



January  
**LACA QLD**

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Another year has passed; we hope it has been a good one for everyone. May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations for you all. For us, 2018 was full of challenges and satisfactions. We developed our Strategic Plan 2018-21 and implemented some new projects. We had a very busy second semester with the preparations and delivery of Brisbane Fiesta Latina, the Latin American Film Festival, Sabor Latino Café and the BRiTA program for adolescents.

Our goal for 2019 is the consolidation of LACA QLD through the implementation of our Strategic Plan and the strengthening of our main events. We will continue celebrating our cultural diversity, engaging our community and working together to build a better future for our community. We dedicated this Newsletter to bring you the highlights of 2018 activities.

## *Save the Date*

### Annual General Meeting

Join us for LACA QLD's 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting which will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 from 6:00pm at Moorooka Community Centre (40 Gainsborough St, Moorooka QLD 4105).



## Brisbane Fiesta Latina 2018

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018  
 Where: Roma Street Parklands

Once again LACA QLD delivered Brisbane's most authentic Latin American experience, Brisbane Fiesta Latina 2018 at Roma Street Parklands. This Culture, Food & Music Festival has been one of the highlights of LACA QLD's activities for six years. It is our way of embracing Latin-American culture and sharing it with the diverse Australian society.

Over 7000 thousand people gathered at the Celebration Precinct to enjoy an array of musical groups, dance shows and Latin American delicacies. Also, Hon Stirling Hinchliffe, current Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs and Councillor Vicki Howard from the Central Ward addressed the community. We are increasingly building ties with the wider community.

Don't worry if you missed it, we hope you can join us in this year celebration. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to be more actively involved.

## Sabor Latino Café

When: Once a month  
 Where: Prins Willem Alexander Retirement Village (PWAV)

Last July we started Sabor Latino Café as part of the Culturally Appropriate Aged Care service project with MiCare. The activity aims to offer the Spanish-speaking residents at PWAV an opportunity to enjoy some food and entertainment Latin American style. Once a month we welcome volunteers and members of our community to join us and spend some time with our elders, strengthening our sense of community. Contact us for additional information on how to get involved.



## BRITA program for adolescents

When: October 13, 14, 20

Where: St. David's Neighbourhood Centre

LACA QLD and the Latin American Catholic Chaplaincy with support from Queensland Health Transcultural Mental Health Service (QHTMHS) organised this workshop which aims to develop skills to face the challenges posed by growing within two or more cultures in adolescents from Latin American descent.

Claudina Rodríguez and Karem Pérez were trained and certified by QHTMHS to facilitate the workshops. A group of nine adolescents, 13-18 years old, participated in the activity. In a friendly environment they shared their experiences and some of the challenges faced within their family groups. Overall, it was a wonderful experience. Their parents are already excited waiting for the adults' workshop.



**BRITA Futures**  
Building Resilience in  
Transcultural Australians



## Latin American Film Festival Brisbane 2018

When: 22-25 November

Where: QUT – Kelvin Grove Campus

The LAFF is a not-for-profit event created with the purpose of promoting our culture. It is an opportunity to bring communities together, to promote multiculturalism and to increase understanding and appreciation towards the Latin American community. Organized by the Latin American Embassies in Australia, in this occasion the LACA QLD hosted Brisbane's festival. Fourteen films were presented, one for each participating country: Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala and Chile.

We look forward to having your company in this year's event. See you then!





## *In 2019*

This year LACA QLD will continue delivering events and activities aimed at raising the visibility and profile of our community and building the capacity of Latin Americans in Brisbane. In particular, we will be implementing a project that we called: “Uncovering the Latin American Community in Brisbane” with support from the Brisbane City Council. The project aims to carry out extensive community engagement, mapping of community resources and a needs analysis to gain a better understanding of our community to be more sensitive and responsive with our activities. We invite everyone to participate in building a true Latin American community.

## *Acknowledgements*

Finally, we would like to thank once again our volunteers from the managing committee and from the community. Their commitment and dedication continue to grow our community and LACA QLD as an organization.

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