



## Who are we?

The Brisbane Forum is a group of like-minded women who meet regularly to share common interests in a social, relaxed environment.

**Our objectives are:** to foster active learning; to build friendships and mutual respect; to assist young aspiring artists; and to support agencies working in areas of interest to our members.

We aim to provide a welcoming, open atmosphere, and to offer our members a range of stimulating events and ideas throughout the year.

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## What do we do?

We meet every month for a set lunch in a private room in the City, and after the meal we enjoy listening to a guest speaker. Our speakers are drawn from all walks of life; they may shed new light on familiar issues - or they might take us on memorable journeys into new territories.

Our other activities are centred around particular interests, and members can of course select what they would like to do. There is a good deal of choice: our standard offerings include two Book Groups; our

members meet up at music performances; we visit art exhibitions in groups, often introduced to the exhibition by its curator; our History group meets monthly.

From time to time we add more options: we can attend public lectures; create more discussion groups; attend theatres together; travel together. Our activities continue to evolve to encompass the interests of our members, and the enthusiasms of our conveners.

## What do we expect?

Our inclusive approach means that we are looking for our members to contribute their time and skills however and whenever they can, so active participation in the work of the Brisbane Forum is encouraged. Opportunities include convening groups, assisting our present conveners, overseeing our monthly lunch arrangements, creating new activities, and serving on the Management Committee.

## How do we operate?

As an Incorporated Association we have the required annual elections for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary, and at least three members of our Management Committee. That Committee coordinates our activities and our processes.

We are all volunteers, and each of our activities is convened by one of our members. This means that a lot of our members are active contributors to the work of the Brisbane Forum.

Our communications are electronic: we communicate by email with our members, and we maintain an online calendar which lists each month's activities and opportunities on offer.

### Costs:

There is a small yearly fee to belong to the Brisbane Forum, and a minor one-off cost for the purchase of a name badge. All our events and activities are offered on a user-pays basis.

### How to join:

Membership is normally by invitation. In most cases prospective members are nominated by an existing member, who can arrange for an application form to be emailed to them.

Because all our communications are dealt with electronically, it is essential that all our members are computer-ready: the Brisbane Forum expects them to have a functioning computer, an email address, the ability to send and receive emails, to download and read PDF attachments, and to access the Brisbane Forum's Online Calendar. We also ask that those with PCs install and maintain internet security with anti-virus software for the duration of their membership.