

brisbane lights up

Brisbane has come together in recent months and is rolling out the welcome mat to visitors.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL WILL light up the city's streets and creative spaces with a fusion of high art and pop culture from September 3-24.

From theatre, music and dance, to fringe, fireworks and light shows, indie rockers to the world's greatest classical pianist, the bold and beautiful Brisbane Festival offers the hottest tickets in town.

One of the not-to-be-missed events is the Together Brisbane exhibition, which brings together an inspiring collection of photos, stories and messages that celebrate the city's community spirit.

Uplifting, original, funny and sometimes quirky, these exhibits, which will appear throughout Brisbane at popular venues during the festival, tell the world that Brisbane is reenergised and back to its best – if not better than ever.



Brisbane Marketing's Together Brisbane project was launched in April 2011 by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, and has garnered support from all corners of the Brisbane community. Both businesses and residents have been heading online to the interactive website – www.togetherbrisbane.com.au – to share their photos, stories and love of Brisbane with the world. The website so far has had more than 10,000 visitors and 500 messages distributed throughout 138 countries that now form the backbone of this unique user-generated exhibition.

If you're in town for the Brisbane Festival, why not check out the rest of the River City?

Check into a charming boutique hotel in one of the city's unique urban villages, explore nearby galleries, enjoy an indulgent feast by the river and



make the most of the delightful winter weather by getting outside to enjoy the city's many exciting experiences.

Stay a day longer and explore the endless beaches, clear waters and dramatic scenery of the Moreton Bay and islands area. While you're there, feast on some local seafood, visit a gallery or café and explore your spectacular surrounds.

If the splendour of rugged mountain ranges and rainforests is more your scene, then head west. You'll find areas including Ipswich, country valleys and the Scenic Rim – Brisbane's heritage-listed backyard. Enjoy walking tracks, wineries, cosy B&Bs and some fabulous food.

Not sure where to start? For a comprehensive guide to where to play, stay, shop, eat and drink in Brisbane, go to www.visitbrisbane.com.au.

MAIN IMAGE: RIVERFIRE ACROSS BRISBANE, CYCLING THE BOARDWALK, RELAXING ON MORETON ISLAND, DINING OUT ALFRESCO.