

# 30<sup>th</sup> National Bonsai Convention



## *Art - By Nature*

**19 — 22 May 2017**  
**Royal on the Park, Brisbane**

**Proudly hosted by**  
**Bonsai Society of Qld Inc.**



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## All the way from Belgium...

**M**arc Nöelanders is arguably the leading non-Japanese bonsai artist in the world today. He was born in Belgium and continues to live there, although he spends much of his time travelling the world demonstrating and teaching bonsai. In the 1980's, Marc studied bonsai in Japan under Master Kimura, and has also been mentored by other Japanese masters including John Naka and Saburo Kato. John Naka recognised Marc as having a unique and identifiable style with natural artistic ability and technical mastery.



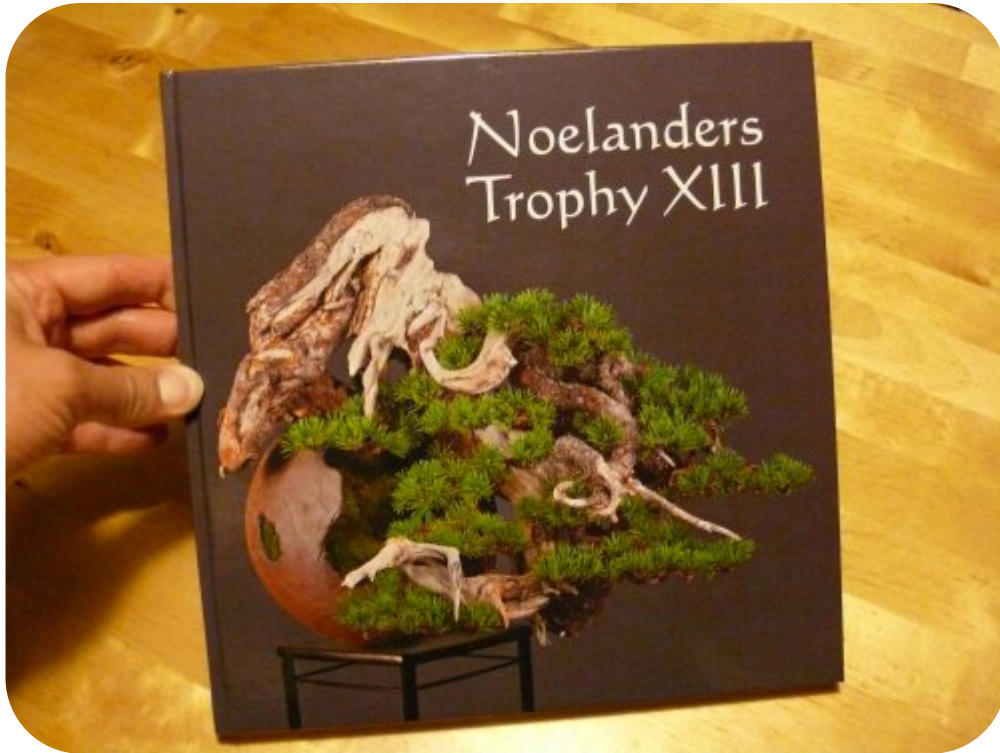
Marc has many notable achievements in the bonsai world. One of these is being the founder of the Noelanders Trophy. This is the premier bonsai exhibition in Europe and is now in its 17th year. This exhibition attracts top quality bonsai from around the world. It typically attracts 30,000 visitors each year. Marc's artistic ability and attention to detail in arranging the exhibition is a significant catalyst to the success and international attention that the exhibition attracts each year.



Marc is the President of the Bonsai Association of Belgium, and a Vice President of the European Bonsai Association. His book, "Bonsai Art", was published in 1998 with forewords by John Y. Naka and Paul Lesniewicz. He teaches the art of bonsai throughout Europe, Russia, India, Canada, and the United States of America. As a teacher and demonstrator he has a very informative style of presentation while applying high quality technical and artistic solutions to raw bonsai material within the short time frame of a demonstration. He is able to produce natural and high quality bonsai from almost any tree.

His artistic ability extends beyond just creating bonsai but also to drawing bonsai. He has a background in painting and drawing and is able to use this to clearly present the vision of the completed bonsai even before starting work on the tree. This allows the audience to clearly understand the objectives of the work in the demonstration, and provides workshop participants with a clear roadmap for their trees. Marc also passes this sketching ability on to students via bonsai drawing workshops.

Marc is a regular demonstrator and workshop instructor at many international conferences and exhibitions. These include the annual Rendevous convention by Brussel's Bonsai, the American Bonsai Society (ABS)/Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) Convention, and conventions by the European Bonsai Association, Bonsai Clubs International, International Bonsai Arboretum, and Golden State Bonsai Federation. He also demonstrates and teaches at many other conventions worldwide each year.



In the world of bonsai Marc's artistic ability and technical mastery makes him the leading bonsai artist in the Western World. His work is internationally recognised. His talent as a demonstrator allows him to entertain his audience while passing on his extensive knowledge and produce exceptional bonsai from technically difficult material.

At the 2017 AABC Convention Marc will be the headline demonstrator. He will be conducting two days of workshops providing an excellent opportunity to learn and work directly with Marc. The demonstrations at the conference have been organised to provide the best possible opportunity to observe Marc. He will be demonstrating for seven out of eight sessions. During his demonstrations he will be joined on stage by other local artists allowing Marc to continue working and providing some variation for the audience.





# The Local Demonstrators

(in order of appearance)

Steve has a technical and business background in chemical engineering. He has practised bonsai for over 25 years, motivated by the intersection of art and science. He gained a BCI Award at the 2014 BCI Convention Exhibition. He is active in presentation, demonstration, teaching and tutoring; keen to promote the benefits of a bonsai life. Frustrated by the ever elusive pot search and undaunted by the challenges, Steve made his first ceramic bonsai pot in 2010. His chosen aesthetic channels the Japanese spirit of authenticity and craftsmanship, making pots that comfortably wear the imperfections of being made by hand and the arbitrary forces of the furnace. His pots are in the collections of the NBPCA and bonsai practitioners around Australia. Steve's blog, which logs the journey of this "Happy Potter" is shared by bonsai and ceramics enthusiasts around the world.



Andrew has been captivated by the art of bonsai for the past 11 years. He is a qualified horticulturist with his own landscaping business, which allows him to work with plants for business and pleasure. After years of practice and dedication, Andrew decided to head to Japan to take his knowledge to the next level. Since then he has made many trips to Japan including several two week long study trips at both the Fujikawa International School of Bonsai, under the guidance of Keiichi Fujikawa & Bjorn Bjorholm, and Taisho-en, under Nobuichi Urushibata and Taiga Urushibata.



Glenn started working with bonsai in 1983. After working on bonsai for about 6 years, he took a break for about 10 years because of study and work commitments, but took up where he left off in 1999. He has taken part in many courses and workshops, and is now enjoying the challenge of providing presentations and demonstrations at the Bonsai Society of Qld. He has contributed to the society as a committee member for a number of years and as Vice President for the last two years.



Albert first started bonsai when he was 13 years old and picked out a small fig as a birthday present. He still has this fig (much larger now), which is a good reminder of humble beginnings. In the late nineties he joined the Bimer Bonsai Club and started learning from experienced people, attending workshops, and reading magazines in the club library. He prefers larger material and enjoys wood carving with power tools. In the last 8 years, Albert has been exploring the use of native Australian species as bonsai, in particular Melaleucas. He was inspired by seeing the work that the Western Australian clubs were doing with natives, and has been trying different design styles to mimic the native trees as we see them in nature. Albert has been demonstrating for South East Queensland clubs since 2005 and is currently President of Bimer.



**M**ark Harris has been involved in the Brisbane bonsai scene since 1998. His initial introduction to Bonsai happened on a cultural exchange tour of Japan in 1987. Since joining the Bonsai Society of Qld in 1998 he has nurtured his love of this art form. He has been active in the society serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer and currently is a committee member of both the Society and the Organising Committee for the 2017 Convention. He looks forward to meeting you all in Brisbane in 2017.



**G**lenis retired as a full time bonsai nursery owner and operator in 2007 after 20 years of full time bonsai work. During this time she taught bonsai, organised the visits of international demonstrators, and conducted many bonsai tours to Japan, Korea, Hawaii and China. She served as President of the Bonsai Society of Qld for 12 years. She also served on the AABC Board, Australia's national organisation, for 20 years. Glen has been on the committee of many national conventions and is a registered national demonstrator. Glen has been practising bonsai since the mid 80's and has been interested in stones for many years. She has served on the BCI Board for over ten years as Executive Director, Vice President and was recently elected President. During these 30 plus years Glen has travelled throughout Australia and internationally, promoting teaching and learning bonsai. She has demonstrated and conducted workshops at many major events in Australia, USA and India.



**L**indsay has been practising bonsai for 47 years, and for 30 years owned and operated, with wife Glenis, a 7-day a week bonsai nursery in Brisbane. He is an international demonstrator, workshop tutor, author, lecturer and judge. He was a Headliner and Workshop Tutor at the World Bonsai Conventions in Washington DC in 2005 and Puerto Rico in 2009; a Headliner and a Judge at the BCI convention in Chencun China in 2006, New Orleans in 2009, Yangzhou in 2013 and Workshop Tutor at BCI Denver 2011; Headliner at conventions in Australia and New Zealand and the All India Bonsai Convention in Vadodara in 2012; lecturer at the ASPAC Convention in Singapore and Headliner at ASPAC Taiwan 2009. Lindsay has also been a judge of many international bonsai and viewing stone contests and exhibitions. Lindsay is currently Secretary, and Director for Australia and New Zealand, of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation.



**T**ony's bonsai journey began at the age of 13 when he attended his first workshop with Tom Yamamoto. In 1984, aged 17, he started work at the family bonsai nursery in Brisbane, learning from his father the 'Art' of bonsai. He worked there for 16 years - learning about, teaching and growing bonsai. He is a nationally and internationally registered bonsai tutor and demonstrator, and is respected for his ability and expression. Tony regularly travels as a guest artist throughout Australia and New Zealand conducting workshops and demonstrations, with appearances at national conventions in both countries. He also had the honour of demonstrating at World Bonsai Convention in China 2013 and at AABC/BCI Gold Coast in 2014. Tony is Principal of the Brisbane International Bonsai School, and is the current President of the Bonsai Society of Qld, where he has been a member since 1984.



# The Programme

## Friday City and Gardens Tour

This relaxing bus tour will help you unwind from your travel to Brisbane. The tour starts at Royal on the Park, departing at 9:00am and takes you up to the top of Mt Coot-tha to experience the wonderful panorama over the city to Moreton Bay and its islands.



We will then arrive at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens where you will have time to enjoy this wonderful landscape, take in the pleasures of the Japanese Garden, built after Expo 88 in Brisbane, and stroll through Bonsai House, a dedicated bonsai display area next to the Japanese Garden. You will also enjoy a private, gourmet buffet lunch in the Gardens.



From there you will be taken to the Roma Street Parklands, considered one of the best contemporary display gardens in Australia. Covering over 15 hectares, you'll have plenty to look at and discover in this inner-city paradise. From there, it is back at the hotel to relax by 3:15pm, or stroll through the City Botanic Gardens, across the road from the hotel.

## Friday Advanced Workshop with Marc

This workshop is for highly experienced members of bonsai clubs and societies who already educate within their membership and will take techniques learnt back to the members for the education of the greater bonsai community. You must bring at least one very developed bonsai or mature stock tree that can have advanced techniques and refinement applied over the day. Price includes all day Nespresso, tea and coffee, morning and afternoon tea, plus a sit down lunch with Marc in the Walnut Restaurant. Booking is reliant on full paid registration being received.

## Friday Night - Welcome BBQ Reception

They say if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The Friday Night Welcome BBQ is happening again with food enough to fill your belly from the "Smoke and Grill" BBQ menu. You will have the best of indoor/outdoor entertaining from the Southern Cross Room, with its unique marquee ceiling, to the Pool Courtyard to enjoy the fresh air and stars. The food will be cooked fresh and served straight from the BBQ. You will receive a drink voucher with your booking and there will be a cash bar available. Kick off the weekend with friends, food and an early viewing of the Convention Exhibition.





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**ART - BY NATURE**  
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19th to 22nd May 2017  
Royal on the Park Hotel - Brisbane  
**Registration Form**



**YOUR DETAILS:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliated Club \_\_\_\_\_

\*A separate form is required for each registration - Full payment is required to confirm registration

REGISTRATION per person		FEE	AMOUNT
Early Bird Full Registration before 1st November 2016		\$270	
Full Registration on or before 1st May 2017		\$300	
Day Registration (Saturday only) due on or before 1st May 2017		\$175	
Day Registration (Sunday only) due on or before 1st May 2017		\$175	
<b>EXTRAS</b>			
<b>FRIDAY ADVANCED WORKSHOP per person</b>			
9.00am - 5.00pm lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided	Participant	\$200	
Full convention registration and payment is required to confirm participation			
<b>MONDAY WORKSHOPS per person</b>		Participant	Observer
9.00am - 12.30pm with Marc Noelanders	\$75	\$30	
1.30pm - 5.00pm with Marc Noelanders	\$75	\$30	
<b>Note: Lunch is NOT included in the Monday workshops</b>			

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	Number	Per person	AMOUNT
Friday Night Welcome BBQ		\$60	
Saturday Night Convention Dinner		\$95	
Friday Gardens Tour ( Buffet Lunch included )		\$60	
Convention Badge		\$10	
<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

( ) Cheque/Bank cheque/Money Order - Made payable to Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc  
Post to: **AABC Convention, PO Box 277, The Gap QLD 4061**  
( ) Direct Deposit to Heritage Bank \* Please email registration form to [mail@bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au](mailto:mail@bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au)  
Acc Name: Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc BSB: 638 060 Account: 12275050  
Please use your booking number if registering with the online form, or your full name as a reference

**RECEIPTS**

Receipts are only available by the following methods:

- ( ) Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) By Mail - a stamped self-addressed envelope must be supplied.



Convention Badge

**IMPORTANT: CLOSING DATE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS 1st May 2017**

**ENQUIRIES**

Information: [www.bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au](http://www.bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au) and [www.aabcltd.org](http://www.aabcltd.org) Email: [mail@bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au](mailto:mail@bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au)  
Contact: Tony Bebb Email: [tonybebb@bigpond.com](mailto:tonybebb@bigpond.com) Mobile: 0438 452 105

**Please note here if you have any special dietary requirements.**

Accommodation bookings will be directed to the venue of your choice. Convention and functions held at Royal on the Park Hotel  
~Information provided on this form will only be used for purposes of the Convention~

\*Full Registration includes all Demonstrations, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea, Convention Bag and unlimited entry to Exhibition & Sales Area

\*\*Day Registration includes Demonstrations, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea, Convention Bag and unlimited entry to Exhibition & Sales Area on chosen day

Friday Advanced Workshop only for experienced Demonstrators/Teachers to learn advanced techniques to take back and transfer to club/society members and students

**\*\*\*Cancellations: A \$20 admin fee applies to all cancellations prior to the Convention,  
plus catering costs if after catering confirmation to the venue**

## Friday, 19 May

9.00am – 5.00pm  
Marc Noelanders - Advanced Workshop

9.00am – 4.00pm  
Gardens Tour

5.30pm – 7.30pm Early Registrations  
7.00pm – 9.30pm Welcome BBQ Reception

## Saturday, 20 May

8.00am – 8.45am Registration  
8.45am – 9.00am Convention Opening Ceremony

9.00am – 10.30am  
Marc Noelanders

9.30am – 10.30am  
Steve Cullum – Pot Making

### 10.30am – 11.00am Morning Tea

11.00am – 12.30pm  
Marc Noelanders

11.00am – 12.00pm  
Steve Cullum - Pot Making

### 12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm – 3.00pm  
Marc Noelanders

2.00pm – 3.00pm  
Team Local

### 3.00pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm – 5.00pm  
Marc Noelanders

3.30pm – 4.00pm Team Local

5.15pm – 6.00pm AABC General Meeting  
7.00pm – 11.00pm Convention Dinner / Awards / Auction

## Sunday, 21 May

8.30am – 9.00am Registration

9.00am – 10.30am  
Marc Noelanders

10.00am – 10.30am Team Bebb

### 10.30am – 11.00am Morning Tea

11.00am – 12.30pm  
Marc Noelanders

11.00am – 12.00pm  
Team Bebb

### 12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm – 3.00pm  
Marc Noelanders

### 3.00pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm – 4.30pm Team Fun

4.30pm – 4.45pm Auction  
4.45pm – 5.00pm 2018 Convention Presentation  
5.00pm – 5.15pm Convention Closing Ceremony

## Monday, 22 May

9.00am – 12.30pm Marc Noelanders Workshop  
12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch (**must be ordered or BYO**)  
1.30pm – 5.00pm Marc Noelanders Workshop



# The Venue



## All convention activities will be held at Royal on the Park Hotel

For delegates wishing to stay in the hotel, we are pleased to offer the special Conference rate of \$185.00 per room, per night (subject to availability). ***This is the same rate as 2009 \****

**Please call Royal on the Park and quote "2017 Bonsai Convention" to get the special rate.**

**\* IMPORTANT: To obtain the conference rate all bookings must be made 30 days prior to the event date and full payment will be deducted from guests' credit cards 14 days prior to arrival. After this date no amendments or cancellation will be accepted.**

## The Accommodation

All rooms feature panoramic views of the Botanic Gardens or the Brisbane Skyline and either a generous king size bed or two queen size beds. A full buffet breakfast is available to in-house delegates for a discounted rate of \$27.50 per person, if included in your accommodation package.

## Other Room Types and Rates

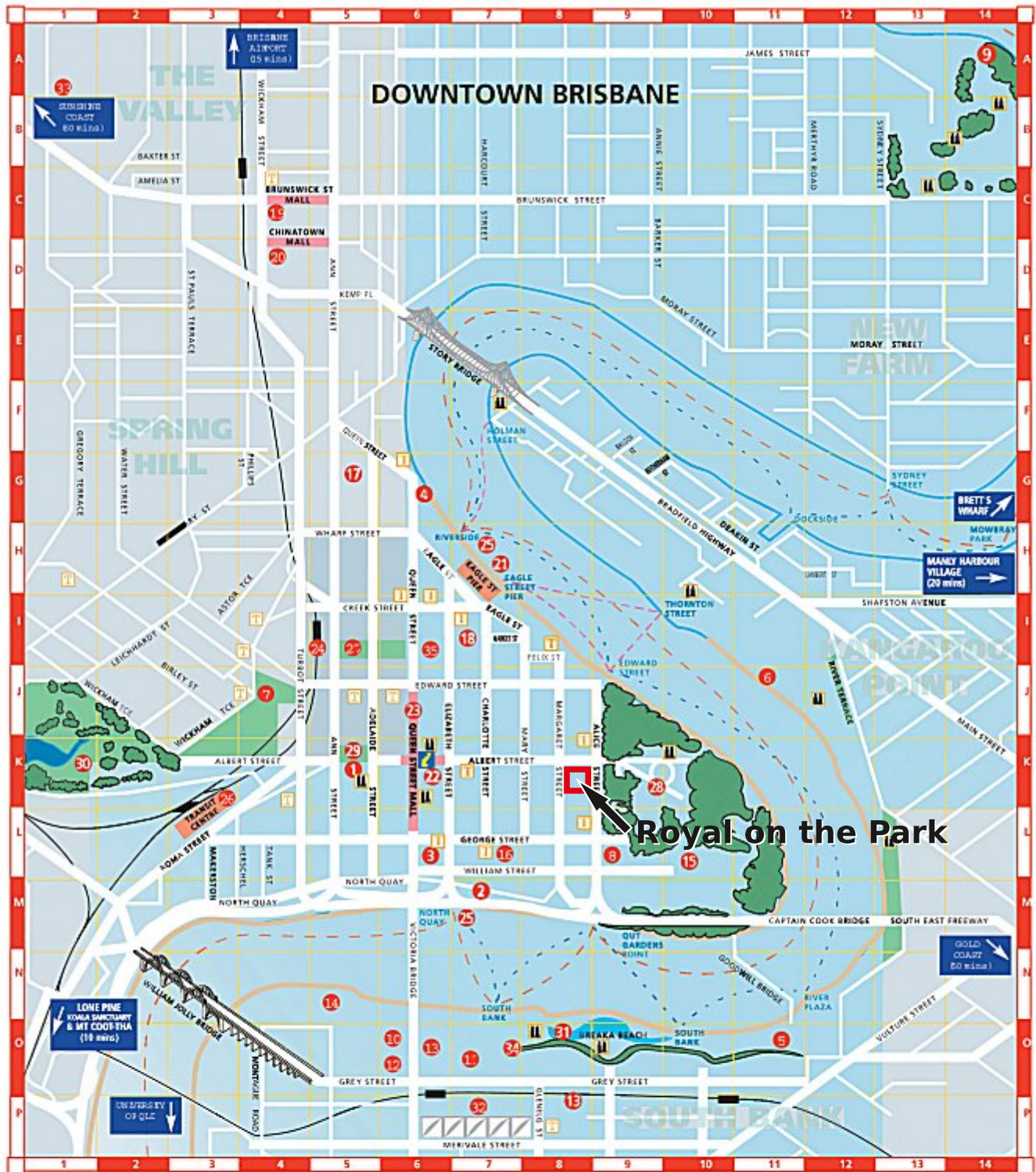
- Spa Suite — \$335.00 per night.
- Executive Suite — \$385.00 per night.

## Further Helpful Information

Royal on the Park is ideally situated at the "green end" of the Brisbane CBD. Located on Alice Street, the hotel is only one block away from the access ramps leading to both the Southern and Western Freeways. Their website is an excellent source of information.







## LEGEND

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### HISTORICAL & CULTURAL SIGHTS

- |                                 |     |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1 City Hall                     | K5  | 10 Old Art Gallery              | O6  |
| 2 Commissariat Stores           | M7  | 11 Old Conservatorium of Music  | O7  |
| 3 Conrad Treasury Brisbane      | L6  | 12 Old Museum                   | O6  |
| 4 Customs House                 | G6  | 13 Old Performing Arts Complex  | O6  |
| 5 Maritime Museum               | O11 | 14 Old State Library            | N5  |
| 6 Naval Stores                  | J11 | 15 Old University of Technology | L10 |
| 7 Old Windmill                  | J4  | 16 Old Sciencentre              | L7  |
| 8 Parliament House              | L9  | 17 St John's Cathedral          | G5  |
| 9 Powerhouse Ctre for Live Arts | A14 | 18 St Stephen's Cathedral       | I7  |

### VISITOR SERVICES

- 35 General Post Office (GPO) I6

### SHOPPING

- 19 Brunswick Street Mall C4  
 20 Chinatown Mall D5  
 21 Eagle Street Pier H7  
 22 The Myer Centre K6  
 23 Queen Street Mall K6

### TRANSPORT

- 24 Central Station I5  
 25 River Cruise Wharves H7 + M7  
 26 Transit Centre L3

### PARKS & GARDENS

- 27 Anzac Square I5  
 28 City Botanic Gardens K9  
 29 King George Square K5  
 30 Roma Street Parkland K1  
 31 South Bank Parklands O8

### VENUES

- 32 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre P7  
 33 RNA Showgrounds A1  
 34 South Bank Piazza O7

- Public Toilets

- Visitor Information K6



# Bring your Partner

There is so much to do in the Brisbane city area that your partner will have a fuller day than you will, or choose to do not much at all. Within easy walking access of the Royal is the relaxing City Botanic Gardens, the buzz of Treasury Casino, the ambiance of Southbank, CityCat ferry terminals to cruise the river, shopping galore with the Queen Street Mall, and restaurants and cafes everywhere.

Within close proximity to Brisbane if you choose to stay on is the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast, Mt Tamborine, Lamington National Park, Moreton and Stradbroke Islands... the list goes on and on. Then of course there are the social activities of the Convention functions. Come and join us and have some fun.



*Conrad Treasury Casino*



*Queensland Art Gallery*



*Victoria Park Golf Course  
including Mini Golf*



*River Cruises*





# About Us

The members of Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc. are proud to host the 30th AABC National Bonsai Convention in 2017 at the Royal on the Park Hotel in Brisbane. Since hosting our first convention in 1988 we have strived to provide a friendly and comfortable environment to showcase the best bonsai has to offer from South East Queensland, with input from an extensive list of international visitors. Subsequent conventions in 1993 and 2002 were all held at The Bardon Centre, before upgrading to the Royal on the Park in 2009.

In 2017 we will again be at the Royal on the Park Hotel as it is hard to go past its location, comfort and service. They have been hoping we would be back as they still hold our convention high as one of the best they have hosted. That is due in big part to the nature of the people that attended the convention, which as we know are the relaxed and happy members of the Bonsai community. We are very pleased to host Marc Noelanders for the 'Art – By Nature' convention as arguably the most prominent name in bonsai outside of Japan. Marc will be on stage for the majority of the weekend and will be joined by a variety of local artists in an overlapping program that will see endless bonsai activity and information from start to finish.

From humble beginnings in 1973 with only a handful of founding members, the Bonsai Society of Queensland enjoys consistent success as one of Australia's larger clubs with steady membership well over 100 and 50+ members to our monthly meetings. We provide bonsai knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere where bonsai artists of all levels of experience can learn from each other. Whatever we learn is ours to share with others as we develop bonsai for the pleasure of the present and the benefit of the future.



*A typical workshop crowd at BSQ*

We are waiting for you to come back, but if you haven't been here before, we will welcome you like home. Come and join our bonsai family for the weekend, but feel free to stay a while and enjoy the hospitality of the Sunshine State.

# Convention Partners



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