



# SUMMER EVENT GUIDE



Welcome to the summer event guide. Together we bring you a summer of free fun across the Ripley region.

Thanks to Ripley Town Centre, Ecco Ripley, Providence and City of Ipswich.



PROVIDENCE



# WHAT'S ON

## AT RIPLEY TOWN CENTRE



### MOONLIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at Ripley Town Centre for a FREE movie under the stars and watch Christmas family favourite, Elf. Sit back and enjoy the movie in one of our comfy bean bags or bring your own chair. There's always yummy food options at Krave Kebab or Golden Lor Chinese Restaurant plus, Little Piggy Café is open for hot drinks.

You can even bring along your own snacks! Spots are limited so be sure to arrive early.

Date: Saturday 6 November  
Time: Movie starts 6.30pm  
Location: Minka Place Lawn, Ripley Town Centre



### RIPLEY PROVIDORE MARKET

Come along to Ripley Providore Market, Christmas edition, where regional makers and producers come together to provide the best in local food, plants, homemade arts, crafts and more. Enjoy free fun for the kids and a special visit from you know who!

Date: Sunday 28 November  
Time: 8am - 1pm  
Location: Main Street, Ripley Town Centre



### NYE DINNER & FIREWORKS

It's time to welcome in the new year! Enjoy live music and dinner from Krave Kebab or Golden Lor Chinese Restaurant at Ripley Town Centre, followed by a fabulous display of fireworks.

Date: Friday 31 December  
Time: Fireworks at 9pm  
Location: Ripley Town Centre (far side of car park)



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Keep up to date with all the FREE and fun things happening during summer school holidays at Ripley Town Centre! Sign up to our email newsletter to be the first to know about upcoming events.



### THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Get in the groove with live music from Danny Black every Thursday at Ripley Town Centre. For the best seat in the house, enjoy dinner at Krave Kebab, Golden Lor Chinese Restaurant or Little Piggy Café.

Date: Every Thursday  
Time: 5.30pm - 8.30pm  
Location: Restaurant Precinct, Ripley Town Centre.



Scan the QR code to find out more about our upcoming events.

### CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

Date	Time
Monday 20 December	9am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 21 December	9am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 December	9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 23 December	9am - 9pm
Friday 24 December	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday 25 December	CLOSED
Sunday 26 December	10am - 4pm
Monday 27 December	10am - 4pm
Tuesday 28 December	10am - 4pm
Wednesday 29 December	9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 30 December	9am - 9pm
Friday 31 December	9am - 5.30pm*
Saturday 1 January	9am - 5pm
Sunday 2 January	10am - 4pm
Monday 3 January	10am - 4pm

Coles and individual store trading hours will vary. Please contact stores directly to confirm trading hours.

\* the restaurants are open for NYE fireworks.

To find out more about any of these events and more head to [ripleytowncentre.com.au](http://ripleytowncentre.com.au)

# WHAT'S ON AT PROVIDENCE

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Get crafty at the Providence Community Hub with festive workshops for all ages. Learn the art of creating the perfect wreath and making custom paper gift tags, while the kids can enjoy gingerbread decorating and Christmas craft. Bookings are essential via [stockland.com.au/providence/christmas](https://stockland.com.au/providence/christmas)



Location: Providence Community Hub,  
6 Amity Way, South Ripley

Workshops	Date	Time
Wreath Making for adults	4 & 11 December	9am - 10am
Paper gift tags and hand lettering for adults	4 & 11 December	11am - 12pm
Kids Gingerbread Decorating	13 & 15 December	9am - 10am
Christmas Craft for Kids	13 & 15 December	11am - 12pm



## PUPS OF PROVIDENCE

Make it a very furry Christmas and get a free photo with your furry family member thanks to the Ripley Vet and Stockland. Spots are limited, so get in quick! Bookings are essential via [stockland.com.au/providence/christmas](https://stockland.com.au/providence/christmas)

Date: 16 December  
Time: 4pm - 6:30pm  
Location: Providence Community Hub,  
6 Amity Way, South Ripley

## FESTIVE RIPLEY MARKETS

The Ripley Markets will have a jolly theme this December. Enjoy live Christmas music with friends, stock up on handcrafted gifts, grab a local bite to eat and be on the lookout for the big man in red. The whole family (including furry friends) are welcome to join in on the fun. Find out more [ripleymarkets.com](https://ripleymarkets.com)



Date: 11 December  
Time: 3pm - 8pm  
Location: 6 Amity Way, South Ripley



## CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

Bring your best vocals and enjoy a festive evening including sing-a-long carols, market stalls, live music, food trucks and more at Providence! Invite your friends, family and neighbours along to this free event presented by the Central Valley Church. RSVP today [facebook.com/christmasinthevalley.event](https://facebook.com/christmasinthevalley.event)

Date: 12 December  
Time: 3pm - 6:30pm (Markets, Food & Fun)  
6:30pm - 7:30pm (Christmas Carols)  
Location: Ripley Valley State Secondary College,  
Parkway Avenue, South Ripley



## SANTA ON TOUR

He's made his list, he's checked it twice, and now Santa and his helpers are heading to the Ripley Valley on the 18 December! Accompanied by his fleet of festive trucks, Santa's crew will spread Christmas cheer before stopping at Stockland Providence in South Ripley for a short performance.

Stay tuned via the [Ipswich Festivals Facebook page](#) for all location and suburb announcements, as Santa continues his tour across Ipswich.



## SUMMER FUN AT THE SPLASH 'N' PLAY

Cool off this summer at Providence's very own Splash 'n' Play Adventure Park. With its jets of bubbling water and sun-safe sails, this outdoor playground is guaranteed to entertain children of all ages.

Let the kids burn off some energy at the elevated rope 'skywalk' suspended above the ground, mega climbing spider net and flying fox. Then fire up one of the BBQs and make a day of it under the shade of a tree or one of the picnic pavilions. And don't forget that Forty West café is located nearby for those wanting a drink or a delicious lunch.

The waterpark is open from 8am to 6pm daily in the warmer months. BBQs and sun shelters cannot be reserved, so get in early to secure your spot.

# WHAT'S ON AROUND IPSWICH



## LETTERS TO SANTA

Visit your local Ipswich Libraries branch to write and post your letter to Santa. Get in quick to allow Santa enough time to respond between wrapping presents.

Join Mr and Mrs Claus and other North Pole Pals via Zoom as they share Christmas stories, carols, and a selection of handwritten letters from the children of Ipswich.

Suitable for young children with parents and/or carers.

FREE PROGRAM.

For more details visit [ipswichlibraries.com.au](http://ipswichlibraries.com.au)

Send your letters: Tuesday 30 November - Thursday 16 December  
Location: Participate from any Ipswich Libraries branch (during opening hours).



## CHRISTMAS IN NICHOLAS STREET

This Christmas, the revitalised urban heart of our city will evoke the spirit of the season with a spectacular lighting installation.

The Nicholas Street Precinct will transform into an experiential atmosphere of lights, colour and magical moments.

Gather your family and friends to experience live entertainment, movies, festive food and roving entertainment.

Entry is free. Come and explore the Nicholas Street Precinct during the most wonderful time of the year! More information [Christmasinipswich.com.au](http://Christmasinipswich.com.au)

Date: Friday 10 - Sunday 19 December  
Location: Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Ripley Valley Community, dig out your lights and decorations! Entries for the City of Ipswich Christmas Lights Competition are opening soon!

Win a share in over \$8,000 worth of cash and prizes. Categories include: Best Residential, Best Business/Organisation, Best Street, People's Choice, Best New Entry and Best Sustainable.

Christmas Lights Competition entrants can access an exclusive movie offer thanks to partner Event Cinemas Springfield

Entry is FREE, quick and easy via [christmasinipswich.com.au](http://christmasinipswich.com.au)

Entries open from 9am Monday 1 November - 9am Monday 29 November



## NYE FIREWORKS

Residents of Ripley Valley are encouraged to turn their heads towards the sky this New Year's Eve! Fireworks will launch from Ripley Town Centre at 9.00pm

Date: Friday 31 December  
Time: Fireworks at 9pm  
Location: Ripley Town Centre (far side of car park)

# WHAT'S ON AT ECCO RIPLEY



## ECCO RIPLEY CHRISTMAS CINEMA

Join us for a FREE Santa-approved movie night at Faye Carr Park to watch Christmas classic, The Santa Clause. Enjoy the movie in one of our beanbags or deck chairs or feel free to bring your own chair or picnic rug too.

There will be free popcorn and food available to purchase from food trucks as well as a special visit from Santa himself. Be there with bells on from 5pm to secure your spot.

Date: Friday 3rd December  
Time: Arrive from 5pm  
Santa visits at 6pm  
Movie starts at 7pm  
Location: Faye Carr Park, Ecco Ripley



## FREE OUTDOOR PLAYGROUP

Hosted by Ecco Ripley and Flourish Children's Collective, these weekly sessions offer children from 12 months to 5 years the opportunity to connect with nature through play.

Activities on offer can include earth arts, nature crafts, sensory play, loose parts play and exploration of the environment, as well as mindfulness activities, stories and songs.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Date: Friday mornings  
during school term  
Time: 10.30am - 11.30am  
Location: Spear Lily Park, Ecco Ripley



## FREE OUTDOOR FITNESS

Join Anytime Fitness Ripley's personal trainers for a free workout session in the park every Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to get active, have fun and make new friends. Bookings are essential.

Date: Every Sunday  
Time: 7am - 8am  
Location: Faye Carr Park,  
Ecco Ripley

To make bookings and for more information about upcoming events visit [eccoripley.com.au/events](http://eccoripley.com.au/events)