# One Brisbane many cultures

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## A message from the Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

I recently announced a plan to transform Victoria Park into Brisbane’s biggest new parkland. Now I invite the people of Brisbane to share their ideas on what they would like to see included in the new park.

You can do this on Council’s website (brisbane.qld.gov.au) or in person at the Victoria Park Party on Sunday 22 September. Community consultation closes on Sunday 29 September.

Spring is a season of exciting events in our vibrant city, including Brisbane Festival, Oktoberfest and Brisbane Open House. It’s a wonderful time to connect with family and friends in the places that make our city great.

People holding a Seniors Go card will have more opportunities to do this from 1 October, with free travel on Brisbane buses, CityCats and ferries during off-peak times, and on buses all weekend.

**Adrian Schrinner**

**LORD MAYOR**

## Leaders and experts from the Asia Pacific meet in Brisbane

More than 1400 delegates from 140 cities across the Asia Pacific, including 83 mayors, gathered in Brisbane in July for the 12th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors’ Forum.

Delegates met to discuss the innovation, mobility, liveability and sustainability of the region’s cities. Mayors and city leaders discussed challenges and opportunities while sharing solutions on how positive changes can foster growth. The discussions were incorporated into the 2019APCS Mayors’ Accord, signed on the final day of the Summit.

The APCS program also featured 196 presenters, including keynote speakers Marc Randolph (co-founder of Netflix), Andreas Weigend (former Chief Scientist at Amazon) and Peggy Liu (Chairperson of the Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy).

The 2021APCS will be held in Denpasar (Bali). For more information, visit [**apcsummit.org**](https://www.apcsummit.org/)

## It’s festival season!

From music, dance and fireworks to cultural festivals, there’s more to see and do across the city.

Brisbane Festival offers free and ticketed events for all ages and interests, from 5-28 September. See the City Botanic Gardens lit up by fiery sculptures, watch shows by international acts and enjoy the free nightly River of Light shows from South Bank, as well as the fireworks spectacular, Sunsuper Riverfire. For the full program, visit brisbanefestival.com.au

Brisbane’s multicultural community also comes together for Oktoberfest, the MOSAIC Festival and Fiesta Latina over the coming months – see the events listing in this edition.

To stay up to date on upcoming events in Brisbane, visit [**brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-in-brisbane)

**Help plan Brisbane’s biggest new park**

Council is seeking your ideas to help turn Victoria Park in Herston into world‑class parkland with more events and better facilities.

Join us at the Victoria Park Party, from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 22 September, for an opportunity to explore the site and share your ideas while enjoying entertainment for all the family.

Have your say to help shape the vision for Victoria Park – whether your ideas are big or small, creative or practical.

If you can’t make it to the party, visit Council’s website (**brisbane.qld.gov.au**) and search for ‘Victoria Park Vision’. You can complete a survey, write a submission or submit photos or design ideas. Consultation closes on Sunday 29 September.

## Celebrate multicultural businesses

Pay tribute to the outstanding contribution multicultural businesses make to Brisbane's economy and community at the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Dinner and Awards, on Friday 4 October at 6.30pm at City Hall.

The gala dinner offers an evening of entertainment and unique auction items, as well as the announcement of the 2019 Lord Mayor’s Multicultural Business Award winners.

The event brings together members of the community and business sector to raise funds for the Lord Mayor’s Multicultural Business Scholarship Program and Mentoring Scheme.

To book your tickets, visit [**brisbane.qld.gov.au**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au). Sales close at 5pm on Monday 23 September.

## Outdoor school holiday fun

There’s plenty to see and do in Brisbane’s great outdoors these school holidays.

Council’s environment centres offer free and low-cost activities, including guided walks and workshops to learn about nature and the environment.

Looking for inner-city fun? Head to the Kids Collective at Roma Street Parkland for free activities for children aged five to 12.

For more of a thrill, visit our world-class BMX tracks at Bracken Ridge and Darra, or any of the other 20 parks across Brisbane with BMX facilities. You can also ride BMX bikes in some skate parks. Visit [**brisbane.qld.gov.au**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/bmx-parks) to find one near you.

## Diary note

Step inside Brisbane’s most unique buildings and landmarks at Brisbane Open House, from 12-13 October. The free event gives visitors an opportunity to look inside high-rise buildings, private homes and Council spaces such as City Hall and The Old Windmill Tower, with guided tours, workshops and more. Visit [**brisbaneopenhouse.com.au**](https://brisbaneopenhouse.com.au)

## Events

**21 September – Festival of Slavic Culture Gala Concert** – Roma Street Parkland amphitheatre, 12 noon, free, [**slavfestbrisbane.com**](http://www.slavfestbrisbane.com/index.html)

**11-13 & 18-20 October – Oktoberfest Brisbane** – Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills, various times and prices, [**oktoberfestbrisbane.com.au**](https://oktoberfestbrisbane.com.au/)

**12-19 October – INAS Global Games** – various locations, times and prices,[**inasglobalgames.org**](https://www.inasglobalgames.org/)

**13 October – MOSAIC Multicultural Festival** – Roma Street Parkland, 10am-5pm, entry by donation, [**mdaltd.org.au/mosaic/**](https://mdaltd.org.au/mosaic/)

**19-20 October – Garage Sale Trail** – Brisbane-wide, various times,[**garagesaletrail.com.au**](https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/)

**26 October – Diwali Festival** – Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley, 4-9pm, free,[**myvalley.com.au/events-guide**](https://myvalley.com.au/events-guide#/?i=3)

**2 November – Fiesta Latina** – Roma Street Parkland, 12-8pm, free,[**lacaqld.org.au**](https://www.lacaqld.org.au/category/lacaqld/voluntariado/celebraciones/)

**13 November – Lord Mayor’s International Business Forum** – Easts Leagues Club, Coorparoo, 5.45-7.30pm, free,[**brisbane.qld.gov.au**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search?type=249)

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