



Consulate Updates

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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

Commemoration for the Battle of Coral Sea



From left – Consul-General of France Lady Jane Edwards (wife of the late Sir Llew Edwards), HE the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey AC, Consul-General of Japan Mr TANAKA Kazunari and Mrs TANAKA, and AAA Brisbane President Mike Harris

On Saturday, 8 May 2021, Consul-General TANAKA attended a Commemoration for the Battle of Coral Sea at the Australian American War Memorial, Newstead Park. The service, organised by the Australian American Association, Brisbane, marked the 79th year since the historic battle between Japan and the Allied forces in 1942. The Consul-General laid a wreath on behalf of Japan, and stood in remembrance with representatives from Australia and the United States. The Battle of Coral Sea was very fierce and left many casualties on both sides. Now Australia and the U.S. have become close friends of Japan.

We thank the Australian American Association Brisbane, for kindly allowing us to share these photos from the event, taken by the Association's Treasurer Teresa Pokoj.

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/>

QJCCI Networking Reception

Consul-General TANAKA attended a networking reception on the Gold Coast hosted by the Queensland Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QJCCI) on Tuesday, 25 May 2021.

It was the first time for QJCCI to host such a reception with various Japan-related groups and organisations in the city, which provided attendees with the opportunity to both establish and further strengthen connections.

In conjunction with Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Gold Coast, Japan Community of Queensland, Japan Society of the Gold Coast, and Japan Tourism Gold Coast, the event was held at Chateraise Lakelands Golf Club.

Relations on a people-to-people level play an integral role in the context of the greater Japan-Queensland relationship, from both business and cultural perspectives. We would like to thank everyone involved in putting together such a successful evening.



From left: Ms Yoshimi Kobayashi, Vice Chairman of Japan Tourism Gold Coast; Ms Yukari Ando, President of Japanese Society Gold Coast Inc; Mr Saku Sunakawa, President, JCCI Gold Coast; Mr Kazunari Tanaka, Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane; Ms Chieko Masuda, Deputy Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane; Mr Nao Hirano, President of the Japan Community of Qld.

2021 Office Closure Dates

AUGUST

*Wednesday 11
(Royal Queensland Show)*

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](#).*

Visit from Brisbane Roar FC



On Wednesday, 26 May 2021, Consul-General TANAKA received a courtesy call from the Japanese soccer players of Brisbane Roar FC, Mr KUDO Masato 工藤 壮人 (left) and Mr DANZAKI Riku 檀崎 竜孔(right). Their time in Queensland during the COVID-19 pandemic is testimony to Japan and Queensland's strong and multi-faceted friendship. Sport is a fast-growing sector in the bilateral relationship between Japan and Australia, and provides great opportunities for cross-cultural exchange. We wish Mr KUDO and Mr DANZAKI all the best for their time in Australia and their future endeavours.

SBAA International Small Business Summit 2021



Ms Anne Nalder, CEO and Founder of SBAA
with Consul-General TANAKA

Consul-General TANAKA attended the international trade session of the Small Business Association of Australia (SBAA)'s International Small Business Summit on the Gold Coast on Friday, 17 June 2021.

In this session speakers gave updated market information and detail about trade and business opportunities throughout the world, and Mr TAKAHARA Masaki, Managing Director of JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation) Sydney made a keynote speech on successful experiences of Japan's SMEs through interaction with cross-border counterparts both within and outside of their home base in Japan.

Australian Iaido Seminar & Championships 2021



Iaido masters around the country with Mr Ross McConachie, former President of the Australia Japan Society – Queensland, and Mr Michael Hart MP, Member for Burleigh

On Saturday, 12 June 2021, Consul-General TANAKA attended the Australian Iaido Seminar & Championships 2021 held by the Australian Kendo Renmei at Tallebudgera Recreation Centre, Palm Beach, Queensland.

The [Australian Kendo Renmei Inc.](#) (AKR) is the internationally recognised governing body for Kendo, Iaido and Jodo in Australia, and is affiliated with the International Kendo Federation (FIK), which is composed of national federations that exclusively represent their country/region in kendo and whose purpose is to propagate and develop Kendo, Iaido and Jodo internationally.

It is inspiring to see a traditional Japanese martial art form have such a dedicated following and body of passionate participants in Australia!

Office Closure Notice

Friday, 23 July 2021

Wednesday, 11 August 2021



The **Opening Ceremony** for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will take place on Friday, 23 July 2021.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will be closed on Friday, 23 July 2021 for the Health and Sports Day public holiday of Japan (the Opening Ceremony for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will also take place on this day), and Wednesday, 11 August 2021 for the Royal Queensland Show “Ekka” Holiday. The Consulate-General re-opens on Monday, 26 July and Thursday, 12 August respectively.

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>

JAPAN WEEK 2021

Free Admission



Looking forward to getting out and about? If you have been cooped up by COVID-19, come join the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane for 'Japan Week 2021' in August!

Japanese culture-related activities will be spread out over August to ensure safety and social distancing so there will always be something fun and interesting to do!

On Sundays during the month of August, visitors will be able to experience traditional Japanese calligraphy, the tea ceremony, Japanese Songs, ikebana flower arrangement and Japanese rice-cake Making 'mochi-tsuki' at the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Visitors will also get the chance to enjoy koto, shakuhachi and various other activities – follow our [Facebook](#) page for Japan Week 2021 news, event schedule updates and further event details, which are anticipated to be finalised soon!

Japan & Friends Day 2021

Free Admission

Japan & Friends Day is back for 2021! Enjoy the best of Japanese culture in your own backyard with this festival co-organised by the Japanese Society of Gold Coast (JSGC) and the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane. There will be food, entertainment, stalls, bon odori, and more!

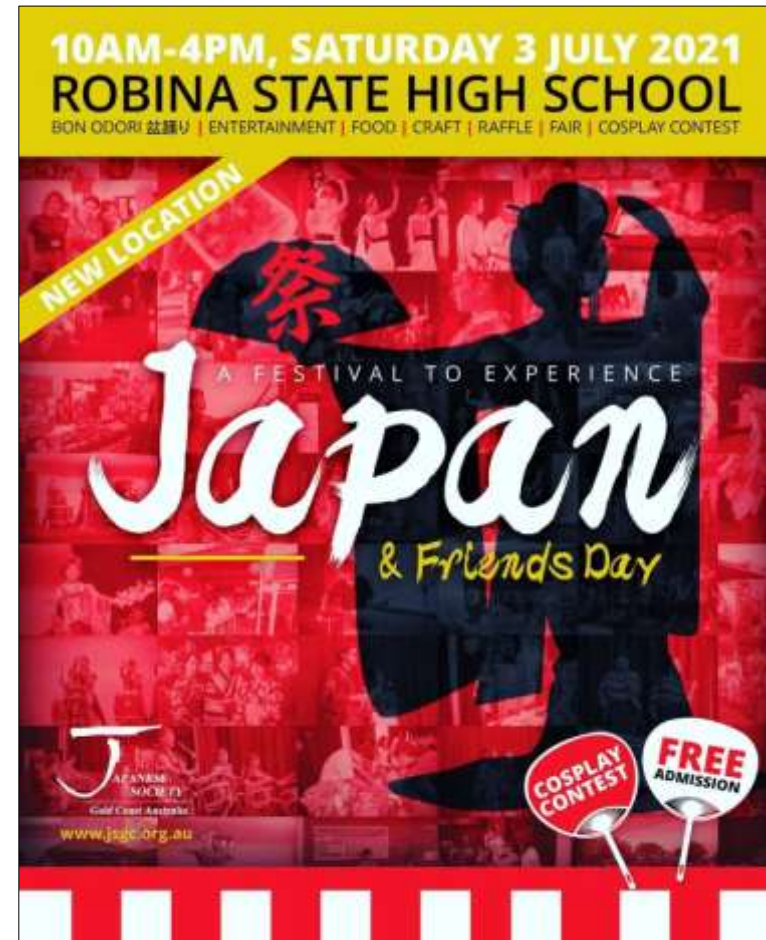
Saturday, 3 July 2021

(10:00am – 4:00pm) at

Robina State High School

(1 Investigator Dr, Robina QLD 4226)

Come along for an authentic Japanese festival experience here in Queensland!



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

MLTAQ 2021 Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest



MLTAQ will be holding a COVID Safe Speech Contest this year on Sunday 25 July 2021 at Griffith University Gold Coast.

For Queensland Japanese Speech Contest information, rules and registration, please visit:

<https://www.mltaq.asn.au/goldcoast/gold-coast-speech-competition>

Entries close Friday, 9 July 2021

(Image: MLTAQ)

THE 10TH ASIA PACIFIC TRIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART (APT10)

04 DEC 2021 – 25 APR 2022 | QAGOMA | FREE

The first artists for the 10th Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT10) at the 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!

The [APT](#) was first staged at the Queensland Art Gallery in 1993. It has since become QAGOMA's flagship international contemporary art exhibition, and remains the only major exhibition series in the world to focus on the contemporary art of Asia and the Pacific, including Japan and Australia.

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



MISHIMA Kimiyo / 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 | Text: QAGOMA)

'Mame' Bonsai

Enter the world of tiny bonsai with this NHK world segment from the program DESIGN TALKS plus. Bonsai are known for their small size, but tiny bonsai (or "mame bonsai" in Japanese) takes the art of miniaturisation to a new extreme, averaging just 5cm in size! If you're interested in learning more about Bonsai, you can also visit the Bonsai House right here in Brisbane at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.



(Image: NHK)

Watch the video on tiny bonsai:

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/ondemand/video/9999993/>

Visit Bonsai House in Brisbane:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/botanic-gardens-in-brisbane/brisbane-botanic-gardens-mt-coot-tha/attractions/bonsai-house>

History of Japanese Community in Queensland

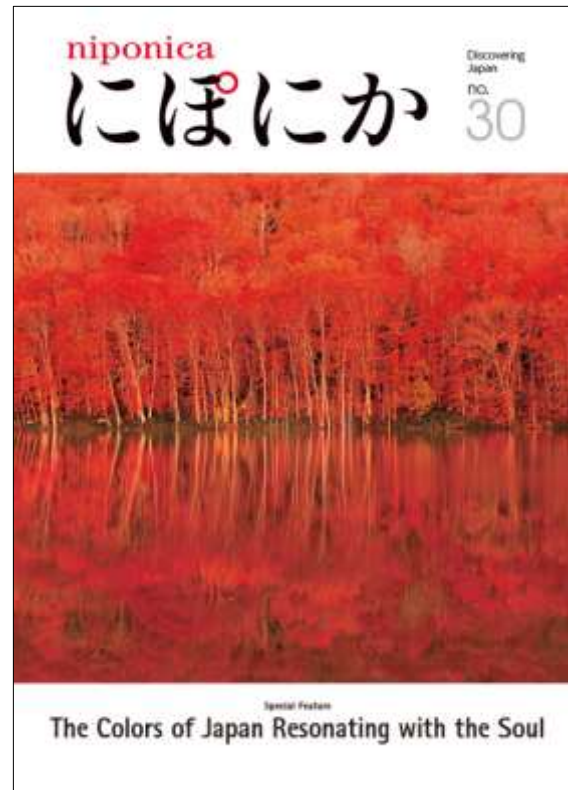
The Japanese community has a long and rich history in Queensland. Early Japanese settlers are most well-known as pearl divers in Far North Queensland, however a number also operated laundries.

Nikkei Australia has some gorgeous historical photos of the Japanese community in pre-war Australia, including this one that depicts a laundry in Brisbane – check out their [Facebook](#) page to see more!



(Image: Nikkei Australia)

Niponica Issue No. 30



Enjoy the latest issue of Niponica, a cultural magazine on modern Japan created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This edition, titled “The Colors of Japan Resonating with the Soul” features gorgeous imagery of the Japanese countryside through the seasons, as well as information on the importance of colour in traditional crafts such as lacquerware and gold leaf decoration.

Niponica is available for download online for free, and is also a great resource for teachers!

Click to read:

https://web-japan.org/niponica/index_en.html

<https://web-japan.org/niponica/niponica30/en/index.html>

(Image: Web Japan)

Winter Life in Japan

As the weather becomes noticeably colder each day in our neck of the woods, click on the links below to read all about Japan's unique and innovative approach to daily life in their winter months, featuring *kotatsu* (heated table), hand warmers, self-warming clothing, and most importantly, different varieties of heart-warming and delicious *nabemono* (hotpot).

[Ways to Endure the Winter Cold](#)

Extending from north to south across the sub-arctic and subtropical zones, the Japanese archipelago experiences a highly diverse climate, but most of the country, except for the southern islands, experiences the coldness of winter. Temperatures frequently fall below minus 15 degrees Celsius in Hokkaido, the northernmost prefecture. The Hokuriku region, facing the Japan Sea on the north-western coast of Japan's main island of Honshu, is well known as an area of heavy snowfall. Even in the country's capital of Tokyo, the average temperature in January hovers below five degrees Celsius. So just how have the Japanese found ways to keep warm during this chilly winter season?

(Full article [here](#).)



[Soymilk and Collagen and Tomato Feature in New Varieties of Nabe](#)

No dish is better suited to Japan's cold winter nights than the nabe, or hotpot. Sitting with friends and family around a simmering pot full of vegetables, fish, and meat has been a favourite wintertime activity of the Japanese for generations. Boiling softens the fibres in the vegetables, making it easier to gobble up large, healthy portions of the nutrients they contain, while the bubbling soup soaks up vitamins and minerals from the meat and fish and is full of nutritious goodness. The combination of piping hot food and lively conversation warms both body and soul and makes the nabe perfect for get-togethers with friends and family.

(Full article [here](#).)

6th JLPP International Translation Competition

The Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Government of Japan has announced, as part of the Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP), the details of the sixth JLPP International Translation Competition, which is now underway!

The competition is open to all budding translators, and aims to foster emerging translators of Japanese and promote Japanese literature around the world by encouraging the translation of superb literary works from Japan.

The application period is from 1 June to 31 July, 2021.



For details visit:

<https://www.jlpp.go.jp/en/competition6/competition6en.html>

15th Japan International MANGA Award

Application Period: 7 April ~ 8 July 2021



The 15th Japan International #MANGA Award is now open for applications for MANGA artists around the world. Make sure to submit your MANGA by 8 July 2021!

Visit https://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index_e.html for more information and <https://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/en/application/15/index.html> for application guidelines.

(Image: Japan International Manga Award)

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

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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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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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