



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jim Moloney, Division 8



Introducing our new GO bins!

New garden organics collection service

There's a green revolution happening across City of Moreton Bay, with new lime green-lidded garden organics (GO) bins being delivered to eligible residents between now and November.

Properties with a land area between 300 to 2,000 square metres will receive a new 240-litre GO bin for easy at home recycling. You can use your bin to dispose of garden organic waste like grass clippings, branches and leaves.

Please store your new bin safely and don't use it until two weeks before collection starts from 2 December 2024. Your GO bin will then be emptied on a fortnightly basis, on the same day as your general waste bin and the alternate week to your recycling bin.

This new service will reduce emissions and contribute to a greener, more sustainable City of Moreton Bay.

Find out when your bin will be collected and discover how to GO like a pro by visiting moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

We know our community cherishes our amazing natural environment and enviable lifestyle. You've told us that you want Council to do much more to protect it, especially in the face of rapid population growth. That's why we're going green as we grow.

I am so proud of our GO bin recycling initiative, making it easy for residents to dispose of garden organic waste like grass clippings, branches, and leaves. Together, we can divert 15,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Your contribution not only supports a greener, more sustainable City of Moreton Bay, but also contributes to the Queensland Government's plan for South East Queensland to divert more than 1 million tonnes of waste from landfill each year by 2030, and Australia's target to halve the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 2030. This makes a real difference now and for future generations.

As a resident, you can also make an impact by preparing for severe weather season. While we can't prevent disasters and storms in Moreton Bay, we can minimise the impact on our community by doing a few simple things now. Clean up your backyard, make a plan, check your insurance, and most importantly, sign up to Council's MoretonAlert to receive the latest information and severe weather warnings. Plan, prepare and survive.

Stay safe,



It's time to register your pets

Did you know more than 84,000 cats and dogs are registered within City of Moreton Bay? If you're the owner of one of these pets, you should have recently received your annual pet registration renewal. Make sure you renew your pet before 30 September to avoid receiving an infringement notice.

And don't forget it's mandatory for all cats and dogs to wear an identification tag. While we no longer issue registration tags, your pet must wear a personal ID tag with your contact details when out of the home.

Pet registration, microchipping and ID tags are not only required by law, but they also ensure we can reunite you with your pet if they go missing.

Thanks for helping to keep City of Moreton Bay's pets safe.

Haven't received a registration renewal notice? Contact Council on 3205 0555 or visit

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animals

CITY OF
**MORETON BAY
MATTERS**

City of Moreton Bay needs its fair share of funding so we can future-proof our city

For too long City of Moreton Bay has been underfunded by successive state and federal governments.

In the lead up to the state election, we're calling on all parties to address this here and now.

To read more about why Moreton Bay Matters and our election priorities visit **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/matters**



2024 Moreton Bay Art Prize

I was delighted to attend the Pine Rivers Art Gallery back in July to present the awards for the 2024 Moreton Bay Art Prize. It was a fantastic evening and all the finalists on display at the gallery were absolutely amazing. Ultimately there were three winners, with Aaron Butt taking first place, Lauren Rogers (pictured) taking second and Lisa Christensen in third place.

If you missed the exhibition of all of the finalists, you can see the winning work here:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums/Art-Prize-2024-Winners

Our galleries are constantly exhibiting local artists' work and with free entry there is no reason not to go.

The Pine Rivers Show

The Pine Rivers Show has had another amazing year. I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work of the dedicated members and volunteers of the Pine Rivers Show Society, without whom one of the best events in City of Moreton Bay could not happen.

Every year I am blown away by the events, stalls and displays that the entire community contributes to, and I am already looking forward to next year's show.



Hello, Division 8 community!

Welcome to the second edition of your community news.

One of the more common requests I received during the election was to have a green bin added to our existing general and recycling bins, like many of the other councils in SEQ have.

I am excited to say they are almost here. The new garden organics (GO) bins will be delivered to eligible properties from September, with the first pick up occurring in December.

Your existing bin schedule will stay the same, with the new GO bin being picked up in the opposite week to your recycling bin.

You will still be able to either drop off 3 tonnes of rubbish or make 26 trips to our waste facilities a year to drop off residential waste for free.

I hope you are all as excited as I am for the introduction of the GO bin.

Jim Moloney

Major Projects

Youngs Crossing/Sparkes Road update

At the time of writing, work on the new road and bridge is still expected to commence early 2025, subject to Council deciding the construction contractor and confirming its program.

However, some early service relocation works are still occurring around Youngs Crossing Road and we appreciate your patience and understanding while these important preparations are carried out.

Although the delivery of major projects can present some changes and challenges during construction, the arrival of work crews and activity on site in the new year will be a very welcome sight. Especially for a lot of locals who have been counting down to the start of this much anticipated improvement.

You can make sure you receive the latest project information by registering for Youngs Crossing project updates.

To stay connected, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/youngs-crossing

Francis Road roundabout removal

The work to relocate the services at the Francis Road roundabout is continuing at pace.

We are still on track to complete this stage of the work at the time of writing and start the next stage in the new year.



Get ready Moreton Bay

To ensure you're never caught out by bushfire or severe weather, we've put together some simple steps to help you plan, prepare and survive.

Develop an emergency plan to ensure everyone in your family, including pets, stays safe during a disaster.

Maintain your property year-round to minimise the impact of severe weather. Keep your grass cut short, trim trees, remove branches, and clear excess leaves to reduce bushfire risk. Ensure gutters are clear to prepare for heavy rainfall.

Prepare an emergency kit and regularly update its contents. Include essentials that will support your household for three days without water or electricity.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/disaster

Subscribe to MoretonAlert to receive free severe weather and bushfire alerts directly to your phone.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert

Explore the Moreton Bay Disaster Dashboard, your one-stop shop for disaster information. Find details on road closures, sandbag stations, evacuation centres, power outages, and more. disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Fire ants spotted in Moreton Bay

These aggressive insects pose significant threats to society, economy and the environment. Typically copper-brown with a darker abdomen, they measure 2 to 6 mm and deliver painful stings. Vigilance is crucial; check properties for nests, which can resemble dome-shaped mounds or disturbed soil patches, often lacking clear entry holes. Nests are commonly found in open areas like lawns and roadsides. Visit fireants.org.au for detailed detection and treatment guidance. Report sightings to 13 25 23 promptly to safeguard loved ones and pets.



New koala infrastructure trial in Division 8

City of Moreton Bay is trialling an innovative new wildlife egress device to improve the safety of our roads for drivers and wildlife. The device functions as an 'escape hatch' and provides an opportunity for one-way movement of fauna away from the active road if they find themselves on the wrong side of fauna exclusion fencing.

This new infrastructure trial in Division 8 can be seen along Youngs Crossing Road, Joyner in the One Mile Creek corridor.

This is an Australian first 'in network' trial of the device. Sixteen units have been installed across seven council managed roads.

The trial responds to recent research which suggests that koalas and other species that move across the ground may benefit from additional 'safe exit' infrastructure at ground level.

Swooping birds

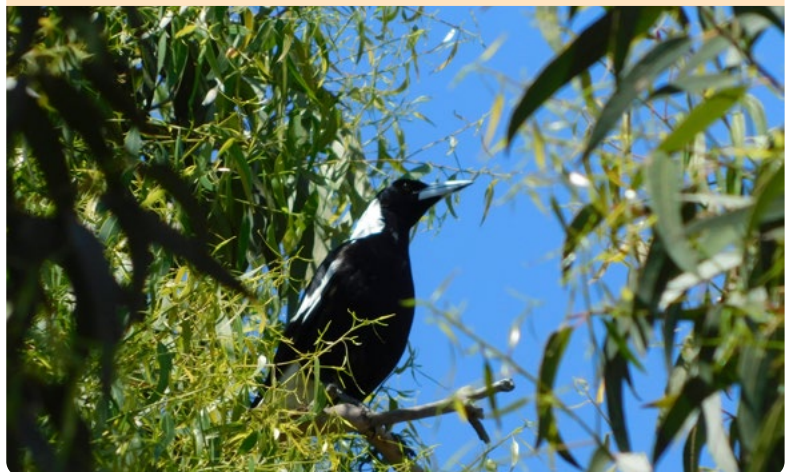
We are well and truly into swooping season this year, with the swooping behaviour expected to continue until December when the last of the fledgling birds have left the nest.

Native birds are protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and it's illegal to harm them or interfere with their nests or eggs.

If you do have a swooping bird in your neighbourhood, you can take the following steps to reduce the risk:

- take an alternate route to avoid being swooped
- protect your face and eyes by wearing a hat and sunglasses or carrying an umbrella
- dismount from your bicycle
- not wave your arms, yell or throw objects at the bird
- remain calm and walk quickly through the area.

If you encounter a particularly aggressive bird on council land you can report it to us and Council officers will come out to undertake an assessment.



Fire Ant nests

Biosecurity and biodiversity

Council has just completed consultation on our first publicly facing Biosecurity Plan. This plan focuses on specific plants and animals listed in the *Biosecurity Act*. Some of the biosecurity threats we are facing include: Fire Ants, Yellow Crazy Ants, Fireweed and Senegal Tea. For more information on the Biosecurity Plan visit [moretonbay.link/biosecurity-plan](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/biosecurity-plan).

Not all pests are covered under the *Biosecurity Act*, that is why we are currently working on Council's Biodiversity Plan. Stay tune for more about the Biodiversity Plan in early 2025.



Ready to get active?

Healthy & Active Moreton has an exciting range of free and low-cost fitness, recreation, sport and wellness activities and workshops available each week. All sessions are led by qualified professionals in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment, supporting you every step of the way. Check out what's on in your area and get started today.

moretonbay.link/ham-div-8

Petrie State School 150th Anniversary Fete

The Petrie State School is continuing their 150th year celebration with a school fete on Saturday 12 October at Petrie State School. There will be lots of fun to be had.



Emergency Services Expo

Say hello to your local heroes and explore emergency vehicles, equipment, and activities at the Emergency Services Expo, featuring fun and educational opportunities for all ages.

Sunday 13 October, 9 am to 1 pm
Pelican Park, Clontarf

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar



Petrie Significant Sites

In our ever-changing city, some sites have been lost to the past. Others have transformed yet remain places that continue to hold significance for individuals and communities. Significant Sites explores the places throughout our city that continue to hold meaning and play a role in our lives.

24 August - 17 November, Pine Rivers Heritage Museum
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums



Redcliffe KiteFest

Get ready to soar into a sky-high weekend at Redcliffe KiteFest! Enjoy the thrills of international kite displays, boogie with EMMA MEMMA, enjoy live music, interactive activities, workshops, markets, delicious food and a whole lot more!

14 - 15 September, 9 am - 4 pm, Pelican Park, Clontarf
redcliffekitefest.com.au



WHAT'S ON

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

130-134 Gympie Road,
Strathpine
Opening hours:
Tuesday - Saturday
10 am - 4 pm

Pick Me

17 August to 26 October

Pick me is an exhibition by artist Claire Ritchie that celebrates our relationships with ourselves. You are invited to go on a walk-through Claire's thoughtful flower garden. As you gently stroll through the gallery you will learn the different ways Claire champions her wellbeing and connects to her inner self.

Strathpine Library

All events are FREE and no bookings required

Playtime

Every Monday, 10 am - 11 am
Parents and their children aged 0-5

LEGO Engineers Club

2nd & 4th Monday of the month
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, ages 4-12

LOUD

1st Wednesday of the month
6 pm - 8 pm, ages 12-17
Bookings Required

Conversational English

For Adults. Every Wednesday
11 am - 11:30 am.

Magic Table

Games and puzzles for all ages.
During library opening hours.

For more details visit
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



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