

2024 Mid-Year Advocacy Highlights

Key achievements

- Delivered submissions to State and Federal Budgets, highlighting key strategic priorities and requests for related funding across a range of Council priorities/projects.
- Hosted a successful visit by Federal Local Government Minister Kristy McBain in April, showcasing major citywide projects, opportunities, and infrastructure needs. A parallel visit was facilitated for Tony Pasin MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, in May.
- Hosted and facilitated 18 State Shadow Cabinet MPs on 30 May to discuss local and citywide priorities, including a Sports Round Table at the Bribie Island AFL Club and Small Business Round Table at Caboolture Central Sports Complex.
- Submitted detailed applications for five projects to utilise Moreton Bay's \$45.53 million share of the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund.
- In May, the Queensland Government announced its response to a parliamentary inquiry into scrap metal theft (including copper theft). The inquiry's recommendations were largely supported. City of Moreton Bay has been a leading advocate among local governments regarding the reduction in copper theft by reforms to scrap metal legislation.
- Following sustained advocacy by Council, the State Government introduced legislation making the 6% local government employee superannuation co-contribution voluntary, to provide cost of living relief and assist with staff attraction and retention.
- Advocated successfully for larger 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre venue as part of the Independent Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Venue Infrastructure (the Quirk Review) — planning is now underway for the venue to be Tier 1 status with capacity for 10,000 temporary seats and 12 courts.
- Almost \$10 million awarded from the State Government's GROW FOGO Fund for initial bin supply and replacement of old general waste bins to support the roll-out of Council's Garden Organics (GO) service planned for December 2024.

Key engagements

- Mayoral meetings with key state and federal government ministers, including:
 - Hon Bart Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and Minister for Digital Services.
 - Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.
 - Tony Pasin MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
 - State Shadow Cabinet.

Key submissions made

- House of Representatives Standing Committee inquiry into local government sustainability.

Key projects in progress

- Ongoing work with the State Government on Project Validation Review phase for the 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre.
- New Advocacy Plan 2024-2028.
- Preparation of a Development Application and ongoing advocacy for the Dakabin wildlife hospital, in close collaboration with the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation.
- State election strategy campaign.