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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

# **New Japanese Prime Minister**



We would like to congratulate Mr KISHIDA Fumio, the new Prime Minister of Japan. We look forward to a new era of cooperation between Japan and Australia under this new leadership.

### Read more about it here:

https://japan.kantei.go.jp/100 kishida/actions/202110/ 00002.html?fbclid=IwAR0MK4nBpl0 MIU4 XMcXJMMxb4TYNf09PITZbLkwX2-7EsG4pAtmpB6fhFA

https://japan.kantei.go.jp/100 kishida/actions/202110/ 00003.html?fbclid=IwAR2BUhGqyG MUNC69LqwAxJdjtPMvdYzpxN\_412RHYbXIME2kCY-mh6wP9Nw

## 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/

# Nobel Prize winner MANABE Syukoro

Congratulations to 2021 Nobel Prize winner MANABE Syukoro, who has been recognised for his ground-breaking contributions in the field of physics through his work in "[the] physical modelling of earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming."



Click <u>here</u> for an interview with Mr MANABE Syukoro on the Nobel Prize Official Channel:

Establishing a firm scientific basis for predicting what will happen to the climate, and in the shorter term to weather, has been the challenge that has occupied Syukuro Manabe's entire working life. In the interview with Adam Smith, recorded amidst the happy chaos resulting from the early morning announcement of his Nobel Prize in Physics, Manabe reflects on the importance of fundamental research. As he says, "The prediction of climate change without accompanying understanding of it is no better than the prediction of a fortune teller."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yt246lKVhr4

## 2021 Office Closure Dates

#### **NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 23 (Labour Thanksgiving Day)

#### **DECEMBER**

Monday 27 – Friday 31 (Christmas Day Holiday, Boxing Day & End of Year Holidays)

> For the full list, please click <u>here</u>.

2022 Office Closure Dates Coming Soon

# **Townsville 125th Anniversary Reception**

On Monday, 11 October 2021, we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the first Japanese Consulate in Australia with a reception held by the Embassy of Japan in Australia, the Consulate-

General of Japan in Brisbane, and the Japan Club of Cairns. This event was held in Townsville, where the Japanese Consulate was first established to support the growing number of Japanese nationals working in the pearl diving and sugar cane industries in Northern Queensland.

In attendance was Townsville City Council Mayor Jenny Hill, Phillip Thompson OAM MP, Councillors, representatives from James Cook University and members of the Far North Queensland Japan community. Guests were treated to an Ikebana demonstration by Ohara



instructor Ms NATSUME Misae and a gorgeous tea ceremony conducted by Ms YAMADA Akiko and the Brisbane Japanese Tea Ceremony Urasenke school, and enjoyed Taiko drumming and traditional Japanese music, such as koto, flute and strings. Townsville sister cities Shunan (周南 市), Yamaguchi Prefecture and Iwaki (いわき市役所), Fukushima Prefecture also provided messages of support.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for this milestone occasion, and look forward to many more years of close ties to come.

# Visit to Lockyer Valley Regional Council & Lockyer District State High School

Acting Consul-General Ms MASUDA Chieko visited the Lockyer Valley on Thursday, 14 October 2021, stopping in at the Regional Council and Lockyer District State High School.

Lockyer Valley's sister-city relationship with Ageo City in Saitama Prefecture is a very active one based on strong friendship and peopleto-people ties.



While their sister-city agreement was formalised in 2014, junior high school students from Ageo City have been visiting the Lockyer Valley for almost 30 years!



Lockyer District State High School began offering Japanese to Year 7 students from this year, and even providing a dedicated classroom for lessons! Further, the school offers a Japan trip for its senior students, providing them the opportunity of a fascinating in-country experience to learn about the people, culture, and history of Japan.

We thank Mayor Milligan and CEO Ian Church for such an insightful discussion about the Lockyer Valley region and its sistercity ties with Ageo City, and Principal Darren Cook and Japanese teacher Gretta Folan at Lockyer District State High School for their dedication to teaching the Japanese language and inspiring their students!

# Japan & Friends Day 2021

On Saturday, 25 September 2021, Japan and Friends Day was held at Robina State High



School on The Gold Coast. This event, which was co-hosted by the Japan Club of the Gold Coast and the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane, was a great opportunity to celebrate Japanese culture and the vibrant Japan community here in Queensland and on the Gold Coast. The day included traditional Japanese festival dancing Bon Odori and Awa Odori, taiko drumming, a cosplay competition, authentic Japanese festival food, lots of attendees in yukata, and a huge range of fun activities and performances.

After two cancellations, it was wonderful for everyone to finally get together and enjoy Japanese culture.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a roaring success!

# Moreton Bay Regional Council Masks for Sister City!

Moreton Bay Regional Council has been making face masks to send to their sister city of 29 years Sanyo-Onoda City in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan. It's so wonderful to see sister cities supporting each other through this difficult period. What a great initiative!



Moreton Bay Regional Council 31 August · 🚱 Hey Sister City 🐠 We've got you covered!

A big shout out to our local community group "We Got You Covered" for sewing up face masks to send over to our Sister City Sanyo-Onoda and rally around its community during the coronavirus pandemic

Helping our mates through thick and thin is what Moreton Bay locals do, and we love seeing our community spirit shine through in times of crisis 😜

We have been a proud Sister City of Sanyo-Onoda for almost 30 years (29 years, to be exact). Even though we may be over 6,800 kms apart but our communities share a strong bond that will continue to create long-lasting benefits for both regions for years to come!

# JET 2021 Departure

On Saturday, 16 October 2021, our 2021 JET Programme participants departed

for Japan on the start of their adventures in Japan. This year we have several JETs travelling to areas with sister and friendship relationships with Queensland, including Kobe in Hyogo prefecture, Takasu in Hokkaido prefecture, as well as Saitama prefecture and Ehime prefecture.

We would like to wish all our participants all the best on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live and work in Japan, to experience everyday life and become a part of a local community, and to share in a cultural exchange between Japan and Australia. Thanks also to JETAA Queensland for providing invaluable information and support as always.



Itterasshai, minasan! Bon voyage!



# **2022 JET Programme – Applications Now Open!**

Application Deadline: Friday 12 November 2021 (AEDT)



Applications must be submitted via post to: The JET Desk, Embassy of Japan in Australia 112 Empire Circuit Yarralumla ACT 2600

For more details on the JET Programme application process, visit: <u>https://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\_en/education\_jet\_en.html</u>



# Japanese Film Festival 2021

Movie schedules out now! Click here for the full PDF Brisbane Schedule.

## Schedule

## Brisbane 11-21 November

#### **Palace Barracks**

Date	Time	English Title	Japanese Title	Genre
11 Nov • Thu	19:00	Hokusai	Hokusal	DRAMA
12 Nov • Fri	18:00	The Night Beyond the Tricornered Window	さんかく窓の外側は夜	MYSTERY
12 Nov • Fri	20:15	The Fable: The Killer Who Doesn't Kill	ザ・ファブル 殺さない殺し屋	ACTION
13 Nov + Sat	13:00	It's a Summer Film!	サマーフィルムにのって	YOUTH
13 Nov • Sat	15:15	The Deer King	鹿の主	ANIME
13 Nov · Sat	17:45	Mio's Cookbook	みをつくし料理帖	DRAMA
13 Nov • Sat	20:30	True Mothers	朝が来る	DRAMA
14 Nov + Sun	13:00	Poupelle of Chimney Town	映画えんとつ町のブベル	ANIME
14 Nov • Sun	15:30	Hold Me Back	私をくいとめて	ROMANC
14 Nov + Sun	16:00	Sumodo - The Successors of Samurai -	相撲道〜サムライを継ぐ者たち〜	DOCO
14 Nov + Sun	18:15	Under the Open Sky	すばらしき世界	DRAMA
15 Nov + Mon	19:00	Al Amok	ADDIa	MYSTERY
16 Nov + Tues	19:00	Beyond the Infinite Two Minutes	ドロステのはてで僕ら	INDIE
17 Nov • Wed	18:00	Not Quite Dead Yet	一度死んでみた	COMEDY
17 Nov • Wed	20:00	Wheel of Fortune & Fantasy	偶然と想像	DRAMA
18 Nov • Thu	18:00	Mio's Cookbook	みをつくし料理帖	DRAMA
18 Nov + Thu	20:40	Under the Open Sky	すばらしき世界	DRAMA
19 Nov • Fri	19:00	The Cornered Mouse Dreams of Cheese	窮鼠はチーズの夢を見る	ROMANC
20 Nov + Sat	13:00	Poupelle of Chimney Town	映画えんとつ町のブベル	ANIME
20 Nov + Sat	15:30	Masked Ward	仮面病棟	MYSTERY
20 Nov + Sat	18:00	Liar x Liar	ライアー×ライアー	COMEDY
20 Nov • Sat	20:30	Tokyo Revengers	東京リベンジャーズ	ACTION
21 Nov + Sun	13:00	Step	ステップ	DRAMA
21 Nov • Sun	15:30	Hokusai	Hokusai	DRAMA
21 Nov + Sun	19:00	Satoshi Kon: The Illusionist	夢みる人 今敏	DOCO

Please visit the Japanese Film Festival website for further updates

(Image: Japanese Film Festival)



## Wahaha Workshops 2021

Join Wahaha no Kai Brisbane for their COVID-19-related health workshops. For more information please visit: <u>www.wahahabrisbane.com.au/event2021</u> (Japanese-language site)



# **Museum of Brisbane - Japanese Language Tours**



The Museum of Brisbane has recently launched some new free Japanese language tours. Attendees will be able to enjoy a fully immersive language experience lead by a native speaker. Beginners and fluent speakers are all welcome to enjoy this inclusive tour of exhibition 'City in the Sun'.

#### For further details, visit:

https://www.museumofbrisbane.com.au/whats-on/japanese-language-tour-city-in-the-sun/

## 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: <u>https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/apt10</u>



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 Closure Notice**

Tuesday, 23 November 2021 Monday 27 – Friday 31 December 2021



The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will be closed on Tuesday, 23 November 2021 for Labour Thanksgiving Day Japanese public holiday. The Consulate-General re-opens Wednesday, 24 November 2021. The Consulate will also be closed between Monday, 27 December to Monday, 3 January 2022 for the end-of-year and new year holidays.

Please check our website regularly for 2022 Office Closure Dates which will be available soon.

## 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

# 125th Anniversary THEORY OF GOVERNMENT

# Japan's first Consulate in Australia

As explained in '*Recent Events*', this year marks the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Japan's first Consulate in Australia, which is located in Townsville and was used from 1896 to 1908.

Paul and June Tonnoir have owned 'Kardinia' since 1984, and since then have restored the house to a most beautiful home with great respect to its history.

It was an honour to be given a most informative and insightful tour of 'Kardinia' by Mr Tonnoir.

Mr Paul Tonnoir with Brisbane Consulate staff in front of Kardinia'.

We thank Mr and Mrs Tonnoir for their generosity in inviting Director of the Consulate in Cairns Mr MATSUDA Tsuneki and Acting Consul-General Ms MASUDA Chieko into their home, and extend our gratitude for maintaining the history and beauty of 'Kardinia'.



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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: jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp

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#### **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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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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