

IPSWICH DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

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Queensland Road Safety Week Awards 18-22 August 2025



This year for Road Safety Week the Ipswich Police District Road Safety Committee would like to announce the Road Safety Awards held on August 27 to raise awareness and highlight the importance of Road Safety across the Ipswich Police District, whilst recognising the efforts, programs, initiatives, services and achievements that individuals, organisations or groups have implemented to reduce Road Trauma.



The awards will be held at the **Dandiiri room level 1, Ipswich City Council Building at 1 Nicholas Street Ipswich at 10am.**

Our guest speaker for the awards will be Todd Hazelwood one of the most popular identities in Australian Motorsport with multiple years of experience in the Supercars Championship and automotive industry. Throughout Queensland Road Safety Week, police will be out and about promoting road safety through various events held within the Ipswich District. We're one team Queensland. Let's drive like it!

Everyone has an important role in keeping our roads safe. Our wonderful Volunteers in Policing will also be engaging with the community promoting road safety and assisting local police.

Ipswich Police continue to adopt a zero-tolerance policy of unsafe driving to deter these behaviours and to raise safe driving education through engagement with Queensland Road users.

The Queensland Police Service is committed to reducing number of lives lost on our roads. Data shows that serious crashes can be significantly reduced when drivers recognise and avoid the 'Fatal Five' behaviours: speeding, drink and drug driving, not wearing seatbelts, fatigue and distraction. Discuss road safety with your family and friends and encourage them to always take care on the roads

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Learn more about staying safe on Queensland roads: <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/initiatives/fatal-five-staying-safe-roads> For further information visit www.streetSMARTS.initiatives.qld.gov.au

Bold Voices, Bright Futures. Celebrate Wear It Purple Day Friday 29th August 2025



This theme emphasizes the importance of amplifying the voices and experiences of LGBTQIA+ youth and advocating for positive change to ensure bright futures for them. Wear it purple day empowers and encourages individuals, schools, workplaces, and communities to wear purple to show their support and create inclusive environments.

LGBTQIA+ youth to dream big, speak up and share their stories. Strives to foster supportive, safe, and inclusive environments for rainbow young people.

The Queensland Police Service is committed to ensuring all policing services are accessible to all members of the community.

Ipswich Police are upholding that commitment when there is a need to deliver services to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTQIA+) Communities. This commitment includes the delivery of non-discriminatory, professional and accessible policing services. Ipswich Police have a number of trained LGBTQIA+ Police Liaison Officers who are sensitive to the issues the Community faces.

LGBTQIA+ community members are encouraged to report all matters to their local Police station or Policelink. However, if you feel more comfortable speaking with a LGBTQIA+ Liaison Officer, please make that request on your first contact with Police and arrangements will be made.

A list of LGBTQIA+ liaison officers can be found on the QPS webpage at www.police.qld.gov.au. Further information can be found at www.wearitpurple.org



The annual Ipswich and West Moreton Region Child Protection Week Awards are now open for nomination!



This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting conversation to Action" is about taking the next step beyond dialogue, turning meaningful conversations into real change at individual, community, and national levels.

The awards are an opportunity to acknowledge individuals, community members, volunteers, programs, organisations, co-workers etc. for the outstanding work they're doing in our communities around keeping children and young people safe. The awards aim to raise awareness and highlight the importance of child protection in our community, while recognising the efforts, programs, services and achievements of individuals and organisations.

To submit a nomination, please click on the following link:

<https://www.icys.org.au/child-protection-week-awards-nomination>

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 11th August 2025.

The Winners will be announced at the Ipswich & West Moreton Region Child Protection Week Gala Dinner & Awards Presentation on Friday 12th September 2025 at the Ipswich Events & Entertainment Centre, Bundamba.

To purchase your tickets or for further information, please click on the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DBBGQ>

Please note - only finalists will receive one (1) complimentary ticket to the Gala Dinner & Awards Presentation.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate in contacting Katrina Kane, Events Coordinator at ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc. at events@icys.org.au or 0434 402 495

Child Protection Week Symposium 9 September 2025

Child and youth service providers, school support staff, health professionals and students studying in the human services field are welcome to join in this year's educational engagement event.

This is an excellent professional development opportunity and will address relevant practice issues relating to child protection.

Guest Speakers:

- **Sarah O'Regan** Evolve Therapeutic Services will focus on the power of connection through caring and nurturing relationship sand the healing that can occur for those young people who have relational difficulties as a result of their attachment experience.
- **Jill Clarke** a Clinical Psychologist working with Queensland Police Service and Supporting Victims of sexual crime and in particular child victims.
- **Rochelle**, Play and Beyond, regarding play-based therapy for kids.
- **Farani Burns** (young person), supported by Life Without Barriers, Next Step Plus Ipswich Program

On: Tuesday 9 September 2024

At: Catalyst Church Ipswich 142 Pine Mountain Road, Brassall Qld

From: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (UTC+10)

Cost: \$25.00 per ticket (including morning tea & lunch) and can be purchased by try booking <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1375570>,

Tickets must be purchased by 5pm Wednesday 27th August 2025

For more information contact Sergeant Nadine Webster on 38171351 or email

DCPC.Ipswich@police.qld.gov.au

Ipswich District Welcome New Volunteers in Police

QPS Ipswich District Crime Prevention would like to welcome our two new Volunteers in Police (VIPs), VIP Allison and



Mason, ready to commence their community engagements and provide support to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) across Ipswich Police Districts increasing the VIP team to 11.

The role of the VIPs is extremely valuable and varied.

Their primary focus is increasing community engagement and crime prevention alongside police officers and administrative staff.

If you are a member of the Ipswich community and are interested in joining the ViP program, you can find further information at:

www.police.qld.gov.au/careers-with-the-qps/volunteers-in-policing.

Applicants are required to be:

- 18 years and over,
- Agree to the QPS conducting a criminal history check and
- You need to be prepared to participate in the ViP program for at least 12 months and
- Prepared to perform a minimum of four hours per week.

If suitable you will be invited to participate in an interview, and if successful, you will be asked to attend the VIP Training over a three-day period.

Interested?

Contact Sergeant Nadine Webster on 3817 1351 or email dcpc.ipswich@police.qld.gov.au

The Ipswich District Crime Prevention Unit look forward to welcoming you in the future!

Harrisville Rural NHW Inc Celebrates 35yrs



On behalf of the Ipswich Police District, we would like to thank members past and present of the Harrisville Rural NHW Incorporated for their commitment and volunteer service to their community.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland's (NHWQ) vision is to create resilient, secure engaging and welcoming communities where residents feel valued and supported

Their mission to bring together individuals' families, businesses, and neighbourhoods to enhance community safety. Safety and security are their top priorities, strong community partnerships are essential, and every member is highly valued.

NHW's aim is to foster community cohesion and promote trust and cooperation among residents and stakeholders to enhance community safety and reduce fear of crime.

QPS's role is to promote encourage and support community participation, providing strategic advice to support the program, with guidance and support to NHWQ groups. This includes providing crime prevention and community safety information, as well as recognising and celebrating the contribution of NHWQ members.

Congratulations Harrisville Rural Inc. NHW

For more information visit NHWQ Ipswich www.nhwq.org/ipswich/ or visit www.nhwa.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS



STAR
Community
Services

ROAD TRIP TO ROAD SAFETY

Join STAR for a day dedicated to road safety awareness in celebration
of National Road Safety Week

Supported by the Ipswich District Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Ipswich Event

Date: Tuesday, 26th August
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Venue: Ipswich Sports Club
1a Samford Road, Leichhardt

Lowood Event

Date: Thursday, 28th August
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Venue: STAR Community Services
43 Park Street, Lowood

These free events feature expert guest speakers who will share valuable insights on road safety, driving rules, and services available to help keep our senior drivers safe on the road.

Guest Speakers & Activities:

- QLD Department of Transport and Main Roads: Road Rules & Safety
- Queensland Police Service: The Fatal Five, Drink Driving & Impairment, When to Hand in Your Licence
- STAR Community Services: Transport services
- PCYC Braking the Cycle Program

What's Included?

- Tea, Coffee & Light Refreshments
- Expert Insights from Guest Speakers
- Experience Impairment Goggles and see the effects for yourself



Free entry. For More Information or to RSVP by August 15th Contact
STAR on 3821 6699 or email marketing@starct.org.au

Ipswich Crime Stoppers Race Day
Enjoy Ipswich's best Friday afternoon race event

AUGUST 29 2025
GATES OPEN 11:30 AM
IPSWICH TURF CLUB

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Admission to racecourse
- Gourmet roast buffet
- Official race book
- Trackside lounge/dining area
- Fashions on the field
- Drinks package (12 midday to 4pm) - includes beer and wine
- Multi-affle prizes

Limited Tickets Available
SCAN BELOW to book early and avoid the "sprint to the finish".

For more information contact: Keith
McDonald - 0421 997 038
Secretary Ipswich CS - 0467 784 633

www.trybooking.com/DCDZZ

CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000
Queensland

National Crime Stoppers Day is on 19th August 2025

This year's theme is **Don't just post it report it!**

Keep your community safe contact Crimestoppers and report anonymous – share what you know, not who you are.

Report crime information anonymously via [Crime Stoppers](https://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au). Call **1800 333 000** or report online at www.crimestoppersqld.com.au



For further information please email dcpc.ipswich@police.qld.gov.au