

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND



**THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND**
AUSTRALIA

and the

**THE CITY OF BRISBANE,
AUSTRALIA**

extend a warm invitation to the

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY,
PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL STUDIES OF
BIOLOGY (ISHPSSB)**

to host the

2009 BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE ISHPSSB



Brisbane River at Dusk

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1. EXECUTIVE INTRODUCTION: WHY BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND?

- ✓ **University of Queensland** – The University of Queensland is a leading research University with particular strengths in the fields of biological science, ecology and marine biology. With the recent funding grant for the Biohumanities Project, the University has also signalled a strong commitment to research into the philosophy, history and social studies of biology.
- ✓ **Fantastic Venue** - The proposed conference venue, Emmanuel College, provides comprehensive quality facilities, at a reasonable price, in a quiet bushland setting just minutes from the centre of the city.
- ✓ **Value for Money** – Highly competitive on-ground costs makes accommodation, airport transfers, dining and shopping affordable for all delegates.
- ✓ **Outstanding Facilities and Infrastructure** – Brisbane offers efficient fully integrated public transport systems. For example, the Brisbane Airport is located only 20 minutes from the city and provides Queensland's best access from the USA, Europe, Asia and New Zealand.
- ✓ **Accessible Destination** – being a modern city, Brisbane is an access friendly destination with wheelchair access available for all major public facilities including the airport, shopping centres, parks and gardens, rail and bus travel, cinemas, restaurants, attractions and hotels. Visit www.brisbane-stories.webcentral.com.au/access to view facilities or Brisbane's mobility map.
- ✓ **Range of Accommodation** – Over 13,000 accommodation rooms are available in the Brisbane region, covering all standards.
- ✓ **Warm & Sunny Climate** - Brisbane is Australia's only sub-tropical capital city, providing delegates with an enviable climate of bright summers and warm, mild winters - which makes any time of year a good time to visit. Temperatures in July range from 26 to 19 degrees Celsius or 79 to 66 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ✓ **Ecotourism Opportunities** – Brisbane offers an array of ecotourism opportunities such as bird watching in the Boondall Wetlands (<http://www.brisbane-stories.powerup.com.au/boondall/default.htm>), whale watching at Morton Bay (<http://www.ozhorizons.com.au/qld/ww/ww.htm>) and nocturnal wildlife tours at Couran Cove (<http://www.ozhorizons.com.au/qld/gc/ccir/nature.htm>). Conference organisers will also be endeavouring to coordinate access for delegates to the University's specialised staff and facilities in the areas of biology and ecology to afford a unique opportunity to experience Queensland's natural beauty.
- ✓ **Pre and Post Touring** – The Brisbane Region offers a unique Queensland experience with pre and post touring options to suit all tastes and budgets – Moreton Bay Islands, famous beaches of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, World Heritage listed rainforests, theme parks and wineries, all of which are situated within easy reach of the city.

3. HOST ORGANISATION

The University of Queensland is one of Australia's leading research universities, employing around 4800 staff and with student enrolments of around 33,000, including almost 8000 postgraduates. The University is consistently amongst the top four Australian universities in attracting competitive research funding. Queensland has particular strengths in the biological sciences. The Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) houses around 400 research staff and research students in a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility and has an annual budget in the order of \$35m. Other strengths include ecology and marine biology.



IMB Building, University of Queensland

The UQ philosophy program is ranked amongst the top six in Australia by the Philosophical Gourmet report (URL) and has a strong focus on the philosophy of the biological sciences. Senior faculty members specializing in philosophy of biology include Prof. Mark Colyvan, Prof. Paul Griffiths and A/Prof. William Grey. Prof. John Mattick, Director of the IMB, is an affiliate Professor in the philosophy program, as is Prof. Wayne Hall, who heads the IMB's substantial commitment to research on ethical and public policy implications of molecular bioscience. Members of the philosophy program hold affiliate positions in biology institutes and an additional Faculty position in the philosophy and history of biology has recently been jointly funded by philosophy and biology.

From 2005-2009 research in the philosophy, history and social studies of biology at UQ is further boosted by the presence of the Biohumanities Project, a \$2.5M Federation Fellowship grant from the Australian Research Council which funds a team of postdoctoral researchers and support staff to work in collaboration with Prof. Griffiths.

The disciplines of History and Philosophy of Science, and Science and Technology Studies are well-represented in the rest of Australia, with departments of HPS at three of the leading research universities (Sydney, Melbourne and UNSW), Prof. Kim Sterelny, Prof. Peter Godfrey Smith and their students in the Institute of Advanced Studies of the Australian National University, Australia's national centre of research excellence, and teaching programs in HPS or STS at several other universities.

The local arrangements for the conference would be the responsibility of Prof. Paul Griffiths, a long-term ISHPSSB member and former ISHPSSB Council member, and his support staff, Ms Lori Grantham and Ms Polly Ambermoon. Prof. Griffiths has had extensive experience in organizing academic conferences and was, for example, Chair of the Conference Organising Committee of 2000 for the Australasian Association for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science. Ms Lori Grantham has had extensive management and financial experience in both the private and university sectors. Ms Grantham was the Manager Business Development for a number of major international corporations in New Zealand and in these roles successfully organized numerous seminars and conferences as well as other major events.

Specific dates for the Conference have not, as yet, been set as the dates for other meeting with which we would not wish to conflict have thus far not been published. However, the venue is available from the 6th of July to the 17th of July.



University of Queensland, St Lucia campus

4. CITY SUPPORT

BRISBANE MARKETING

Brisbane Marketing is the city's official marketing authority whose purpose is to assist conference organisers host successful meetings in Brisbane. Through their city-wide network of conference services and government contacts Brisbane Marketing provides key support in the event planning stages. Their range of services cover the length of the conference process from providing destination information to delegate boosting and delegate services when your meeting is taking place.

DELEGATE BOOSTING - ASSURANCE OF ATTENDANCE

To ensure that the ISHPSSB conference is well attended, Brisbane Marketing can provide promotional support at targeted events. In addition, Brisbane Marketing can assist the local organising committee in the development of a promotional campaign that will contribute to the meeting's success. For example, by provision of promotional material for the 2008 joint meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association and the History of Science Society and by supporting a static display for the 2007 ISHPSSB conference in Exeter.

SUPPORT FOR THE 2009 BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE ISHPSSB

In the event that Brisbane is confirmed as the destination for the 2009 Meeting of the ISHPSSB, Brisbane Marketing is pleased to provide the following support.

- \$5000 towards delegate boosting activities, a site inspection for Chair of the Selection Committee and/or tour activities. These activities are to be agreed with Brisbane Marketing and the organising committee. For example, the money might be used towards providing transport for delegates to the University of Queensland's Moreton Bay Marine Biology Research Centre on Stradbroke Island located approximately 90 minutes from the Conference Venue. The Centre's marine habitats include coral reef, mangrove forests and seagrass beds. Specialised university staff would be available to provide information on the local ecology. Delegates may also like to take the opportunity to snorkel with the islands unique marine life including dugong and sea turtle.



5. QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

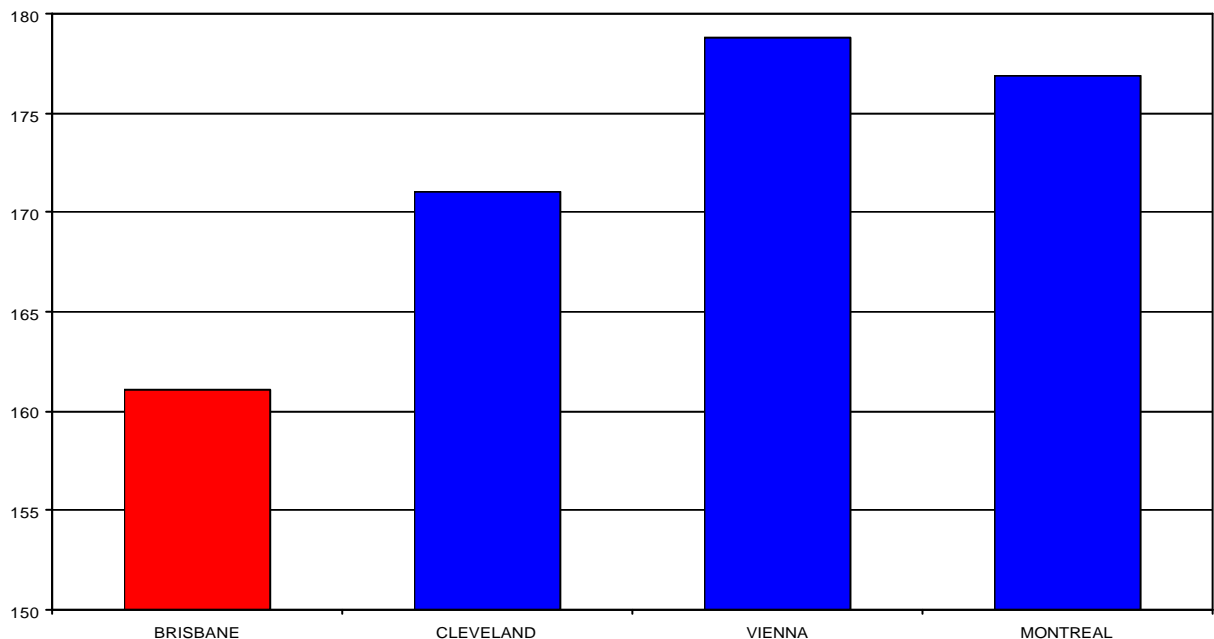
THE FACT FILE

Queensland is Australia's second largest state and covers 1,728,000 square kilometres. The area of Queensland equals the combined areas of France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Belgium; or one fifth of the United States; or nearly five times the area of Japan or Great Britain. The Queensland coastline stretches for 7,400 km of magnificent sandy beaches. The "outback" covers more than 1 million square kilometres of red plains, deserts and tropical wetlands.

Queensland is Australia's premier tourist state with over 2.1 million international tourists for the year ending December 2004 (International Visitors Survey). Queensland boasts Australia's best tourist destinations and the state attracts 43% of all tourists to Australia. What better incentive to attract delegates to a conference and encourage partner and family participation.

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

Australia's currency exchange rate, coupled with Brisbane's favourable prices for accommodation, food, beverages, and entertainment, combine to offer international delegates great value for money. The tables below illustrate the cost (USD) per diem of attending conferences in other cities (per delegate per day) compared to Brisbane and a snapshot of general expenses.



Source: Runzheimer Guide to Daily Travel Prices. www.runzheimer.com (November 2004)

Indicative Brisbane Costs
Based on an exchange rate 1 AUD = 0.7868 USD

	AUD	USD
Taxi Fare: Airport – City	27.00	21.24
Café Breakfast	8.00	6.17
Glass of beer	3.00	2.36
City Sights Tour	45.00	35.40
Seafood Dinner	29.00	22.81
Supreme Pizza	10.00	7.86
Stage show	60.00	47.20

Compiled by Brisbane Marketing February 2005

7. CONFERENCE VENUE

EMMANUEL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

The conference will be held in the modern, spacious facilities of Emmanuel College with additional seminar facilities available, if needed, in the adjoining Kings College. Both colleges are located at the University of Queensland's St Lucia campus. This campus is considered by many to be one of Australia's most attractive. It is located just seven kilometres from the city centre on a magnificent 114 hectare site in a bend on the Brisbane River.

Emmanuel College is accustomed to running large scale international conferences and has dedicated full time conference staff. Seminar rooms are all air conditioned and well appointed with an overhead projector, screens, whiteboard, slide projector, RV and VCR. Data projectors can be obtained at a small additional charge. During the conference the services of a qualified technician would be available to facilitate speakers' media requirements.

Proposed seminar rooms are as follows

- The Riverview Room – a large circular room ideally suited as the main conference venue. It has large windows overlooking the river and rainforest. Seating capacity is 350.
- The Kyle Room – is slightly smaller than the Riverview Room with similar views of the river and rainforest. Seating capacity is 80
- Seminar Rooms 1&2 – can jointly accommodate 90 or an operable sound proof wall can be positioned to make two separate rooms able to seat approximately 50 in each.
- The Chapel – with exquisite stained glass on 3 sides can seat 160.
- Presidents Room – is a bright rectangular room with large glass windows. It can seat approximately 35.
- Jnr. Common Room – a rectangular room able to seat approximately 90.

- The Steven Bonnins Room – a room reminiscent of an English gentlemen's club, complete with comfortable seating, would be available for publishers to display their merchandise. The room can be securely locked each night.
- Two additional conference rooms of similar quality are available at the adjacent Kings College seating 100 and 80 people respectively.

The College charges a token rate for the use of its facilities if their accommodation is selected as the principal provider. Total costs for use of the conference facilities at today's rates are \$300 per day. The College currently charges \$17 per person for morning/afternoon tea and lunch.

All seminar rooms have areas close at hand for small informal meetings and get togethers, seating will be provided. Coffee and tea facilities will be ongoing and within a few minutes walk from any meeting venue, as are toilet facilities. Maps and signage will be provided during the conference indicating the various session venues and the location of facilities. However, with all sessions being held in such close proximity difficulties associated with locating sessions or session hopping should be minimal.

Secretarial services, such as facsimile and photocopying, are available through the college office which is staffed between 8:30 and 4pm Monday to Friday. The College facilities also include a computer room with 5 computers on hand for conference guests. Those wishing to use the internet have the option of either using the computer room or, if staying at the college accessing the internet via their college rooms. The college provides swipe cards at \$5.00 for 25mb.

Emmanuel College is ideally located just a 3 minute walk to the University bus and taxi terminus and a leisurely 10-15 minute walk to the City Cat Ferry. For anyone wishing to bring their own transport parking is available for approximately 200 vehicles. Alternatively, St Lucia Village is approximately five minutes walk from the College providing a Supermarket, Fruit and Vegetable shop, Newsagency, Drycleaner, Sushi Bar, Hairdresser, Health Care, Travel Agency, Post Office, Wine Shop and several Restaurants and Take Away Bars.

The College can offer a range of accommodation options and have sufficient space to accommodate all delegates. Accommodation bookings can be made directly to the College via their soon to be installed centralized on-line booking service.

The Collage has 5 rooms fitted for disabled guests and all function rooms and the dining hall are accessible by wheelchair.

A map of St Lucia campus is available at <http://www.uq.edu.au/maps>
A map of Emmanuel College can be found at <http://emmanuel.uq.edu.au>

Registration

The University of Queensland has recently installed an on-line conference registration service and it is envisaged that the web site and conference material will encourage use of this method of registration. The service can ensure efficient and secure collection of funds and will provide extensive administrative and financial reporting options. The service is provided free of charge by the University, however, our bank will pass on charges for each transaction. The current rates for each internet payment are 1.37% + 15 cents per transaction. It is envisaged that accommodation bookings will be made directly to Emmanuel College.



Queensland University

8. ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION, EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Emmanuel College is able to provide a range of accommodation. All options are inclusive of breakfast and dinner (lunch being included in the registration fee) which can be tailored to meet vegetarian or most dietary requirements. The college also has available smart card and coin operated laundry facilities, internet access from the rooms and swipe card access to a computer room. Children can be accommodated at the College by selecting option 3.

Option 1 - Standard single rooms

250 rooms in two-storey wings (around 10 - 12 single rooms per floor).

Shared bathroom facilities at the end of each floor. (\$48.00 per person, per day)

Option 2 - Single rooms

36 rooms with share ensuite between 2 rooms (\$50.00 per person, per day)

A small number of single rooms with their own ensuite. (\$52.00 per person per day)

Option 3 - Serviced 2 bedroom flats (\$55.00 per person, per day)

Spacious, some with balconies. Flats include: ensuite, separate bathroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room and laundry. Guests must supply crockery, cutlery and utensils. A small number of sets are available for hire. It should be noted that the serviced flats are the only option offering self catering.

Option 4 - Serviced 4 and 5 bedroom flats (\$55.00 per person, per day)

Spacious, some with balconies. Flats include toilet, shower, lounge, kitchen, dining room and laundry. Guests must supply their own crockery, cutlery and utensils. A small number of sets are available on hire. It should be noted that the serviced flats are the only option offering self catering.

Booking Arrangements

It is envisaged that delegates will liaise directly with Emmanuel College, in the first instance via a link on the Conference website, to coordinate their accommodation requirements. Emmanuel College is currently installing an automated on-line booking service which should ensure a smooth process. The College provides for a range of payment options including all major credit cards and bank transfers. A one off booking of fee of \$10 per guest is payable to the College.



Emmanuel College dining hall

ALTERNATIVE CITY ACCOMMODATION

A delegate friendly city, Brisbane offers high standards of accommodation with rates that are surprisingly competitive. Delegates have an excellent range of accommodation available, from the finest in comfort and service, to the budget options of guesthouses and backpacker hostels. Accommodation in the Central Business District is located approximately 15 minutes from the University.

Brisbane's Downtown Accommodation

NAME OF HOTEL	STAR RATING	TOTAL ROOMS	Rooms with Wheelchair Facilities	Indicative Conference Room Rate (From)
Brisbane Marriott Hotel	5	267	4	\$190
Conrad International Hotel & Treasury Casino	5	96	3	\$210 to \$320
Hilton Brisbane	5	321	2	\$170 to \$225
Quay West Suites Brisbane	5	95	All	\$215 to \$266
Sheraton Brisbane Hotel	5	410	1	\$215
Stamford Plaza Brisbane	5	252	1	\$220
Carlton Crest Hotel Brisbane	4.5	438	4	\$156 to \$199
The Chifley at Lennons Brisbane	4.5	152	1	\$154
Novotel Brisbane	4.5	293	3	\$169
Royal Albert	4	60	0	\$150
Rydges South Bank – Brisbane	4.5	305	3	\$215
The Chifley on George	4.5	99	1	\$140
The Point	4.5	106	4+	\$138 to \$178
Westend Central Apartments	4.5	59	0	\$122 to \$194
Holiday Inn Brisbane	4	191	1	\$165
Hillcrest Central Apartment Hotel	4	80	2	\$108 to \$176
Hotel Grand Chancellor	4	180	2	\$135
Royal on the Park	4	153	1	\$165
The Oaks on North Quay	4	123	0	\$113 to \$135
Oaks Lexicon Apartments	4.5	75	0	131.00-203.00
Rendezvous Apartment Hotel	4	139	3	\$142 to \$275
Rothbury on Ann	4	120	0	\$127 to \$257
Sebel Suites	4	95	1	\$140 to \$170
Goodearth Hotel Brisbane	3.5	180	0	\$93
Mercure Hotel Brisbane	3.5	218	0	\$149
Pacific International Apartments	4	140	2	\$141 to \$245
Medina Executive Brisbane	4.5	162	4	\$119 to \$165
Metropolitan Motor Inn	3.5	54	0	\$89 to \$129
Hotel George Williams	3	55	3*	\$105
Hotel Ibis Brisbane	3	218	3	\$119
Highgate Hill (backpackers)	N/A	144	No	\$11-\$65
Balmoral House (backpackers)	3.5	28	2	\$30-\$46

Please refer to Appendix for full Accommodation Access information.

9. ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

BRISBANE AIRPORT

The Brisbane International Airport provides delegates with outstanding and efficient facilities for arrivals and departures. The design of this state-of-the-art \$250 million facility enables the airport to handle approximately 4000 passengers per hour. Brisbane's ultra-modern International Airport is located only 15 kilometres, or 20 minutes transfer time (by road), from the Central Business District with Airtrain access direct to the city centre.

FLIGHTS FROM THE US

Brisbane offers direct flights from the USA, Europe and Asia. Currently there are 218 direct flights per week arriving in Brisbane from all corners of the globe. This assures international delegates frequent, direct flights allowing flexible itineraries for pre and post touring.

There are 10 flights (4,320 seats) from the USA arriving in Brisbane per week, with three of these flights (1,296 seats) direct from Los Angeles to Brisbane. Now just 12 hours and 50 minutes flying time, 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday Friday) increasing to 5 days a week in November 2005, Australia is closer than you think.

Indicative cost of a return fare departing

Canada	(Vancouver)	\$1605 USD
Canada	(Toronto)	\$1926 USD
USA	(LA)	\$1290 USD
USA	(New York)	\$1890 USD
England	(London)	\$ 968 GBP
Germany	(Berlin)	\$ 1128 GBP
Mexico	(Mexico City)	\$ 24,073 MXN
South America	(Buenos Aires)	\$ 5923 ARS

BRISBANE AIRTRAIN

For your airport transfers, delegates can now fly through Brisbane's traffic with AIRTRAIN. Airtrain offers a fast, reliable and cheaper alternative for travel from Brisbane Airport to the centre of Brisbane. Just \$5.00 per delegate for group bookings or \$10 for individual travellers. Airtrain services run every 15 minutes and the express, air-conditioned journey takes only 20 minutes. The airport stations are located directly outside the International Terminal and connect with 5 stations covering 80% of downtown Brisbane.

ACCESSIBILITY

Brisbane is accessible to all visitors, providing wheelchair access to many public facilities, accommodation, gardens, restaurants and rail and bus public transport. Brisbane Mobility Maps (sample attached) and various websites are available to delegates to provide detailed information:

www.brisbane-stories.webcentral.com.au/access

www.disability.qld.gov.au/dial

www.accessibility.com.au

www.ourbrisbane.com

VISAS: ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA FOR DELEGATES

Australia's Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system is the world's most advanced and streamlined travel visa authorisation system. Recent innovative enhancements to ETA arrangements allow a traveller to apply for visa information over the Internet.

The ETA is a stored electronic authority for travel to Australia for the short-term tourist. It replaces the passport visa label or stamp in a passport and removes the need for application forms. ETA visas are issued within seconds of being requested through computer links between Department of Immigration, Migration and Indigenous Affairs, travel agents, airlines and specialist service providers around the world, ensuring delegates know their visas are in order before leaving their home country.



View of Moreton Bay

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Downtown Brisbane is compact and attractive, and many visitors choose to walk within the city in order to appreciate the city sights and relaxed atmosphere. A network of trains, ferries, taxis and buses operate throughout the city and link the airport, suburbs and local attractions to the city.

TransLink

Brisbane's new single transport network, TransLink, provides integrated ticketing where one ticket will take you wherever you need to go on buses, trains and ferries. Special delegate passes for travel around the city during conferences can be arranged.

Downtown city loop – it's free!

'The Loop' buses run every 10 minutes along two routes around the Central Business District (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT). The service runs from 7am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

CityTrain

City rail stations are conveniently situated at two city hotels, the Sofitel Brisbane Hotel and the Holiday Inn Brisbane. Toowong is the closest train station to the University. It is then approximately a 20 minute walk to the campus. Alternatively, a bus service (407 & 412) is provided between Toowong and the University.

Buses

Brisbane's public bus services connect the city centre, inner city suburbs, railway stations and ferry wharves. There are regular city tours allowing visitors to set their own itinerary in discovering Brisbane's historical and cultural attractions. The Brisbane City Council runs several bus services to and from the University. All buses can be caught from the main bus stop on campus. The most direct service from the city is the 407 & 412. The cost of a ticket from the university to the city is approximately \$2.80.

Taxis

Taxi services are plentiful in Brisbane. There are two major taxi companies and their drivers are noted for their friendly disposition.

Ferries

Brisbane's picturesque river setting provides a refreshing option for delegates. The high-speed ferries, *CityCats*, compliment the fleet of river ferries that regularly cross the Brisbane River connecting with the University campus at approximately 20 minute intervals.



CityCat on Brisbane River

10. SOCIAL PROGRAM

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Mayne Centre, adjacent to the Great Court, houses the University of Queensland's extensive art collection. The Centre offers a sophisticated location for a welcome cocktail reception for delegates. At current prices a 2 hour reception including alcohol and food would cost in the region of \$20 per person.



The Mayne Centre

CONFERENCE DINNER

The following venues have been identified as possible settings for the conference dinner.

Customs House

Customs House is a beautifully restored building owned and operated by the University of Queensland as a cultural, educational and heritage facility. It is one of Brisbane's heritage icons, located on the river in the city centre, offering dining of an international standard. A banquet dinner in the ball room would currently cost \$90 per person.



Customs House

Kookaburra River Queen

The Kookaburra River Queen I and II are authentic paddlewheelers which can accommodate up to 700 dinner guests. The steamers depart from Eagle Street Pier in the centre of Brisbane City and cruise along the Brisbane River offering a unique dining experience. At current prices a cruise and dinner package would cost \$85 per person.



The Kookaburra Queen

OTHER SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

For conference delegates, Brisbane offers a wealth of social activities. This is just a taste of the many things to do in and around Brisbane!

- Cuddle a koala! Brisbane has the largest free koala population in the world.
- See how sheep are sheared outback at the Australian Woolshed.
- Visit the Alehouse Visitor Centre and Brewery Tour at Castlemaine XXXX Brewery – Queensland's favourite beer!
- Sail Moreton Bay on the four-time winner of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, 'Solo'.
- Play to win at the Conrad Treasury Casino.
- Discover the artistic side of Brisbane and make unique purchases on an art tour.
- Swing, drive and putt where the Shark (Greg Norman) learned his tricks of the trade: Royal Queensland Golf Course one of many in the surrounding area.
- Visit St Helena Island – Brisbane's historical penal colony.
- Indulge in Brisbane's dynamic cafe society – enjoy the great weather and dine alfresco.
- Hot air balloon over Brisbane – one of only eight cities in the world where you can take a balloon ride over the central business district.
- Cruise to Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort where guests can enjoy the resort style facilities, snorkel, and sand toboggan or enjoy a 4WD island tour. Not to mention hand feeding dolphins!
- Taste the fruits of the vine at Queensland's premier winery, Mt Cotton Estate.
- Enjoy a cold beer on a hot day at a traditional Queensland pub.
- Have an authentic yum cha in Chinatown, Fortitude Valley.
- Explore the historic districts of New Farm, Paddington and Milton where you can view an impressive collection of 'Queenslanders' style houses.
- Come face to face with Australia's only polar bears at Sea World.

- Discover the skeletons of the city's closet on a Brisbane Ghost Tour.
- See one of the world's largest collections of Asian and Aboriginal art at the Queensland Art Gallery.



Fraser Island

South Bank Parklands

South Bank Parklands have a range of attractions and entertainment taking advantage of Queensland's open-air lifestyle and balmy weather. Activities can range from swimming at the city beach, exploring one of the world's largest collections of Aboriginal and Asian art, relaxing in fine restaurants and alfresco cafes, enjoying sophisticated and stylish shopping in the many nearby boutiques and specialty shops or sharing in the fun and festive street markets.



South Bank Beach

11. PRE AND POST TOURING

BRISBANE REGION: MORETON BAY AND BEACHES

Brisbane's best kept secret is the Islands of Moreton Bay. Postcard perfect and so close, Brisbane's regional islands offer 70+ beaches, seaside fishing towns and some of the world's largest sand islands. With Brisbane's eastern flank bordered entirely by Moreton Bay, and the city divided by the Brisbane River, water is integral to our lifestyle.

- Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort located on the sheltered western, or bay side, of Moreton Island National Park, 34 kilometers from the mouth of the Brisbane River, is surrounded by sub temperate forest and a Marine Park. The Resort is accessed twice daily by a 200 passenger hi-speed catamaran from Brisbane.



Outdoor dining at it's best at Tangalooma on Moreton Island!

- Tangalooma is renowned for the nightly hand feeding of a pod of Wild Bottlenose Dolphins and the work of the Dolphin Care and Research Centre. As well, between June to October you can enjoy Whale Watch cruises. The Resort offers a range of land and water sport activities including 4WD eco tours, (don't miss the Tangalooma Desert Safari Tour for the exhilarating sport of sand tobogganing), ATV vehicle tours, bush-walking, tennis, squash, and fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving courses.
- North Stradbroke Island, (Straddie), offers 32 km of beach in its eastern shores and traditional fishing villages on the west. You will find good surf year round and local Aborigines offer historic and cultural tours.



North Stradbroke Island

- Sailing Yachts and motor boats for bay cruising, fishing or dive charter are plentiful and readily available for hire, particularly at Wynnum/Manly and Redcliffe.



Sailing on Moreton Bay

- The Wynnum Manly district is the closest gateway to Brisbane's Moreton Bay, offering easy access to about half of the islands dotting the south east Queensland coastline. Rich in history, Manly Harbour Village is one of Brisbane's only remaining waterfront villages. The village has been restored to revive the distinct nautical character of the precinct. This village is a must for visitors, offering an interesting mix of craft shops, art galleries, coffee houses, restaurants, eateries and accommodation all overlooking the bay. A number of tours operate in the Moreton Bay area, allowing visitors to further explore the region with island safaris and a leisurely day sailing in the bay.



Fishing off the jetty

BRISBANE REGION: VIEWS, VINEYARDS OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Amidst the farmlands to the west and south of Brisbane lie quaint market towns and country villages dotted throughout rolling hills. Ipswich, Queensland's oldest provincial town is just 40 minutes drive from downtown. Walk along the Ipswich Heritage Trail, enjoy a drink in an historic country pub or vineyard, or browse through one of the many antique shops.
- Sirromet Wines, Mount Cotton is located 40 minutes from downtown Brisbane, set amidst 560 acres of land, overlooking the vineyards and rural regions towards Moreton Bay. Wine tasting is offered daily from 10.00am to 4.30pm and guided tours are also available.
- An hour west of downtown Brisbane you'll discover Mt Glorious and Mt Nebo nestled within the lush Brisbane Forest Park. Rich in flora and fauna, these mountains offer relaxing rainforest treks, quaint bed and breakfast retreats, picnics by waterfalls and restaurants with breathtaking views.
- Within an hour south of downtown Brisbane is Australia's premier collection of theme parks. The four major theme parks of Dreamworld, Warner Brothers Movie World, Wet 'n' Wild and Sea World offer a full day of action, fun and adventure!



The Tower of Terror – Dreamworld

QUEENSLAND

Using Brisbane as a base, delegates can easily access the world's best attractions in Queensland.

- From glamorous Four Mile Beach to the wilderness of Dickson Inlet, picturesque Port Douglas has become an international holiday mecca with five stars to budget accommodation, shops, galleries, and enticing restaurants. Cruise, dive and fishing boats departing daily for reefs, islands and cays, while day tours and safaris cover the coastal and inland regions.



The Great Barrier Reef – Far North Queensland

- World heritage listed Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world and home to hundreds of species of native animals and birds. Fraser Island is a truly unique experience within easy reach.
- The Village in the Rainforest - A visit to Far North Queensland isn't complete without a trip up the range to Kuranda. The historic railway climbs through tunnels, across bridged ravines, past waterfalls and stops at Barron Falls on its way to the much-photographed Kuranda Railway Station. The road winds up the mountain with views of the coast from a lookout and gaps in the rainforest.



Relaxing in the Rainforest

2. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The following letters of support have been received

1. The Lord Mayor of Brisbane
2. Brisbane Marketing
3. QANTAS