

VIEW NATIONAL CONVENTION

5-7 September 2025



Registration Pack  
BRISBANE 2025



## Keep up the fun in Brisbane!

I warmly invite you to attend our VIEW National Convention in Brisbane from 5-7 September 2025, our 65th Anniversary Year!

Convention is back in the Sunshine State - boasting clear blue skies all year round and subtropical alfresco lifestyle. Brisbane is an urban metropolis with a relaxed vibe.

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) – in South Bank will host both Convention Days, one of the Social dinners and Gala Dinner. South Bank is the cultural, social, educational and recreational precinct of Brisbane. Located in the suburb of South Brisbane on the Southern Bank of the Brisbane River - which is conveniently located amongst all the action.

Friday, Convention Day 1 is a great opportunity to celebrate VIEW Clubs' unique achievements, learn about national contributions, hear the latest updates from The Smith Family, and enjoy inspirational stories from a variety of prominent Australians plus a few added surprises...!

On Friday Night, put on your dancing shoes and choose from one of the two fun themed evening Social dinners – *Welcome to Bris Vegas* (BCEC) and **Shake Rattle n' Roll** (Royal on the Park) held across the river a short distance away.

On Saturday, Convention Day 2, Voice of VIEW - our Resolutions debate returns where you can watch the debate and participate by voting on matters of national importance and the **"Writers' Festival"** will be back with a diverse cast of interesting and entertaining writers, readers and thinkers coming together to enjoy a lively panel discussion facilitated by a local personality.

On Saturday night, as always, Gala Dinner will be a glamorous fun night of spectacular entertainment with performances to delight all tastes. Come dressed in your finest *Black, Gold & Bold*. Gala Dinner will be a perfect mix of sophistication and glamour leaving a lasting impression on everyone who attends.

On Sunday morning, join in our Community Walk with VIEW, led by our very own Brisbane Greeters. Commencing at the BCEC we will follow a very scenic route showcasing the best that Brisbane has to offer, finally arriving in front of the Brisbane City Hall - for a photo opportunity!

I encourage you, and your friends, to be part of these exciting events... book your tickets early to avoid disappointment – bookings are now open!

Come along to celebrate, relax and enjoy the sun and fun.. connect with VIEW members from around the country..

**I look forward to seeing you in Brissy for a blast!!!**

Elizabeth Birch

VIEW National President 2024-25



## Local VIEW members welcome you to Brisbane

There are 39 VIEW Clubs in Queensland and over 2,500 members who are keen to welcome you to their popular Sunshine State...

In Brisbane and surrounds there are 14 fabulous VIEW Clubs... and they are proudly looking forward to showcasing Brisbane through an expo of VIEW stalls during convention including some local artisans - where you can support local VIEW Clubs and purchase a range of hand-made, home-made and up-cycled goods...

**Stay tuned as this unfolds...**

Brisbane is Australia's third-largest city and is home to nearly two and a half million culturally diverse people. Its world-class sporting venues, conference facilities, cruise ship terminal, parklands, cafes, laneways and extensive river walks make Brisbane a vibrant and welcoming, metropolitan city.

Visitors receive a generous welcome and have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a thriving community of this contemporary green city that embraces an outdoor lifestyle. With an ever-growing cityscape, and nature on its doorstep, visitors will find an unmistakable Brisbane take on adventure, arts, culture, and dining.

Some Interesting Facts:

Brisbane's history goes back a long way, well before British colonisation. The area is called Meanjin by the Turrbal people, one of two major local First Nations groups - the other being the Jagera.

Meanjin means 'place shaped like a spike'. This is a reference to the 'spike' of land where the Brisbane central business district (CBD) is now located, shaped by a bend in the Brisbane River.

Like many other Australian capitals, Brisbane has a clearly defined grid of streets that form its CBD. But there's a secret hidden in the design: many of its streets are named after British royalty.

Those running diagonally from northeast to southwest are named after female royals including Adelaide, Charlotte, and Elizabeth. Those running in a perpendicular direction are named after male royals, such as Albert, Edward, and George.

Brisbane is known as the sunniest capital in the country, with over 300 sunny days each year according to Visit Brisbane.



# Getting to Brisbane



Brisbane offers more domestic air connections than any city in Australia. Brisbane airport offers a range of transport options.



Interstate coach services operate daily to Brisbane.



Brisbane is easily accessed by car. All major car rental companies are represented at Brisbane Airport.



Consider catching the train. You could use your concession card.

## Airport Transfers

Brisbane is serviced by domestic and international terminals at Brisbane Airport (BNE). There are several options for reaching the city from the airport.

- The Airtrain runs from the domestic and international terminals to stations in Brisbane's city centre. Travel time between the airport and the city is around 20 minutes, with services running every 15–30 minutes. Use a Go Card for your fare or purchase single tickets for travel. Purchase your tickets in advance through the Airtrain website for discounted fares.
- You'll find taxi ranks and rideshare pick-up areas at the front of each terminal – simply follow the signage. The journey from the airport to the city takes around 20 minutes outside of peak periods.
- If you're travelling with a lot of luggage, you can book a door-to-door airport transfer with Con-X-ion.

## Transport in Brisbane

Brisbane is an easy city to get around. The metropolitan area has a great range of options for public transport, driving, cycling and walking.

Brisbane has an extensive public transport system of buses, trains and ferries. To use the network, it's recommended that you purchase a TransLink Go Card. You can also purchase pre-paid paper tickets at stations and fare machines before boarding a bus, train or ferry service.



# Convention Venues



## Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Location: Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets,  
South Brisbane QLD 4101

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is a world class Convention centre in an easily accessible, vibrant and welcoming lifestyle city, offering visitors an authentic taste of Brisbane.

Plaza Terrace Room - will have cabaret style seating indoors with links to an external terrace. Members will be able to enjoy their lunch inside or sit at some of the café style seating al fresco in Spring sunshine (weather dependent).

The Plaza Terrace will also be the perfect place to enjoy a Pre-Gala dinner drink...

This Terrace also provides direct access to Rydges Hotel which is then an easy walk for anyone staying at the hotel with accessible ramps for direct access into the hotel from the Centre.

**Events: Convention Day 1, Convention Day 2, Social Dinner “Welcome to Bris Vegas” and Gala Dinner “Black, Gold & Bold”.**



## Royal on the Park Hotel

Location: 152 Alice Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

This iconic city Hotel is situated next to the Botanic Gardens in the heart of the Brisbane CBD. Royal on the Park Hotel & Suites is a landmark of classic elegance and contemporary style and provides a magnificent venue for absorbing the atmosphere of our fabulous Social dinner event.

**Events: Social Dinner “Shake, Rattle ‘n Roll”**



## Pre-Convention

### **National President's Dinner**

Thursday 4 September 2025

Open only to Past and Present Executive, Past and Present Senior Officers (National & Zone Councillors) or by invitation only

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: The Greek Club, Acropolis/Olympus Room - 29 Edmondstone Street  
South Brisbane QLD 4101

Price: \$100 includes two course meal with tea & coffee and some beverages

This is an intimate sophisticated dinner for VIEW leaders, past and present, to catch up with fellow past and present Senior Officers and VIEW friends.

National President's dinner is the first official event of National Convention. It commences with a drink (glass of bubbles) on the terrace followed by a scrumptious meal and a musical interlude.

This evening unites our leadership group and is designed to foster support and mentor relationships between current, past and future leaders of VIEW. It is a great opportunity to mingle with and meet past and present National Executive and Senior Leaders.



# Convention Events

VIEW National Convention embraces a range of informative, fun and entertaining events bringing together VIEW members and their friends who share a passion for connecting in their community, volunteering and supporting the education of Australian children experiencing disadvantage, through the work of The Smith Family.

## Friday 05 September

Convention Day 1	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC), Plaza Terrace Room
Social Dinners	Royal on the Park Hotel or Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

## Saturday 06 September

Convention Day 2	Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)
Gala Dinner	Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

## Sunday 07 September

Community Walk with VIEW	Commencing at BCEC following a scenic route to Brisbane City Hall
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### Special Convention Package

Book our Conference Day 1 & 2 events and get \$10 off.



# Convention Day!

## Panel of Inspirational Australians Friday 5 September 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Location: Plaza Terrace Room - Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

Seating: Cabaret Style

Price: \$115. Lunch includes a selection of sandwiches, wraps and rolls, two fresh salads, two substantial hot fork dishes and a sweet treat with tea, coffee and water. *Lunch can be eaten inside the Plaza Terrace Room or weather permitting, café style seating on the terrace...*

The official opening of Convention in Brisbane.. come and be welcomed by local dignitaries.

We are planning something different with a panel of Smith Family team members to update you on the latest Smith Family Research and its work in local communities as well as an inspiring *Learning for Life* student.

Learn about VIEW's national contributions and celebrate VIEW's success...

The highlight will be the Panel of Inspirational Australians with a broad range of speakers. In the past we have had historians, social commentators, comedians, actors and people of interest in the community. We are aiming an exceptional panel of Inspirational Australians!

**In 2025 we will be celebrating VIEW's 65th Blue Sapphire Anniversary** and are planning a range of activities, events, awards to celebrate this significant milestone!





Friday 5 September 2025

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Price: \$100 includes two course meal with tea and coffee

At night, put on your dancing shoes and be dazzled by the glitz and glamour of Bris Vegas. If you are after a night of spectacle and enchantment, join us at the Friday Night Social dinner wearing your own sparkle to fit the theme of Bris Vegas Glitz and Glamour. Nothing is too sparkly and nothing is too daring!

## Choose your Social Dinner

# “ Shake Rattle ‘N Roll ”

Friday 5 September 2025

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Royal on The Park Hotel

Price: \$100 includes two course meal with tea and coffee



It's now or never, put on your dancing shoes to rock around the clock! The coolest event this side of ELVIS! Come along to our rock 'n roll dance night. Remember the days when jukeboxes played 45's, and your heart skipped a beat with every chord? Well, that's our soundtrack – from Buddy Holly to Bill Haley. Our time capsule awaits for us to be party dolls in polka dots and bobbie socks, where poodle skirts and petticoats spin, ponytails bob and the spirit of rock and roll lives forever. It's going to be hotter than a vinyl record on a jukebox.



## Convention Day 2

### **Voice of VIEW and Writer's Festival**

Saturday 6 September 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Location: Plaza Terrace Room - Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

Seating: Cabaret Style

Price: \$115. Lunch includes a selection of sandwiches, wraps and rolls, two fresh salads, two substantial hot fork dishes and a sweet treat with tea, coffee and water. *Lunch can be eaten inside the Plaza Terrace Room or weather permitting, café style seating on the terrace...*

Hear from a prominent Australian presenting the George Forbes Oration... then join in to debate or listen to members raising their voices on issues of national importance - when VIEW resolutions are vehemently debated and voted on.

Experience the transformative power of storytelling, words and ideas while listening to a range of local authors at our **Writers' Festival** as they connect with you, the readers.

The day concludes with National Executive review of activities, special award presentations, the exciting announcement of our new National Executive and location of the 2027 National Convention.



# Writers' Festival

One of the most popular sessions of Convention Day 2 which features local authors in a panel discussion.

Come and learn about their writing process, hear about new books, and have your books signed.

Please note: the books pictured in no way represent the authors that will be attending Convention Day 2. This is purely for showcasing some Australian authors.

Saturday  
6 September 2025

# Gala Dinner

## *Black, Gold & Bold*

Time: 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Plaza Terrace Room - Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

Price: \$170. Enjoy a two course meal from a bespoke menu promoting Queensland produce and supporting local growers. The food and beverage offering at BCEC is award winning. This event includes a 2 hour beverage package with tea and coffee.

*Dress: Black, Gold & Bold* is quite timeless, think sophisticated and glamorous, opulent and elegant...

A night when two of the most timeless, versatile and luxurious hues on the colour spectrum Black and Gold pair up with Bold for a bit of courageous confidence and fearless fun!

Commencing with a glass of bubbles on the terrace...

Join us for a Gala night  
of stylish extravagance  
and rich indulgence –  
think great live music  
and entertainment.



# Community Walk with VIEW

Sunday 7 September 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: Meet at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

Price: Free

Dress: Wear something purple

The finale of our National Convention is a special time for reflection with VIEW friends and members of the local community.

We plan a wonderful walking tour led by the Brisbane Greeters, (some of whom will be VIEW members) volunteers who conduct organised walks for tourists around the highlights of Brisbane City.

Commencing at BCEC - we will walk through the beautiful South Bank parklands with its stunning photo opportunities of Brisbane River and city in the background and follow the river walk until we cross the Goodwill Bridge.

We will walk past the recently opened Queens Wharf complex which is a casino and restaurant precinct on the river. Then make our way down the Queen Street Mall, the beating heart of the city finally arriving in front of Brisbane City Hall.

The walk will follow a very scenic route showcasing the best that Brisbane has to offer and is a mainly flat walk on good surfaces.

We do have a shorter route planned, starting and finishing at the same destinations for those of you who would like a shorter walk. The aim is for us to all arrive together at the river end of the Queen Street Mall so that we can all walk down the Mall and arrive at City Hall together, en masse in purple for a fabulous photo opportunity!

# Booking your events & accommodation

The infographic is divided into three vertical panels. The first panel, 'Registration Form', lists three steps: completing the form, submitting it to Ozaccom+, and keeping copies. The second panel, 'Online Registration', provides a URL, a note to register online, and a reminder to keep copies. The third panel, 'Payment Options', details cheque, credit card (with surcharge fees), and direct deposit options.

Registration Form	Online Registration	Payment Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete the Registration Form</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Go to <a href="https://events.ozaccom.com.au/view-national-convention-2025/registration">https://events.ozaccom.com.au/view-national-convention-2025/registration</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cheque must be sent to Ozaccom+</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Submit your Form to Ozaccom+, not VIEW National Office</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Register online</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Credit Card Note: surcharge fee will apply<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.3% per Mastercard &amp; Visa</li><li>• 3.85% per AMEX</li></ul></li></ul>
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## Ticket & Satchel Collections

All delegates will need to collect, prior to, or on the following days, their satchel including Convention pin, wristbands, Convention Booklet, etc. These can be collected at the following times at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Thursday 4 September 2025	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday 5 September 2025	8:30 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 6 September 2025	8:30 am - 9:15 am

Delegates will not be granted entry to any event unless they are wearing a designated wristband.



# Cancellation Policy

Registrations close at 12.00 noon Friday 15 August 2025. Final bookings and payments must be made by this time.

## Cancellations received before Friday 15 August 2025

Cancellations received before Friday 15 August 2025 – please note a \$25 registration fee will be charged for all cancellations initiated by you, the delegate, notified in writing before Friday 15 August 2025. The balance of monies paid by you will be refunded directly to you.

## Cancellations received after Friday 15 August 2025

If you cancel after Friday 15 August 2025 this will result in all monies paid by you being forfeited, including the \$25 registration fee. In the event of late cancellation by you, tickets may be on sold by the attendee to another attendee however, this will incur a \$25 Administration Fee (name change) and Ozaccom+ MUST be notified PRIOR to Monday 25 August 2025.

Any cancellations received AFTER Friday 15 August 2025 will result in all monies being forfeited.

All cancellations, refund requests, name changes must be submitted in writing to Ozaccom+ not VIEW National Office.

The \$25 Registration Fee is non-refundable under any circumstance.

This fee assists VIEW to cover administrative costs associated with the Convention.

# Let's start exploring...

September is the perfect month in Brisbane as spring is in the air.. imagine basking in the warmth of the Queensland sunshine while gazing out at the pulsing Brisbane River framed by the beauty of jacarandas showering their purple blossoms...

Embrace Brisbane's outdoor lifestyle and choose your adventure - just hike to hidden waterfalls, island-hop or picnic by boat. Or take it easy and dine at acclaimed new restaurants, sip spritzes atop a rooftop bar. Choose from a range of tours and day trips so you can sit back and let the local experts show you the sights.

<https://visit.brisbane.qld.au/things-to-do>

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