



Queen's Wharf Brisbane MONTHLY UPDATE

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The Ritz-Carlton's plans for Brisbane tourism investment



Photo: L to R: Chris Langton, Westpac; Geoff Hogg, The Star Entertainment Group; Nussara Smith, Australia China Business Council; The Hon Kate Jones MP, Minister for Education, Tourism and Major Events; Rachel Crowley, Brisbane Airport Corporation; James Doolan, Marriott International.

The Ritz-Carlton is a brand synonymous with quality and luxury. When you think The Ritz-Carlton your mind is immediately taken on a journey to a luxurious destination where you are relaxed, pampered and enjoying your surroundings. In the future, you will be able to experience that level of luxury in your own home city.

The beautiful heritage buildings currently occupied by the Treasury Casino & Hotel will provide a perfect site for The Ritz-Carlton Brisbane luxury hotel.

The Ritz-Carlton President Herve Humler has been quoted as saying that the refurbishment of the existing Treasury and Lands Administration buildings was

among the very best of historic building conversion opportunities he had ever seen.

“The quality of architecture, positioning and surrounds, combined with known business demand, gives us an ability to provide a unique and luxurious experience in the heart of Brisbane,” he said.

The Ritz-Carlton currently has 96 hotels worldwide, 25 in the Asia Pacific region, and another 40 in the pipeline.

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A sneak peek into the future The Ritz-Carlton was provided this month by James Doolan, The Regional Vice President Hotel Development Asia Pacific Marriott International, which includes the prestigious The Ritz-Carlton. James was a guest speaker at the Australia China Business Council's "Tourism and Investment in the Asian Century" event.

Mr Doolan said the group was aware of the historical and sentimental significance of the Brisbane heritage buildings, and that they would work to create an international-standard luxury hotel in a way that was sympathetic to the existing form of the buildings while also recognising the requirements of guests.

"A luxury hotel experience is not just about the obvious things such as extraordinary food and beverage, and a great arrival experience, but it is also about modern bathrooms, quiet air-conditioning, functioning hot water with good pressure, sauna and spas," he said.

"We promise that what is envisaged for Brisbane is not simply a lick of paint and a new name above the door, the buildings will be transformed so that they are a beacon for Brisbane for the next 100 years."

Construction planning

As part of the detailed design phase, the Destination Brisbane Consortium and State project teams are continuing to meet with key stakeholders to discuss traffic, transport, cyclist and pedestrian movements in and around the future Queen's Wharf Brisbane construction area.

The Construction Management Plan is being developed and will take into consideration the thousands of vehicle, pedestrian and cycle movements that occur through this busy inner city precinct.

With approximately 5500 Queensland Government employees soon to be relocated to the nearly completed 1 William Street (1WS) building, new bus routes and stops are already being considered by TransLink. The project teams have met with TransLink to better understand their objectives and any constraints which may exist as development occurs in the precinct next year.

Consultants have also recently been engaged along George, William and Margaret Streets to observe pedestrian movements to help inform footpath access requirements during construction.

The consortium and State have also met with Bicycle Queensland to discuss the development, its construction timeline and to better understand cycle movements along the well-utilised Bicentennial Bikeway.

Truck movements have also been discussed so the team can better understand the safest way to move excavation materials from the worksite, while minimising disruption to traffic flow.

The consortium is continuing to work on its traffic and transport management plan for construction. As more information is available it will be shared via this monthly e-Newsletter, on our website www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au and on our Facebook page [Facebook/Queen's Wharf Brisbane](https://www.facebook.com/Queen'sWharfBrisbane).

Project Director appointed



Destination Brisbane Consortium is pleased to announce the appointment of Simon Crooks as the Project Director to lead the delivery of the \$3B Queen's Wharf Brisbane Integrated Resort Development.

Mr Crooks, who started in the role in April, brings 30 years' experience in a variety of engineering, project management, and consulting leadership roles, having worked for both national and international construction companies.

As Project Director he will be responsible for establishing and managing the project team and delivering the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Integrated Resort Development in accordance with the project's Development Agreement. Mr Crooks will report to the Board of the Joint Venture Group and Project Control Group.

The Star Entertainment Group CEO Matt Bekier said Mr Crooks had extensive experience in highly regulated industry sectors and a strong track record in managing multiple stakeholder and delivering complex projects.

Mr Crooks will lead the transformational, game-changing construction of the world-class integrated resort, which will bring to life an underutilised and tired part of Brisbane and turn it into a truly iconic and quintessentially Queensland development.

Government and industry agree - tourism delivers jobs

Government and industry representatives gathered in late April to attend the Queensland Jobs Summit and discuss the economic forecast and upcoming job opportunities for Queenslanders.

Tourism was identified as a key growth pillar for the Queensland economy, with retail, food and accommodation being rated among the top Queensland industries for employment.

The summit, organised by The University of Queensland School of Economics and The Australian Institute, invited Destination Brisbane Consortium to participate.

Representing consortium partner The Star Entertainment Group, Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg spoke about the job opportunities that will be generated by the exciting Queen's Wharf Brisbane development, including more than 2000 construction jobs and 8000 jobs once operational in 2022.



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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