



# CONSULATE UPDATES

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We would like to wish a warm congratulations to Mr Ross McConachie OAM on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for your service to Australia-Japan relations.

Ross has worked tirelessly to develop and strengthen ties, including as former president of Australia Japan Society Qld and supporting investment between Japan and Queensland. He was previously awarded The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in 2020 by the Government of Japan (pictured).



Image: Former Consul-General TANAKA with Mr Ross McConachie OAM

## Japan Month in August

Japan Month is returning this August with a number of great Japan-related events! See the reverse page for further details.



## New Toll Group Warehouse Opening

On 15 June, Consul-General GOMAKUBO attended the opening of Toll Global Forwarding's new warehouse facility at Eagle Farm. Toll Group, an Australian subsidiary of Japan Post Holdings, has made this significant investment to increase its capacity to support growth.



## Empowering Asian Language Speakers Symposium

The University of Queensland recently hosted the Empowering Asian Language Speakers Symposium, which brought together researchers, educators and the community to discuss ways to increase Asian literacy and teacher numbers in Australia. We hope the Symposium will lead to more collaborative opportunities between communities and better educational outcomes.



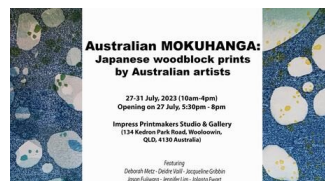
## What's on in Queensland



### Japanese art at Latrobe Art Space 18 - 22 July | Exhibition

Local Japanese artists have come together for two exciting exhibitions at the Latrobe Art Space in Paddington!

[Check it out](#)



### Australian MokuHanga 27 - 31 July | Exhibition

Enjoy contemporary Japanese woodblock prints in Brisbane with this upcoming exhibition by local artists in Woolloowin.

[View details](#)



### Sunshine Coast Japan Festival Sun 13 August | Festival

Experience traditional Japanese culture, food, music, and festive atmosphere on the Sunshine Coast.

[Details here](#)



### Matsuri Brisbane Sat 3 September | Festival

Japan comes to Brisbane with this festival at White Hill State College celebrating the vibrancy of our local community.

[Find out more](#)

## Iwasaki Sangyo Prize - Closing Soon



Year 12 Students, don't miss your chance! The Iwasaki Sangyo Prize is a Queensland Government initiative that offers Japanese students the opportunity to undertake a cultural immersion experience in Japan.

Applications close **July 16**.

[Apply now](#)

THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN, BRISBANE PRESENTS

# JAPAN MONTH 2023

## EVENTS

### JAPAN CULTURAL DAY

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS

Experience Japanese culture in Brisbane with live performances, tea ceremony, bonsai, ikebana, rice pounding, and more!

### AJS-QLD CAREER SEMINAR

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN / ONLINE

Discover where a Japan-related career can take you with this hybrid event targeted at high school and university students.

### JAPAN ART CELEBRATION 2023

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

SEVEN HILLS HUB

Koto, Shakuhachi, Japanese dance and Taiko community groups in QLD are getting together for the first time to showcase their journeys of traditional Japanese art practice.

### AUSTRALIA-JAPAN DINNER

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL

Join Australia-Japan organisations from around Queensland for this inaugural event, which will include remarks by Mr GOMAKUBO Junji, Consul-General of Japan, Brisbane.

### JAPANESE WAR BRIDES - A QUEENSLAND STORY

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES / ONLINE

This talk event celebrates the stories and important contributions of Japanese war brides in changing the landscape of Australian immigration since arriving in 1952.

### UQ JAPAN EXCHANGE SPEECH CONTEST

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Put your language skills to the test with this year's speech contest hosted by UQJX.

### JETAA TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

TBC

Join the JET Alumni Association for a fun night of Japanese pub trivia. Teams and individuals are welcome.

### SOGETSU IKEBANA EXHIBITION

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 26-27 AUGUST

MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS

Celebrate 60 years of Sogetsu Ikebana in Queensland and enjoy the timeless art of flower arrangement at their annual exhibition!

Visit our website for more details:

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