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Brisbane



**Message from
The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane
Councillor Graham Quirk**

As Lord Mayor, I am proud that Brisbane embraces vibrant, multicultural communities, which make Brisbane a stronger community.

I am also very supportive of events that celebrate Brisbane as a New World City, and the Buddha Birth Day Festival is one of these events. The family friendly Festival is an iconic event for Brisbane and, this year, encourages values such as consensus and openness.

In 2018, the Festival will be celebrating its 22nd anniversary at The Parklands at South Bank. Attended by more than 200,000 visitors, it is the largest event of its type in the world. With over 180 events, more than 400 performers, and six villages showcasing spirituality, wisdom, meditation, culture, international vegetarian food and fun, the Festival is sure to offer something for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication the Buddha's Light International Association undertakes to make this Festival a success, and express my appreciation to all of the volunteers who give their time to be a part of this exciting event.

Please accept my best wishes for another successful Buddha Birth Day Festival.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Graham Quirk".

Graham Quirk
LORD MAYOR