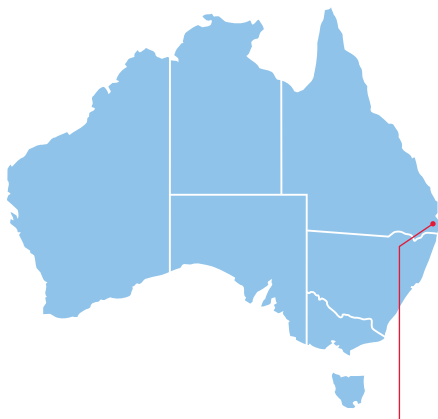




#### APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

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| Ipswich City Centre to RAAF Base Amberley | 13kms  |
| Ipswich City Centre to Enoggera           | 41kms  |
| Amberley to Enoggera                      | 53kms  |
| Amberley to Canungra                      | 102kms |



#### MAP

A map of Ipswich can be found on the [Defence Housing Australia \(DHA\)](#) website and [Google Maps](#)

Ipswich is located in South East Queensland. The city is located only 40 minutes drive from Brisbane and one hour from the Gold Coast and from the domestic and international air and sea ports.

#### Finding a property

The majority of suburbs in Ipswich are an ideal location to live. However, some suburbs are outside the permitted 30km radius and you will require Defence approval before you settle on a property. A good resource to determine whether your desired location is within the 30km radius from base is the [Google Maps Get Directions tool](#).

**NOTE** - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual ([PACMAN](#)). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

Some real estate websites you may find useful are [www.domain.com.au](#) and [www.realestate.com.au](#).

#### Townhouses and units

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this. Dogs must also be registered and permits for special circumstances must be approved. For more information, visit the [Ipswich City Council](#) website. Cat registration is compulsory as of 1 July 2009. You can have up to two cats at one property without a permit.

#### House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to [PACMAN](#) for your entitlements or alternatively, contact the DHA on 139 DHA (139 342).

#### Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free [Fast Connect](#) service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on 1300 661 464 (local call cost) or access the service via the [DHA](#) website.

#### Public transport

Westside City Buses are the main form of public transport servicing Ipswich. There are also Ipswich Yellow Cabs and Queensland Rail Trains. A useful resource is the [TransLink](#) website, which provides further information on public transport for Brisbane, Ipswich and surrounding areas.



### Schools

Ipswich offers over 40 state primary schools and seven state high schools. There are also more than 25 private schools and colleges. 47 of the combined schools offer pre-school. Ipswich has one university which is part of the University of Queensland and there are three TAFE colleges in the region. For further information, visit the [Department of Education](#) website.

### Child care

There are a range of child care facilities available in the Ipswich region. The Amberley child care centre (funded by the Defence Community Organisation) is located adjacent to the RAAF base. Also located close to the base are the Amberley community preschool and kindy and the Amberley playgroup. Some useful contacts are:

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| > <a href="#">Family Day Care Australia</a>                | 1800 621 218 |
| > <a href="#">ABC Learning Centres</a>                     | 1800 222 543 |
| > Child Care Access Hotline                                | 1800 670 305 |
| > <a href="#">Department of Defence Child Care Centres</a> |              |
| > <a href="#">Australian Child Care Index</a>              |              |

### Hospitals

There are several hospitals in the Ipswich area:

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| > <a href="#">St Andrew's Hospital</a> (Private)    | (07) 3816 9999 |
| > <a href="#">Ipswich General Hospital</a> (Public) | (07) 3810 1111 |
| > <a href="#">Ipswich Day Hospital</a> (Private)    | (07) 3282 8800 |

### Sport

Ipswich offers a large range of sport and recreation activities. A list of sports and hobbies is available on the [Ipswich City Council](#) website.

### Family activities

Ipswich has a range of festivals and shows running throughout the year. There are also year-long activities for the family to enjoy such as The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich Nature Centre, Nerima Gardens and the region's general parks and gardens.

### Water restrictions

There are water restrictions in place for the Ipswich area. Ipswich offers the Water Conservation Rebate Scheme. For more information on the scheme and on water restrictions, please visit the [Ipswich Water](#) website. Alternatively, you can visit the [Queensland Water Commission](#) website.

### Where can I find more information?

[Ipswich City Council](#) is the best resource for information on Ipswich.

For any other information that has not been covered by this guide, please visit the [Defence Community Organisation](#) website.

### Contact DHA

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| > DHA (139 DHA)                  | 139 342        |
| > Ipswich Office Fax             | (02) 6222 2273 |
| > <a href="#">www.dha.gov.au</a> |                |



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