

## Fast Facts

### Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

- BCEC on Grey Street, \$140 million expansion of the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre was officially opened by The Hon. Rachel Nolan, Minister for Finance, Natural Resources and The Arts during the official Australia Day celebrations at the Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012
- The five level, 25,000 square metre expansion is designed specifically for small and medium sized conferences and houses some of Brisbane's most impressive banqueting venues including the Sky Room and Terrace with views of the city skyline
- The addition of 20 meeting rooms and event spaces including two tiered auditoria for 400 and 600 in BCEC on Grey Street provides the Centre with the capacity to host a minimum of 300 extra events per year
- Designed by convention centre specialist architects, Cox Rayner, BCEC on Grey Street has a 5 star green equivalent rating. A sky-lit atrium provides natural light throughout the building, enhanced by the dramatic facade which is 85% glass
- Brisbane Artist Bruce Reynolds was commissioned to complete artworks for BCEC on Grey Street. "Art and Place" comprises 5 paintings, 16 wall panels and 6 sculptures. He makes pictorial objects from linoleum, paint and photography as well as architecturally integrated relief work in concrete and Axminster carpet. Through the use of such materials he pursues his interest in relationships between pattern, history and the built environment
- Grey Street entry directly interfaces with the South Bank cultural precinct
- With a total of 44 meeting rooms including three stand alone tiered auditoria, BCEC is Australia's most flexible meetings and events venue capable of hosting events of all sizes from 8 to 8,000 people
- Total combined floor area will be 171,000 sqm
- 20,000 sqm of dedicated exhibition space
- BCEC generates an average of \$200 million in economic benefit to Brisbane and Queensland each year
- The Centre hosts an average of 1000 events each year
- Officially ranked among the top three convention centres world-wide by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC) on three separate occasions

- BCEC is Australia's most awarded convention centre with 118 major industry awards
- Winner of the IMEX Green Supplier Silver Award for environmental excellence
- Winner of 56 catering awards. The Centre has been named Australia's Best Function/Convention Centre Caterer by Restaurant & Catering Australia for the third occasion and Australia's Caterer of the Year 2011
- Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is operated by the leading international venue management group, AEG Ogden
- The Centre is located in the unique convention and cultural riverside precinct at South Bank
- The Centre has established a permanent art gallery space to house its collection of Indigenous and contemporary Australian art, a first for Australian convention centres
- There are 27 hotels within two kilometres of the Centre including two directly adjacent to the Centre
- The Centre which has all its facilities under the one roof offers a wide range of in house services including its award winning catering and Audio Visual Production Services Team providing on site expert technical support for every event
- The Centre has received EarthCheck Silver accreditation for its sustainability practices and was the first Australian Convention Centre to introduce the services of a tailor made carbon calculator for events
- AIPC Quality Standards Gold Certification for accomplishments in international convention centre performance
- Home of Australia's first dedicated Tasting Room in a convention centre

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