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THE STAR LIGHTS UNVEILS LARGEST RESTAURANT AT QUEEN'S WHARF WHERE EVERY MEAL IS FREE

The Star Brisbane has launched a massive recruitment blitz as it reveals the first look at the tourism precinct's largest restaurant catering for up to 600 people at one sitting with all items on the menu free of charge.

With over 1000 jobs up for grabs across a range of departments including food and beverage, hotel, security, property operations, gaming and corporate, the buffet-style employee-only restaurant will cater for The Star's growing workforce, providing a free meal and a menu that changes daily.

1400 current team members will also transition from Treasury Brisbane.

The Star Brisbane Director of Culinary, Chef Uday Huja said the menu will cater to all dietary requitements and offer a great variety of food items to suit everyone's tastes and health considerations.

"The menu will include a range of items from pasta, curries or fish and chips to Asian noodles, baked ham and burgers as well as surprise themed menus, for example Taco Tuesdays.

"But there will always be fresh salads and fruit and an ice cream sundae station available all day, every day."

"It's been configured as a restaurant, so it invites our team members to enjoy their break and some social time over a meal," Chef Huja said.

The enormous dining venue has been designed to reflect the Queensland lifestyle with floor to ceiling windows and expansive views overlooking the Brisbane River.

The staff dining area sits neatly on the level between the Queens Wharf Rd vehicle entrance to the massive car park with the 5-star The Star Grand Porte Cochere a level above.

Offering a first glimpse at the staff restaurant, William Street entrance to The Star Grand and stunning glass oculus ascending 35 metres through the centre of the resort and luxurious hotel lobby, the first Chief Executive Officer of The Star Brisbane Daniel Finch said he is thrilled to be joining the team ahead of a staged opening later this year.

"Like most Queenslanders I have been watching the progress of this game-changing tourism development over the past few years."

"I am proud and elated to be coming on board in what is one of the most significant times for The Star and a historic time for the city and the state as we prepare to open one of the largest tourism precincts in Australia.

"Today is the first time I too have seen the employee dining room and it is incredibly special. I will most definitely be enjoying many a meal here," Mr Finch said.

"Together with the hard-working team already here and those who will participate in our recruitment process I am eager to roll my sleeves up and get on with ensuring we deliver world-class tourism and hospitality experiences for the many millions who will soon begin visiting, especially Brisbane locals.

"It will be my ambition to drive a fun yet high-performance staff culture as well as build trust with our community to ensure long term growth and success."





Set for a staged opening commencing in August 2024, The Star Brisbane is the centrepiece of the Queen's Wharf precinct and will bolster Brisbane's destinational appeal ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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QUICK FACTS

The most significant development in Brisbane's recent history, delivering a brand-new entertainment and leisure destination for Brisbane and broader Australia including:

- <u>Porte Cochere:</u> The extravagant William Street entry with its breathtaking glass oculus ascending 35 metres through the resort celebrates Queensland's subtropical vibrancy
- New attractions for the CBD:
 - Sky Deck: Sky Deck's 250-metre seemingly-suspended rooftop runway will showcase the best of Brisbane and Queensland's inimitable outdoor lifestyle and be home to three highly distinct venues, Aloria, Babblers and Cicada Blu. Sky Deck will be open to the public 24/7 throughout the year.
 - Leisure Deck: An open-air oasis in the heart of Brisbane's CBD, the Leisure Deck will deliver an impressive mixeduse space which covers an area of 12,000sqm - equivalent to more than two football fields of space.
 - Event Centre: Anchored by one of the largest ballrooms in the city, The Star's state-of-the-art Event Centre has been purposely designed to cater for events of every scale. This world-class destination will offer the flexibility to create bespoke events like never before and will be a welcoming addition to Brisbane's burgeoning meeting and events scene.
- <u>Heritage treasures:</u> Queen's Wharf Brisbane features one of the greatest collections of culturally significant heritage buildings and places in Australia, brought to life through careful restoration work and repurposing.
- <u>Connecting the Brisbane CBD to its cultural centre:</u> The Neville Bonner Bridge will connect Queen's Wharf Brisbane to South Bank's cultural precinct, providing pedestrian access to Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC).
- <u>Art at its heart:</u> In one of the biggest art procurement processes undertaken by a corporate entity in Queensland, a selection of Australia's most innovative contemporary artists will transform Queen's Wharf into an urban canvas.
- An eight-metre high, eight tonne bronze sculpture by Brisbane-born, internationally renowned artist Lindy Lee is one of the many showstopping public art installations earmarked for the precinct.
- <u>Sustainability practices that reach for the stars:</u> Queen's Wharf is the first development in Brisbane to be awarded the coveted 6-Star Green Star Communities rating in recognition of its social, environmental, and economic sustainability designs.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane is being delivered by Destination Brisbane Consortium – a joint venture led by The Star Entertainment Group alongside its Hong Kong-based partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium.

For more information, visit thestarbrisbane.com.au