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INFORMATION SHEET TWO

THE NEPAL PEACE PAGODA SOUTH BANK PARKLANDS BRISBANE

The Pagoda Post-Expo
The Pagoda Today

Towards the end of the Expo, the Pagoda was looking for a new home, and it was the job of The Association to Preserve Asian Culture to place the Pagoda on the world-wide market and to find a buyer for the Pagoda. A group of friends of the Pagoda, in tandem with Cr David Hinchliffe of Brisbane City Council, now the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Brisbane, formed a 'Save the Pagoda Committee Fund', which worked as a liaison office for government and private donations to keep the Pagoda in Brisbane. And, thanks to the successful concluding donor by a pair of Brisbane philanthropists, Mr & Mrs Frank & Myra Pitt, the Pagoda was able to be retained for the people of Brisbane.

A new group, called 'Friends of the Pagoda', was formed, largely from a group of fans that patronized the Pagoda's Tea House during Expo, and produced pamphlets and information sheets regarding the Pagoda's rich heritage, as well as guiding the City with regards to the Pagoda's post-Expo commission. Among the many suggestions were that it become a tea house in the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens, that it become an Art Gallery/Cultural Centre, or that it take its place in the new to be launched South Bank Parklands, which was the successful proposal.

When Southbank Parklands opened in 1992, the Pagoda became a resplendent feature of the new Parklands, at its new river-front setting, a silent sentinel at the Parklands' northern entrance, viewable by all from the riverfront Clem Jones Promenade, and from the River itself and the northern bank of the CBD.

The Pagoda plays an important role for many groups in Brisbane, where persons can remember the goodwill of World Expo '88, as well as celebrate festivals and even hire the Pagoda for special events, where it has been known as the venue for Corporate Presentations and Business launches, and even weddings.

Three-levelled, the Pagoda's First Level today is open every day of the week, usually between 9am and 5pm, and is spectacular by day and by night. The Friends of the Pagoda Association hopes to become the permanent lease-holder of the Pagoda's Second and Third levels for a World Expo '88 Museum – in the 20th Anniversary year of Expo in 2008.