. From energetic pubs to trendy barbershops, art-filled spaces, and aromatic Indian restaurants, the beats will echo through every corner.

DATES

Saturday 6 and 13 July

TIME

5.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE

Ipswich Central

COST

Free

**LIVE
AND LOCAL**



WOMI



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

Featuring performances by **Paco Lara Flamenco, Haystack Mountain Hermits, Mzaza, Mango Matic, Run Rabbit, Gosti, Guava Love, Shanasheel, Innessa, Menaka** and more.

DATE

Sunday 7 July

TIME

9.00 am – 4.00 pm

VENUE

Main Street,
Orion Springfield Central

COST

Free



Orion
Springfield Central

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TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. If you go down in the woods today, you'd better go in disguise. For every bear that ever there was, will gather there together because, today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

Children and their families are invited to celebrate SPARK Ipswich's inaugural Teddy Bears' Picnic. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy, picnic rug and snacks. There will be craft workshops for you and teddy to enjoy, stage performances, roving entertainers and of course... A Bear Hunt!

DATE

Saturday 6 July

TIME

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

VENUE

Queensland Museum
Rail Workshops

COST

\$5 per entry

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MUSEUM**



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LITTLE DAY OUT

Little by name but 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. Tinker with tools, create a clay self-portrait, make an art mobile, bubble wands and a textured cardboard mural, all part of the Little Day Out experience.

Festival favourites Burger Joint headline this year with their Junior Burger Rock Show, a fresh, uniquely Australian rock concert for kids!

DATE

Sunday 14 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



RIPLBY
**TOWN
CENTRE**
HUB



PERFORMANCE

FRY UP

Come and satisfy your appetite for local delights, anything from art mashups to musical performances.

THU 4 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$20

The Beryls Present The Pageant – Dinner and Show

Backcomb that big hair, slip into your favourite 80's taffeta frock and prepare to snatch that crown! Your hosts Victoria Beauvoir and Roger Seahorse are hilarious in their satirical play set at a children's beauty pageant that goes terribly wrong.

FRI 5 JUL 6.00 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre
Tickets from \$58–\$60
includes dinner and show



Ipswich Has Comic Talent: The Show

We know that Ipswich Has Comic Talent. So we roped in the pros to help us unearth it.

SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre | \$10

A Taste of Ireland

Hot off its sold out 2023 UK Tour, laugh, cry and jig into the night with a show that has entertained thousands.

SAT 6 JUL 7.30 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre
Tickets from \$70

STUDIO SHORTS - Flickerfest Indigenous Spotlight

To celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024, a collection of short films will be screened over two nights, Indigenous Spotlight Shorts, highlights and celebrates the best First Nations creatives in front of and behind the camera.

THU 11 and FRI 12 JUL 7.00 PM
Studio 188 | Free

Palace Ipswich Presents: DIVAS

Get ready to be dragged into a night of the epic, the romantic and the tragic as Palace Ipswich presents DIVAS!

SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM
Banshees Bar & Artspace
\$20 online, \$25 at the door | 18+

Common People Dance Eisteddfod

Working with the common people to create outrageous dance routines to some of the greatest '80s and '90s hits. Dripping in sequins, sweat and spandex, cheer for your team as they running-man their way to victory.

SUN 14 JUL 6.30 PM | Ipswich Civic Centre
Tickets from \$10–\$20



MUSIC



Banshee Karaoke

with Alexis Diamond

Join our fabulous host as she guides us through the best and worst of karaoke.

THU 4 and 11 JUL 7.00 PM

Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

JB Paterson, Tom Harrison and Serena Stranger

A night of country folk and storytelling from some of Queensland finest artists.

FRI 5 JUL 7.00 PM

Banshees Bar & Artspace | \$15 | 18+

SPARK Electronic

SPARK goes electronic, with electrifying live acts. Featuring Bri & Si, Kairos Kin, DAMIEN from Ipswich and DJ Graham Dunn.

SAT 6 JUL 6.00 PM | Banshees Bar & Artspace

\$10 online, \$15 at the door | 18+

Romance

The Ipswich Junior String Ensemble presents an evening of soaring string music from the greatest Romantic Composers.

SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM

St Paul's Anglican Church | Free



Synthétique

An immersive, modular synth event featuring artists ready to wiggle you into new sonic dimensions.

SUN 7 JUL 5.00 PM

Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

Open Mic at Banshees

A friendly and inclusive event where musicians, comics and other performance artists can share their creative wares on our stage!

WED 10 JUL 7.00 PM

Banshees Bar & Artspace | Free | 18+

The Disgruntled Variety Show

Forget Cabaret, this is Punkaret. Featuring The Disgruntled Taxpayers, Orlando Furious, Biggie Nixz, Daynosaur and Britney's Diary the audience can expect the unexpected in this genre bending event.

FRI 12 JUL 7.00 PM

Banshees Bar & Artspace | From \$10 | 18+

Big Band Spectacular

Music, you know and love, from the 1940s to today. Three Big Bands thrill with the sounds of trumpets, saxophones, trombones, and rhythm.

SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM

St Paul's Anglican Church Hall | \$25



MIXTAPE SESSIONS – BEMAC

Unplugged: Kristal West

Let Kristal West take you on a musical journey with a tribute to Dr. Eddie and Dr. Bonita Mabo.

SAT 13 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$25

VISUAL ART AND EXHIBITIONS

ELSEWHERE: Kirralee Robinson

A sculptural exhibition of light, optics and found objects, where materiality meets a daydream.

25 MAY – 4 AUG 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

Articulation

A design exhibition that unravels the intricate relationship between language and its profound influence on cultural and social dimensions through objects and space.

1 JUN – 4 AUG 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Ipswich Art Gallery | Free



In a World of My Own

An interactive fibre arts garden for children with reading, craft and play activities. Fun for the whole family.

24 JUN – 13 JUL TUE–SAT 9.00 AM – 2.00 PM

Queens Park Environmental Education Centre
Free

Back to the Futurism

Explore a neon night of nostalgia. Glow in the dark and ultraviolet artworks on show.

4–7 and 9–14 JUL 9.00 AM – 10.00 PM

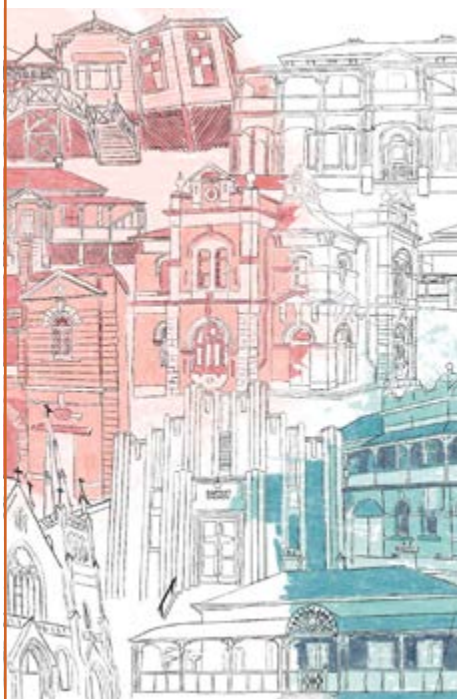
Arttime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies | Free

Ipswich A Mosaic

Step into a world of vibrant colours and intricate details. From sweeping landscapes to abstract compositions, the pieces on display capture the beauty and diversity of Ipswich and its surroundings.

4–7 and 10–14 JUL

Banshees Bar & Artspace | 18+



Once UP ON a Table

With handmade goods, paintings, photography and woodwork, revitalise your love of the simple life.

6–7 JUL 9.00 AM – 3.00 PM

Old Ipswich Court House | Free

WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

Circus Skills Drop In

Discover the art of juggling, hula hooping, twirling, tumbling, balancing and more with expert coaches from Circus Ipswich.

2-5 JUL 10.00 AM | Ipswich Libraries venues
Free | 6-17 years

ARTiculate - Yarn and Yarn

Learn of the creative process 'In a world of my own' plus create your own fibre work.

THU 4 JUL 6.00 PM
Queens Park Environmental Education Centre
Free, ticketed

Every Brilliant Thing – Open Rehearsals

Join Ipswich-based THAT Production Company in open rehearsals. An interactive theatrical experience that invites audiences to consider the small joys that make life brilliant.

4, 6, 11, 13 JUL 10.00 AM | Fire Station 101
Free, ticketed



deLight Artists Talks

The local artists selected to participate in deLight share insights into their art and practice.

4-14 JUL 6.00 PM | d'Arcy Doyle Place | Free

Grown Up and Me Crochet

Dip your toes into the world of fibre arts by learning some beginner crochet stitches. You'll also make your very own flower!

FRI 5 JUL 10.30 AM
Queens Park Environmental Education Centre | Free, ticketed | 9+



Sink the Ink

Create a tattoo on synthetic skin in a fun, safe and controlled environment. You will be shown basic line work and shading techniques.

5-10 JUL 3.00 PM
Pumpyard Brewery | \$59 | 18+

IAG Up Late: Urban Renewal Discussion

Art, architecture, and design – learn about opportunities that help shape our urban spaces for the future.

SAT 6 JUL 6.00 PM | Ipswich Art Gallery | Free

FEEDER – PERFORMANCE

Come and watch emerging artists who have fine tuned their musicianship with industry finest, put on their best gig yet!

SAT 6 JUL 7.00 PM | Studio 188 | \$15

Drag Aerobics

Imagine a workout where the beats are as fierce as the fashion, and the instructor is a charismatic drag queen with a flair for fitness.

TUE 9 JUL 6.30 PM | Studio 188 | \$22

SPARK IPSWICH CALENDAR - JULY 2024

Event	Location	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7	Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13	Sun 14
FOR THE KIDS												
In a World of My Own	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm			9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	
Circus Skills Drop In	Ipswich Libraries Venues	10.00am	10.00am									
Grown Up and Me Crochet	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre		10.30am									
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Queensland Museum Rail Workshops			9.30am - 12.00pm								
Little Day Out												9.00am 1.00pm
MUSIC												
d'Arcy Doyle Place	d'Arcy Doyle Place	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Banshee Karaoke with Alexis Diamond	Banshees Bar & Artspace	7.00pm							7.00pm			
CIRCUIT - Music in Many Places	Various venues - Ipswich Central			5.00pm - 9.00pm							5.00pm - 9.00pm	
JB Patterson, Tom Harrison and Serena Stronger	Banshees Bar & Artspace		7.00pm									
SPARK Electronic	Banshees Bar & Artspace			6.00pm								
Romance	St Paul's Anglican Church			7.00pm								
WOMI - World of Music Ipswich	Orion Springfield Central				9.00am - 4.00pm							
Synthétique	Banshees Bar & Artspace				5.00pm							
Open Mic at Banshees	Banshees Bar & Artspace							7.00pm				
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STUDIO SHORTS - Flickerfest Indigenous Spotlight	Studio 188								7.00pm	7.00pm		
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Back to the Futurism	Arttime Gallery & Fine Art Supplies	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm		9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm	9.00am - 10.00pm
Articulation	Ipswich Art Gallery	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm
ELSEWHERE: Kirrallee Robinson	Ipswich Art Gallery	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 5.00pm
Ipswich A Mosaic	Banshees Bar & Artspace	4.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm	5.00pm - 9.00pm			4.00pm - 12.00pm	4.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm	6.00pm - 12.00pm	5.00pm - 9.00pm
deLight	143 Brisbane Street and St Paul's Anglican Church	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
pixel	Nicholas Street Precinct	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Once UP ON a Table	Old Ipswich Court House			9.00am - 3.00pm	9.00am - 3.00pm							
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Grown Up and Me Crochet	Queens Park Environmental Education Centre		10.30am									
Sink the Ink	Pumpyard Brewery		3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm				
IAG Up Late: Urban Renewal Discussion	Ipswich Art Gallery			6.00pm								
FEEDER - PERFORMANCE	Studio 188			7.00pm								
Drag Aerobics	Studio 188						6.30pm					

Times and dates subject to change - check out the Ipswich Festivals website to confirm and for bookings and ticket details.

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