



CONSULATE UPDATES



Consul-General Ishikawa with
The Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP.

Meeting with Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier

On 12 June, Consul-General Ishikawa paid a courtesy call on The Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations. Consul-General looks forward to working with the Deputy Premier to further deepen the friendship and cooperation between Japan and Queensland which extends into diverse fields including trade, investment, cultural exchange, and education.

Visit to Queensland University of Technology

On 10 June, Consul-General Ishikawa visited The Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus to talk with Chancellor Ann Sherry AO, Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Margaret Sheil AO, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor International and Vice-President Business Development Professor Mark Harvey. Chancellery detailed QUT's standing in global rankings and noted their strong relationship with the Consulate and ties with Japan. There was also a discussion on the future direction of international scientific cooperation. We thank QUT for hosting us and we hope to visit again to view first-hand some of their work on robotics and biofuels.



Image: Consul-General Ishikawa with
Chancellery at QUT.

Wellers Hill State School

On 11 June, Consul-General Ishikawa visited Wellers Hill State School. Their Japanese language immersion program has been running for 12 years, and it teaches the Australian curriculum in Japanese. Consulate staff saw students hard at work in immersion classrooms and were impressed by samples of students' work. We wish the students a bright future and hope they continue to have a strong connection with Japanese language and culture.



Image: Consul-General Ishikawa with staff at Wellers Hill State School. The school logo evokes a torii gate.

Artisan's 55th Anniversary

On the occasion of Artisan (Craft Queensland)'s 55th Anniversary Celebration, Her Excellency the Hon. Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, hosted an afternoon tea at Government House. Consul-General Ishikawa and his wife Mayumi attended the event and had a wonderful time meeting many of Queensland's most talented artists.



What's On

EduOsaka2025

Thursday 10 July 12-5 JST
Online

EduOsaka2025 is an online information session for international students featuring many schools located in the Osaka area.

[Register now](#)

Shirozato to Shinju

Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts
Until 27 July

Artist Elysha Rei uses hand-cut washi paper artworks to tell the stories of early Japanese migrants in Queensland.

[More information](#)

Festival for Commonwealth Friendship

Sunday 31 August 11am-3pm
Government House

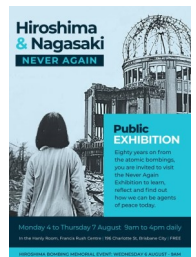
A celebration of food and entertainment from around The Commonwealth at this event coordinated by The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland.

[More information](#)



Hiroshima and Nagasaki - Never Again

Reflect on the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on the eightieth anniversary, with a free exhibition in Brisbane by Just Peace Qld, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Queensland, and the Brisbane Diocese Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, entitled 'Hiroshima & Nagasaki - Never Again'. The exhibition will be displayed in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St from 4-7 August 9am-4pm daily.



Brisbane Brass

On 21 June, Consul-General Ishikawa attended a special evening with Brisbane Brass, which included a taiko drumming performance by Toko-ton Taiko. We wish Brisbane Brass 2 great success in performing at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and with Japanese brass bands in Osaka and Yokohama. We are confident that this special visit will lead to future exchanges between Brisbane Brass and a range of brass bands in Japan. Go! Go! Brisbane Brass!



Image: Brisbane Brass