



KING ST



Community News

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Welcome Home to Exhibition Place

There's something special about finding a place that feels connected to everything you love about Brisbane, and that's exactly what Exhibition Place is bringing to King Street!

We're incredibly excited to see this new build-to-rent community come to life in one of Brisbane's most vibrant and fast-growing neighbourhoods. Nestled amongst the energy, culture and creativity that define the precinct, Exhibition Place will offer residents the chance to live in the heart of it all while enjoying the comfort and certainty of a place to truly call home.

From nights spent catching live music at The Tivoli and dinners along King Street's bustling dining strip, to weekend adventures across Brisbane and beyond, life at Exhibition Place is designed to embrace the very best of city living. With the Showgrounds, James Street and the CBD all within easy reach, residents will be perfectly positioned to enjoy everything this thriving corner of Brisbane has to offer.

But what makes Exhibition Place particularly exciting is the community being built within its walls. Thoughtfully designed shared spaces, including a 25-metre pool, yoga room, coworking lounge, outdoor spa retreat, resident lounge and even a podcast studio, create opportunities for neighbours to connect, unwind and make the most of everyday life. Add in pet-friendly living, flexible lease options and a dedicated on-site team, and it's clear this is a place designed around people.

As Brisbane continues to grow and evolve, Exhibition Place represents a fresh approach to renting, one that prioritises flexibility, connection and lifestyle without compromise.

We can't wait to welcome residents through the doors and see this new community become part of the fabric of King Street. The countdown is officially on!

Champions Next Door: FVSSC Wins Big at the 2026 Big Valley Dash

There's a lot to celebrate at Fortitude Valley State Secondary College this month! FVSSC students have taken home Age Champion titles at the 2026 Big Valley Dash, the annual interschool athletics carnival that brings together local schools to compete across track and field events.

The winning students, trophies in hand and grins to match are a testament

to the energy, effort and community spirit that FVSSC has built since opening its doors in 2020. From just 137 Year 7 students in its first year, the school has grown into a thriving community of nearly 850 students, and achievements like this show just how much the college has found its stride.

The King St community couldn't be prouder of our local champions, congratulations to all the students involved!



All In: Reconciliation Week & NAIDOC Week

Two important dates are on the horizon this edition. National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) carries the theme All In this year; a call for every Australian to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. Then in July, NAIDOC Week (5–12 July) celebrates 50 Years of Deadly, marking five decades of NAIDOC and honouring the generations of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people whose strength, creativity and persistence built this movement.

Both are great opportunities to learn, connect and show up for our community, right here in Bowen Hills.

For local events, visit naidoc.org.au

What's on at King St



Royal Queensland Show, Brisbane Showgrounds

8 - 16 August

It's the most wonderful time of the year (at least if you're a Queenslanders). The Ekka is back at the Brisbane Showgrounds for its iconic nine-day run, and 2026 marks a very special milestone; the 150th anniversary of Queensland's most loved annual event. From showbags and sideshow rides to woodchopping competitions, giant vegetables, and 10,000 animals, the Ekka brings the country to the city in the most spectacular way. Don't miss the nightly fireworks and, of course, the legendary strawberry sundaes. The Brisbane public holiday falls on Wednesday 12 August.

Tickets available at ekka.com.au

Brisbane Sake Festival, Brisbane Showgrounds

19 - 21 June

A refined and relaxed celebration of Japanese sake culture arrives at the Showgrounds this June. Sample premium sakes from local and international producers, explore thoughtfully paired food, and soak up the atmosphere of one of Brisbane's most culturally rich festival experiences. Whether you're a sake enthusiast or simply curious, this is a great excuse to discover something new and delicious.



Ball Park Music, The Tivoli

5 & 6 June

Brisbane's own Ball Park Music bring their Rock 'n' Roll Adventure Continues... tour to The Tivoli for two nights and both shows are already sold out. If you missed tickets, keep an eye on their socials for any last-minute releases. Either way, the energy around Fortitude Valley on these nights is always something special.



Brisbane Gin Festival, Brisbane Showgrounds **17 - 19 July**

Gin lovers, this one's for you. The Brisbane Gin Festival returns to the Showgrounds with a curated lineup of Aussie craft distillers ready to pour their finest creations. Sip, sample, and discover your next favourite tippie across a weekend dedicated to the art of gin. A great winter warm-up right on your doorstep.

Spiderbait + Custard, The Tivoli **4 & 5 July**

Two of Australia's most beloved bands on the same bill; what's not to love? Spiderbait and Custard bring their combined decades of indie-rock energy to The Tivoli for two nights this July. It's the kind of show that has King St locals dusting off their old band tees and reliving their favourite era of Australian music. Saturday is already sold out so move fast on Sunday tickets.



Pub Choir, The Tivoli **28 - 30 July**

Three sold-out nights says it all. Pub Choir, Brisbane's own gloriously chaotic mass singing phenomenon returns to The Tivoli for a run that has the whole city talking. No experience necessary, no auditions required, just a good voice (or a willing one) and a sense of fun. Keep an eye out for any last-minute ticket releases at thetivoli.com.au.

EKKA After Dark feat. Casey Barnes, The Tivoli **11 August**

The Ekka fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. EKKA After Dark brings a night of live music to The Tivoli as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, headlined by country-pop favourite Casey Barnes. It's the perfect way to round out a big day at the Show; head next door and keep the good times going well into the evening.



Mother's Day Market

King St turned on the charm for Mother's Day earlier this month, teaming up with The Market Folk for a bustling evening market filled with great vibes, local makers and plenty of delicious eats. Food stalls spilled out onto the street, a live DJ kept the energy high, and locals soaked up the atmosphere for a wholesome night celebrating mums, community and everything we love about King St.



Have Your Say

If you're a resident, worker, retailer or regular visitor who loves King St, this is your chance to have your say. The King St Community Advisory Committee brings people together to share ideas, provide feedback and help shape the future of the precinct.

We're seeking a diverse mix of community members who want to be involved in local initiatives and contribute to making King St an even better place.

To find out more or express your interest, contact Social Impact Manager Shannon Volp on **0438 468 536** or email shannon.volp@lendlease.com.

Open Season 2026: Winter Just Got a Whole Lot Better

King St's favourite season is here and this year, Open Season is bigger, bolder and more ambitious than ever before.

Brisbane's defining winter cultural program returns from 25 May to 25 July for its sixth edition, spanning eight weeks, 10+ venues and over 100 artists. Born in 2020 in the wake of the pandemic as a single-venue, four-week program, Open Season has grown into one of Australia's most exciting annual music events, a city-wide winter takeover that puts Brisbane firmly on the cultural map. And at the heart of it all? The Tivoli, right here on King St's doorstep in Bowen Hills.

This year's program is unapologetically ambitious. The 2026 lineup brings together some of the world's most compelling artists alongside the best of Australian music, with something for every taste. International highlights include the razor-sharp Kae Tempest, post-rock legends Mogwai, hip-hop heavyweights Earl Sweatshirt and MIKE, Welsh songwriter Cate Le Bon, and art-pop legends Sparks. Closer to home, Melbourne's Hiatus Kaiyote return for a special 15th anniversary tour, Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever bring their signature jangle-rock energy, and beloved local acts Full Flower Moon Band, Beddy Rays, Shady Nasty and Pub Choir round out a stacked season.

Beyond the stages, Open Season 2026 moves into the city's streets, galleries and unexpected spaces like never before. A keystone event of the program is Against The Grain Festival; celebrating 10 years of Brisbane-based promoters GRAIN, a one-day, multi-venue block party transforming The Princess Theatre and the surrounding Clarence Corner precinct into a buzzing hub of art, music and community with 30+ artists. It's the kind of event that makes Brisbane feel like the most exciting city in the country.

For King St residents, workers and visitors, this is your winter sorted. The Tivoli is steps away, the lineup is world-class, and the vibe is pure Brisbane, independent, creative and full of heart. Get in early, because shows are selling fast.

Check the full lineup and get your tickets at thetivoli.com.au or head to the King St Open Season page for local highlights.



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](https://www.instagram.com/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

Prices may be subject to change during special events, check for further information general enquiries or further information, please contact brisbane@carepark.com.au

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