



Queen's Wharf Brisbane MONTHLY UPDATE

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Next cohort of hospitality workers will be skilled and ready for work at Queen's Wharf Brisbane come 2022

Meet the first group of six-star hospitality apprentices who have just started the inaugural Front-of-House Apprenticeship through the Queensland Hotel & Hospitality School.



Back row left to right: Geoff Hogg and Nicholas Dor
Front row left to right: Jacinta Grant, Ayako Wakuyama, Jessica Anderson, Minister for Training and Skills The Hon Y'vette D'Ath MP, Macarla Bishton, Gerald Zamukunda, Krystal Campbell and TAFE Queensland CEO Jodi Schmidt.

The significant hospitality demand to come from Queen's Wharf Brisbane is being recognised through the Queensland Hotel & Hospitality School – a partnership between TAFE Queensland and The Star Entertainment Group.

After successfully launching last year, the school has already delivered two training programs with the third starting earlier this month.

The latest program, Front-of-House Apprenticeships, will deliver industry qualified waiters specialising in high-end sommelier and barista service, which will not only increase their skills, but also their future employability.

When Destination Brisbane Consortium opens Queen's Wharf Brisbane in 2022, thousands of hospitality jobs will be created through the five and six-star hotels, and 50 new restaurants and bars.

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Consortium partner, The Star Entertainment Group, will continue its strong focus on training as a driver for the development.

“Our Integrated Resort Development will rely on key talent to deliver outstanding customer service across a wide range of roles, which makes talent acquisition and organisational development a cornerstone for us,” said Geoff Hogg, The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland.

“The three programs being run by the school through our partnership with TAFE Queensland will help ensure we have passionate and highly trained people in five and six-star service to fill the 8,000+ jobs that our development will need in tourism, entertainment, and hospitality once it comes online.”

For more information about the Queensland Hotel & Hospitality School program visit <http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/qhhs> or for a copy of the media release visit <http://www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au/announcements.php>.

Investor confidence in SEQ tourism market surging

The consortium responsible for building the future Queen’s Wharf Brisbane development has signalled intent to further invest in Queensland’s tourism market through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for development at Jupiters on the Gold Coast.

Queensland Premier and Minister for the Arts The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP was on a trade mission to Hong Kong when she met with The Star Entertainment Group, Chow Tai Fook and Far East Consortium to discuss the transformational plans for Jupiters Gold Coast, worth up to \$850 million.

The three companies formed Destination Brisbane Consortium and have been officially awarded the opportunity to develop the multi-billion dollar Queen’s Wharf Brisbane project, that will see an Integrated Resort Development operational by 2022.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said she had previously welcomed plans by the three partners to build a 700-room hotel and apartment tower at Jupiters, and a live sports theatre.

“However they have now signalled an even stronger intent by signing a MOU for the tower plan as well as to pursue further potential development on Broadbeach Island,” she said.

The Star Entertainment Group CEO Matt Bekier said the three partners were united in their commitment to tourism development and their confidence to undertake significant investments in the region.

Chow Tai Fook Enterprises CEO Patrick Tsang said the company was delighted to be part of the Gold Coast development plans.

“The Queen’s Wharf project was the starting point, but we see the location, the lifestyle and the potential at the



Gold Coast as an outstanding opportunity to complement our involvement in Brisbane.”

Far East Consortium Managing Director Chris Hoong said the developments across south-east Queensland and Sydney were necessary infrastructure projects to leverage the growing interest in Asia and Australia as a destination.

“We have been operating in Australia for more than 20 years and we’re excited to be involved in these projects,” he said.

“Economic growth in China and the burgeoning affluent middle-class demographic has opened the doors of opportunity for Australia. There is long-term sustainability in that market, but also potential on a broader global tourism front.”

Premier Palaszczuk said her Hong Kong trade mission, among other things, highlighted her government’s commitment to promoting Queensland’s world-leading tourism opportunities.

Her Majesty The Queen is heading to Government House

The State Government has announced the life-size statue of Her Majesty, currently located within the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct where the new integrated resort will be developed, will be relocated to the State's Vice-Regal Resident, Government House Queensland.

Requested by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, the statue will be relocated in time for Queensland Day celebrations in early June.

The statue, by Dr John Dowie AM, is the only one in the world where she is holding an evening purse.



Project update

Destination Brisbane Consortium is currently in the detailed design phase of the project.

Following on from the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Priority Development Area Planning Scheme released by the Queensland Government in January, the team is busy preparing a Plan of Development for submission for Development Assessment.

The Plan of Development application will include planning, environmental and other necessary design reports, high-level diagrams and detailed supporting information to obtain approval for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development.

The team expects to lodge this application to Economic Development Queensland for assessment in August 2016 to enable construction related activities to begin in January 2017. Early construction activities will include demolition and excavation work.

As more information regarding the development assessment process is available we will share it via this newsletter, the project website (www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au) and Facebook page (Facebook/Queen's Wharf Brisbane).



Queen's Wharf Brisbane project timeline

- * January 2016**
Destination Brisbane Consortium started early pre-construction activities including surveying and geotechnical investigative works. These activities will assist with the detailed design work that will continue through 2016.
- * 2017**
Anticipated start of construction activities following completion of 1 William Street. Likely activities include the removal of non-heritage buildings, then start of underground car park construction.
- * 2018**
Commence foundations for core development area
- * 2019**
Foundations, car park completed. Heritage work commences.
- * 2020**
Core development starts to take shape as construction progresses above ground.
- * 2021**
Internal fit out commences of Integrated Resort Development buildings.
- * 2022**
Opening of core Integrated Resort Development including hotels and all public realm areas. Conversion begins of Treasury building and beneath Queens Gardens to create a retail and pedestrian zone.
- * 2024**
Anticipated opening of the repurposed Treasury building.

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