



CONSULATE UPDATES

Reception for the Queensland Reds and Saitama Wild Knights

On 23 October, Consul-General ISHIKAWA held a reception for the Queensland Reds and Saitama Wild Knights tour ahead of their friendly match at Ballymore Stadium. In addition to speeches by the Honourable Steven Minnikin MP (Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business), Mr. Mark Boothman MP (Member for Theodore) and Mr. Zane Hilton (Assistant Coach of the Queensland Reds), Consul-General spoke about the role that sport continues to play in strengthening the ties between Saitama and Queensland and his hopes for new opportunities for sporting collaborations in the years ahead.



Powerchair Football

The Asia Pacific Oceania Powerchair Football Cup was held in Brisbane 15-17 October, with teams from Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand and Australia battling it out over the three day tournament. Consul-General ISHIKAWA attended to cheer on the participants, and was pleased to see Japan with several wins under its belt. A closely contested final saw Australia defeat Japan 2-1, sealing a back-to-back APO Cup win for the Poweroos. Both Japan and Australia have secured qualification for the 2026 FIPFA World Cup in Argentina. Well done to all competitors and best of luck in the World Cup!



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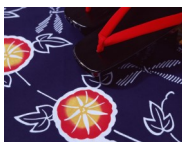
What's On



Japanese Film Festival 6 November - 19th December Palace Barracks

The Japanese Film Festival is returning for 2025, and the full film program is out now! From epic dramas to exciting thrillers, comedies and more, there's plenty to discover.

[More information](#)



Consulate School Visits Term 4 (until Fri 12th December) Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane

Applications for our 2025 term 4 school visits program are now open! An exciting opportunity for students to learn more about Japanese culture at our office in Brisbane. Bookings are essential.

[More information](#)



Brisbane Taiko Fest Thursday 11 December 6:30pm Seven Hills Hub

Join drumming group Brisbane Taiko on a journey through their past, present, and future — a heart-pounding celebration of traditional favourites and bold new creations at this free concert.

[Book your ticket](#)

Visit by Mayor of Miyoshi Town

On 14 October 2025, Consul-General ISHIKAWA had the pleasure of welcoming Mr HAYASHI Isao, Mayor of Miyoshi Town, to his office. Miyoshi Town, located in Saitama Prefecture, Japan, shares a long-standing and cherished friendship with Queensland. And now, Miyoshi Town has signed a Statement of Intent with the Department of Education, marking a significant step forward in their educational collaboration. We are truly proud of this partnership between QLD and Japan. Congratulations to Miyoshi Town on this exciting new chapter!



Visit to Moranbah

Consul-General ISHIKAWA and Mitsubishi Development CEO Mr MIZUNO Tadashi enjoyed a visit to Moranbah in Central Queensland, a region which has been a long-term focus of Japanese investment. With Japan being one of Queensland's major coal importers, they were provided a tour of Caval Ridge, one of five coal mines in the region owned and operated by BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), which is renowned for producing high-quality coking coal, a crucial component in steel production. Joining the visit was Minister MIYANO from the Embassy of Japan in Australia. Everyone was impressed by the vastness of the mine site and enormous machinery.



Moreton Bay Leaders' Forum Business Luncheon

Consul-General ISHIKAWA was honoured to attend the 2025 Moreton Bay Leaders' Forum Business Luncheon on 24 October, an event bringing together key stakeholders, business leaders and members of the community to engage with government representatives and hear their vision and priorities for City of Moreton Bay. City of Moreton Bay Mayor Cr Peter Flannery provided some informative remarks, and renowned futurist and former Lord Mayor of Adelaide Mr Stephen Yarwood was the keynote speaker with a most insightful speech. Hosted by Tim Cox, the Luncheon also included a panel discussion, consisting of Cr Flannery, Mr Yarwood, the Hon. Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation, and Ms Ali France MP, Federal Member for Dickson. CG ISHIKAWA would like to sincerely thank Cr Flannery for his generous invitation to the Luncheon, providing a great opportunity to catch-up with Minister Powell, and meet Ms France and Mr Yarwood.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA with Ms Ali France MP, Federal Member for Dickson.