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BRISBANE TO HOST BONSAI BONANZA

Bonsai fanatics will flock to Brisbane for the 22nd Australian Association of Bonsai Clubs National Bonsai Convention to be held at the Royal on the Park Hotel from 22nd to 25th May.

The annual conference – with an estimated economic impact of \$504,000 – will bring together more than 300 attendees from within Australia along with bonsai artists from overseas to take part in an interactive program of workshops and demonstrations.

The general public will also have the chance to participate and learn about this unique art through the Public Bonsai Exhibition which will take place at the Royal on the Park Hotel over the weekend.

The four day meeting will kick off with a tour of Brisbane's leafiest locations including the Japanese Gardens and Bonsai House in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha, with the remainder of the conference taking place right across the road from the City Botanic Gardens.

Bonsai Society of Queensland President, Mr Tony Bebb said he was thrilled to host the 2009 convention in Brisbane.

"It is shaping up to be one of the most successful conventions to date and we have received a great response in terms of the line up and the location," said Mr Bebb.

Brisbane Marketing Director of Business Events, Ms Annabel Sullivan, said the National Bonsai Convention was one in a long list of conferences realising Brisbane's excellence as a setting for meetings and events.

"We were delighted to work with the Bonsai Society of Queensland to help bring this conference to Brisbane and we'd encourage bonsai enthusiasts to make the most of this opportunity to meet and learn from world class bonsai artists," said Ms Sullivan.

22nd National Bonsai Convention

Date: 22nd to 25th May
Venue: Royal on the Park Hotel

For conference booking details and costs visit www.bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au.

Public Bonsai Exhibition

Date: 23rd to 24th May
Time: 9am – 4pm
Venue: Royal on the Park Hotel
Cost: \$5 per person

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NOTE: Images attached.

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