Post-conference Library Tours

Friday 3 August 2018

Tour 3: Brisbane Central Libraries

This tour travelling by bus and train to the centre of Brisbane will involve short walks of approximately 1km between South Bank Station, QUT Gardens Point campus Library (including HiQ), Brisbane City Brisbane Square Library and the State Library of Queensland, returning to South Brisbane Station for the return journey via train and tram to the Convention Centre.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Tour duration: 8:00 - 17:30.
Tour cost: $45 per tour (Tour costs do not include public transport tickets which should be purchased by delegates on the day.)

Tour places are limited so you must be pre-registered to attend. Locations and the order of visits are still to be confirmed and may change on the day.

Brisbane Square Library and Customer Centre

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**QUT Gardens Point Library**

The tour of QUT Gardens Point Library will introduce HiQ which was designed in partnership with students and is located in the ground floor of the Library. HiQ is QUT’s first point of contact for students, staff and the wider community to get information about courses, university processes, and
technology support and library support. After HiQ the tour will explore the refurbished Library study spaces - these flexible spaces are highly valued by users and always in high demand.

State Library of Queensland

State Library of Queensland (SLQ) is a vital and innovative community resource — a physical and virtual space for sharing, learning, collaborating and creating. This vibrant 21st century library is an
inclusive and welcoming place for all, a trusted source for information, a place for intellectual freedom and creativity, and the primary custodian of Queensland’s memory.


The current South Bank building was officially opened on 25 November 2006 as "a new cultural and knowledge destination" and a fitting showcase for the collections. The newly-redeveloped building was designed by Brisbane-based architecture firms Donovan Hill and Peddle Thorp. Their work earned them the prestigious RAIA Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture, 2007 (award for best public building in Australia) and the RAIA Emil Sodersten Award for Interior Architecture, 2007.

The building has a commanding position on the Brisbane River forming part of the Brisbane Cultural Precinct, overlooking Stanley Place between the Queensland Art Gallery and the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art.