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Wednesday 18 October 2023

Brisbane Festival 2023 Post Event Stakeholder Debrief

Including

Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust

Registration

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Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Brisbane Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council

WELCOME

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Brisbane Festival was launched Wednesday 5th July
- BRISBANE FESTIVAL main program ran from Friday 1st to Saturday 23rd September, inclusive.
- Festival Overview

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Saturday 2nd September South Brisbane & City Reach

Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust

FOTI FIREWORKS is delivering Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust display using 15 platforms

8 City Building Rooftops

5 in the South Brisbane Reach area

Riverstage	59 Gardens Point Road
QUT "S" Block	Gardens Point Road
IBIS Styles	40 Elizabeth Street
Old State Library	159 William Street
Brisbane Square	266 George Street

3 in the Eagle Street Precinct (Town Reach)

Blue Tower	12 Creek Street
Gold Tower	10 Eagle Street
Waterfront Place	1 Eagle Street

5 Barges

3 in the Town Reach

Barge 1	Story Bridge
Barge 2	Thornton Street
Barge 3	Captain Cook Bridge

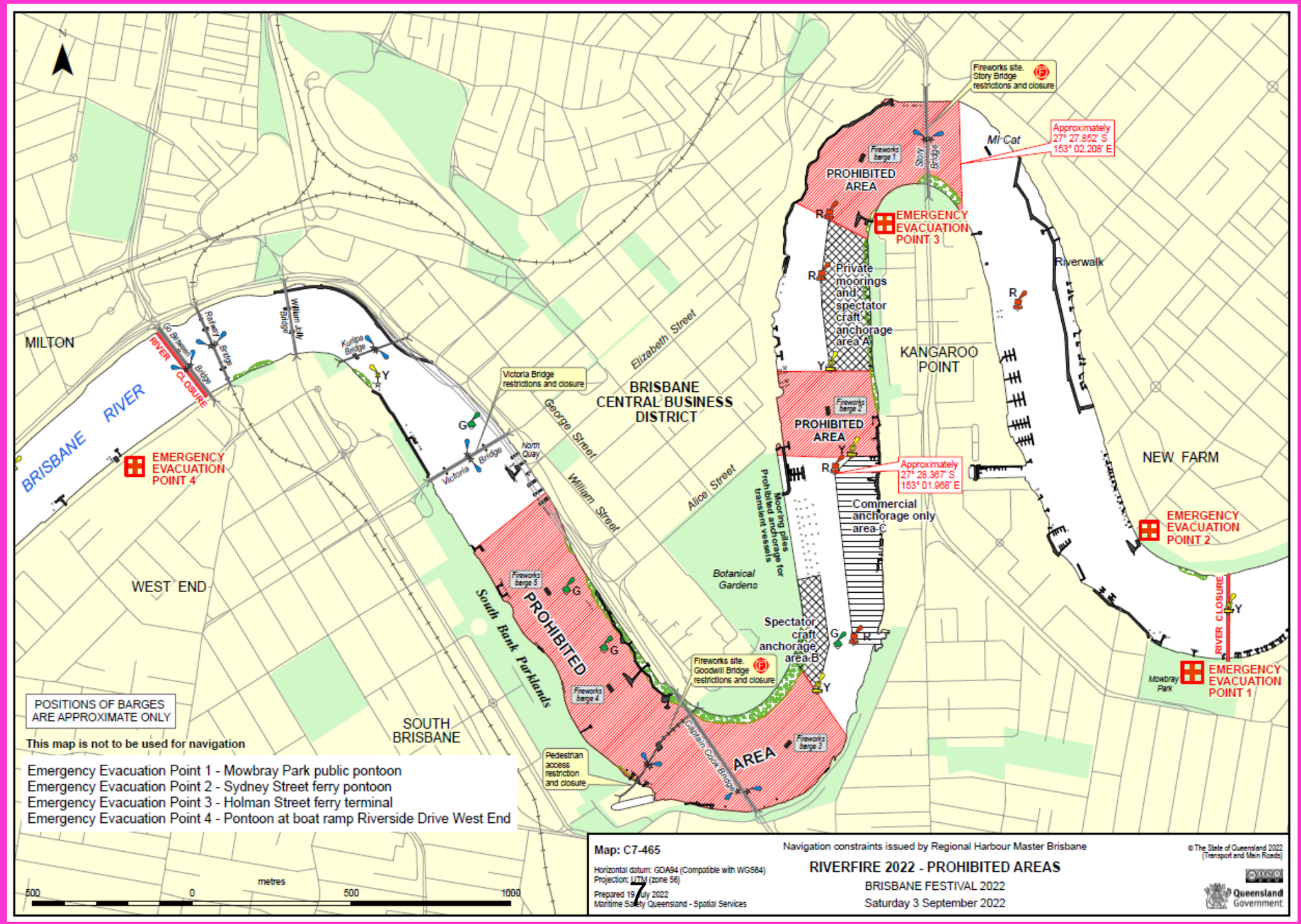
2 in South Brisbane Reach

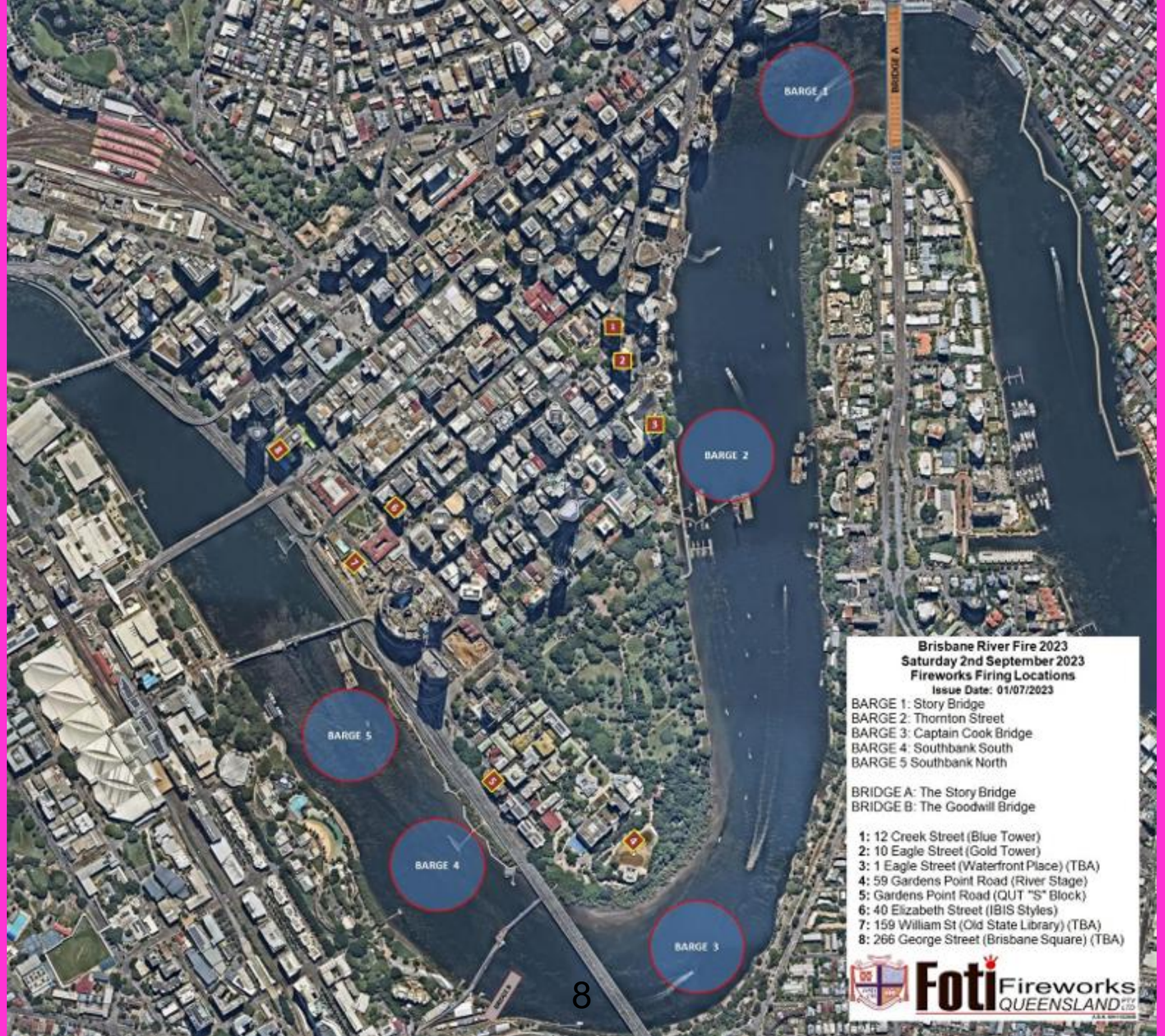
Barge 4	Southbank South
Barge 5	Southbank North

2 Bridges

Story Bridge	(Major Display)
Goodwill Bridge	(Waterfall)

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BRISBANE RIVER
RIVER CLOSURE
Go Between Bridge
Railway Bridge
William Jolly Bridge
Kurilpa Bridge
EMERGENCY EVACUATION POINT 4
WEST END
Victoria Bridge restrictions and closure
Victoria Bridge
North Quay
George Street
Elizabeth Street
William Street
Alice Street
BRISBANE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
Botanical Gardens
Mooring piles Prohibited anchorage for transient vessels
South Bank Parklands
Fireworks barge 5
PROHIBITED AREA
Fireworks barge 4
Fireworks barge 3
Captain Cook Bridge
Pedestrian access restriction and closure
SOUTH BRISBANE
Fireworks site. Goodwill Bridge restrictions and closure
Spectator craft anchorage area B
Commercial anchorage only area C
Fireworks site. Story Bridge restrictions and closure
Fireworks barge 1
PROHIBITED AREA
Story Bridge
EMERGENCY EVACUATION POINT 3
Approximately 27° 27.852' S 153° 02.208' E
MI Cat
Private moorings and spectator craft anchorage area A
Fireworks barge 2
PROHIBITED AREA
Approximately 27° 28.367' S 153° 01.968' E
KANGAROO POINT
Riverwalk
NEW FARM
EMERGENCY EVACUATION POINT 2
RIVER CLOSURE
Mowbray Park
EMERGENCY EVACUATION POINT 1
POSITIONS OF BARGES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY
This map is not to be used for navigation
Emergency Evacuation Point 1 - Mowbray Park public pontoon
Emergency Evacuation Point 2 - Sydney Street ferry pontoon
Emergency Evacuation Point 3 - Holman Street ferry terminal
Emergency Evacuation Point 4 - Pontoon at boat ramp Riverside Drive West End
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Map: C7-465
Horizontal datum: GDA94 (Compatible with WGS84)
Projection: UTM (zone 56)
Prepared 19 July 2022
Maritime Safety Queensland - Spatial Services
Navigation constraints issued by Regional Harbour Master Brisbane
RIVERFIRE 2022 - PROHIBITED AREAS
BRISBANE FESTIVAL 2022
Saturday 3 September 2022
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BARGE 1
BRIDGE A
BARGE 2
BARGE 5
BARGE 4
BARGE 3
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Brisbane River Fire 2023
Saturday 2nd September 2023
Fireworks Firing Locations
Issue Date: 01/07/2023
BARGE 1: Story Bridge
BARGE 2: Thornton Street
BARGE 3: Captain Cook Bridge
BARGE 4: Southbank South
BARGE 5 Southbank North
BRIDGE A: The Story Bridge
BRIDGE B: The Goodwill Bridge
1: 12 Creek Street (Blue Tower)
2: 10 Eagle Street (Gold Tower)
3: 1 Eagle Street (Waterfront Place) (TBA)
4: 59 Gardens Point Road (River Stage)
5: Gardens Point Road (QUT "S" Block)
6: 40 Elizabeth Street (IBIS Styles)
7: 159 William St (Old State Library) (TBA)
8: 266 George Street (Brisbane Square) (TBA)
Foti Fireworks QUEENSLAND

Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust
Event Program Overview

1000	Defence Band South Bank Flow State 1000-1500hrs
1700	Defence Fly Past TBC
1840	Greenlight received and standing bye to proceed on time
1900	Show held by RSHQ due to people seen at the Green Bridge construction site.
1905	Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust commenced
1925	Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust concluded
1930	Drone Displays Commenced (1930-1940/2030-2040/2130-2140)

Victoria Bridge




William St closed off for pedestrians
Buses exiting portal turned right.
Victoria Bridge exclusively for pedestrians
QEII Park
Queensland Cultural Centre
Cultural Centre Precinct
Buses used William Jolly Bridge
Kurilpa Point
Kurilpa Point Park
Grey St closed for pedestrians
Go Between Bridge toll free for general traffic from 6pm till 10pm

Victoria Bridge

- Victoria Bridge Western footpath:

Western footpath filled quickly and early making the footpath closure very challenging. Recommend setting an earlier close time and coordinate the closures at each end.

- Bridge closure time:

Victoria Bridge was required to close earlier than originally anticipated. It is recommended that the infrastructure team be on standby in the afternoon to be ready for an earlier closure (relevant to any closure not just Victoria Bridge).

NOTE:
It is recommended that in 2024 high level stakeholder meetings are held early in the year in preparation for the pedestrian egress plan and subsequent traffic management plan.

- Further discussion:

Traffic Management Plan

- Sign flipping:

The sign flipping request process is being reviewed to ensure the correct signs are in place within the required timing so that QPS can apply fines and tow non-compliant vehicles.

- Road closure timings:

Particularly Bowen terrace that was due for 6pm closure on the TGS. Recommend that Bowen Terrace be closed at 4pm.

Further discussion:

South Bank

- South Bank reached capacity (95,000+) and had to be closed.
- Recommended that South Bank Security at the ferry terminal position the checkpoint closer to Southbank Precinct boundary so as not to adversely impact terminal congestion and passenger flows/movement
- Recommended that a central point or hub be created for lost children to facilitated reuniting with parents/ gradians rather than have both parties searching for a rendezvous point.
- Issues to be considered to deal with the capacity: Number of Toilets, Security and First Aid personnel, position of infrastructure and cue lines.
- How to manage capacity with a free entry venue?

Further discussion:

Brisbane River

- It is recommended that clearing sections of the River after fireworks begins from the Story Bridge and work their way upstream, barge 1, barge 2, and so on. This will help with the departure of vessels anchored in Area A allowing them to leave as soon as Barge 1 and Story bridge is clear, this should hopefully reduce congestion and vessel wash downstream.

- A compulsory briefing with permit holding commercial operators and MSQ to ensure clear understanding of expectations and smooth operation in the aquatic viewing area

- At the final stakeholder briefing it was agreed that Vessels anchored in areas A would have clearance leave at 20:15 and area B to have clearance at 20:30, however vessels were not given clearance to leave upstream till 10pm.

- Recommend closing off access to ferry terminals at Holman St and Howard Smith Wharves to prevent them from becoming viewing platforms causing problems to clear the spectators when the ferries start up again.

Further discussion:

Nieergoo drone show

- Impacts of traffic – Riverside expressway.
- Timings for Ferry schedule
- South Bank visitors staying later into the evening.

Further discussion:

Green Bridge incident and show delay

The fireworks show was held and delayed due to concerns that people were in danger at the Green Bridge.

- What location were the members of public? Was it on the crane or was it on the bridge? Was this within the exclusion zone?

- If the exclusion zone around barge 2 was breached why was the entire show held rather than just barge 2 which can be isolated?

- If the exclusion zone was not breached why was the show held? Further discussion

General Business

- Other issues not covered in previous slides
- Parking Lot – sumclearancemary
- 2024 – looking ahead

Considerations for 2024

Egress issues from South Bank:

- Use of newly constructed Neville Bonner Bridge
- Victoria Bridge bike lanes open for use.

Further discussion:

Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust - Saturday, 31 August 2024
Brisbane Festival 30 August – 21 September, 2024



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