



Brisbane, Australia's invitation to be
selected as host for the

International Conference on the Science and Application of Nanotubes 2012



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1 Executive summary - Why Brisbane, Australia?

Brisbane offers international delegates and congress organisers the best of both worlds - a world-class convention infrastructure in a dynamic, compact, affordable and welcoming city that presents visitors an authentic taste of Australia.

Equally important is the support that the Nanotubes (NT) Steering Committee will receive in Brisbane. Brisbane has a unique structure of local convention partners who have come together to demonstrate total support and commitment to the success of the International Conference on the Science and Application of Nanotubes (NT) in Brisbane.

Brisbane's appeal - Brisbane is a vibrant, friendly, lifestyle city - home to leading medical research and a thriving industry hub, in the heart of Australia's premier tourist region and close to some of the world's greatest natural attractions. Brisbane is Australia's powerhouse city and capital of Queensland's Smart State with a worldwide reputation as a leader in science and technology.

Financial and marketing support - Brisbane Convention Partners including Brisbane Marketing and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre have united to provide a total financial package of **AUD\$60,000** to support the NT Conference taking place in Brisbane in 2012. This package includes **AUD\$50,000** to be spent on initiatives to enhance the conference and **AUD\$10,000** for marketing support.

Financial feasibility – Further to the commitment above, this proposal is financially and administratively supported by 4 major national institutes and underwritten by The University of Queensland and CSIRO. A budget, put together by an independent professional conference organizer, has been drawn up and shows that a reasonable registration fee will be offered to attendees ensuring that the conference will reach the maximum attendees.

World leading conference committee – Australia is a global leader in the field of nanotubes research and development. Our committee represents the best of the best in Australia and will ensure that the conference will retain its reputation of scientific excellence and continue the good name of the series.

Optimum climate - Brisbane is Australia's only subtropical capital city with an average daily summer temperature of 27 degrees Celsius and average daily winter temperature of 21 degrees Celsius, ideal for pre and post touring activities and social and leisure activities.

Asia Pacific hub - Brisbane the finance, business and investment capital of Queensland, Australia's 'Smart State', is the Asia Pacific hub for world leading science, medicine and technology industries. The City's location on Australia's east coast provides direct access to the Asia Pacific region and easy connectivity to other Australian cities and regions.

Air access - Brisbane's award-winning airport is home to twenty-four international and domestic airlines.. With 233 direct international flights each week and excellent access to the Asia Pacific, Europe, and USA, delegates are offered the optimum in flexible travel itineraries.





Unique convention precinct - Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) is ideally located in the unique riverside cultural and lifestyle precinct at South Bank. Home to Australia's newest and largest Gallery Of Modern Art, more than 30 cafes and restaurants and stylish shops, South Bank is an inner city oasis with green spaces, riverfront parkland, rainforest pockets and Australia's only city-based sand and swimming beach.

Conference venue - The Centre is a world-class venue providing superb flexibility, versatility and an impressive portfolio of meeting rooms with easy access to generous trade and poster exhibition spaces. Plenary needs from 400 to 4,000 with the capacity to extend to 8,000 are easily accommodated. In mid 2011 the Centre's \$130 Million expansion will open, offering tiered auditoria space for conferences of 400 and 600 delegates.

Australia's most awarded convention centre - Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is officially rated among the top three convention centres in the world by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC). The Centre has maintained the top three position during three separate surveys of international meeting professionals.

Affordable and accessible accommodation - There are 230 hotels and 12,757 rooms in Brisbane. A 305 room hotel is linked directly to the Centre and a 160 room hotel is located adjacent to the Centre, while 31 of the 230 hotels are within 2km or short walking distance of the Centre. Hotels are very affordable by world standards and there is a strong range of student and budget type accommodation including serviced apartments available.

Local transport - Brisbane has an efficient, convenient and easily accessible transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the city's high speed scenic river catamaran service. A special travel 'Go Card' enables seamless travel across a variety of transport options. The Centre is central to a number of major transport hubs.

Value for money - Brisbane still offers outstanding value for money for delegates and organisers alike. In comparison other major cities in Australia and internationally we still offer cheaper accommodation on average rates, food and drinks, the price of a coffee or a beer is also cheaper.

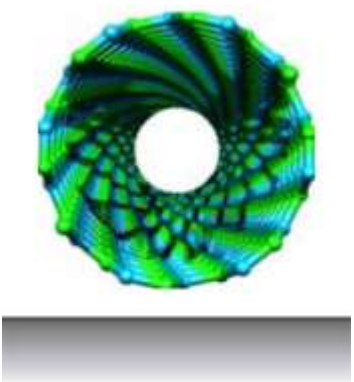
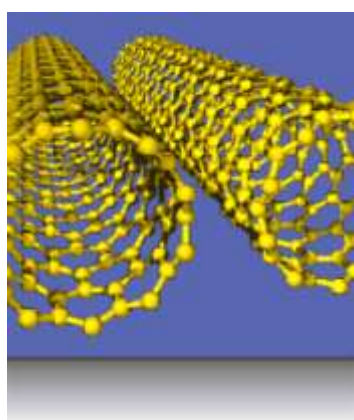
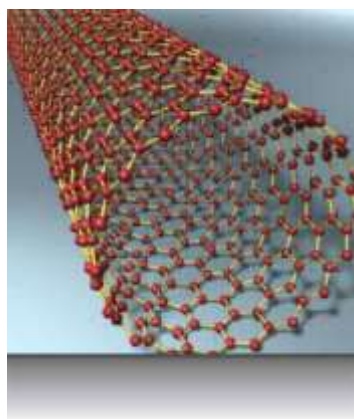
Make Brisbane yours - The advantages of such a compact city centre, together with our climate and river location, provides the opportunity for an event the size of the NT Conference to 'own the city' for the period of the Congress.

Outstanding pre and post touring options - Brisbane's ideal location as the capital of Australia's premier tourist region presents the ideal opportunity for delegates to enjoy a microcosm of Australia's iconic experiences. World heritage listed rainforests, amazing beaches, islands, wineries and the internationally famous Australia Zoo - home of the crocodile hunter - are all easily accessible within an hour of the city. You can even do day trips to the Barrier Reef from Brisbane.

Brisbane's experience - Brisbane has a successful track record for hosting hundreds of major and challenging events including one of the world's largest conventions, Rotary International Convention for 15,000 delegates, The International Association of Dental Research Congress for 4,000 delegates, International Congress of Entomology for 3,000 delegates and International Conference on Engaging Communities for 2,200 delegates.

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2 Letter of invitation



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3 2012 in Brisbane – A recipe for SUCCESS

3.1 Nanotubes in Australia – strong scientific community

Australia was one of the first countries that conducted nanotube research back to last century. Several researchers from Australia participated the first NT meeting held in the State University of Michigan in 1998. The nanotube research in Australia initially covers from synthesis, structural characterization and applications, the research has attracted increased attention and expand into many new areas in past decades, including medical sciences (drug delivery), environmental protection (sensing and desalination) and new clean energy (hydrogen storage, fuel cell and solar cells). Australian researchers have achieved world class research and are world leaders in nanotube conductive polymer in actuators, innovative pulling nanotubes into yarns, as well as the unique ball milling process for mass production of carbon and boron nitride nanotubes. Australia is probably the only place that supplies commercial BN nanotubes so far.

Nanotube research is listed as one of national research priority areas and has received substantial funding support. Two Centres of Excellence funded by Australian Research Council have nanotube projects as main research programs. Australian people are interested in nanotube applications in sport wares and medical products, and also sensitive to the possible side effect of carbon nanotubes. The NT2012 would attract attention from both researchers and industrial engineers, and promote nanotube research in the country.

3.2 The Organizing Committee – Australia's world leaders in Nanotubes

We have assembled a committee that best represents Australia's work in carbon nanotubes. All members of the committee have experience in running major international scientific meetings and many have been active contributors to the NT Series.

Chair – Professor Ying Chen

- Professor, Chair in Nanotechnology, Deakin University
- Program Leader of the Nanotube Program of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Functional Nanomaterials
- Head of 3 Nanotechnology Laboratories
- Active contributor to the NT series
- Organiser and chair of many international nanotube conferences



Co Chair – Professor Gordon Wallace

- Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science
- Australian Research Council Federation Fellow
- Executive Research Director ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science – University of Wollongong
- Director of the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute – University of Wollongong

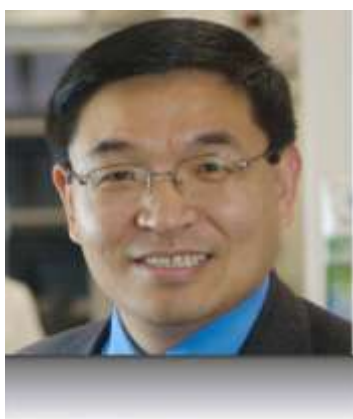
Other committee members:

Professor Max Lu

- Deputy Vice Chancellor Research - University of Queensland
- Director – ARC Centre of Excellence for Functional Nanomaterials

Dr Anita Hill

- Chief Research Scientist CSIRO



3.3 Proposed themes – A broad appeal

It is too early to commit to a theme for 2012 now and we understand that this would be done with far wider consultation. We are keen to ensure that the conference covers a broader scope than carbon nanotubes and for example includes discussion on graphene, nanorods and nanowires.

3.4 Suggested format – Ensuring the good reputation of the NT series

Australia has a wide and strong NT community. In order to ensure that, from a scientific and tourism perspective, delegates maximise their time in Australia we would like to consult with the steering committee regarding the feasibility of hosting satellite workshops in different parts of Australia. We suggest a mixture of areas known for their contribution to the field of Nanotubes such as Deakin University and the University of Wollongong as well as world class tourist experiences closer to Brisbane such as Frazer Island – the world's largest sand island.

An NT conference in Brisbane will focus on delivering a strong scientific program with plenty of opportunity for networking and the exchange of ideas. In order to retain the integrity and good reputation of the NT series, our format would follow previous formats and the venue we have selected will ensure that, irrespective of delegate numbers, all attendees will be housed in an auditorium with easy access to poster displays. A considerable allowance to accommodate world class international speakers has been allocated in our budget.

The Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN) is housed at the nearby University of Queensland and would be an ideal place for a technical tour. A visit to the AIBN can be easily combined with a trip to Lone Line Koala Sanctuary – the world's first and largest Koala Sanctuary – just a short coach or boat ride from Brisbane.





4 Financial feasibility and support

The city of Brisbane, Brisbane Marketing and the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre emphatically support the NT Conference in Brisbane. A team approach on behalf of the city of Brisbane has been offered to ensure the Congress is well attended by both national and international delegates through comprehensive marketing.

4.1 Brisbane financial and in-kind support package



4.2 Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund

The Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund is testament to how the city works together. The Bid Fund represents a collective pooling of monies by Brisbane Marketing, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, the hotel sector and key convention partners to enhance the city's support for major international meetings.

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4.4 Budget

A conservative budget has been prepared by an independent professional conference organiser experienced in international meetings, in accordance with the Steering Committee guidelines.

The proposed budget, detailed in Appendix 3 demonstrates that an NT conference in Brisbane will be a financially feasible event that delivers a quality meeting at a reasonable registration fee:

- As requested, figures have been collated using a base level of 400 delegates to present a worst case scenario, with conversion to USD based on .93. We understand with good marketing support as detailed above and the strength of the nanotube community in Australia, delegate numbers of 700 are achievable.
- All figures are current for 2009/10
- Registration Fees:

Fulltime Academic			
Early Bird	AUD 950	USD	883.50
Normal	AUD 1,050	USD	976.50
Fulltime Student			
Early Bird	AUD 525	USD	488.25
Normal	AUD 575	USD	534.75
- Registration includes Welcome reception, morning and afternoon teas, lunches and conference dinner
- Speaker costs including hotel accommodation, complimentary registration fees and an allowance of \$1,500AUD have been allowed for up to 20 keynote speakers.
- Costs for 6 Poster session rapporteurs have been allowed including hotel accommodation and complimentary registration fees

4.5 Federal assistance for developing countries

International Seminar Support Scheme

The International Seminars Support Scheme (ISSS) is an Australian Government aid activity administered by AusAID. ISSS funds attendance at international development-oriented seminars in Australia and overseas.

The scheme helps to develop knowledge and technical expertise in developing countries, and builds linkages between the government, academic and community sectors in Australia and our partner developing countries. ISSS is a discretionary scheme and assistance of up to AUD\$50,000 can be applied for upon confirmation of the congress being awarded. (http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/issc.cfm - Web address)



5 Australia and Brisbane - a delegate friendly city

5.1 Australia - a truly unique experience

There's nowhere else on earth like Australia. Rich in spirit, diversity and dramatic landscapes, it's the world's smallest continent and largest island, its shores bathed by three oceans stretching from the tropics to Antarctica.

With a 60,000 year history steeped in Indigenous culture and a modern forward looking population of 20 million, Australia is a country of contrasts with a dynamic and exciting future.

Australia is a sophisticated country of world-class cities, ground breaking medical and scientific research, strong business credentials, vast natural resources and unique attractions – the natural choice for business and leisure to some of the world's most iconic natural attractions including 16 world heritage sites, the magical waters of the Great Barrier Reef – the world's most extensive coral system, Kakadu National Park and its 20,000 square kilometres of wilderness, Australia's most recognisable icon, Uluru rising out of the vast Red Centre, 30,000 kilometres of spectacular coastline – the choices are endless.



5.2 Brisbane - a delegate friendly city

Brisbane is the seat of government and commerce in the 'Smart' State of Queensland and Australia's powerhouse city. It enjoys a world-wide reputation as a leader in science and technology including as the birth place of the world's first cervical cancer vaccine.

Brisbane is the largest capital city in close proximity to the Asia Pacific Rim and is widely recognised as the commercial hub for the region.

A modern, dynamic, vibrant and lifestyle city with direct access to Australia's top tourist attractions, Brisbane is the ideal destination for pre and post touring.

World-class restaurants, a diverse nightlife to suit all tastes with a burgeoning music scene, stylish shops and urban art spaces all add appeal to the city.

Brisbane enjoys a deserved reputation as an innovative, modern city with a vibrant edge, proudly extending a characteristically warm welcome to visitors to be part of its colourful lifestyle embracing the arts, business and leisure.





5.3 Make Brisbane yours

Brisbane greets conference delegates with the eagerness and friendliness of a smaller world city, while offering all the sophistication of larger global destinations. Your delegates will feel very much at home and your conference will become part of the fabric of the city itself. Delegate welcome signs and dedicated meet and greet services, city theming and street banners all promote your congress theme.

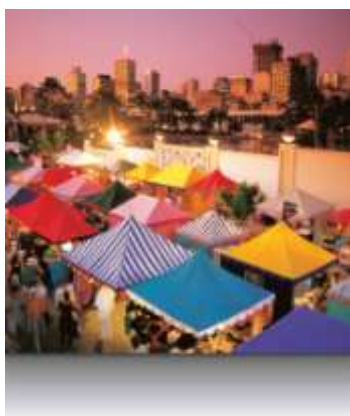
5.4 Queensland - popular with international visitors

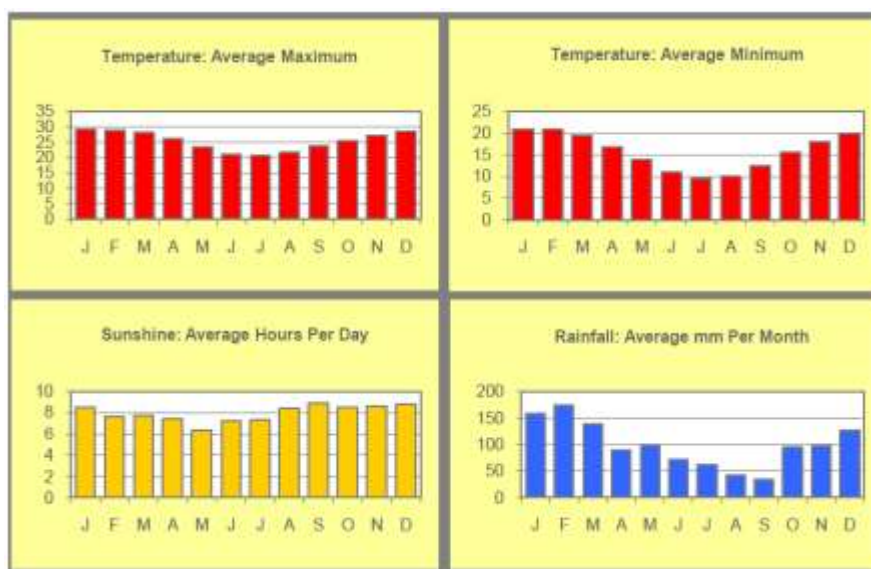
Queensland's growth in international visitation from the year ended December 2007 exceeded that of New South Wales and Victoria, proving Queensland to be the most attractive holiday destination in Australia for international visitors.

International Tourist Visitors		
State	YE Dec 2007	Growth (04-05)
Queensland	1,615,016	3.9%
New South Wales	1,568,321	2.6%
Victoria	677,450	-5.5%
Other Australia	780,606	3.9%
Australia	2,911,763	4.1%
Source: Tourism Queensland / International Visitor Survey-Tourism Research Australia		

5.5 Climate

'Beautiful one day – perfect the next' – that is what they say about Queensland which boasts an enjoyable subtropical climate year round with average summer temperatures of 27 degrees Celsius (December – February) and average winter temperatures of 21 degrees Celsius (June – August). With more than 300 sun-filled days a year, Brisbane the capital of Queensland is a reliable destination for outdoor functions, events and activities that can be built into your conference program.





5.6 Affordable convention city

Brisbane's prices are among the most competitive in the world today. The Economist Magazine's Intelligence Unit has developed an annual business trip index for 127 cities world-wide ranking the best destinations for business travel.

It is often the day to day costs that impact on delegates the most – the below table shows a recent comparison of delegate living costs between Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne
Deluxe Accommodation	\$200.20	\$237.60	\$251.90
3 Meals	\$73.97	\$85.92	\$93.82
Airport to CBD	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$24.00
Source: Runzheimer International, March 2010			

	AUD (\$)	USD (\$)	Euro (€)
Brisbane	269.26	246.96	166.60
Melbourne	273.42	250.77	168.88
Singapore	326.78	299.68	201.85
Source: Runzheimer Guide to Travel Prices; December 2009 (Average total per diem including three meals and business class corporate accommodation)			



5.7 Safe, secure and stable destination

Brisbane is acknowledged as a safe destination, enjoying a stable economic and social environment as well as a level of confidence that can be achieved in smaller, medium sized cities. Brisbane ranks below the national and international average for tourist related crimes. As a Crime Prevention Measure the Queensland Police have established a Tourist Oriented Policing Unit which provides visitors with helpful information relating to travel hints and personal safety.

Australia as a country is an extremely safe destination for international visitors. This fact is demonstrated by the lack of any major police presence on Brisbane's streets and the streets of other Australian cities.



5.8 Environmental sustainability

Management of the environment is a priority issue in Australia and Brisbane. The Australian Government has placed climate change at the top of their agenda with plans for an emissions trading scheme to be introduced by 2010. Brisbane has set a goal to become carbon neutral by 2026 and Brisbane City Council is implementing a number of initiatives to reach this goal including:

- Establishment of the Brisbane Climate Change and Energy Taskforce to oversee the reduction of Brisbane's carbon footprint
- Free advice provided to all Brisbane residents to reduce their power and water usage and lower home emissions
- Funding of up to \$50,000 to local non-profit community groups for the installation of energy and water saving devices
- Substantial grants which are available to developers who build new best-practice green office buildings in Brisbane
- Implementation of carbon sequestration schemes, including establishment of a regional carbon sink. The sink will be created on both public and private land and will eventually cover 400,000 hectares. This is being created in partnership with other councils in the region, community bush care groups, private landowners and state and federal government





6 Brisbane experience - testimonials

"Why Brisbane? The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is world class and easily outshines any of the previous venues for the Congress. Other reasons for choosing Brisbane – the proximity of the South Bank Parklands and the wide range of accommodation offered in the CBD and elsewhere. The easy access to the South Brisbane Station makes the possibility of a family holiday coupled with attendance at an international conference, an attractive proposition".



"With my experience of the support provided by the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Marketing Convention Bureau, I strongly recommend Brisbane for your next convention". **Associate Professor John MacMillan – Convenor, World Congress of Human Genetics, 1,500 delegates**

"The staff members at the Convention Bureau and the Convention Centre are by far the most professional and enthusiastic that I have ever dealt with. The city as a whole understands and appreciates the convention business...I have no hesitation in running a meeting in Brisbane". **Gwynn Dominguez, IADR Director of Meetings, USA – International Association of Dental Research, 3000 delegates**



"Choosing Brisbane meant we could deliver a professionally run meeting in a vibrant city setting – a venue in central Brisbane, accessible to the major hotels, shops and restaurants with the surroundings of the South Bank Parklands. Many delegates commented on the quality of the BCEC venue, its comfortable environment and how suitable it is for networking sessions." **Associate Professor Mary Garson – Convenor, IUPAC World Chemistry Congress, 1,100 delegates**



"All of you are beyond fantastic. We received outstanding excellent service. In working on 11 conventions for Rotary, I must say this was the smoothest convention we've had and your team and facility are huge contributors to this success." **Ms Shari Wilson, Manager Meetings Logistics, International Meetings – Rotary International, 15,000 delegates**



7 Congress venue

7.1 Unique convention precinct – South Bank

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is ideally located in a unique riverside urban arts and lifestyle precinct, home to Australia's newest and largest Gallery of Modern Art, opera companies, symphony orchestras, performing arts and more than 30 sidewalk cafes and restaurants and a wide selection of stylish shops.

South Bank is an inner city 'green' oasis with riverfront parkland, green spaces, rainforest pockets and Australia's only inner city based sand and swimming beach.

During their visit delegates can take a brief time out from their conference to experience South Bank's many attractions.

7.2 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

The Centre is Australia's most awarded convention centre and is officially ranked among the top three convention centres world wide by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC).

A world-class venue, the Centre provides superb flexibility and versatility and offers a comprehensive range of fully integrated in-house services all under the one roof and delivered by our team of experienced professionals whose commitment to excellence extends across all events.

An impressive portfolio of meeting rooms and event spaces meets the challenge of all events of any complexity or size, accommodating plenary needs of 400 or 4,000, with the capacity to extend to 8,000. Availability and a full quotation based on different attendee scenarios is provided in Appendix 2.





7.3 Plenary requirements – based on 700 delegates

The Centre's Great Hall, one of the largest tiered auditoriums in Australia, is highly adaptable and is divisible into two or four tiered auditoriums. One quadrant of the Great Hall can accommodate 780 delegates in tiered auditorium seating with direct access to the adjacent poster session area.

- Great Hall tiered auditorium
- Permanent registration desk



7.8 Special location catering - offsite

The riverside location of the South Bank Precinct, home to the Convention Centre, presents a number of very special venues offering an array of moods, styles and settings for every occasion for your conference delegates. Beachside barbecues and riverside cocktails with the lights of the city skyline as a backdrop or dinner under the subtropical stars, are all catered for by our award-winning team of Chefs and service staff be it 20 or 20,000.

7.9 Dedicated event management

An experienced professional Event Planning Manager and Audio Visual Project Manager will be assigned to the NT conference, to assist and guide in the planning of your event.

A key element in the overall success of your event rests with what the Centre describes as its best asset – its staff. From the first moment of contact to closing ceremony you will encounter a streamlined communication process, which delivers an unforgettable experience for both organisers and delegates.

7.10 Award-winning food & beverage

Officially recognised as Australia's Best Function/Convention Centre Caterer, the Centre's Chefs have earned a world-wide reputation for inventive, contemporary cuisine with restaurant style presentation.

- Maximum flexibility of food choices across different event types
- Customised menus to suit all budgets and all requirements
- Extensive experience in special cultural and dietary requirements

7.11 Audio visual & production services that deliver

Presentation Technology and Event Production

The Audio Visual Production and Services Department is a unique and integral part of our total event delivery process. One of the benefits is that our equipment has been specifically purchased to maximise the Centre's facilities and our highly skilled creative technical staff are located on site and are well prepared to provide you with an integrated solution to your staging, production, presentation and entertainment needs.

Cutting Edge Information Technology

The Centre is at the leading edge of technology and facilities and provides an extensive range of IT equipment and services to meet all client needs, with reliable access scalable from 138Kbps to over 90 Mbps, wireless networking, internet services including internet café, 20,000 networking points throughout the Centre, dedicated project manager and computer and network hire with specialist IT support – we have the total solution.



7.12 Security

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Management is fully committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all events at the Centre.

The Centre's Security Team of trained and experienced professionals provides venue security 24/7. The Centre is equipped with surveillance cameras and has a police station adjacent to the Centre.

With their expert knowledge and experience of the venue, our security staff is the ideal choice for all event security needs.



7.13 Graphics, signage & banners

We have a specialist in-house Graphics & Signage Department, enabling us to provide clients with comprehensive promotional, display and exhibition material for all events – everything from graphic design to stage set design, entrance features, banners and promotional signage.

7.14 Environmental responsibility

At the BCEC, we are committed to responsibly managing both our direct and indirect environmental impacts and the long-term sustainability of our business.

The Centre is a founding member of Australia's Greenhouse Challenge and has achieved Green Globe International benchmarking status for its commitment to the environment.

We have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by the introduction of a number of operational and building performance initiatives. We have achieved a reduction in energy consumption of 6.5% and a reduction in water consumption of 21.6%.

The Centre has also made a major commitment to the environment by purchasing 100% Green Power for the operation of the Administration Office of the Centre.

The team is very experienced and adept in working with clients to reduce waste and energy consumption while also working to create an event that will be successful and memorable for all attendees.



7.15 Carbon Calculator

In a first for Australian Convention Centres, BCEC now offers the services of a tailor made carbon calculator delivering clients the opportunity to measure the carbon footprint of their events and to stage carbon neutral events.

Designed in conjunction with the Carbon Reduction Institute (CRI) to specifically measure the environmental impacts of all types of events at the Centre, the Carbon Calculator takes into account room occupancy, menu selection, event services and is applicable for all events.

The on line calculator is a free service provided by the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.



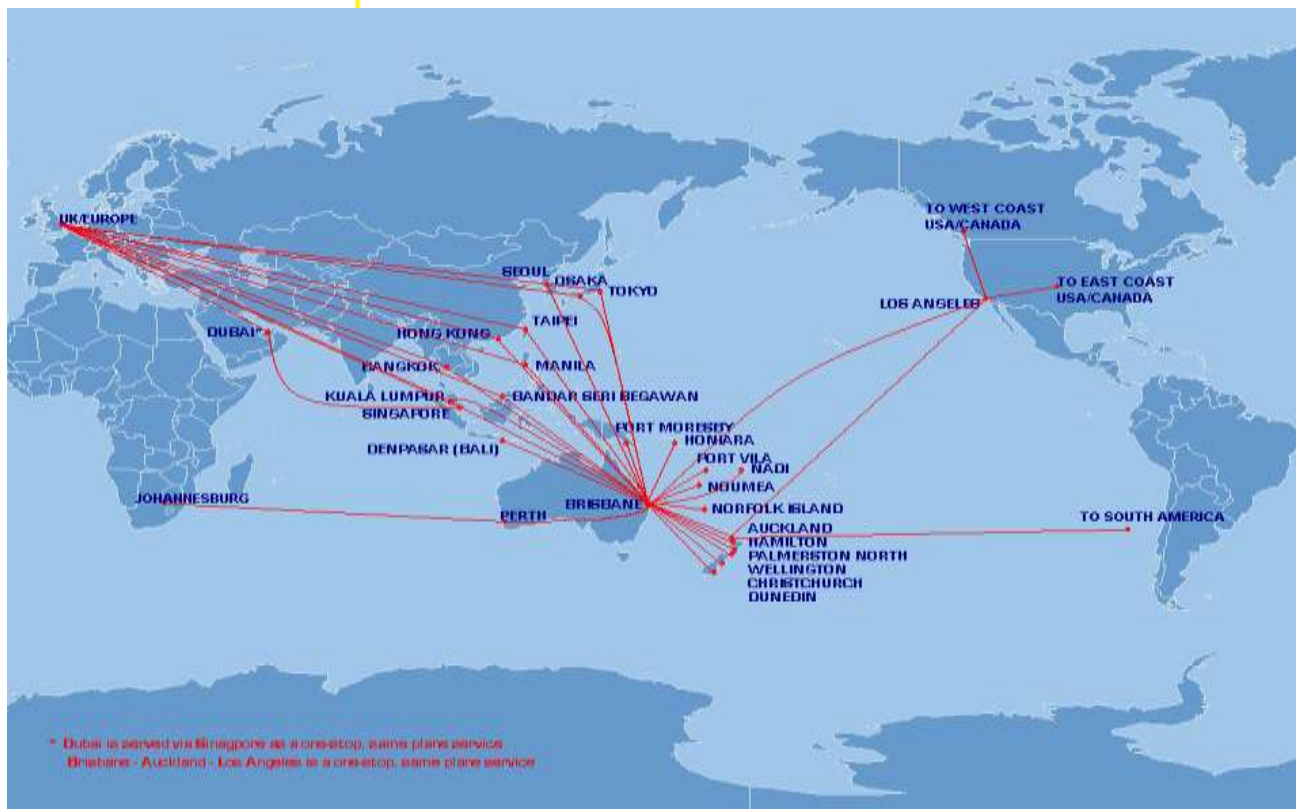


8 Air access and transport

8.1 International flights to Brisbane

There are 58,500 arrival seats into Brisbane per week, over half of which bring passengers through Asia (it is the transfer hub from major European destinations). Direct flights arrive several times a day from the US, New Zealand, Pacific and many other destinations.

Region	Number of Seats
Asia	30,500 arrival seats per week
Middle East	2,700 arrival seats per week
USA	5,300 arrival seats per week
New Zealand	14,400 arrival seats per week
Pacific	5,600 arrival seats per week
Europe	Serviced via Singapore, Dubai, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Taipei
Africa	Serviced via Perth, Sydney, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore





8.2 Airlines servicing Brisbane

Twenty-five international airlines fly directly into and out of Brisbane Airport: Aircalin, Air New Zealand, Air Nauru, Air Niugini, Air Pacific, Air Vanuatu, American Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airlines, Eva Airways, Freedom Air International, Garuda Indonesia, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Norfolk Jet Express, Pacific Blue, Qantas Airways, Royal Brunei Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Solomon Airlines, Thai Airways International, Virgin.

Five domestic carriers fly through Brisbane Airport: Virgin Blue, Qantas, Sunshine Express, Jetstar, Alliance.



8.3 Brisbane International Airport

Brisbane's award-winning International Airport is located just 13 kilometres or 20 minutes from the city centre and from the Convention Centre. With superior airport infrastructure and operating 24 hours a day, Brisbane Airport directly services 26 international destinations each week and 30 domestic destinations. The international terminal accommodates some 4 million travellers each year and the airport is serviced by Brisbane's airport rail link, Airtrain, which provides a cost effective and efficient service to travellers transferring to the City and the Convention Centre.

Australia's fastest growing airport, Brisbane Airport is currently undergoing a \$340 million upgrade and expansion of its International Terminal and will become one of around 60 airports in the world that can accommodate the new generation aircraft.



Brisbane Airport has been named Australia's best for customer service for the fifth successive year. This latest award by Australia's Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) follows a number of other recent accolades for Brisbane Airport including being named the best in the Asia Pacific Region.

8.4 Visa - entry to Australia for delegates

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

The ETA is a stored electronic authority for travel to Australia for the short-term visitor. 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 (DIMIA), travel agents, airlines and specialist service providers around the world, ensuring delegates know their visas are in order before leaving their home country.





8.5 Visa support services for conferences

The Australian Government, through the Department of Immigration is committed to making conferences in Australia problem-free. DIMIA has set up the International Event Co-ordinator Network (IECN), which provides advice and support on visa issues, while also acting as a conduit for information between event organisers and the Australian diplomatic missions who will then process visa applications for their guests. The IECN is a designated group of experienced immigration employees who provide visa information to event organisers and their delegates. The role involves:

- Alerting event organisers to Australia's immigration requirements and, where necessary, providing briefings on those visa requirements
- Collecting and passing information to overseas posts about upcoming events and prospective overseas visitors at the earliest possible time – enabling more informed and timely decisions by overseas posts
- Resolving any discrepancies in information provided by visa applicants who may be of concern
- Explaining the decision-making process to event organisers, particularly in the event of the refusal of a visa to a prospective delegate

8.6 Congress airport facilities - first impressions

Brisbane International Airport is the gateway for tens of thousands of delegates attending conferences in Brisbane and South East Queensland and the airport is constantly upgrading services to greater levels of convenience and more flexibility for business travellers, providing an impressive entry point for visitors.

- Brisbane Airport Corporation works directly with organisers of major conferences and events to enhance the first impressions of these visitors from the moment of arrival.
- Welcome Banner – The opportunity exists for an approved banner to be hung in the Customs Arrivals Hall to welcome delegates to specific conferences or events. Delegates see the banner from the time they pass through Passport Control into the baggage collection area of the Hall until they clear all Customs and Quarantine processes
- Display Stands – An area on arrivals Level 2 can be allocated for the use of a corporate display or delegate welcoming counter. Displays need to be approved and must meet size limits
- Delegate Folders – BAC will provide special delegate folders for distribution. The delegate folders include a copy of Your Guide – Brisbane International Airport's own guide to Brisbane and the region including arrival and departure information. The folder also includes a range of special discount vouchers for delegates to use at the International Airport on their departure



8.7 Brisbane Domestic Airport

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) offers travellers a fully customised electronic flight finding facility. The free service is accessible through the www.brisbaneairport.com.au home page. It allows domestic and international travellers to use the internet to view flight options and make detailed travel plans to or from 23 Australian airports.

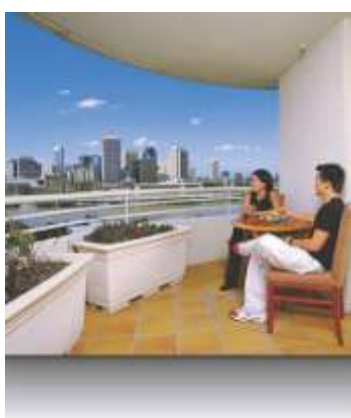
Domestic flying times and accessibility into Brisbane

Australian City	Flying Time	Flights into Brisbane
Adelaide	2 hours 15 minutes	42
Canberra	1 hour 45 minutes	51
Cairns	2 hours 5 minutes	94
Darwin	3 hours 35 minutes	21
Hobart	4 hours 5 minutes	14
Melbourne	2 hours 5 minutes	171
Perth	4 hours 25 minutes	21
Sydney	1 hour 25 minutes	283

8.8 Local transport

The Centre's central city location is convenient for visitors with easy and direct access to an efficient and integrated citywide transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the river's high speed regular catamaran service.

- The city to airport Airtrain and City Train operate from the South Brisbane Train Station, adjacent to the Convention Centre
- There are two bus stations within the South Bank Precinct and a drop off bay alongside the Centre is available for chartered buses
- There is a dedicated taxi rank located at the Centre's Main Entrance
- Brisbane's Go Card enables seamless travel across bus, train and ferry services
- Brisbane is a compact, connected city ideal for walking and getting around via the many scenic river and bridge walks



9 Accommodation

Delegate friendly Brisbane offers a wide range of conveniently located, quality accommodation at highly competitive rates by world standards. With more than five million visitors to Brisbane each year the City has close to 13,000 hotel rooms from five star hotels to serviced apartments and budget accommodation.

There are 31 hotels within two kilometres of the Convention Centre, including two hotels directly adjacent to the Centre with a further seven hotel development projects underway.

Centre Management works closely with General Managers of Brisbane Hotels in a partnership – gold level conventions - which enables the Centre to assist in the confirmation of required accommodation blocks for forthcoming conventions.

Rooms Per Star Rating Available in Brisbane

Star Rating	Hotels	No. of Rooms	AUD
5 Star	9	2,060	From \$290
4.5 Star	20	1,799	From \$198
4 Star	58	3,710	From \$179
3.5 Star	57	2,315	From \$139
3 Star	43	1,125	From \$119
2 Star	12	273	From \$99
Non Rate (Backpackers, B&B etc)	31	1,475	From \$50
TOTAL	230	12,757	

Proximity of Hotels to the Airport

Distance	Hotels	Rooms
10 Kilometres	30	993
20 Kilometres	196	11,538

Proximity of Hotels to the Centre

Distance	Hotels	Rooms
2 Kilometres	31	2,309
5 Kilometres	128	9,536
10 Kilometres	182	11,355
20 Kilometres	230	12,757



10 Recreation and pre and post touring

Brisbane and Brisbane Region

Brisbane – a modern, dynamic vibrant lifestyle city, with world class restaurants, a diverse night life, stylish shops and urban art spaces.

Dining out

Brisbane is a city that caters to all tastes – from world-class restaurants and fine dining to alfresco cafes that take advantage of the city's enviable climate and outdoor lifestyle, with local seafood specialties, Moreton Bay Bugs and Mud Crabs topping the popularity list.

After dark

Brisbane comes alive at night with the heart of nightclubs and bars, Fortitude Valley resonating to the sound of good music and great food. Brisbane's emerging reputation as the music capital is well founded. A great selection of clubs, bars and lounges around the city cater for all demographics and all tastes.

Shopper's paradise

From high-end, big name fashion labels to vintage gems, Brisbane's shopping scene delivers something for everyone. The Queen Street Mall is a half kilometre of retail indulgence with more than 650 stores – flagship stores and international fashion houses. Or for a different kind of shopping spree Brisbane's colourful street markets and festivals are the ideal way to experience Brisbane's alfresco lifestyle.

Out and about

For the more energetic, Brisbane offers a number of adventures such as early morning balloon flights over the CBD or the Story Bridge Adventure Climb, or the Riverlife Adventure Centre which offers a range of exciting activities and experiences.

Brisbane Region - Brisbane is ideally located in the heart of Australia's premier tourist region and most popular holiday destinations, with easy and direct access to some of our iconic attractions, including our world class surfing beaches, the legendary Aussie outback, pristine rainforest regions and day trips to the Great Barrier Reef.

We offer you just a small sample of Australian experiences delegates can enjoy within a short hour or so drive from Brisbane

- Day trips from Brisbane to the Great Barrier Reef – one of the world's most complex eco systems and natural wonders - are a popular agenda on the itinerary of visiting delegates
- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary just 15 minutes from the City to the world's largest koala sanctuary. Here visitors can have their photograph taken with a koala, feed the kangaroos and wallabies and even hold a snake



- Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort – 75 minute cruise from the City across the sparkling waters of Moreton Bay, where delegates can feed the dolphins in their natural habitat
- Moreton Bay Whale Watching – 35 minutes from the City aboard the 'Eye Spy', Moreton Bay's high speed catamaran for a guaranteed view of humpback whales during the whale watching season from June to November
- Sunshine Coast/Gold Coast – the internationally renowned tourist mecca of Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, with its exclusive shopping and dining precincts, popular surfing beaches and national parks is just a 90 minute drive from the City while the world class surfing beaches and theme parks of the Gold Coast are just 60 minutes from the City

Queensland

Queensland is home to some of the world's most unique and iconic world heritage listed attractions.

- The Great Barrier Reef – the world's most extensive and diverse coral reef system, which stretches three quarters the length of the Queensland coast, is a 45 minute flight from Brisbane.
- The Whitsundays, made up of 74 tropical islands in the warm waters of the Coral Sea are just 1.5 hour flight from Brisbane.
- A visit to Cairns and tropical North Queensland is not complete without a trip to the Daintree Rainforest and the lush green Atherton Tablelands. Just a 2 hour flight from Brisbane this region abounds in dramatic scenery and exotic tropical flora and fauna
- The Queensland Outback offers visitors a true Aussie experience they will not forget. Organised tours include outback highlights at Longreach just 2 hours flight from Brisbane.

Australia

Australia is a country rich in spirit, colour and dramatic landscapes with a 60,000 year history of ancient indigenous cultures. It is a country of sophisticated world-class cities, world leading medical and scientific research and vast natural resources.

- New South Wales and Sydney are just a short one hour flight from Brisbane.
- The Australian Capital Territory and Canberra, the nation's capital is not all about power and politics. Experience the national parks, observatories and conservatories
- Victoria and Melbourne have a European influence and a passion for food. Melbourne is the gourmet capital of Australia serving gastronomic delights from around the world
- South Australia's geology and climate support a world-class wine industry. The Barossa Valley has an international reputation of wine growing and heritage villages and towns
- The Northern Territory is synonymous with Australia's Outback. Uluru (Ayers Rock) rises out of the red desert.