

BRISBANE DAY PRODUCTION SCRIPT for STORY TELLER

Intro 28 Seconds	<p>Good afternoon.....and welcome to the story of Brisbane - how do you compress 170 years into a few minutes?</p> <p>I'm Hayden Sargent and I'm your story teller.</p>
	<p>Oh yes....Brisbane has stories to tell, but a city without stories is a city without memories - and a city without memories is a city without history.</p>
	<p>In its time, Brisbane has suffered - and rejoiced. It has built a resilient character - take a look at what we've become.</p>
Intro to Aboriginal segment 20 seconds	<p>The site for Brisbane was pre-selected as a trading centre long before white settlement. It was a border city of three great aboriginal nations.</p>
	<p>The city's heart was also a jousting ground, where warriors met in ritual engagements.</p>
	<p>As we grow to appreciate aboriginal culture, we should pay tribute to the Brisbane they once knew.</p>

<p>Intro to Convict era; depression; Smithy's arrival 20 seconds</p>	<p>Brisbane was an after-thought - a bureaucratic mistake. It was to be a dumping ground for the worst of the convicts from Sydney.</p> <p>Despite the blight of stop-go government policies, Brisbane managed to survive - notwithstanding the years of depression.</p> <p>But at least Kingsford Smith got Brisbane off the ground.</p>
<p>Intro to war and post-war era; building activity- Storey Bridge etc 20 seconds</p>	<p>The worst years of the depression were barely over when Australia was plunged into the second world war.</p> <p>Brisbane sent its soldiers, while at home we were horrified by the sinking of the hospital ship Centaur off Moreton Island; managed to build the Storey Bridge, open a few hotels - doubtless in readiness for the arrival of the American troops - but then that's another story.</p>
<p>Intro to Royal Visit; LBJ visit; and finishing with flood story of 1974. 20 seconds</p>	<p>Our next era begins with a Royal wave and ends in tragedy - the flooding of Brisbane in 1974.</p> <p>Other things which were to change our lives occurred in the meantime.....like LBJ - and the Beatles - and television.</p> <p>Brisbane - once described as a "hell-hole" is now a place that everyone wants to visit.</p>

Intro to Commonwealth Games;
new Parliament house; world exp;
performing arts, Madonna,
broncos first games
20 seconds

With the winning of the
Commonwealth Games and Expo,
Brisbane turned world heads.

Brisbane suddenly became the
only capital city which was
seriously planning for the
technologies and lifestyles of next
century.

The arts, in all their forms, became
a driving force - if you can say in
the one breath - the performing
arts complex, Madonna and the
Broncos.

Intro to the future
45 seconds

Can the future of Brisbane be any more exciting than the past?

The projects now in their development phases will shape our destiny into a new century.

Brisbane's beginnings may have been tormented and bloody - but perhaps that's why we have succeeded in becoming a city with its own personality and style.

This social observation by a Mr Rod Beven proves once again that we must always be prepared to laugh at ourselves. He wrote:-

**"The people of Melbourne
Are frightfully well-born.
Of much the same kidney
Is the Beau monde of Sydney.
Hobart's all convicts and
seamen,
History, ruins, Van Diemen.
Adelaide's forte is culture -
But in Brisbane the people
insult yer
And don't 'ardly know they've
been rude,
They're that ignorant, common
and crude
-----It's hardly worth
Mentioning Perth."**

So there you have it....but no-one's laughing at us any more, **are they?**

There's only one way to go for Brisbane - and that's higher and higher.

Thank you for listening and watching - the story teller bids you good day.