

Steve Harling: moved to Ipswich at 17 years of age to attend the University of Queensland Ipswich Campus. Steve graduated with a Bachelor of Business dual-majoring in Sport and Leisure Management and Event Management in 2009.

Steve has diverse experience across sport and leisure management, event management and the catering and hospitality industry. After working in a local Ipswich hotel for almost four years while studying, Steve became a programs and events manager at UQ Sport Ltd immediately after graduating. Two years later, Steve joined the Ipswich City Council “Ipswich Sports House” team where he worked alongside many local not-for-profit entities providing consultancy, education and assistance in increasing the viability and sustainability of each club. Since June 2014, Steve has been the Operations, Food and Beverage Manager at the Ipswich Turf Club and has been a vital part of the recent success of Ipswich’s biggest social event – the Ipswich Cup, attended by over 20,000 people each year.

Brought up in a small country town in which his parents have owned the local newsagency for over 26 years, Steve has become a strong advocate for Ipswich and is proud to call this great city home for his wife and two children.