



KING ST



Community News

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Among the Reeds: Honouring Stories of Place

A vibrant reflection of Brisbane Showgrounds' cultural landscape.

A striking new artwork, *Among the Reeds*, was unveiled on September 11 at the Brisbane Showground precinct. Created by contemporary Gudanji, Wakaja and Kalkadoon artist Ryhia Dank (Nardurna), the work reflects the deep cultural significance, layered history, and vibrant community spirit of Bowen Hills / Meanjin.

Drawing inspiration from the site's longstanding role as a gathering place, the artwork captures a story of movement, trade, care, and connection to Country. A gentle eel winds across the canvas, symbolising steadiness and presence, while a flowing tidal river grounds the scene. Bunya pine, wallabies, and native plants are woven throughout, representing abundance, life and the stories that have always lived here. The bunya pine and eel, chosen in consultation with Auntie Kathryn Fisher, acknowledge the enduring cultural connections of this land.



The colour palette blends soft pastels with bright tones to evoke both the energy of community life and moments of reflection, and vibrant hues act as a reminder of Country's ongoing presence.

Ryhia's practice, which she calls 'storywork', draws on her Gudanji heritage and the stories passed down through generations. Raised in the Northern Territory, she honours tradition while embracing her layered identity.

Among the Reeds enriches the precinct, celebrating its history and connection to Country.

"This work holds space for stillness and reflection, while also recognising the layers of history that sit beneath the surface, both seen and unseen - Nardurna (Ryhia Dank)

King St comes Together for R U OK? Day

Sometimes, the smallest question can make the biggest difference. September 11 had King St buzzing with good vibes and meaningful moments as we joined forces with R U OK? Day to celebrate connection, care, and community.

From sweet yellow cupcakes brightening everyone's day to friendly chats that reminded us to check in with those around us, the street was filled with smiles, laughter, and genuine kindness. It wasn't just about one day; it was about creating a space where everyone feels seen, supported, and connected.

We're so proud to be part of a community that shows up for each other, one conversation (and one cupcake!) at a time. Here's to keeping that R U OK? spirit alive every day on King St.



Supporting our Schools, One Bench at a Time

Lendlease King St is helping keep conversations going beyond R U OK? Day. As part of our ongoing commitment to connection and care, we've proudly donated two R U OK? benches to Brisbane Central State School and Fortitude Valley State Secondary College.

These benches serve as welcoming spaces that encourage students to pause, check in and start meaningful conversations. It's a small gesture with a big purpose: reminding young people that they're supported, seen, and never alone.

What's on at King St



A Festive Friday: King St Christmas Markets **Friday November 28, 4-9pm**

The festive season is rolling in fast, and the King St Christmas Markets are the perfect way to celebrate. This lively event brings together artisans, foodies and local creatives for a night of sparkle, gourmet dining and live entertainment. Stroll leafy footpaths lined with stalls offering handmade gifts and festive finds.

12 Days of Christmas

1 - 12 December

Just spend \$30 at King St from 1 - 12 December for your chance to win one of twelve \$500 Flight Centre vouchers! Shop, dine and enjoy, every \$30 transaction puts you in the draw. For more details, keep an eye on our socials or visit the website



Good Things Festival

Sunday, 6 December

Australia's loudest touring rock festival returns, bringing a full day of punk, metal, alt and heavy-hitting international acts to the Brisbane Showgrounds. Expect big energy, big crowds and even bigger sets, all right next door to King St.



Exhibitions at Artisan

King St, 22 October - 22 December

Artisan is showcasing three new exhibitions celebrating craft, design, and emerging talent. Explore Anna Varendorff's sculptural metalworks in *Less Discernible Edges*, discover Mari Hirata's delicate jewellery in *Omamori*, and experience fresh spatial concepts from QCAD students in *The Emotional Blueprint*. All on now until 22 December.





Wildlands 2026

Brisbane Showgrounds, New Year's Day

Ring in the new year with an electric mix of global electronic, indie and hip-hop acts. Wildlands returns with a fierce, future-leaning lineup built for big stages, big crowds and the first big party of 2026.

What's New at King St



Miniyo

Fresh, fast and full of flavour, Miniyo is the newest grab-and-go spot on King St, serving gourmet onigiri, frozen yoghurt, poke bowls, smoothies, bagels and more. Quick, delicious and perfect for breakfast, lunch or an afternoon pick-me-up.



Dirty Harry's Bar & Grill

Bringing big personality to King St, Dirty Harry's Bar & Grill comes from the legend behind Harry's Trivia, offering live music, trivia, karaoke, pool, darts and arcade games, plus classic beers and great food.



Rosé Gelateria

Sweetening the precinct one scoop at a time, Rosé Gelateria crafts small-batch artisan gelato using high-quality ingredients, fresh local produce and seasonal flavours inspired by traditional gelato-making in Florence. Even better, they're open daily.

EKKA After Dark

When the sun went down on the EKKA, King St lit up! From August 9–17, we had live music, roving entertainment, and nightly food & drink specials... all just steps from the showgrounds!



FVSHS Career in Property Day 2025



Students from Fortitude Valley State Secondary College spent the day with the Lendlease team for an immersive introduction to careers in property, development and construction. Through team talks, hands-on activities and a guided site tour, students gained valuable insight into the industry and the many pathways available... a meaningful day designed to inspire the next generation of future placemakers.

Meet the team

You've seen the cranes, the concrete, and the skyline taking shape, but what about the people behind it all? We caught up with Mackenzie O'Connor, Assistant Development Project Manager at Lendlease, to chat about life on site, the team's favourite King St spots, and how Exhibition Place is setting a new benchmark for build-to-rent living in Brisbane.



Hi, I'm Mackenzie O'Connor!

What is your role on the team, and how long have you been part of the Exhibition Place project?

I've been working on Exhibition Place since June 2023. As an Assistant Development Project Manager, my role gives me a front-row seat to watch the transformation from concept to construction, seeing the building take form has been a highlight of my time on the project.

What's your favourite part about coming to work each day?

My favourite part is walking past Exhibition Place and seeing it come together piece by piece. Every day, there's visible progress, and it's rewarding to know you're helping shape a place that so many people will one day call home.

What's your go-to lunch order on King St?

You can't go past a Xin Chao banh mi, simple, fresh, and always reliable. But to wrap up the week, I'll often treat myself to a chicken-burger combo at Winghaus. It's the perfect Friday reward.

If you could add one new business to King St, what would it be and why?

I'd love to see a dedicated sandwich shop join the mix. Supernice near Bowen Hills station is a weekend favourite of mine, and something similar on King St would be a hit with locals and workers alike.

What's been the biggest difference between Exhibition Place and other developments you've worked on?

The focus on common areas really stands out. From the gym and wellness spaces to the shared amenities and carefully chosen furniture, you can tell the team has prioritised creating spaces where residents will genuinely want to spend their time.

How do you think Exhibition Place will influence future housing developments?

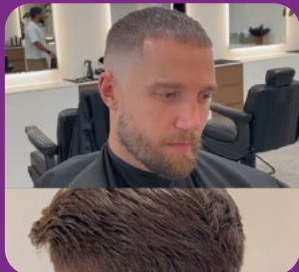
I think it's going to raise the bar for what residents expect. The level of detail and quality in the amenities will set a new standard for build-to-rent living. It's all about not just creating apartments, but a lifestyle.

What's one new thing you've learned while working on Exhibition Place?

There's always something new to learn! Just when you think you've seen it all, a fresh challenge pops up. Luckily, both the Lendlease and Hutchies teams are great at collaborating to problem solve; it's a fast-paced environment, but a really rewarding one.

You on King St

We love seeing King St through your eyes! Take a look at what people have been up to - from indulging in delicious food, enjoying incredible events and exploring new exhibitions, there really is something for everyone on King St. Keep tagging us in your photos, [@kingstreetbrisbane](#), so we can see what you get up to and share the fun!



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Parking offers on King St

Dining out plans with friends on King St? Enjoy flat fee of \$25* after 5pm on weekdays and all weekend. The Monday to Friday early bird offer is \$20* for the day.

Where to find it? Just look out for the kookaburra!

T&C's

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