

## 8th FIRN Annual Conference in Brisbane

## 14-16 November 2018

## **Kids Activities**

Wednesday 14 Nov	Activity
9:30am-12:30pm	Start the day at South Bank. This area is easily accessed by either walking over the Victoria Bridge or Goodwill Bridge, otherwise hop over on a River-cat ferry. The South Bank area is sprawling public park of lawns, gardens & playgrounds, plus a river-swimming beach & a Ferris wheel. Make sure to stop by the Queensland Museum to see some dinosaur foot-prints.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch – there are numerous restaurants in the South Bank area.  Recommendation - walk down to the end of the South Bank walkway and there you will find the Gallery of Modern Art, stop there for a taste of art and lunch with a river view.
1:30pm-5pm	Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary - take a car ride 26 minute drive or by bus from Brisbane CBD to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. At this wildlife park kids can hug a koala and feed kangaroos. The world's largest koala sanctuary, with a zoo housing Australian native animal species.
Thursday 15 Nov	
9:30am-12:30pm	Start the day at Brisbane City Botanic Gardens, this landmark botanical garden offering an array of plant life, ponds, picnic areas & a concert venue.
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch – recommendation of The Pantry, located inside Old Government House, within Queensland University of Technology's Gardens Point campus. Combining both food and history, this is a relaxing spot to have a kid-friendly lunch. Take a look inside this historical site, open daily 10am-4pm.
1:30 pm – 3:30pm	Kangaroo Point Cliffs, a short walk or ferry ride over to these cliffs, this is a great playground area.
6:00pm – 10:00pm	There are many babysitting services available through the hotels in Brisbane while the Conference Dinner is being held.
Friday 16 Nov	
Full day	Sea World is a must see for kids, combining rides and sea-life experience. It is an approximate 1.5 hour drive from Brisbane to the Gold Coast, where there are several theme parks. This is likely a full day event as once you are there, it will hard to drag young (and old) kids away!  If you decide to stay in Brisbane then the Parkland Explorer is a trackless miniature train, provides a tour of the extensive Roma St Parkland,
10am-12:30pm	situated on the outskirts of the Brisbane CBD. It operates Monday-Friday from 10am to 12:30pm.

If you would like to meet up with other parents and kids who are attending the conference then please get in touch by posting a message on the FIRN Annual Conference Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/2018-FIRN-Annual-Conference-Brisbane-160559251251292/