

# CITY OF BRISBANE BUSINESS MISSION

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Abu Dhabi and Dubai  
October 2025

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## Message from the Lord Mayor

**It gives me great pride to see Brisbane lead a Business Mission to our Sister City, Abu Dhabi, and to the global hub of Dubai, as well as the 2025 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2025APCS) & Mayors' Forum, held at Expo City Dubai.**

While I am unable to attend in person, I thank Deputy Mayor Fiona Cunningham and Councillor Adam Allan for leading this delegation of more than 35 of Brisbane's brightest to represent our city.

Their leadership, along with the contribution of Brisbane's most forward-thinking business leaders, ensures our city is strongly represented on the world stage.

Brisbane continues to emerge as one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities and a place defined by innovation, ambition and city-shaping investment. As we prepare to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, our international presence is growing, and with it, new opportunities for meaningful partnerships and economic collaboration.

Preserving Brisbane's character while embracing sustainable growth is a priority we share across government and industry. As Australia's largest local government, we are committed to building a city that remains welcoming, globally connected and rich in opportunity for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Born in Brisbane, the APCS has brought together city leaders, changemakers and trailblazers for nearly 30 years. For the first time, the 2025APCS will be held in the Middle East. Its theme – *Collaborate*.

*Inspire. Transform.* – captures both the spirit of the event and the shared ambition of cities around the world to create resilient, inclusive and future-ready communities.

This year's summit offers a unique platform to exchange ideas, unlock solutions and strengthen global ties. I'm proud to be joined on this mission by a delegation of Brisbane's most forward-thinking business leaders, who reflect our city's commitment to innovation, collaboration and sustainable progress.

I am confident that this mission will further strengthen Brisbane's international relationships and showcase the many reasons our city is a premier destination for trade, investment and innovation.

On behalf of our delegation, I look forward to engaging discussions, global connections and outcomes that will extend far beyond this mission and the summit.

**Adrian Schrinner**  
Lord Mayor





# Profile of Brisbane

Australia's  
**third-largest**  
city

**Fastest-growing**  
major Australian  
capital city over  
the past 10 years

**\$275 billion**  
economy

10-year  
economic growth  
forecast: **34%**

10-year export  
growth forecast:  
**41%**

Ranked in the  
**Global Top 40**  
Innovation Cities

**Host City** for the  
Brisbane 2032  
Olympic and  
Paralympic Games

World's second  
city to receive  
**Gold Level** in  
the UN Habitat's  
SDGs Cities  
Global Initiative

**Member** of the  
Lee Kuan Yew  
World City Prize  
Network

**Home** of the  
Asia Pacific  
Cities Summit &  
Mayors' Forum



**Brisbane stands as one of Australia's fast-growing capital cities, drawing in residents and workers in significant numbers.**

Renowned for its innovative ideas, substantial growth, city-defining investments and developments, Brisbane's increasing global prominence highlights its competitive edge. Alongside its flourishing characteristics, Brisbane is home to several international events, including the Asia Pacific Cities Summit & Mayors' Forum and is preparing to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, further elevating its international standing. Additionally, Brisbane hosted the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2014.

With its distinctive allure and abundant opportunities, Brisbane captures the hearts of both locals and tourists. Offering a welcoming lifestyle, friendly locals and a dynamic economy full of possibilities, the city's appeal goes beyond its pleasant subtropical climate and picturesque urban landscape. Brisbane's connection to the winding Brisbane River, the natural splendour of Moreton Bay and islands, contributes to its charm as a sanctuary for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers.

Brisbane's dedication to sustainability is evident through its green spaces, varied plant and wildlife species and well-integrated transportation networks encompassing roads, railways, buses, ferries and cycling paths. Preserving the essence and unique characteristics of Brisbane for future generations is paramount as the city progresses and expands. Brisbane City Council, Australia's largest local government, plays a crucial role in shaping a future where Brisbane remains a welcoming, inventive and prosperous hub for residents, enterprises and visitors.

# ALIVE WITH OPPORTUNITY

Brisbane's economic momentum is fuelled by top talent, a \$100.6B project pipeline, natural advantages and a vibrant creative culture. This enviable mix gives Brisbane's industries and investors a competitive edge and an opportunity to expand and thrive.

Download the State of the City Report





# Key Brisbane infrastructure projects



**Brisbane Metro**

Brisbane City Council is meeting the demand for fast and reliable ways to travel by delivering the turn-up-and-go Brisbane Metro project.

The introduction of Brisbane Metro bus rapid transit services is improving reliability and increasing capacity to get customers where they need to go, at the times they want to travel.

With new and upgraded infrastructure, Brisbane Metro is reducing congestion by better utilising our city's busways using a new fleet of high-capacity, electric metro vehicles – keeping Brisbane moving. By transforming the way we move around our city, Brisbane Metro is another way Council is investing, in our city's growth.



**Future Brisbane Airport**

Brisbane Airport's greatest infrastructure transformation is already underway with more than \$5 billion of investment planned over the coming decade to future proof Australia's premier aviation gateway.

Currently, a major security equipment and retail upgrades to both terminals are underway to provide a more secure and seamless passenger experience. A consolidated aeromedical precinct is under construction to connect more rural Australians with Brisbane's life-saving and world-class medical network.

Future projects in planning include a third passenger terminal to cater for future travel demand and population growth as well as expansions to the existing terminals, creating the region's best connected commercial land and much more.



**Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once-in-a-generation opportunity that will fast-track key infrastructure needed for one of Australia's fastest-growing cities. In addition to other Brisbane City Council's transformative public and active transport projects, the city will benefit from major sporting infrastructure including:

- a thriving new sport and entertainment precinct in the heart of Brisbane housing a 63,000-seat stadium
- a state-of-the-art National Aquatic Centre
- an athletes village that will later be transformed into permanent housing.

Upgrades will also be delivered at the Queensland Tennis Centre and the Chandler Sports Precinct. These upgrades include improvements to the Brisbane International Shooting Centre, the Anna Mears Velodrome and the Brisbane SX International BMX Centre. Additionally, a dedicated para-sport community facility will be upgraded.

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# ALIVE WITH OPPORTUNITY

As one of Australia's fastest growing capital cities, an unparalleled connectivity to key export markets, and offering a \$275B economy by 2041, Brisbane is a destination full of opportunities for business, investors and talent.

Choose Brisbane



# PAVE





# 2027 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM

15 - 17 September 2027  
Brisbane, Australia

**Building on the success of 2025APCS in Expo City Dubai, the 2027 edition is set to carry that momentum forward, returning to its hometown, Brisbane, Australia.**

As a thriving urban hub known for its sustainability initiatives, technological innovation and inclusive growth strategies, Brisbane will host the 2027 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2027APCS) & Mayors' Forum, providing a powerful platform for mayors, business leaders and urban innovators to shape the future of cities across the Asia Pacific and beyond.

As the birthplace of the APCS and the host city of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Brisbane will offer delegates immersive dialogues, cutting-edge showcases and policy-shaping collaboration, set against the backdrop of its vibrant cityscape and cultural warmth.

The 2027APCS aims to deepen intercity connections, foster transformative ideas and amplify the voice of cities on the world stage, continuing the journey from Expo City Dubai and boldly stepping into the future of urban leadership.

**Will your city be part of the conversation?**

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## Mission participants

### OFFICIALS

Councillor Fiona Cunningham	Deputy Mayor, Civic Cabinet Chair for Finance and City Governance Committee and Councillor for Coorparoo Brisbane City Council	Page 10
Councillor Adam Allan	Civic Cabinet Chair for the City Planning, Suburban Renewal and Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Councillor Ethics Committee and Councillor for Northgate Brisbane City Council	Page 11
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Emerson Migration Law	Aishwarya Somal	Director	Page 21
Global Sourcing Services	Cara Kenny	Director	Page 22
Integrate	Kim Thomas	Managing Director	Page 22
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KOM Consulting	Philipp Joebgies	Director	Page 23
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Limitless Australia	Nick Barr	Director and Founder	Page 24
National Trunk Rail	Karen Sanders	Executive to Chairman	Page 25
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PEER Consulting Engineers	Nike Zhao	Senior Structural and Civil Engineer	Page 26
Place Design Group	Shaun Munday	Executive Chair	Page 27
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## Councillor Fiona Cunningham



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Councillor Fiona Cunningham is the Deputy Mayor of Brisbane and Civic Cabinet Chair for Finance and City Governance. In this role, she leads the city's financial strategy and governance, helping to shape Brisbane's future as a vibrant, inclusive, and globally connected city.

Her focus is on ensuring Brisbane's growth is supported by strong financial foundations, managing a balanced budget and delivering responsive governance. She supports delivering outcomes that benefit residents, small businesses, and local communities, while positioning Brisbane as a city of opportunity and innovation.

As Brisbane prepares to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Councillor Cunningham is working to ensure the city is ready to meet the demands of a growing population and rising global interest. Her participation in the UAE trade mission reflects a strategic effort to build international relationships, share Brisbane's story, and learn from global cities that have undergone rapid transformation.

Her leadership is grounded in transparency, collaboration, and community engagement. With a strong communication background, she is passionate about ensuring Brisbane remains a place where people want to live, work, and invest.

Outside of Council, Councillor Cunningham is a proud mum of two boys and serves as a director of a charity that provides support to families.

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### Business sector

- Local Government



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## Councillor Adam Allan

Civic Cabinet Chair for the City Planning, Suburban Renewal and Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Councillor Ethics Committee and Councillor for Northgate Brisbane City Council

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Councillor Allan is the Civic Cabinet Chair for the City Planning, Suburban Renewal and Economic Development Committee and is the Chair of the Councillor Ethics Committee. Councillor Allan previously held the role of Chair for Finance and City Governance Committee, and is a Director of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

Councillor Allan holds a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Prior to entering Council, Councillor Allan had a successful career in banking and consulting, having worked in Australia and several overseas locations. This has provided him the opportunity to work with a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds. This experience overseas has also given Councillor Allan valuable insights into how other cities have grown and developed.

### Business sector

- Local Government



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Nathan Percy is a senior public servant and policy advisor based in Brisbane. Currently serving as the Director of City Business in the Office of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, his role facilitates collaboration between the Council and the local business community, contributing to economic development initiatives and city planning strategies.

Prior to his current position, Nathan held several significant roles, including Acting Queensland Deputy Executive Director at the Property Council of Australia and Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience. His career in public service began in the mid-2000s, with early roles such as Policy Advisor and Executive Officer in the Office of the Lord Mayor.

He holds a Bachelor of Property Economics from Queensland University of Technology (QUT), which has provided a strong foundation for his work in urban planning and economic development policy.

### Business sector

- Local Government



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Nicole Andronicus is the General Manager of three key portfolios at Brisbane City Council, leading Brisbane's transformation into a globally connected, economically vibrant and inclusive city. Her portfolios play a pivotal role in positioning Brisbane on the world stage while delivering lasting benefits for its people.

With the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, Nicole and her teams are positioning Brisbane as a premier global destination while spearheading city readiness initiatives in collaboration with co-host cities. Their work is focused on shaping a legacy that extends beyond the Games, stimulating economic growth, fostering local business engagement with global networks and ensuring the city thrives long after the closing ceremony.

At the core of Nicole's work is international relations and economic development, where she attracts investment, drives business growth and enhances Brisbane's liveability through strategic partnerships and innovation. By opening doors to global markets, connecting like-minded businesses and advising city leadership on emerging community needs, Nicole helps shape policies and programs that build a more prosperous and globally engaged Brisbane.

### Business sector

- Local Government



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Garth Henderson is a highly accomplished International Relations Project Manager at Brisbane City Council, with over 15 years of expertise in driving key government and business partnerships and forging strong local and international connections for Brisbane. Garth has played an important role in elevating Brisbane's international initiatives, including the city's strategic sister city relationships and leading successful international projects.

Garth's portfolio includes coordinating overseas business missions, facilitating high-profile international delegations to Brisbane and supporting the city's biennial Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors' Forum to further Brisbane's international engagement and economic development.

### Business sector

- Local Government



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## Paul Spiro

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Paul Spiro has been the Chairman of Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA) since November 2018. BEDA's mission is to identify and deliver high-impact economic growth initiatives that create employment opportunities and raise living standards for the people of Brisbane.

BEDA drives the sustainable economic growth of Brisbane and works closely with government and private sector organisations to enhance and promote the city's reputation globally, drive demand for Brisbane domestically and internationally and showcase a city alive with opportunity.

### Business sector

- Local Government

### Interested sectors

- Property
- Finance
- Construction

### Business objectives

- Increase cross-border international business and explore opportunities for capital investment in Brisbane.



## Anthony Ryan

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Anthony Ryan is the Chief Executive Officer at Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA). Anthony is an inspiring leader with a proven track record in delivering strategic business outcomes and fostering strong partnerships. He is responsible for driving sustainable economic growth by working with stakeholders to enhance Brisbane's global reputation, attract investment and talent, and identify emerging opportunities ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BEDA drives the sustainable economic growth of Brisbane and works closely with government and private sector organisations to enhance and promote the city's reputation globally, drive demand for Brisbane domestically and internationally and showcase a city alive with opportunity.

### Business sector

- Local Government

### Interested sectors

- Tourism and Investment
- Health ecosystem
- Building economy

### Business objectives

- Attract foreign investment into Brisbane leading up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Strengthen relationships with the region.



## Dr John Cowie

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Dr John Cowie is the Head Economist and General Manager of Investment at Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA). In this role, John leads an experienced team to drive investment demand for the city in domestic and international markets, showcasing a city that is alive with opportunity and supporting potential investors and businesses with full market entry and expansion strategies.

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### Business sector

- Local Government

### Interested sectors

- Tourism and Investment
- Health ecosystem
- Building economy
- Transport and logistics
- Advanced manufacturing
- Knowledge and experience economies

### Business objectives

- Meet with key investors



## Karen Howard FAICD QRD

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Karen Howard, FAICD, QRD is the Co-founder of Alloggio. She is an entrepreneurial Non-Executive Director, Board and Committee Chair with more than 24 years experience in scaling, listing, exiting businesses, M&A. Karen has been instrumental in Alloggio listing on the ASX in 2021 and subsequent delisting to PE partnership 2 years later. She remains a Shareholder Director.

Alloggio Group, co-founded in 2015 by Karen Howard, is the largest operator of vacation rental accommodation in the Australia-New Zealand region, with property assets under management valued at circa AUD\$3.4 billion across 32 destinations. Alloggio manages more than 3000 vacation rental properties and 15 budget motels and leisure parks.

### Business sector

- Tourism and Hospitality

### Interested sectors

- Connect with city leaders in neighbouring jurisdictions, real estate developers, hotel owners and investors
- Tourism and travel mergers and acquisition
- Property Management, hotel, motel and vacation rental companies

### Business objectives

- Engage with business
- Position as a trusted advisor
- Contribute to government-led discussion





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Michael Hurley is the Development Director at Aria Property Group and has been with Aria since its inception in 2003. Over the past decade, he has led Aria in delivering more than 2,000 units across inner-city Brisbane along with being awarded Best High-Density Developer in Australia in 2025, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018 and 2017 by the Urban Development Industry Association (UDIA) under his leadership.

Aria Property Group is a privately-owned property development company with more than 20 years of experience developing luxury residential and mixed-used projects in Brisbane. Aria is vertically integrated through development, construction and property management, with projects proudly awarded the 'Best Residential Development in Queensland' 12 times, and 'Best Residential Development in Australia' 6 times.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Finance
- Sovereign Wealth Funds
- Real Estate Sales Companies
- Real Estate Development Companies

### Business objectives

- New innovations in residential high-rise and 5-star hotels taking place in the Middle East.
- Real Estate Sales companies with investors considering real estate investment in Brisbane.
- Funds and family offices considering investing into Brisbane.



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Amanda Newbery is the Managing Director at Articulous and is an international award-winning engagement and communications expert. Amanda leads a team of senior professionals at Articulous, which she founded. She is widely acclaimed for her ability to quickly understand public attitudes, perceptions and markets. Amanda is a frequent radio panelist as well as a sought-after facilitator.

Articulous is an international award-winning engagement and communication firm, widely regarded as one of the most ground-breaking in the country. Boasting multi-disciplinary experts, Articulous is the 'go-to' firm for tough projects. Our projects have included the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Plan, major infrastructure, new developments and community growth.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (consulting)

### Interested sectors

- Multinational companies entering the local market
- Architecture and Transport
- Digital, Sport, Energy and Water infrastructure
- Housing and Health providers

### Business objectives

- Engage with businesses shaping Brisbane's growth around the 2032 Games.
- Showcase expertise in gathering community input for government decisions and building social licence, including Australia's only national community engagement poll on high-profile projects.



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Anthony Lee is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Australian Country Choice, one of the largest family-owned, vertically integrated cattle/beef supply chain organisations in Australia, managing 300,000 head of cattle, 42 properties spanning 4.5 million acres. Anthony joined the company in 1994 working across labouring and supervisory roles to management and agribusiness operations.

Australian Country Choice is a fourth-generation business that employs 1,500 people seasonally and produces 1.38 billion beef servings per year. The company exports more than 7 million meals per week to 17 countries. The business is Australia's largest processor of organic beef and the largest processor of plant-protein in the southern hemisphere. It maintains A+ certification through Brand Reputation Compliance Global Standards (BRCGS) and is fully Halal-certified.

### Business sector

- Food and Agribusiness

### Interested sectors

- Boxed goat, lamb and beef

### Business objectives

- Explore overseas markets and establish new business relationships.
- Meet existing business contacts.
- Seek import and export opportunities.



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Michael Koo is the Co-founder of Bellissimo Coffee. In addition, he is a business owner and investor in a number of other Australian companies across the food production, health and wellness industries. Michael is committed to achieving excellence in all his business and personal endeavours.

Bellissimo Coffee is Australia's most-highly awarded coffee roaster, producing exceptional quality coffees for cafes, restaurants, hotels, corporate clients and government entities. Bellissimo Coffee is also looking to enter the UAE market and aims to roast and supply coffee locally in the near future.

### Business sector

- Consumer Goods

### Interested sectors

- Cafes
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Corporate and government entities seeking high-quality coffee supply

### Business objectives

- Meet with potential wholesale customers for coffee supply.
- Learn and understand the UAE market as a potential location for establishing a coffee roasting operation to supply the local and broader Middle Eastern market.





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Mark Bignell is the Director of Biohawk Australia and has been an investor and part-owner of the company since 2017. He is also an owner and investor in a number of other companies across the food production, health and wellness industries. Mark's passion is helping people live happier and healthier lives.

Biohawk Australia produces a range of safe, natural treatments for the prevention of serious diseases caused by food intolerance, allergies and associated autoimmune diseases, as well as viral and bacterial infections. The company also offers products to support good nutrition and digestion for humans and animals.

### Business sector

- Consumer Goods

### Interested sectors

- Health and wellness
- Livestock industries

### Business objectives

- Meet with local companies or authorities seeking innovative solutions for the health and wellness of both humans and animals.
- Learn more about local markets and the market potential for products.



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Daniel Liddy is a Partner and Project Design Lead at bureau^proberts. He brings commercial perspective and expertise in front-end design and procurement. He champions contextually responsive architecture that enhances the urban fabric, underpinned by a deep understanding of planning frameworks and a commitment to design excellence.

bureau^proberts is an award-winning Australian architecture practice working globally. With offices in Brisbane and London, its architects, urban designers and interior designers unlock unique ways to create meaningful works. Clients value the practice's ability to leverage the crossover of ideas and knowledge between development, residential and public art sectors.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (architecture)

### Interested sectors

- Master planning
- Mixed-use
- Urban design

### Business objectives

- Inbound Investment.
- Strengthen presence in Middle East and London.
- Showcase Australian design capability and knowledge exchange on cultural placemaking.



## Monika Laudencka-Sobik

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Monika Laudencka-Sobik, Project Director and London Studio Lead at bureau^proberts, is an urbanist and architect with more than 30 years of global experience in both design consultancy and real estate development. She leads multidisciplinary teams on master planning and architectural projects, integrating creative vision with technical and commercial goals and connecting diverse fields through cross-disciplinary, strategic thinking.

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Jimmy (Trinh) Huynh is the Project Director of Cavcorp with more than 15 years' experience delivering successful place-making projects within Brisbane. Having a foundation in architecture, Jimmy's expertise extends into property development, finance, design, sales and marketing and an intricate knowledge of feasibility and planning strategies.

Cavcorp is a Brisbane-based multi-award-winning development and construction company with more than 20 years' experience delivering world-class properties throughout South East Queensland. Primarily focused on luxury residential development, Cavcorp has established itself as a pioneer in wellness and lifestyle-focused developments.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Property Development
- Material suppliers
- Construction companies
- International funds
- Architects and designers

### Business objectives

- Connect with leading developers to learn about rapid growth, construction efficiencies and streamlined planning.
- Engage with international investment funds.
- Learn transport and placemaking strategies, and lessons for future urban planning.

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Jonathan Leishman is the Executive Director at Churchill Development and is an experienced property professional with a strong track record of managing dynamic and high performing teams, delivering world class property development projects and forming strong relationships with all stakeholders.

Churchill Development Group is a dynamic property development and placemaking group in South East Queensland with a range from projects from precinct-creating residential projects, to mixed-use projects re-defining neighbourhoods, to food and beverage hospitality precincts.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Property development
- Financial services
- Capital investment
- Debt and equity

### Business objectives

- Broaden network and exposure and showcase Brisbane as an exciting investment location.

## Brodie Lister

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Brodie Lister is the Chief Executive Officer of Churchill Development Group and has nearly two-and-a-half decades of end-to-end experience in the development and construction industry, delivering high-profile residential and commercial office developments and investments totalling more than AUD\$4 billion.

Churchill Development Group is an integrated developer, investor, fund manager and development advisory.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Property
- Hospitality and leisure
- Investor and banking

### Business objectives

- Seek new opportunities.
- Seek potential partnerships.
- Seek new relationships.

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City of Brisbane Investment Corporation is a property investment corporation that generates financial returns for the benefit of the people of Brisbane.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (Investment, Funds Management and Real estate)

### Interested sectors

- Investment management
- Funds management
- Property development

### Business objectives

- Promote the business activities, performance and opportunities associated with Brisbane City Council's wealth fund, CBIC.
- Showcase the strength of investing in Brisbane alongside City of Brisbane Investment Corporation.
- Meet with international sovereign wealth funds and other local private funds management entities, interested in investing in Australian commercial property through an Australian-based asset manager.

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Consolidated Properties Group has a more-than-45-year track record of developing institutional grade, landmark commercial, retail and residential projects spanning Australia's eastern seaboard and beyond. The privately owned company has delivered more than 250 projects, with a total value in excess of AUD\$4 billion.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Capital and service providers

### Business objectives

- Engage with capital and service providers in the region.



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Matthew Beasley is the Project Director at Dexus, leading the AUD\$2.5 billion city-shaping Waterfront Brisbane project, demonstrating a strong commitment to the property industry. Matthew holds qualifications in regional and town planning, as well as a Master of Business Administration. Matthew has more than 25 years' experience in the property industry, with an extensive background in large-scale, mixed-use urban regeneration projects in both Australia and the UK.

Dexus (ASX: DXS) is a leading Australasian real asset group with a AUD\$54.5 billion portfolio across real estate and infrastructure. The company directly and indirectly owns AUD\$14.8 billion in office, industrial, retail, healthcare, infrastructure and alternatives and manage a further AUD\$39.7 billion through our funds management platform. Backed by 4 decades of expertise. Dexus has a proven track record in funds and asset management and a strong sustainability focus on customer prosperity, climate action and community impact.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Large-scale office or mixed-used-led inner urban regeneration projects
- Knowledge and Experience Economy
- Greenfield developments
- Sustainable Building Practices and Initiatives

### Business objectives

- Promote Waterfront Brisbane industry connections.
- Gain insights into market best practices and leading developments.
- Engage current and new capital partners with Waterfront Brisbane and wider Brisbane offering.

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Emerson Migration Law is recognised as one of the foremost immigration practices in South East Queensland. Listed in the 2024 Doyles' List - Top Immigration Lawyers in Queensland, the team provides expert advice on all aspects of corporate migration, global talent mobility and strategic advice for entrepreneurs exploring alternative residencies.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (immigration)

### Interested sectors

- Corporate migration
- Global talent mobility

### Business objectives

- Forge strategic referral partnerships with businesses in the region.
- Promote Australia's immigration pathways to urban leaders and investors.
- Build brand visibility within the smart cities and talent mobility ecosystem.



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GSS is a global manufacturing and procurement company, assisting worldwide customers to source, produce and freight high-quality products. With teams of project managers, engineers and quality specialists across Brisbane, Ho Chi Minh City and China, GSS ensures efficient, end-to-end supply solutions.

### Business sector

- Manufacturing

### Interested sectors

- Manufacturing – logistics and procurement
- Establish tailored manufacturing partnerships
- Design custom solutions to address client needs

### Business objectives

- Explore business opportunities to grow client base in the region.
- Learn about market requirements and relationships in new markets.



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Integrate is a specialist Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and smart cities consultancy delivering strategic planning, infrastructure design, systems engineering and project delivery services for complex technology projects. Integrate's team of electrical, mechatronics and civil engineers aims to improve the safety, efficiency and sustainability of transport and water infrastructure.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (engineering)

### Interested sectors

- Transport systems and transport infrastructure
- Transport Systems and Innovation
- Smart Cities and regions
- Technology Infrastructure Program
- Asset management

### Business objectives

- Meet with prospective transport and infrastructure agencies to explore opportunities with planning, rollout and management.
- Meet with prospective transport engineering and advisory consultancies in the region.
- Update knowledge of local market and engage with industry colleagues.





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Kinstone Group is a leading property development and project management company specialising in innovative, high-quality developments. With a strong focus on sustainable practices and client satisfaction, Kinstone delivers exceptional results across residential, commercial and hospitality sectors, driving growth and contributing to the success of key industry projects.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Property development
- Construction Management
- Real Estate Sales and Asset Management

### Business objectives

- Explore opportunities in international property ventures.
- Gain insights into leading construction methodologies.
- Implement globally recognised sustainable practices.



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KOM Consulting is a boutique management consultancy that partners with businesses to address operational challenges, deliver successful transformation programs and manage organisational change with impact. While clients frequently approach KOM with surface-level issues, the firm works to uncover deeper structural factors across people, processes and technology, driving meaningful business improvements.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (consulting)

### Interested sectors

- Asset heavy industries
- Construction
- Mining, energy, water and manufacturing
- Government and government-owned entities

### Business objectives

- Increase relationships and strengthen connections.
- Improve strategic insights into market challenges and responses.
- Increase KOM's brand visibility and introduce its services to new clients.



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KPMG is a global network of firms that provide audit, tax, deal advisory and consulting services. KPMG Government and Public Sector focuses on serving clients who are government authorities, multi-lateral development banks and bi-lateral development agencies, especially in projects relating to infrastructure, energy transition, sustainability, healthcare and social impacts.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (consulting)

### Interested sectors

- Public sector dignitaries
- Municipal leaders

### Business objectives

- Discuss liveability and resilience in line with global public service trends.
- Share insights on digital transformation, service planning and workforce modernisation.
- Network to explore opportunities and showcase KPMG's services in audit, digital, city development and AI.



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Limitless is a Queensland-based property developer and builder specialising in hotel and short-term accommodation. Focused on strategic locations, sustainability and design excellence, Limitless is actively expanding across South East Queensland through innovative delivery models and partnerships that support economic growth and urban development.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Capital investment in hotels
- Hotel excellence
- Construction and design excellence - modular

### Business objectives

- Seek connections with institutional investors, sovereign wealth funds and strategic capital partners focused on hotel acquisitions, development funding and long-term asset ownership in the South East Queensland growth market.
- Engage in discussions in best-in-class operations, branding, guest experience and performance benchmarking.
- Modular construction, prefabrication technologies, and innovative design solutions.

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National Trunk Rail, through an innovative freight infrastructure project like PortConnex, aims to optimise Australia's freight infrastructure for this century and beyond. Its vision is to create a lasting legacy for future generations by addressing the urgent need for a sustainable regional productivity uplift spanning 360 km from the Surat Basin to the Port of Brisbane.

### Business sector

- Transportation, Logistics and Distribution

### Interested sectors

- Major infrastructure institutional investors

### Business objectives

- Present project opportunities to investment groups.
- Present project investment brief to domestic and international stakeholders.



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North West Phosphate is the largest phosphate resource holding in Australia and is committed to improving availability of this vital resource for agriculture both domestically and internationally. The company is committed to developing a resource that is sustainable for use in agriculture now and into the future.

### Business sector

- Food and Agribusiness

### Interested sectors

- Fertiliser production
- Supply chain innovation
- Regional development
- Manufacturing

### Business objectives

- Attract global investment partners.
- Expand international market opportunities.
- Enhance international brand awareness and visibility.





## Madeline Simmonds

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### Business sector

- Food and Agribusiness

### Interested sectors

- Agriculture
- Mining
- Infrastructure
- Fertiliser production
- Supply chain
- Manufacturing

### Business objectives

- Attract global investment partners.
- Expand international market opportunities.
- Enhance international brand awareness and visibility.



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PEER Consulting Engineers is a Brisbane-based structural engineering firm delivering cost-effective, practical solutions across residential, industrial, commercial and infrastructure sectors. Known for technical reliability, compliance and strong collaboration with architects, builders and developers, the firm serves clients Australia-wide with a commitment to quality and innovative design outcomes.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (engineering)

### Interested sectors

- Traditional business partners in the sectors of engineering, construction and infrastructure
- AI-driven technologies in structural design and digital engineering

### Business objectives

- Gain insights into emerging AI applications and connect with potential technology partners.
- Build networks with professionals, government representatives and business leaders.



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Place Design Group is an Australian-owned international planning and design consultancy operating across Australia, the Asia Pacific and the Middle East. Founded in 2001, the firm delivers urban design, landscape architecture, master planning and planning services, partnering globally to create sustainable, innovative and people-focused places that shape brighter futures.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (consulting)

### Interested sectors

- Urban development
- Smart and sustainable cities
- Tourism and hospitality

### Business objectives

- Build international partnerships with government, developers and investors.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- Showcase Brisbane and Place Design Group's expertise in planning, design and sustainable development.

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Property Council of Australia champions the country's largest employment sector – the property industry. Representing members' collective interests, it engages government with industry-wide positions to drive outcomes that support a strong, thriving property sector.

### Business sector

- Property Development

### Interested sectors

- Real estate investment and development
- Infrastructure and smart city technologies
- Sustainability and green building
- Tourism, hospitality and major events

### Business objectives

- Promote the strength and opportunities of Brisbane's property sector to global investors and decision makers.
- Build relationships and knowledge exchange with global city leaders and developers.
- Attract expertise and investment to support Brisbane's trajectory towards 2032 and beyond.

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Ray White Commercial is a dynamic commercial real estate agency based in Brisbane servicing the thriving state of Queensland. In partnership with the White Family, the company is supported by Australasia's largest real estate group of more than 1,000 offices, which has been led by the White family since 1902.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (real estate)

### Interested sectors

- Real estate development companies
- Real estate investment and funds management companies
- International trade

### Business objectives

- Establish connections within the real estate development sector.
- Real estate investment and funds management sector.
- Establish connections within the international trade offices and also the peak real estate industry bodies.



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The SAS Group is Queensland's leading firm in communications and political advocacy, partnering with bold and visionary clients committed to creating jobs and opportunities that benefit all Australians. Whatever the vision, SAS Group provides the strategic support to help bring it to life, standing firmly behind its clients today as they shape a better Australia for tomorrow.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (consulting)

### Interested sectors

- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Resources

### Business objectives

- Meet prospective clients to help establish a presence in Brisbane.
- Forge stronger connections within the Brisbane business community.
- Gain an insight into successful business practice from the region.





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Smart Mortgage Corp, founded in 2013 and headquartered in Brisbane, is a leading mortgage broking firm focused on multicultural clients across South East Queensland. With a team of 20 staff and offices in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, it assists property buyers, investors and developers with tailored lending solutions.

### Business sector

- Finance and Banking

### Interested sectors

- Finance and investment

### Business objectives

- Identify new corporate clients and strengthen private lending networks.
- Promote Brisbane as a preferred destination for property investment and financial innovation.
- Build stronger ties with existing funders in the region.



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Solomons Legal is a commercial law firm with practices in property, commercial, corporate advisory, banking and finance, foreign investment, wills and estates, and litigation and disputes. The firm embraces diversity and has a focus on both inbound and outbound investors including institutional and family offices as well as funds, developers and associated client services.

### Business sector

- Professional Services (legal)

### Interested sectors

- Funds investors in technology
- Healthcare
- Property development
- Childcare
- Hospitality and private credit

### Business objectives

- Establish strategic relationships with inbound investors for real estate and private credit.
- Promote Solomons Legal as a premier boutique commercial law firm for real estate and private credit transactions.
- Promote Solomons Group as a multi-service offering for inbound investors, funds and family offices.



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### Business sector

- Professional Services (legal)

### Interested sectors

- Funds investors in technology
- Healthcare
- Property development
- Childcare
- Hospitality and financial services
- Private equity and venture capital

### Business objectives

- Establish strategic relationships with family offices, investors and fund managers in MENA region.
- Promote Solomons Legal as a premier legal and advisory platform for cross-border transactions, private credit deals and inbound business expansion.
- Deepen market understanding.



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The University of Queensland, a top 50 global university and Go8 founding member, delivers world-class education and research to 55,000 students and 2,000 researchers, translating discovery into real-world impact through global partnerships and cutting-edge facilities.

### Business sector

- Infrastructure and Transport

### Interested sectors

- Infrastructure and Construction
- Materials innovation
- Digital innovation
- Transport
- Smart Cities
- Tourism

### Business objectives

- Explore the market and establish new business relationships.
- Seek foreign investment and import/export opportunities.
- Expand operations in the region and create partnerships.



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UAP is a global public art fabricator with workshops in Brisbane, Shanghai, New York, Groningen and Riyadh. Since 2006, UAP has delivered landmark projects across the Middle East, partnering with artists, architects and governments to curate, design and fabricate ambitious artworks that activate public spaces and reflect cultural identity.

### Business sector

- Infrastructure and Construction

### Interested sectors

- Arts and culture
- Property development
- Construction

### Business objectives

- Secure strategic introductions.
- Showcase regional expertise and demonstrate experience and leadership.
- Highlight landmark projects.
- Champion Brisbane-based collaboration.

# UAP

# The APCS Secretariat

## Brisbane is the proud founder and home of the Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors' Forum.

The International Relations and Multicultural Affairs (IRMA) unit of Brisbane City Council proudly serves as the official Secretariat of the APCS. The unit leads the city's global engagement and multicultural strategy – strengthening international partnerships, championing cultural diversity and driving global business connectivity to position Brisbane as a vibrant, inclusive and internationally connected city.

As the Host City for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Brisbane is seizing the opportunity to unlock global trade, empower local enterprise and deliver world-class infrastructure. Through strategic partnerships and a bold Olympic vision, Brisbane is transforming our city into a global hub for innovation, investment and inclusive growth.

## 2032 Host City, Global Relations and Economic Partnerships branch

As part of the broader 2032 Host City, Global Relations and Economic Partnerships (2032HCGREP) the team works to ensure strategic alignment across the city's international, economic and legacy goals. From coordinating city readiness and legacy planning to enabling business growth and supporting regional partnerships, the integrated work ensures that Brisbane is future-ready and globally connected.

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## Supporting Brisbane's international priorities across 3 key areas

### 1. Asia Pacific Cities Summit & Mayors' Forum Secretariat

The Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors' Forum is a globally respected platform bringing together city and business leaders from across the world to shape the future of urban innovation, economic growth and global collaboration.

### 2. International Relations

The International Relations portfolio focuses on fostering and building meaningful global connections that deliver civic, economic and social benefits for the City of Brisbane through:

- city and urban diplomacy
- stakeholder engagement
- Sister City partnerships
- business missions
- inbound and outbound delegations
- global knowledge and best practice exchange
- courtesy calls and official visits
- International Internship Program
- business introductions.

### 3. Multicultural Affairs

Brisbane's international engagement is strengthened by the city's rich cultural diversity.

The Multicultural Affairs portfolio ensures inclusive strategies and programs that reflect our vibrant communities.

Key initiatives include the:

- Lord Mayor's Multicultural Round Table
- Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarship Program
- Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards
- cultural advice and support for Council and local industries.

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