**Pre European**
The Clans that were part of the Yagara Language Group occupying the region as they had for thousands of years before European contact.

**1823**
Lt Oxley left Sydney to survey Port Curtis (Gladstone), Moreton Bay and Port Bowen with a view to establish convict settlements.

**1824**
A Convict Settlement was established at Moreton Bay, initially at Redcliffe then at Brisbane Town.

**1824**
Lt Oxley, Cunningham and Butler explore the Brisbane River.

**1824**
Lt Oxley and Cunningham identified and named the Bremer River.

**1827**
Logan explores the Bremer River.

**1827**
Convicts and overseer sent to Limestone Hills.

**1829**
First brick cottage erected at 'Limestone'.

**1839**
Penal Settlement at Moreton Bay closed.

**1841**
Great flood in Ipswich and Brisbane.

**1842**
Free settlers arrive and Henry Wade surveys Little Ipswich and the township of Limestone.

**1843**
Limestone renamed Ipswich and the auction of the first Ipswich allotments held in Sydney.

**1843**
Andrew Petrie discovers coal at Redbank.

**1848**
First subdivision of crown land into smaller allotments at Woodend Pocket.

**1849**
Aboriginal Reserve established on the Bremer River (abandoned after 2 years).

**1855**
Partnership of Cribb & Foote formed *(department store proprietors).*

**1856**
Site for Goodna Village determined & Goodna proclaimed a village. First newspaper in Ipswich, the North Australian was established.

**1857**
Flooding at Ipswich and Brisbane.

**1858**
The 'Municipalities Act of 1857' was passed in the Colony of New South Wales.

**1859**
Separation of Queensland from the Colony of New South Wales.

**1860**
Coach services between Brisbane and Ipswich started and first bridge over the Bremer River erected.

**1860**
Qld's 1st defence force No 1 Infantry Company and Qld Mounted Rifles form in Ipswich.

**1860**
Ipswich proclaimed a Municipal Town on the 2 March.

**1860**
The first Mayor of Ipswich, John Murphy elected and Ipswich Hospital opens.

**1861**
First mining strike in Queensland occurred at Campbell & Towns coal mine at Redbank.

**1862**
First Ipswich Post Office is built.

**1863**
The Governor of Queensland, Sir George Ferguson opened the Ipswich Grammar School and serious flooding occurred in Ipswich.

**1864**
First railway workshops established at North Ipswich. The Colony of Queensland passed its first local government enactment under 'The Municipal Institutions Act of 1864'.

**1865**
Queensland's first railway line between Ipswich and Grandchester opens and the first iron rail and road bridge constructed across the Bremer River.

**1866**
First coal mine in Tivoli is opened by Hooper & Robinson.

**1867**
Railway line from Ipswich to Toowoomba opens.

**1868**
The Duke of Edinburgh visits Ipswich and the first school at Redbank Plains opens.

**1869**
Ipswich City Council acquires the School of Arts and Town Hall.

**1870**
Lewis Thomas opens the Dinmore coal mine.

**1875**
George Thorn junior became Premier of Queensland.

**1875**
Railway line from Ipswich to Brisbane opens and Cobb & Co coaches cease operation between Ipswich and Brisbane .

**1877**
First Queensland Woollen factory opened in Ipswich.

**1878**
Kerosene street lamps change to gas lighting and water supply station at Kholo established.

**1879**
Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon Divisional Boards created.

**1886**
Cambrian Choir formed.

**1887**
Major flooding in Ipswich.

**1889**
Lewis Thomas builds Brynhyfryd on Blackstone Hill.

**1890**
Thomas Lorimer Smith builds the Woodlands mansion at Marburg.

**1892**
Deebing Creek Mission established.

**1892**
Water pumping station commissioned at Mt Crosby.

**1893**
Severe flooding of Ipswich and Brisbane.

**1897**
New railway bridge erected over Bremer River.

**1901**
Federation of Australia 1 January, Ipswich Technical College and new Post Office with clock tower completed.

**1902**
Local Authorities Act 1902 proclaimed.

**1903**
Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon Divisional Boards became the Shires of Brassall, Bundanba, Purga and Walloon.

**1904** Ipswich proclaimed a City.

**1904** St Andrews Private Hospital established.

**1905** Ipswich Chamber of Commerce and Industry is launched.

**1914** The Great War Begins (later to be known as World War I).

**1915** First Queensland Mines Rescue Station opens in Ipswich.

**1915** Deebing Creek Mission Closes and Purga Mission opens.

**1916** Shires of Brassall, Bundamba, Lowood, Purga and Walloon abolished. Brassall and Bundamba included into Ipswich City, Lowood incorporated into Esk Shire, part of Walloon into Rosewood Shire. Remainder became the Shire of Ipswich.

**1917** The Shire of Ipswich renamed the Shire of Moreton.

**1918** The Great War Ends.

**1919** First electricity suppy for Ipswich.

**1920** The Prince of Wales visits Ipswich.

**1923** 1st Council By-Laws are approved.

**1929** Great Depression begins as Wall Street Stock Market crashes.

**1934** 1st Town Plan (Mackay) in Queensland is approved.

**1936** The incinerator, designed by Sir Walter Burley Griffin, is built in Queens Park.

**1936** Local Government Act approved stayed in force until 1993.

**1937** City's sewerage system commences.

**1939** World War II begins and major Army camp established at Redbank.

**1940** RAAF Base Amberley established.

**1945** World War II ends.

**1948** Purga Mission closes.

**1949** The area from Bundamba to Woogaroo included in the City of Ipswich and Shires of Rosewood and Normanby became part of the Moreton Shire.

**1949** 1st Ipswich Town Plan (Master Plan) submitted to Council.

**1953** 1st gazetted town planning scheme for part of the area of City of Ipswich gazetted.

**1957** Ipswich Planning Scheme gazetted.

**1958** Elizabeth II (Elizabeth R) Queen of England visited Ipswich. Goodna (east of Woogaroo Creek) and Gailes incorporated into the City of Ipswich.

**1959** Redbank Railway Workshops established and Raceview drive in cinema opened.

**1961** Olympic swimming centre opened in Limestone Park (Jim Gardiner Pool).

**1961** Moreton Shire Subdivision of land By-Law gazetted.

**1963** Ipswich Subdivision of land By-Law gazetted.

**1965** David Trumpy Bridge constructed.

**1966** Ipswich Interim development by-Law gazetted 1966-67.

**1969** Big W shopping centre opens at Booval.

**1972** Box Flat mining disaster.

**1973** Bundamba Swim Centre opens.

**1973** Moreton Shire Interim Development By-Law gazetted.

**1974** Severe flooding of Ipswich and Brisbane.

**1974** Moreton Shire Planning Scheme gazetted.

**1975** Ipswich Civic Centre opens.

**1976** Planning Scheme for whole of City of Ipswich gazetted.

**1979** Coles Complex in Brisbane Street and McConaghy's Shopping Centre at Brassall developed.

**1982** Planning Scheme for whole of Moreton Shire gazetted.

**1982** Willowbank Raceway developed.

**1985** Reids Department Store (former Cribb & Foote) destroyed by fire and Redbank Plaza opens.

**1986** Kruger Shopping Village at Redbank Plains opens.

**1987** Ipswich Planning Scheme gazetted and Strategic Plan introduced.

**1987** Ipswich Mall and first stage of Ipswich City Square opens.

**1987** Brisbane Tribal Council Ltd purchased the site of the original mission building at Purga.

**1988** Major amendment Moreton Shire Planning Scheme gazetted.

**1988** Kholo Gardens established. In 1878 this site was chosen as the loctaion of a water pumping station to supply clean water to Ipswich.

**1989** Planning Scheme for whole of the City of Ipswich gazetted.

**1990** Local Government (Planning & Environment) Act enacted.

**1991** Ipswich Heritage Study completed.

**1992** The Duchess of Kent visits Ipswich.

**1992** Ipswich Heritage Program commences.

**1993** Ipswich is the first Local Government in Australia to be connected to the Internet.

**1993** d'Arcy Doyle Place opened and the Top of Town project completed.

**1994** Draft Moreton Shire Strategic Plan exhibited and forwarded to Department Local Government and Planning - never gazetted.

**1995** March 11 Ipswich City and Moreton Shire Councils merge to form a new City of Ipswich.

**1995** Ipswich Library moved to purpose-built Global Information Centre in South Street and Global Info Links established.

**1996** Local Government (Springfield Zoning) Act 1997 approves the Springfield Development Control Plan.

**1996** Ipswich City Council in partnership with Ipswich Arts Foundation, initiated the Global Arts Link project.

**1997** Integrated Planning Act and Springfield Development Control Plan gazetted.

**1998** The barging of coal on the Bremer River ceases.

**1999** The University of Queensland Ipswich Campus begins operating on the site of the former Challinor Centre.

**2000** Springfield suburb named and bounded.

**2001** Ipswich Planning Scheme Southern Corridor Structure Plan gazetted.

**2001** The Workshops Rail Museum officially opened.

**2002** Ipswich Planning Scheme Rosewood Structure Plan gazetted.

**2002** Greg Norman and Bob Harrison designed Brookwater Golf & Country Club opened.

**2004** Ipswich Planning Scheme and associated policies adopted.

**2004** Ipswich celebrated its 100th year as a City.

**2006** Consolidated Planning Scheme and associated policies adopted.

**2006** The University of Southern Queensland opens a campus at Springfield.

**2007** River Heart Parkland opens.

**2007** South Redbank Plains Master Plan gazetted.

**2007** Orion Shopping Centre opened at Springfield and Riverlink Shopping Centre opened at North Ipswich.

**2008** Springfield Structure Plan and Springfield Town Centre Concept Plan amended.

**2008** Aspire Apartments opened. This was the first residential high rise building in Ipswich.

**2008** Citiswitch Business Park Bundamba by Walker Corporation commenced.

**2009** Swanbank New Chum Enterprise Master Plan gazetted.

**2009** Goodna Town Centre Master Plan and Ripley Valley Master Planned Area Structure Plan gazetted.

**2009** Ipswich City Council purchases the Ipswich City Square shopping centre.

**2009** Sustainable Planning Act enacted.

**2010** Planning Scheme amended to incorporate Ipswich Regional Centre Strategy.

**2010** The F111s based at RAAF Base Amberley were decommissioned.

**2011** January severe flooding of Ipswich, Brisbane, Lockyer Valley and most of Queensland.

**2015** Mater Hospital at Springfield Central opens.

**2016** Planning Act enacted.

**2012** Planning Scheme amended to include a Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP).

**2012** Bob Gamble Park re-dedicated and River Heart Parklands Stage 2 opens.

**2014** Introduction of Interim Flooding Regulations.

**2014** Sekisui House officially launched Ecco Ripley in the Ripley Valley.

**2014** Amex Corporation officially launches the Providence estate in the Ripley Valley.

**2015** The University of Southern Queensland opened a campus at the former Challinor Centre taking over from the University of Queensland

**2016** Cooneana Heritage Centre opens at 1041 Redbank Plains Road, New Chum.

**2016** Fire Station 101 digital hub in Ipswich's former fire station on Limestone St is launched.

**2016** Waterlea Estate Walloon commences.

**2017** SEQ Regional Plan Shaping SEQ released.

**2017** 88 Limestone Street opens as a commercial, retail and entertainment precinct in the former Ipswich Technical College.

**2017** Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve Mountain Bike Trails opens.

**2018** St Andrews Hospital extension and redevelopment completed.

**2018** Strategic Framework for the Ipswich Planning Scheme released for community feedback.