

Indooroopilly and the Environs

History

Indooroopilly is a corruption of either the local Aboriginal word nyindurupilli, meaning 'gully of the leeches' or yindurupilly meaning 'gully of running water'.

Locals often shorten the name to "Indro"

The traditional owners of the Indooroopilly area are the Aboriginal Jagera and Turrbal groups. Both groups had related languages and are classified as belonging to the Yagera language group.

The area was first settled in the 1860s and agriculture and dairying were common in the early years. The parish was named in the late 1850s, and the first house was built in 1861 by Mr H C Rawnsley. The arrival of rail in 1875 and completion of the Albert rail bridge across the Brisbane River to open the Ipswich rail line the following year spurred the development of Indooroopilly. The 1893 flood destroyed the original Albert Bridge, and its replacement was opened in 1895. A lead-silver mine was established on an Indooroopilly property in 1919 and extraction continued until 1929 when the mine became unprofitable. Today the University of Queensland operates the site as an experimental mine and teaching facility for engineering students (the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre). The landmark Walter Taylor Bridge across the Brisbane River was completed in 1936. The first stage of Indooroopilly Shoppingtown opened in 1970.

Transport

Indooroopilly is well serviced by public and private transport. Indooroopilly Shopping Centre contains the bus interchange that acts as a hub for bus services in the western suburbs. The Indooroopilly railway station is located in walking distance from the shopping centre. Extensive car parks, with access from all sides of the shopping centre provide convenient access for cars. Bicycle racks are provided around the entrances to the shopping centre. Taxi rank is located outside the Pig n Whistle.

Golf

Indooroopilly Golf Club

- Indooroopilly is 36 hole complex and has 18 holes dedicated to social play from Sunday to Friday.
- Located at Meiers Road, Indooroopilly
- + 61 7 3721 2122
- admin@indooroopillygolf.com.au

St Lucia Golf Links

- St Lucia Golf Links is an 18 hole 'pay and play' course.
- Located at on the corner of Indooroopilly Road and Carawa Street, St Lucia.
- + 61 7 3870 3433

Tennis

Queensland Tennis Centre

- The Queensland Tennis Centre is Brisbane's premier tennis facility, providing Brisbane tennis coaching, tennis fixtures and court hire services. The centre boasts 23 international standard courts.
- 190 King Arthur Terrace, Tennyson
- 1300 292 011

Shopping

Indooroopilly Shopping Centre is the largest shopping centre in the western suburbs of Brisbane and has been servicing the local region since 1970.

The centre has a strong fashion focus with over 90 fashion based retailers and the only Myer in the region. Indooroopilly has a diverse variety of retailers with over 260 speciality stores together with popular majors Kmart, Target, Woolworths, Harvey Norman, Event Cinemas and Gold Class Cinemas, Pig N Whistle, Fitness First and Best & Less.

In addition to the shopping centre, local shops are found on the high streets of Indooroopilly, Taringa and Chelmer.

Parks and Gardens

Mt Coot-tha Botanical Garden

- The Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mount Coot-tha are Queensland's premier subtropical botanic gardens.
- Located seven kilometres from the city centre and four kilometres from Indooroopilly.

City Botanical Garden

- The City Botanic Gardens were established in 1855 and consists of approximately 20 hectares.
- The gardens are accessible by Alice Street, the Goodwill Bridge and Brisbane City Council's ferries and City Cats at the Gardens Point and Eagle St wharves.

Roma Street Parklands

- Roma Street Parkland covers 16 hectares in the centre of the city. The parkland features a variety of themed gardens and recreational areas, with a web of pathways and boardwalks traversing cascading waterways and rocky outcrops, and also *in situ* artworks by 16 local artists.
- There is pedestrian access to the Roma Street Parkland from the Roma Street Station, as well as from Albert Street, and from the section of the Parkland which used to be called Albert Park, in Wickham Terrace.

Southbank Parklands

- The parklands consist of a mixture of rainforest, water, grassed areas and plazas as well as features such as the riverfront promenade, the Streets Beach, the Grand Arbour, the Suncorp Piazza, the Nepal Peace Pagoda, the Wheel of Brisbane, restaurants, shops and fountains. The parklands are also home to the Queensland Conservatorium.
- Located on the southern bank of the Brisbane River, at South Bank, directly opposite the City. The parklands are connected to the City by the Victoria Bridge at the northern end, and to Gardens Point by the Goodwill Bridge at the southern end.

Sherwood Arboretum

- Sherwood Arboretum a large botanical garden and lake fronting the river which was planned and landscaped in the 1920s. The park is planted with over a thousand trees and 300 species, most of them natives.
- Located at Jolimont Street, Sherwood.

Things to Do

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

- Rated one of the "Top 10 Zoos in the World" by AOL, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane, Australia, is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, with over 130 koalas. Cuddle a koala anytime, handfeed kangaroos and encounter a large variety of Aussie wildlife, all in beautiful, natural settings. Don't forget to feed the lorikeets and meet our platypus too.
- Located at Jesmond Road, Fig Tree Pocket and can be by bus from Indooroopilly or by ferry from the city.

CityCat Ferry

- It's cheap and a great way to see the city of Brisbane. Take in many attractions along the route such as the Storey Bridge and the Power House. Day pass allows you to hop on and off and explore the city.
- Ferry terminals are located throughout the Brisbane river, exact location may be obtained via the Brisbane City Council Website or by information centres.