



Consulate Updates

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(Reception – visa / passports)

9:00am – 12:00pm

1:30pm – 4:00pm

Good on you, Queenslanders! Congratulations from us all!

Here are the congratulatory messages which appeared in our SNS from Mr SUGA Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan and Mr TANAKA Kazunari, Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane on Brisbane's selection as host city for the 2032 Olympics:

On July 21 2021, from Mr SUGA Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan

Brisbane has just been selected as the host city for the 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Games today.

Congratulations to the people of Brisbane, Australia, our invaluable partner.

Extending my best wishes for every success in holding the Brisbane Games.

本日、2032年のオリンピック・パラリンピック競技大会の開催都市がブリスベンに決定されました。

日本の大切なパートナーであるオーストラリア、ブリスベンの皆さん、おめでとうございます。
ブリスベン大会の成功を心より祈念しています。

<https://twitter.com/sugawitter/status/1417789659485118466>

On July 21 2021, from Mr TANAKA Kazunari, Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane

To all the Queenslanders and Aussies,

Wow, congratulations! 2032 will show to the world how good Queensland is! And all the best to Aussie athletes, my compatriots and all participating athletes around the world for TOKYO 2020.

クイーンズランドとオーストラリアの皆さん、

ワオ、おめでとう！ 2032年には、クイーンズランドがどんなに素晴らしいところであるかが、世界に示されることになるでしょう。オーストラリアの、我々日本の、そして世界中からの出場選手の皆さんの、オリンピック東京大会でのご健闘をお祈り申し上げます。

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

Recommended Websites

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

The Japan Foundation,
Sydney
<http://www.jpf.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/>

Consul-General's Commendation *Professor Caitlin Byrne & Reverend James Wilson*

On Friday, 25 June 2021, the Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane Mr TANAKA Kazunari presented Consul-General's commendations to Professor Caitlin Byrne and Reverend James Wilson for their profound contributions to both the Japan-Australia and the Japan-Queensland relationship.

Professor Caitlin Byrne has been instrumental in coordinating several pivotal events in her capacity as Director of the Griffith Asia Institute (GAI) of Griffith University, and has worked hard to increase awareness and stimulating discussion on Australia's relationship with the Asia-Pacific, particularly Japan.



Reverend James Henry "Tetsuyuu" Wilson's work in Queensland has been wide-ranging. Rev Wilson is a Buddhist leader of his temple Amida-ji Jodoshu Buddhist Community of Australia, and has notably been a driving force for Obon ceremonies on Thursday Island. The island is home to around 800 graves of Japanese pearl divers who arrived in Australia more than 100 years ago. He is also part of an annual memorial service in Cowra for the prison breakout by Japanese prisoners of war in 1944.

Thank you Caitlin and Tetsuyuu-san for all your incredibly hard work in strengthening the Japan-Queensland and Japan-Australia relationships. Congratulations to them both for these well-deserved awards!

2021 Office Closure Dates

SEPTEMBER

*Monday 20
(Respect for the Aged Day)*

OCTOBER

*Monday 4
(Queen's Birthday)*

NOVEMBER

*Tuesday 23
(Labour Thanksgiving Day)*

DECEMBER

*Monday 27
(Christmas Day Holiday)*

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

Thursday Island Visit



Deputy Consul-General Ms MASUDA Chieko with Mayor of the Torres Shire Council, Ms Vonda Malone

On Tuesday, 13 July 2021, Deputy Consul-General Ms MASUDA Chieko and Mr MATSUDA Tsuneki, Consul and Director of the Consular Office of Japan in Cairns, visited Thursday Island where many Japanese worked in the pearling industry and developed into a big community during the late 19th century to the early 20th century.

They met with Mayor Vonda Malone and officials of the Torres Shire Council to discuss future steps to further develop the Thursday Island-Japan relationship, including the active cultural exchanges conducted under the Friendship City Agreement between Thursday Island and Kushimoto Town, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan.

- CANCELLED -

Japanese Cultural Performances Day

Friday, 20 August 2021 | 10:30am-3:15pm

Queen Street Mall Main Stage



Please note that the 2021 Japanese Cultural Performances Day at the Queen Street Mall has been **cancelled**.

Events on 8, 15, 20 & 22 August 2021 are also **cancelled**.

For updates on other Japan Week 2021 events, please visit the associated event webpage and the [Consulate-General Facebook page](#) for the latest information.

Japan and Friends Day 2021 - Rescheduled NOW September 25 September 2021



<https://www.facebook.com/japanfriendsday/>



JLPT December 2021

Are you ready to put your Japanese skills to the test?

We are pleased to announce that the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) will be returning to Brisbane on Sunday, 5 December 2021.

**Applications will be open from
Tuesday, 20 July to Wednesday, 25 August 2021.**

Please note that the Brisbane test venue will generally be accepting Queensland residents only due to possible border restrictions, however you may submit an expression of interest for an interstate application.

For further details please visit:

<https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/jlpt/>

COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS: TEN YEARS ON IN TŌHOKU

温情の地：震災から 10 年の東北



Image credit: *Calling (Japanese version)* by Masaharu Satō, 2014. © Estate of Masaharu Satō. Courtesy of Mihoko Ogaki, imura gallery and KEN NAKAHASHI Gallery.

“Compassionate Grounds: Ten Years on in Tohoku” is an exhibition of Japanese screen-based artworks that respond to the disaster and the transformed landscapes that represent irreversible loss and displacement.

The exhibition features works by:

*Masahiro Hasunuma, Chaco Kato, Kyun-chome, Natsumi Seo & Haruka Komori,
Masaharu Sato, Lieko Shiga, Motoyuki Shitamichi with poem by Mayu Kanamori*

Curated by Emily Wakeling

DATE: **Sat 31 Jul – Sat 28 Aug, 2021 | (Admission Free)**

VENUE: **Gallery One + Gallery Two + Window Gallery | Metro Arts, West End**

For more information and artist profiles, please visit: <https://metroarts.com.au/compassionate-grounds/>

(Text, Images: Australia Japan Society - Qld Inc.; Metro Arts)

AJS Careers Evening 2021

Free online event | Tuesday, 10 August 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Join the Australia Japan Society - Qld Inc. on Microsoft Teams to hear how people who have learnt Japanese and have successfully utilized the language as part of their career paths.

With strong trading ties between Japan and Australia, Japanese language skills will provide you with an edge in the workplace. There are so many industries in which Japanese language skills can prove to be a major advantage. Receive some valuable insights from those who have pursued fluency in the language, and utilised their Japanese skills across a number of industries.

A representative from the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will also present information on next year's JET Programme. The JET program is a Japanese Government initiative, and has provided the platform for hundreds of Queenslanders to work in Japan, and deepen their understanding of Japan.

Speakers:

*David Shield, Candice Ungerer, Rebecca Curtis &
Shannon Whiley from the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane*

Presentations will be followed by a chance to chat with all presenters afterwards.

For further details and instructions please see: <https://austjpnasoc.asn.au/events-2/>

(Image & Text: Australia Japan Society - Qld Inc.)

Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition 2021 - **CANCELLED**



Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition

21 & 22
August 2021

My Art of Sogetsu

The Director and Members of Sogetsu Ikebana Queensland Inc. have pleasure in announcing their annual exhibition of Ikebana – the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Where:
Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha Auditorium,
Mt Coot-tha Road, Toowong, Brisbane

When:
Saturday 21 August 2021 from 10am to 4pm, and
Sunday 22 August 2021 from 10am to 4pm

Our Patron, Mr John Massy, will open the exhibition on Saturday 21 August 2021 at 10:15am.

Sogetsu Ikebana Queensland Inc.
www.ikebanabrisbane.org.au
www.facebook.com/ikebanabrisbane
www.instagram.com/sogetsu.ikebana.qld.inc/

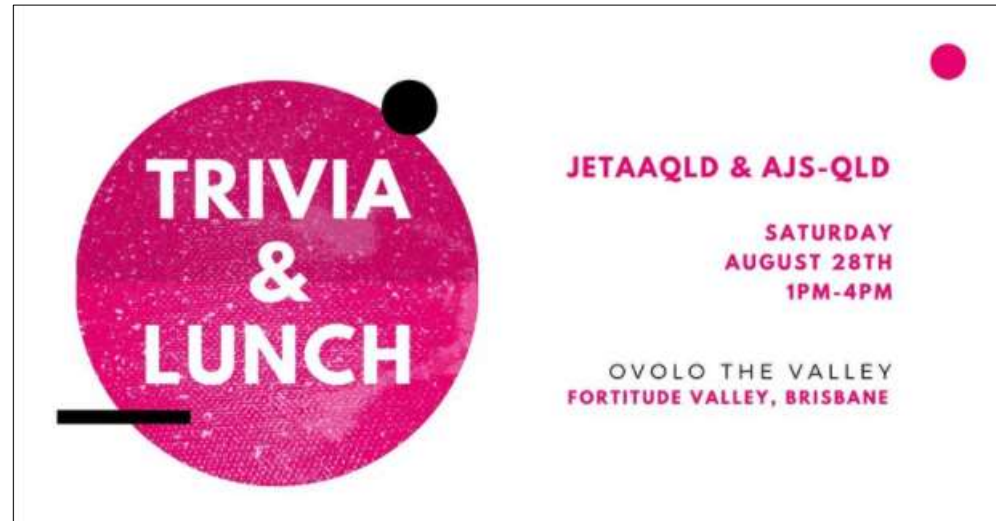
- Admission \$5
- Free ikebana demonstration 10:30am daily
- Guided tours of the exhibition 11:30am and 2:30pm daily
- Hands-on ikebana class 1:30pm daily (\$5)
- Tea and coffee for sale
- Ikebana containers and related materials for sale from 11:30am daily

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For more information please contact
The Secretary on 0434 364 910

For further updates please visit: <https://ikebanabrisbane.org.au/>

JETAAQLD & AJS-Q Trivia & Lunch 2021



This year JETAAQLD and AJS-Q invites you to join them in-person for a delicious Mediterranean lunch & trivia. The event will be hosted by talented quizmasters Keith & Ken Parker who skilfully mix questions about Japan, Australia and contemporary events. Teams will be around 4-6 members, event limited to 28 participants.

Cost: \$35 per person

Place: The Library Room at the Ovolo Hotel

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/dg6MjPm5zYFaL9Uc6>

Queries: treasurer@jetaaqld.org

For further details please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/ovolo-hotels/trivia-lunch-hosted-by-jetaaqld-ajs-q/810778009809027/>

THE 10TH ASIA PACIFIC TRIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART

04 DEC 2021 – 25 APR 2022 / QAG, GOMA / FREE

The first artists for the 10th Asia-Pacific Triennial Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art have been announced!

Works by Japanese artist MISHIMA Kimiyo will be among those on display when the exhibition opens in December 2021. An Osaka native known for her ecocritical avant-garde art, MISHIMA will present a group of her life-like ceramic sculptures of everyday objects. We look forward to enjoying her art right here in Brisbane!

For more information, visit: <https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/apt10>



Kimiyo Mishima, Japan b. 1932 / Work 19 – G 2019 /
Silkscreen and hand-painted on ceramic, iron / 91 x 57 x 58cm /
©Kimiyo Mishima, Courtesy of the artist and MEM, Tokyo

(Image: Kimiyo Mishima & QAGOMA)



Office Operation Notice

Wednesday, 11 August 2021

Following the cancellation of the Royal Queensland Show, the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will remain open on Wednesday, 11 August 2021.

For a full list of office closure dates for 2021, please visit:

<https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/about/index.html#officeclosure2021>

For 2021 Queensland Public, school and show holidays, please visit:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/travel/holidays/show>

Tatebayashi-Sunshine Coast Sister City Relationship

The year 2021 marks the 24th anniversary of the Tatebayashi (館林) -Sunshine Coast sister city relationship establishment. Since 9 July 1996, the relationship has seen several delegation visits as well as signing a student exchange program agreement.

Tatebayashi is located in the mountainous Gumma Prefecture (群馬県) some 80km north of Tokyo, and is home to gorgeous spring flowers and heavy snowfall in winter (very different to the Sunshine Coast!). We hope these two regions, both strongly connected with their natural environments, will continue to learn from each other and grow their friendship.



Images "sunshine coast" by Bertknot and "Gunma Museum of Art, Tatebayashi" by Naoyafujii.

STAGE BEYOND BORDERS - Selection of Japanese Performances

Presented by **THE JAPAN FOUNDATION**



Enjoy a gorgeous array of Japanese theatre online through Stage Beyond Borders, an initiative of the Japan Foundation. This series of high quality videos features stage performances both traditional and modern, from Noh and Bunraku, to dance and more!

Visit Stage Beyond Borders for more details: <https://stagebb.jpf.go.jp/en/>

You can also visit the Japan Foundation Youtube channel
for more great Japan related content:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thejapanfoundation>

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:

jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp

Consulate Updates – Past Issues

Past issues of “Consulate Updates” (PDF) can also be accessed via the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane Website at:

https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jicc_newsletters.html

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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For the latest news and updates on Japanese culture related events, visit:

<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: jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp

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