



## Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jim Moloney, Division 8



## Moreton Bay: the living city

### *Investing in liveability and sustainability as our city grows*

We believe our communities are the heart of Moreton Bay. That's why, in the 2024-25 Budget, we're investing in over 40 community events in our jam-packed events calendar.

From signature events like Moreton Kids Festival to favourites such as Jazz & Shiraz and Pooches in the Park, there are plenty of free or low-cost events for the whole family to enjoy.

We're also big on keeping our communities healthy and happy. That's why we're putting \$16.8 million into sports and recreation capital projects. Additionally, initiatives like our Healthy and Active Moreton program, support for local clubs, and investment in state-of-the-art sporting facilities mean it's easier than ever to stay active and connected.

We're also focused on delivering vital infrastructure like roads and active transport to keep the city moving. Planning will continue on major transport corridors to accommodate growth and we will continue to deliver on key projects such as Youngs Crossing Road, the Suttons Beach Pavilion Redevelopment and Caboolture River Road.

We're equally dedicated to sustainability, committing to preserve 75% of the city's landmass as green space and we're helping residents reduce waste by introducing garden organics bins for eligible households. City of Moreton Bay is leading the charge towards a greener, more vibrant future.



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## THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

We understand the rising cost of living and the challenges faced by our residents. In a Queensland first, we are helping residents with a one-off \$50 financial relief rates concession for eligible owner-occupied residential properties, which will be automatically applied to the first rates bill. We are also boosting our support for small businesses and the rural and agribusiness sector by adding an extra \$1 million to our business support initiatives. These cost-of-living initiatives are fully funded through the sale of our Australian Carbon Credit Units, generated from methane gas captured at our landfill sites. With the new concession applied, the average total rate rise for an owner-occupied residential property equates to just \$1.35 per week. For full transparency, when our garden organics service is introduced in December, the total average residential rate rise including levies equates to \$2.10 per week. So, despite a large increase in land valuations across the city and a cost-of-living crisis, we have minimised rate increases to give back to our residents.

## 2024-25 Budget invests in our future

We are future-proofing City of Moreton Bay by investing in crucial services and infrastructure to ensure better long-term liveability for residents.

Council's \$922 million budget will deliver a \$277 million capital works program. Here's a snapshot of what's included:



**\$88.5M**

Road and transport networks



**\$41.3M**

Parks and the environment



**\$80.1M**

Waste management (inc. waste collection)



**\$51.6M**

253 road rehabilitation and resurfacing projects



**\$29.6M**

Waterways and coastal areas



**\$51.2M**

Libraries, arts, history, community facilities and cultural activations

For more information on the 2024-25 Budget please visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/budget-2024-25](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/budget-2024-25)

## Get set to GO!

Get ready for our new garden organics (GO) service, starting in December.

Did you know that 23% of items currently placed in general waste bins are GO? Eligible households will soon receive a lime green-lidded 240-litre GO bin for easy at-home recycling.

By using this bin for garden waste like grass clippings, branches and leaves, you can help divert 15,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year. This helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, supporting our goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2039.

Together we can embrace a greener, more sustainable future.

Find out more at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO)





### **Petrie State School celebrates 150 years**

As I am sure many of you have already heard, 2024 marks 150 years since the opening of the Petrie State School, predating even the formation of the shire of Pine Rivers.

The School P&C marked the occasion with a gala dinner on 18 April this year, it was a fantastic event that I was grateful to attend alongside Mayor Peter Flannery.

Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for more events marking this momentous anniversary.

### **Parks and Sporting Clubs**

In the 2024-25 Budget, Council has committed \$4.5 million for a new clubhouse at the Pine Rivers Netball Association at Les Hughes Park. With thousands of players utilising the courts every week, I am looking forward to them having a modern clubhouse to meet their needs.

We have also secured the commitment to the Bray Park District Park, with construction to start in this financial year.

Concept design of new clubhouse at Les Hughes Park. Subject to change.



### **Hello, Division 8 community! I'm Jim Moloney, your new city Councillor!**

I am honoured and privileged to have been elected as the newest member of City of Moreton Bay. It has been a busy start to the term going straight into preparing the budget for the coming year, as well as diving into the challenges our community is going to be facing over the coming decades.

I want to take a moment to recognise the incredible work of the outgoing Division 8 Councillor Mick Gillam. His dedication to our community over the last 30 years has left a lasting impact and I'm sure he will enjoy his retirement.

The coming four years will be critical to ensure our city is set up to meet the challenges of the future such as infrastructure, planning, housing and environmental sustainability.

Thank you for your trust - I'm ready to start working on these challenges!

*Jim Moloney*



### Disaster Dashboard

When a natural disaster hits, have all the information you need at your fingertips. The Disaster Dashboard provides real-time updates including weather warnings, emergency news, and road closures, service updates, and plenty more as the event unfolds. [disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

### Sign up for MoretonAlert

From bushfires to severe storms and flooding, it's important that all Moreton Bay residents stay up to date with the latest emergency information. Sign up to MoretonAlert, Council's free community warning system that provides severe weather warnings, bushfire warning messages, planned burn notifications, potential flooding and more.

Sign up today or update your details at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)



### Bray Park flooding

Since the flooding at Bray Park in January, Council officers have been busy repairing our damaged infrastructure and providing assistance to residents affected.

As with any natural disaster, identifying and fixing all of the damaged areas and infrastructure can be a challenging and time-consuming process, so I want to thank you all for your patience while the Council officers continue this work, in addition to their day-to-day duties.

Council has been briefed on the results of a detailed flood mitigation study for Four Mile Creek at Bray Park, which was initiated in response to the Feb 2022 flood event. This study goes into detail on the flood risks along the Four Mile Creek corridor.

The Leone Street drainage construction project to mitigate future events in Bray Park is a priority.

Lobbying efforts to resolve factors outside of Council's control continues. You can rest assured that I will be keeping this event at the forefront of my mind and will keep the community updated.

Old North Crescent before and after



Peter Campbell Park before and after



Rob Akers dog off leash area before and after





### Youngs Crossing update

The much-anticipated upgrade to Youngs Crossing has passed a major milestone and is now in the final stage of the construction procurement process.

The tender for construction of the new bridge and associated road works has been released to the short-list with submissions closing in August.

Subject to Council approval, it is anticipated the successful contractor will be appointed by the end of the year, with construction expected to be underway early 2025.

The Youngs Crossing Road transport corridor is a critical link to the South East Queensland road network and this upgrade is one of the biggest road infrastructure projects to be delivered by Council and crucial to transport services within our city.

### Youngs Crossing early works

Construction of the new road and bridge will require the relocation of some essential utility services, including water, sewer, telecommunication and electricity.

As you travel about, you'll see some sewer and electricity infrastructure being moved during the coming months. Further details about this work will be provided as dates and locations are confirmed with service authorities and the project team will continue to liaise closely with affected properties.

It is expected Youngs Crossing Road and Dayboro Road will remain open to traffic during these works and road users are urged to observe all signage and traffic directions along the route. Some nightworks will be required to minimise disruption to traffic.

For more information and to subscribe to project updates, visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/youngs-crossing](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/youngs-crossing)

### Francis Road roundabout removal

The work to remove the roundabout at the intersection of Francis and Sparkes Roads has commenced, beginning with the relocation of the many services that run under the intersection.

Once these service relocations have been completed later this year, the work to remove the roundabout and replace it with a signalised intersection can commence with the project expected to be completed in 2025.



### Lawnton Pocket Road

The rain at the start of the year played havoc with the surface on Lawnton Pocket Road. Rather than patching the road, we've completed pavement repairs and there are more projects in the works around this area to continue improving this road.





### Pine Rivers Show

The annual Pine Rivers Show is on again this August, it is always one of the highlights of the calendar, make sure to get down and have some fun for the whole family.

**2 - 4 August**  
[pineriversshow.org.au](http://pineriversshow.org.au)

### Pine Rivers State High School Gala

Pine Rivers State High School is celebrating its 60th year this year with a gala event at Norths Leagues Club. Make sure you keep an eye on the school's socials for when tickets are released.

**Saturday 24 August, 6 pm**  
**Norths Leagues Club, Kallangur**



### Moreton Bay Food + Wine

From celebrity chefs to pop-up bars, local produce, and live entertainment, the annual Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival has all the ingredients for the perfect foodie festival on Moreton Bay's foreshore.

**23-25 August, 10 am, Apex Park, Woody Point**  
[moretonbayfoodandwine.com.au](http://moretonbayfoodandwine.com.au)

### Teddy Bears Picnic

Pack your teddies and picnic blankets and celebrate the start of spring with a Teddy Bears Picnic. Featuring stage entertainment, craft activities, rides, markets and more.

**Thursday 5 September, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
**Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine**  
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)



### Economic Development

City of Moreton Bay is holding a number of events to help our local businesses grow. To keep up to date with the various events, such as supplier briefings or site tours, sign up to the Moreton Business Connect newsletter.

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/newsletters](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/newsletters)

## WHAT'S ON

### Pooches in the park

28 July, 8 am - 12 pm  
Penson Park, Kallangur

### Movies in the park

7 September, 5 pm - 8 pm  
Mango Hill State School

For more details visit  
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### Strathpine Library

#### Goldies

1st Tuesdays of the month  
9:30 am - 10:30 am

#### Storytime

Thursdays & Saturdays  
9:30 am - 10 am

#### LEGO Engineers Club

4th Monday of the month  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

#### Writing Tuesday

Tuesdays, 9 am - 12 pm

#### Baby Rhyme Time

Wednesdays & Fridays,  
9:30 am - 10 am

#### Lunchtime meditation

Wednesdays,  
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm

#### Wombat meet and greet

Saturday 10 August,  
2 pm - 3 pm

#### Coffee jar terrarium

Friday 23 August, 11 am - 12 pm

#### Magic Table

Games and puzzles for all ages  
during library opening hours.

For more details visit  
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