

FACT SHEET

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Shine in the Queen Street Mall Your guide to busking in Brisbane

The Queen Street Mall welcomes buskers. Brisbane Marketing – which markets and manages events held on and around the Queen Street Mall Stage – runs a comprehensive entertainment program to ensure shoppers in the Queen Street Mall have access to FREE live entertainment all year round. Buskers play an important part in this program which adds to the mall's lively street culture.

Facts about busking in the Queen Street Mall

- Busking licenses for the Queen Street Mall are only granted after a formal audition process. Auditions are scheduled approximately every six weeks. To find out dates for Queen Street Mall busking auditions, phone Brisbane City Council on 07 3403 8195 or visit Malls Management at Level 3, 117 Queen Street Mall, Brisbane.
- Budding buskers can obtain applications by contacting the Brisbane City Council on 07 3403 8195.
- Brisbane sees families, country singers, university students, retirees, backpackers and professional street performers busking in the mall.
- There are currently approximately 75 active permits for the Queen Street Mall.
- Friday afternoons, weekends, school holidays and Christmas are considered the most profitable periods for buskers.
- Buskers can perform anywhere in the mall other than under the Central Structure or on the stage. For the convenience of retailers and shoppers they must move positions every 20-30 minutes.
- Busking dates back to medieval times when wandering minstrels and bards travelled from place to place acting as entertainers, news reporters and message bearers.
- Busking is defined as playing a musical instrument and/or singing, conjuring, juggling, mime, dance, puppetry, performance art, recitation and other appropriate theatrical and visual forms.
- Various busking performances in the Brisbane CBD include traditional aboriginal song and dance, oil painting, as well as various singers and musicians.

For further information on busking in the Queen Street Mall contact 07 3403 8195.

Visit www.queenstreetmall.com for further information about the Queen Street Mall.