



# Consulate Updates

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**Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane**

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## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00am – 12:30pm  
1:30pm – 5:00pm

Consular Section  
(Reception – visa / passports)  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
1:30pm – 4:00pm

## Consulate Conversations

### The First Japanese: An Insight into the History between Japan and Queensland



On May 12 the Consulate-General of Japan hosted the inaugural Consulate-Conversations, an evening talk series that this time focused on the history of Japanese immigration to Queensland.

We were honoured to have two phenomenal speakers presenting on their areas of expertise: Dr NAGATA Yuriko, Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Queensland, and Mr Steve Dawson, the great-great grandson of Australia's first Japanese immigrant SAKURAGAWA Rikinosuke. We were privileged to hear about Mr Dawson's family history, including how his great-grandparents and their children had run a Japanese family circus troupe that toured Australia, as well as his experiences growing up without knowing of his Japanese heritage.

## Recommended Websites

Embassy of Japan, Canberra  
<http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp>

The Japan Foundation,  
Sydney  
<http://www.jpfa.org.au/>

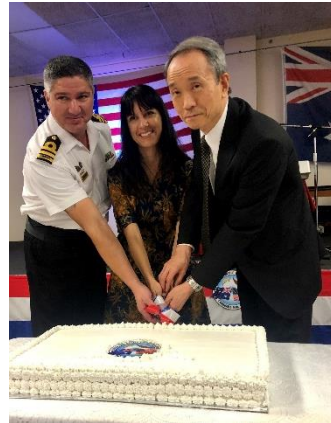
Japan National Tourism  
Organization  
<http://www.jnto.org.au/>

Japan External Trade  
Organization  
<http://www.jetro.go.jp/>

Japan Exchange Teaching  
(JET) Programme  
<http://www.jetprogramme.org/>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of Japan (MOFA)  
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/>

## Courtesy calls and visits in May



May has been a month of looking back on the history of the QLD-Japan relationship, as well as looking forward to the future. Consul-General ONO attended a Commemoration for the Battle of Coral Sea on the Cassowary Coast, marking 80 years since the historic battle between Japan and the Allied forces in 1942. He also visited Trade and Investment QLD to discuss Japan's important trade relationship with QLD with Acting CEO Mr Richard Watson.

At Bond University, Mr ONO met with Vice Chancellor and President Professor Tim Brailsford and cheered on Japan's national Women's rugby team the Sakura Fifteen during their test match there with the Australian Wallaroos. The Sakura Fifteen triumphed, beating the Aussies 12-10 and making a clean sweep of their Australian tour.

For the latest on recent events, make sure to [visit our website](#).

## 2022 Office Closure Dates

### JULY

*Monday 18  
(Marine Day)*

### AUGUST

*Wednesday 10  
(Royal QLD Show Holiday)*

### SEPTEMBER

*Monday 19  
(Respect for the Aged Day)*

### OCTOBER

*Monday 3  
(Queen's Birthday)*

*For the full list,  
please click [here](#).*

## Recent Community News

### **Japanese study group visit to John Paul International College**

Japanese students are beginning to return to Queensland, and John Paul International College has created a video to commemorate their first study tour group after the re-opening of Australia's borders. [video](#)

[View their recording](#)

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the signing of the Gladstone-Saiki Sister City agreement**

Gladstone, QLD and Saiki, Oita Prefecture in Kyushu recently celebrated 25 years of friendship with a commemorative service and unveiling a special artwork symbolising the connection between the two regions through shorebirds, which migrate between Queensland and Kyushu.

[Watch the commemorative video](#)

### **Japanese News in Australia**

The Australian broadcast of NHK News has moved. You can now catch up on the latest news from Tokyo in Japanese on SBS World Watch on Channel 35 nightly at 11pm, or catch up online any time at SBS on Demand.

[Find out more](#)

## Upcoming Japan Events



### **AJS-Q: An Evening with The Australia Japan Youth Dialogue**

7-10 pm, 2nd June 2022 | Webinar

Learn about how the Australia – Japan Youth Dialogue helps contribute to the Japan-Australia relationship!

[Register here](#)



### **GOMA: Chiharu Shiota – The Soul Trembles**

18th June 2022 – 3rd October 2022 | Exhibition

Explore the works of Japanese artist Chiharu Shiota with her exhibition “The Soul Trembles”, featuring transformative, large-scale installations constructed from millions of fine threads.

[Find out more](#)



### **Japan and Friends Day**

2nd July 2022 | Festival

Japan and Friends Day is returning to the Gold Coast for 2022. Enjoy a fun-filled day of Japanese food, music, stalls and activities!

[More Information](#)

## 2022 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Awards for Business



Nominations for the 2022 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Awards for Business are now open until 12 June! The Awards celebrate the contribution multicultural businesses make to the Brisbane economy and community. Winners will be announced at the 2022 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Dinner and Awards in September.

If you are or know an emerging or successful business person from a multicultural background, nominate them by visiting the Brisbane City Council Website.

[Submit a nomination](#)



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The Consulate-General of Japan newsletter features people-to-people exchanges and friendships between Japan and Australia. If you are involved in sister school friendships, exchanges or Japan-Australia related programs such as the JET Programme and would like to submit an article to be published in our newsletter, please email us at:

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[https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/jicc\\_newsletters.html](https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jicc_newsletters.html)

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### **Consulate-General of Japan – Cultural Loans Program**

The Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane offers a Cultural Loans Program!

We have a wide range of Japanese cultural items available for teachers or persons/organisations in Queensland promoting or teaching Japanese culture. Items include DVDs on a wide range of Japanese subjects, toys, CDs, games, calligraphy sets, plastic food, traditional clothing, musical instruments and more! The items are free to borrow; the visual and tactile experience of a cultural prop contributes to a richer classroom experience.

For further information, please visit the link below to access catalogues and forms or call our office on (07) 3221 5188: <http://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/jicc/resources.html>

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<https://www.facebook.com/JapanCons.Brisbane>

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*If you know of any upcoming Japan-related events and would like to publicise them in our e-newsletter, please e-mail the details through to us at: [culture@bb.mofa.go.jp](mailto:culture@bb.mofa.go.jp)*

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