



CONSULATE UPDATES

Brave Blossoms in Townsville

On 15 August, Consul-General Ishikawa was in Townsville, Queensland, for the international rugby friendly between Australia and Japan. Sadly, the Brave Blossoms couldn't clinch a historic first win over the Wallabies this time, but we were hugely impressed by the players' grit and determination. After the final whistle, Consul-General Ishikawa shared words of encouragement as the team look ahead to next year's Rugby World Cup in Australia, and enjoyed a warm meet-and-greet with the squad. The team are coming to Brisbane, with the city set to host Japan's second pool match against France. Go Brave Blossoms!



Kokoda Day

On 8 August, Consul-General Ishikawa attended the 84th Kokoda Day Commemorative Service held at Rotary Kokoda Memorial Wall at Cascade Gardens, Gold Coast. In his address, Mr Ishikawa reflected on the significance of commemorating the Kokoda Campaign. 'We remember with deep respect and sorrow all who lost their lives, and honour the suffering endured by countless families whose lives were forever changed by war.' Over the past 80 years, Japan and Australia have transformed their relationship into a close and most trusted partnership, and through vision, reconciliation, and mutual goodwill, we have demonstrated that former adversaries can become enduring friends.



What's On



JET Programme Information Session

Tues 8 September 3pm, Thursday 10 September 5pm Online

Join a free online information session presented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane.

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Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Sun 6 December 2026

Time to open up those study books! Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) applications are now open!

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Matsuri Brisbane

Sat 5 September

Matsuri Brisbane is a joyful celebration of Japanese culture in Brisbane. From the timeless beauty of tradition to the energy of pop culture, this festival offers hands-on experiences for all ages.

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Japan and Friends Day

Sun 20 September

Enjoy Bon Dance, entertainment, food, music, craft, and cosplay on the Gold Coast.

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University of Queensland and Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University

On 28 August, Deputy-Consul General Iwamori attended a commemorative reception for the visit to the University of Queensland by Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University. In her remarks, DCG Iwamori congratulated everyone involved in establishing and continuing to develop this partnership. Thank you to Pro-Vice Chancellor Brett Lovegrove for representing UQ, Professor Tetsuo Mizuno for all the arrangements, and UQJS for their magnificent support in bringing this day together.



IN TOUCH

On 25 August, Consul-General Ishikawa and Mrs Ishikawa visited Woolloongabba Art Gallery and viewed artworks displayed as part of the IN TOUCH initiative, which this year features connective creative activities between Australia and Japan, including a joint exhibition linking artists, educators, students, and graduates from Joshibi University of Art and Design (Japan) and the Queensland College of Art and Design, Griffith University (QCAD).



Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Rosanna Natoli

On 28 July, Consul-General Ishikawa met with Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Rosanna Natoli. Mayor Natoli shared some exciting plans for the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, including construction of Sunshine Coast Stadium and Athletes Village and developing greater transport connectivity to Brisbane with The Wave. There was a discussion of the 30th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Sunshine Coast and Tatebayashi, Gunma Prefecture, the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of Japan Group and various opportunities arising in the lead up to the Olympics. The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane would like to thank Mayor Natoli for taking the time to meet us, and we are looking forward to seeing how infrastructure and opportunities develop in the Sunshine Coast over the coming years.

