



## Christmas message - from Simon Crooks, Project Director, Destination Brisbane Consortium

**Without a doubt this is the most exciting project happening in Brisbane at the moment and the excitement is not lost on me!**

It's hard to believe it has only been eight months since I joined the project, but as I reflect back on the year I am extremely proud of the Destination Brisbane Consortium team and what they, together with our consultants, and the State Government's team have achieved.

Since joining the project in April, I spent the first few months catching up on the massive scale of the project to ensure I understood the conditions that would influence our precinct development.

Coming up to speed with the details of a \$3 billion tender that takes up approximately 10 per cent of the Brisbane CBD has been no small feat, but I can confidently say I now know this project, and this section of Brisbane's CBD inside and out.

Through this period, we have explored the complexity of the project's impact on the CBD to prove that we can build the vision that has been promised to the residents of Brisbane, while maintaining the design principles presented to the State Government and other key stakeholders as part of the tender process.

I am particularly proud of the team I am supported by and the level of



professionalism they each bring to their roles. Without a doubt, we have the best team behind this project making sure it will be the success that has been promised. Together they will bring this vision to a reality.

By way of project update, I am pleased to say the Plan of Development will be formally submitted to Economic Development Queensland in the first quarter of next year, and in the meantime we have gained approval for an Operational Works Application. This permit means from January next year, work will begin on the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Integrated Resort Development.

On that note, I am pleased to announce Probuild has been successfully appointed to undertake this early works contract. Probuild is a Queensland-based contractor with a proven track-record. Their team of more than 1300 employees are successfully delivering major

construction projects in Queensland including the Grand Central Redevelopment in Toowoomba, Coorparoo Transport Oriented Development, and Jupiters Gold Coast new six-star all suite tower. We have complete confidence in their ability to deliver this project to the high standards Destination Brisbane Consortium together with the State Government, have set.

The first signs of work will be the diversion of services, site hoarding and then demolition of the non-heritage buildings in the precinct.

For me being an old site guy, with more than 30 years' experience in construction, this is a really exciting phase we are embarking on. This is the tangible proof that things are now underway.

As we wrap up the end of 2016, I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and look forward to starting the new year with a bang.

Take care over the Christmas period and we look forward to keeping you informed over the next 12 months as the CBD begins its major transformation.

Best wishes

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### PROJECT TIMELINE

2017

Access to site; demolition of non-heritage buildings; underground works

2018

Commence foundations for core development

2019/2020

Above-ground infrastructure; core development area and structure to take shape

2021

Internal fit out

2022

**Expected opening of integrated resort**

2024

Expected completion of Treasury building retail conversion



# Project update

**This week Destination Brisbane Consortium was pleased to announce Probuild as the contractor appointed to undertake enabling works on Queen's Wharf Brisbane.**

Probuild is a national company with a Queensland based business that has a proven track-record, having delivered some of the state's largest construction projects. In Queensland alone, Probuild is delivering the Grand Central Redevelopment (in Toowoomba), Coorparoo Transport Oriented Development, and Jupiters Gold Coast new six star hotel suite tower.

The appointment of this contract falls on the back of Economic Development Queensland approving Destination Brisbane Consortium's Demolition and Enabling Works Application.

The scope of work approved by Economic Development Queensland enables the following activities to occur:

- \* site hoarding
- \* heritage maintenance
- \* demolition of non-heritage buildings
- \* service diversions.

In the first quarter of next year Destination Brisbane Consortium will submit the formal Plan of Development to Economic Development Queensland. This important document is the blueprint for what can be built on the site after demolition of the non-heritage buildings.

To stay informed about the project and keep up to date with the latest news visit our project website [www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au](http://www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au) or follow us on [Facebook/QueensWharfBrisbane](#).

For information about employment and supply opportunities associated with the early works please email Probuild via [qld@probuild.com.au](mailto:qld@probuild.com.au).

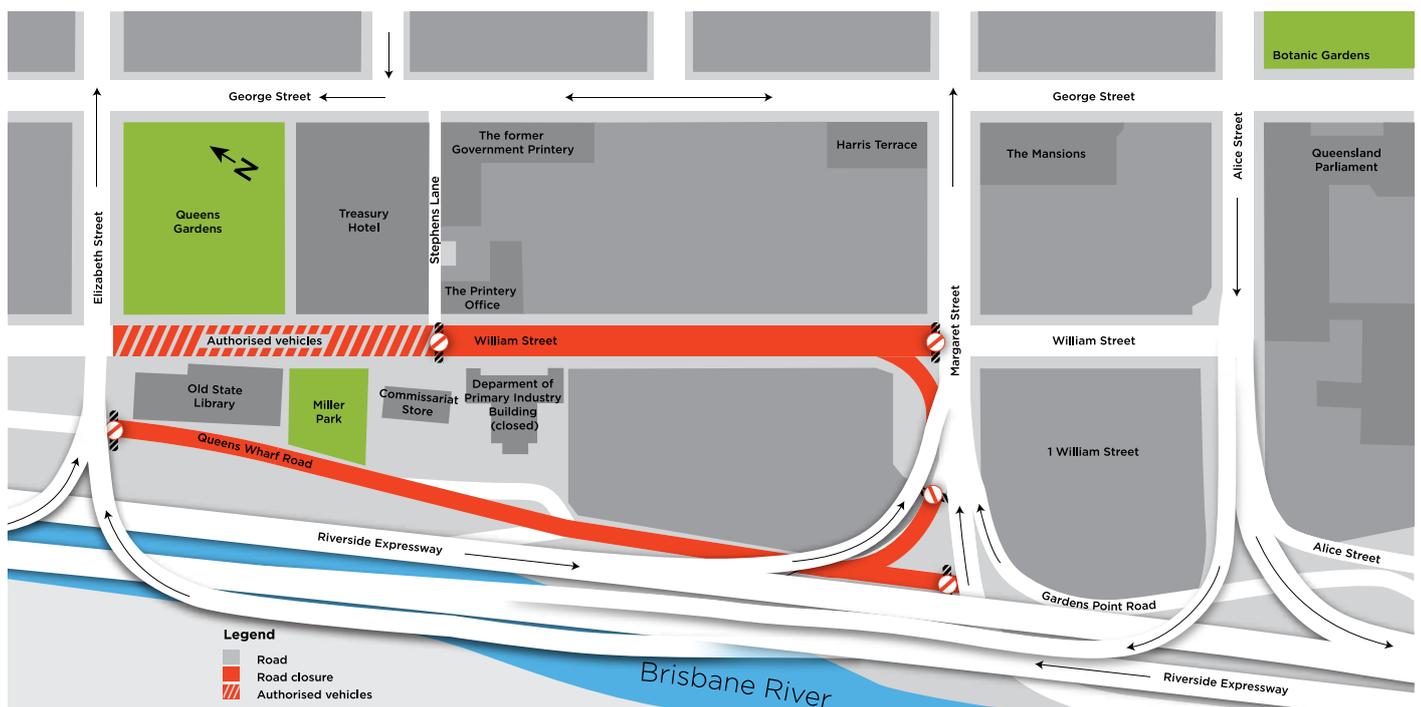
## Road closed

**Get ready Brisbane, early work on the Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development begins in January 2017 and the first change you will notice is the part closure of William Street (from Stephens Lane to Margaret Street) and the closure of Queens Wharf Road.**

Queen's Wharf Brisbane will become an iconic world class development that the residents of Brisbane can be proud to call their own, but it can't be built without some changes occurring.

On 1 January 2017, part of William Street and Queens Wharf Road will close to normal traffic as these streets are transformed to haul routes for the trucks, cranes and dozers that will begin the demolition of the three non-heritage buildings in the precinct (the Executive Building, 80 George Street and Neville Bonner Building).

Detour signs have already been installed at key locations around the city, but for more information on traffic updates call **13 19 40** or visit [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au). Anyone interested to understand the changes to bus services should contact TransLink on [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) or phone **13 12 30**.



Traffic and transport changes effective 1 January 2017



CASA approved drone pilot taking footage of the Brisbane cityscape

## File the footage for later

**You would have had to look hard to see it, but on Tuesday 13 December when the sky was clear and the wind low, we engaged a CASA approved drone pilot to send a drone up in to the air to take some aerial footage of the site that will be transformed over the next six to eight years into the iconic Queen's Wharf Brisbane.**

This footage will be used in various presentations now, but more importantly it will provide a record, a snapshot in time of how the site looks pre-Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

We will also be capturing footage during the construction phase and together this footage will inform the development of a Queen's Wharf Brisbane showreel that will document the evolution of Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

In addition to the Brisbane cityscape drone footage, the Queensland Government has engaged a photographer to capture both internal and external details of all the buildings within the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct, including the non-heritage ones that will be demolished as part of enabling works.

It's going to take at least six years before this footage will be brought together and produced, but when complete, it is sure to be of interest to historians, construction enthusiasts and the residents of Brisbane.

Meanwhile, the Government photographs will be displayed on the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Facebook page, throughout the monthly newsletter and will also be shared with the State Library of Queensland and Queensland State Archives to capture this historic moment in time.

For a sample of the drone footage, visit our [Facebook page/QueensWharfBrisbane](#).

## IAQ presentation in 2017

**Despite the end of year approaching, we have been busy locking in appointments for the new year. This month we have confirmed our attendance at a breakfast presentation to be facilitated by Infrastructure Association Queensland (IAQ) on the 28th of April.**

The presentation will be an update of the project status and activities to date. Anyone interested in attending should contact IAQ direct on [membership@iaq.com.au](mailto:membership@iaq.com.au).



Memorabilia on display

# Executive Building farewell

**On Saturday 10 December 2016, thousands of members of the public viewed the exclusive Cabinet Room, Premiers Office and Media Room at the Executive Building, 100 George Street, for the last time.**

As part of enabling works the Executive Building will be demolished and when Queen's Wharf Brisbane is completed, the building will become the main entry to the Integrated Resort Development, from George Street.

The fully booked event attracted a diverse range of participants with varying interests in the building. Also on display on the day were items of significance such as Executive Council bags, Commissions of Appointment for 10 Premiers, a Proclamation of Accession by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and visitors on the day received their own hand seal of the Colony of Queensland.

A number of photographs were also on display including the construction of the Executive Building, photographs of the nine Premiers who worked in the building and various significant events that occurred over the past 45 years.

The Executive Building Farewell successfully ran like clockwork and we're pleased that the public were able to view 100 George Street prior to its demolition in 2017.



The hand seal of the Colony of Queensland



Dr Anthony Lynham MP with the Brisbane Greeters

## The Royal Historical Society of Queensland launches 'Lost Brisbane 2 and Surrounding Areas: The Later Years'

**The Royal Historical Society of Queensland marked the 157th anniversary of the separation of Queensland from New South Wales with the launch of its new book 'Lost Brisbane 2 and Surrounding Areas: The Later Years' on Saturday 10 December 2016.**

The book traces the changes in the city and its surroundings from the 1940s to the 1990s and showcases a spectacular collection of more than 450 photographs. The book was officially launched by His Excellency The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC and is available for purchase directly from the Society. For more visit [www.queenslandhistory.org](http://www.queenslandhistory.org).

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