

8 Brisbane Events

December 2009

Australia's oldest and one of its most distinguished professional golf tournaments, the 2009 **Australian PGA Championship** will be played at the Robert Trent Jones course. 10-13 December.

Woodford Folk Festival: Spread over six days and nights, more than 2000 performers and 400 events including concerts, dances, workshops, forums, street theatre, films, comedy sessions, acoustic jams, children's programmes, art and craft workshops, late night cabarets, etc, the festival has grown from strength to strength. 27 December - 1 January 2010.

January/February 2010

Brisbane International Tennis

One of the key tournaments on the Australian summer tennis circuit, a warm up for the Australian Open. Watch the kings and queens of the tennis court in action. 3-10 January.

Cricket: One Day International, Australia v Pakistan. 22 January.

Brisbane Motor Show will have a comprehensive line-up of what the car industry has to offer Queensland petrolheads, with pizzazz and entertainment. 3-7 February.

Cricket: One Day International, Australia v West Indies. 14 February.

March/April 2010

St Patrick's Day Parade: Join in the crowds, line up the streets to watch more than 40 colourful floats and hundreds of marchers wind their way through the city. There will be dancers, music, pipe bands, clowns, all things Australian-Irish.

The annual **French Film Festival** is organized and presented by the Alliance Française. A 'must see' for lovers of French cinema.

Fine Food Queensland: The exhibition shows Australian and international food, drink and equipment. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, 14-16 March.

Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

One of Australia's major sporting events over the Easter weekend, this 308 nautical mile ocean race starts from Moreton Bay and finishes in Gladstone Harbour. 2 April.

ABC Gardening Expo. Meet experts from the horticulture industry and find out more about new eco-friendly techniques for landscaping and gardening. RNA Showgrounds, 16-18 April.

Southern Cross Challenge is a premier international softball fixture, held alternate years in Australia and New Zealand, open to both male and female teams. 23-26 April.

May/June 2010

The Redcliffe Kitefest attracts professional kite flyers from all over Australia. Join in and go outdoors and discover the fun of flying and making kites. 15-16 May.

Paniyiri Festival: All things Greek for Paniyiri Festival, with fantastic Greek food and cheese from different regions, cooking demonstrations, musical theatre, recitals, exhibitions & dances for you to join. 3rd weekend in May.

Spanish Film Festival: A diverse and exceptional overview of modern Spanish film production, as well as films from Spanish speaking countries.

Australian International Indigenous Festival, **'The Dreaming'** celebrates Indigenous arts from Australia and around the world. The festival will have performing arts, films and literature, ceremony grounds, traditional healing, and much more.

The Noosa Long Weekend: A 10 day festival of art, culture and food at Noosa's beautiful beaches.

July/August 2010

Festitalia, RNA Showgrounds: This annual Italian festival is organized by the Italian community. Let them show you their zest, their love of life and how this is translated into fine food and wine, music, culture and arts.



The Royal Queensland Show or 'Ekka' is more than an exhibition of agriculture. It not only has something for everyone: agriculture, horticulture, art and craft, cookery and livestock, but also provides an opportunity for professionals and enthusiasts to meet, compete and show off their finest products. An impressive programme for the whole family to enjoy. RNA Showgrounds, 5-14 August.

Queensland Rifle Association **Queen's Prize Meeting** will see more than 300 long range full-bore target rifle shooters competing for the prize.

Watch the **annual migration of humpback whales** at Hervey Bay Whale Festival and sample the fresh catch from the water at the **Seafood Festival** which runs concurrently with the Whale Festival.

If you want to see the latest marine products, check them out at the **Brisbane International Boat Show**. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Queensland Poetry Festival: Spoken in one strange word – the Queensland Poetry Festival is widely-considered to be Australia's finest annual poetry festival and is a world-famous literary event. The programme will present the work of the annual 'Poet in Residence' and a range of exciting local, national and international poets and poetry performers.

September/October 2010

Brisbane Festival: "Australia's biggest arts festival". Brisbane's theatres, parks and streets will resonate with the best of international and local artists and productions, entertainments and fringe theatre. The spectacular **RiverÑre** will run concurrently with this event and includes bike races, beach volleyball competitions, boat racing, jet skiing, sailing, a party by the river, concerts and live music.

Brisbane Writers Festival is an annual literary event presenting the best of national and international writing, with sessions of workshops and panels covering a wide range of topics and writing genres including journalism, literature, fiction and history.

Sunshine Coast Blues Festival: Two days and nights of live Blues music highlighting some of Australia's top performers in a spectacular weekend event.

Oktoberfest Brisbane: Join in and have fun in this annual event, enjoy the music (oompahs and yodeling), admire the strongmen and drink the real German beer.

Brisbane Jazz Festival: A celebration of improvised and live music by some of the best local and international acclaimed jazz artists. Brisbane Powerhouse Centre for the Arts.

November/December 2010

Brisbane International Film Festival: Everyone can indulge themselves in this festival as there's bound to be something for everyone. Since its inception in 1992, it has attracted over 350,000 film-goers and has become a well-renowned Australian film festival showing the best and most interesting local and international films, documentaries, retrospectives, animations, short films and much more.

Cricket: 1st Ashes Test Match, Australia v England, 25-29 November.

The annual **Woodford Folk Festival** will have over 2,000 local and international performers and 400 events, featuring concerts, dances, theatre, comedy sessions, acoustic jams, film festival, art and craft workshops, late night cabarets and special events. 27 December - 1 January.

