

Fact sheet



G20 Leaders Summit

The G20 Leaders Summit in 2014 will be held on 15 and 16 November in Brisbane, Queensland. The principal meeting venue will be the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, and as many as 4,000 delegates and 3,000 media representatives are expected to attend. Hosting the G20 in 2014 presents Australia with a valuable opportunity to influence the global economic agenda and strengthen our international engagement with the major economies of the world.

The G20 Leaders Summit will put Brisbane and its businesses at the centre of world events, providing important opportunities to promote tourism, build international networks and highlight the best of what Brisbane has to offer.

In Australia, previous host cities for major events such as Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) and Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) received valuable exposure to the international community through significant media coverage leading up to and during the event. Brisbane previously hosted the Commonwealth Games in 1982 and the World Expo in 1988.

As the most significant meeting of world leaders that Australia has ever hosted, the G20 is a tremendous opportunity to show the world what Brisbane, Queensland and Australia do best, and for delegates to take that experience back home with them.

Planning for the G20 Leaders Summit is underway and a key principle underpinning planning has been to minimise disruption to Brisbane locals whilst ensuring Brisbane presents its most welcoming face to our international visitors. The G20 Taskforce and the Queensland Police



*Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.
Photo: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre*

Service have been meeting with businesses and community organisations to understand their requirements so that this information can be incorporated into our plans. These conversations will continue to occur over the coming months as plans are finalised.

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The Australian Government, Queensland Police Service, Brisbane City Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads are working together to minimise disruption to residents and businesses in the CBD and South Bank precinct.

As is to be expected with an event of this scale, the G20 will be a large and complex operation. Over the period of the G20 Leaders Summit, the Brisbane public can go about their business; however, they can expect some impacts around journey time, parking and public transport.

The greatest disruption to transport arrangements will occur between Friday 14 and Sunday 16 November 2014.

Some temporary road closures are required during this time (specifically in the Brisbane CBD, South Bank and routes to and from the airport).

Changes to public transport timetabling in the Brisbane CBD and South Bank should also be expected. The re-routing of services and the early termination of services may cause delays and people should leave extra time ahead of their journey.

Roads, bridge access and public transport in and out of the city will be operating, as normal, for the Thursday evening peak period.

All transport arrangements should return to business-as-usual in time for the Monday morning peak, unless exceptional circumstances arise.

There will be some impacts to the road network in the days immediately prior (including pedestrian access in a limited number of locations) and people will notice changes as the city sets up for the Summit.

Final arrangements may not be known until six weeks prior to the Summit and information about road closures and public transport changes will be communicated to Brisbane locals through a public awareness campaign from October 2014. This will include information in newspapers, online and on the radio. Translink will provide real time updates on public transport.

To support the security arrangements at all G20 meetings, access is controlled to meeting venues by accreditation passes which will be issued by the G20 Taskforce to accredited persons. Accreditation is only open to official G20 delegates and media. Registration is not open for the general public. There may be a requirement for a limited number of residents and businesses in the immediate area of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to be provided with vehicle access passes at certain times



People enjoying the sun and relaxing on Brisbane's South Bank beach. Photo: iStock

during the summit. These areas are yet to be determined as planning continues.

The Australian Government is working closely with the Brisbane Airport Corporation to ensure the safe arrival and departure of G20 participants while balancing the need to minimise congestion and disruption to travelling members of the public. Travellers should check with their airline closer to their flight time to confirm if any delays are expected.

SECURITY

Australia is experienced in managing security arrangements for major special events. Responsibility for security arrangements is shared between the Australian Government and the Queensland Government in accordance with long standing arrangements.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LEADERS SUMMIT

Like many major events, volunteers will be essential to the success of the G20 Leaders Summit. That is why the G20 Taskforce, in partnership with Volunteering Queensland, is looking to recruit up to 700 dedicated volunteers to assist us. The Volunteer Programme is a vital component of the Summit as the event could not be delivered without a body of dedicated volunteers.

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