



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jim Moloney, Division 8



Dolphins players Josh Kerr and Oryn Keeley are ready to tackle disaster preparedness.

Moreton Bay and the Dolphins are no strangers to tough opposition!

Protect your family and property from severe weather this summer by being disaster ready

Be prepared and tackle safety head-on by following these simple tips:

- Develop a household emergency plan by identifying and practising evacuation routes, establishing communication strategies, and designating meeting points. Ensure your entire household understands their roles during an emergency.
- Create and regularly update an emergency supply kit with essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications, important documents, and first aid supplies, including items for any pets.
- Stay informed about severe weather through the city's Disaster Dashboard, which provides emergency news, power outages, road conditions, weather warnings, sandbag stations, and flood gauges.
- Subscribe to MoretonAlert for alerts straight to your phone and email.
- Secure your home by trimming trees, clearing gutters, securing loose items, and knowing how to shut off utilities.

Visit disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au and get disaster ready!



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

2024 has been a year of progress and achievement for our city.

Council has worked hard to deliver essential services and programs and will strengthen these efforts in 2025.

We proudly continue to balance our economic growth with enhanced environmental sustainability and community wellbeing.

This year's highlights include:

- Introducing our new Garden Organics (GO) kerbside service
- Developing Waraba as Queensland's newest Priority Development Area
- Securing City Deal funding for five transformative city projects
- Adopting the Better Housing Amendment for improved planning outcomes
- Announcing our very own Olympic venue, the Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre at The Mill.

As the end of year approaches, I encourage everyone to shop local and support our businesses, and to enjoy one of our signature Christmas Carol events happening across the city.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors, volunteers, Council staff and you, our residents, for working together to make City of Moreton Bay such an incredible place to live, work, and play.

I hope you and your family have a restful and safe break over the Christmas period and here's to health and happiness in 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Flannery'.



All systems GO: new garden organics collection service launches soon!

Over 120,000 lime green-lidded garden organics (GO) bins are now being delivered to eligible residents across our city, and we're just weeks away from the official launch of our GO collection service!

From 2 December, the GO service will make it easier than ever to dispose of garden waste like grass clippings, branches, weeds and leaves. Your fortnightly GO collection will happen on the same day as your general waste bin, but on the alternate week to your recycling bin.

Why is the new service important? Garden organic waste currently makes up 23% of what we throw in our general waste bins. When this waste ends up in landfill, it generates harmful greenhouse gases. By placing it in your GO bin instead, it will be transformed into nutrient-rich compost, benefiting both the environment and our community.

Contaminants reduce the quality of the compost produced, so it's important to only place materials that grow in your garden into your new bin. Never bag your garden organic waste or put other items like plant pots or potting mix in your GO bin.

Find out more and discover how to GO like a pro by visiting moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO

This initiative received funding from the Queensland Government's Recycling and Jobs Fund.

Go paperless! Receive your rates and reminders via email

It's easy, convenient and better for the environment. A \$2.50 paper notice fee will apply to all quarterly rate notices received by post from 1 January 2025. Excludes property owners receiving a pension/self-funded retiree concession. To sign up to receive your rate notices by email visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/eRates



Community grants

I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the new kitchen at the Multicap Centre at Petrie that was enabled through a City of Moreton Bay Community Support Grant.

The upgrade will make a world of difference to the 50 or so participants who use the facility every week. There are a range of Council grants available as well as a range of other resources to help community and not for profit organisations understand the requirements of and apply for grants.

You can find more information on Council's website here: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants

Things to do over the summer break

Go for a ride (or walk): We have a few amazing cycle ways in our city with the Petrie to Kippa-Ring Cycle Way starting at The Mill being our local kick off point. If you are feeling adventurous you could also try the Moreton Bay Cycle Way starting at Scarborough, or the Samford Valley Rail Trail starting from Ferny Grove, or the Caboolture to Wamuran Rail Trail starting at Beerburrum Rd in Caboolture.

Visit our Environment Centres: Osprey House in Griffin, Kumbartcho Sanctuary in Eatons Hill, and the Caboolture Region Environment Education Centre (CREEC) are all great spots to visit to learn more about our local flora and fauna. Entry is free, with workshops, educational displays, and nature trails to explore.

These are not the only things we can do locally. For more ideas visit visitmoretonbayregion.com.au



Merry Christmas, Division 8 community!

As the weather starts to heat up and thoughts turn towards Christmas and the summer break, we tend to think about travelling and visiting other parts of the world.

But one of the things I love most about our home is the wide variety of places to visit and explore. Whether you are trying to escape the heat in the rainforests on the D'Aguilar Range, taking a dip at the Bribie or Redcliffe beaches, or visiting one of our urban centres or country towns, Moreton Bay has it all.

Our Council facilities are also great places to visit as well with the public pools, libraries and art galleries offering a range of free or low-cost activities.

I know my family and I will be using day trips to continue exploring our amazing city, and I hope that whether you are young or young at heart, you will join us in finding something to do over summer in Moreton Bay.

Jim Moloney



Better Housing Amendment

Council adopted the Better Housing Amendment in September of this year, with the update to our planning scheme taking effect on 30 October 2024.

The amendment targets five key planning policy areas raised by residents, including issues in Next Generation Neighbourhoods, Off Street Car Parking Ratios, and Secondary Dwellings among other changes.

Some of the highlights of the Amendment for our Next Generation Neighbourhoods include:

- New minimum rear setbacks for dwelling houses, which supports larger backyards
- A reduction in the maximum site cover
- Improved off-street parking requirements for Dwelling Houses, Multiple Dwellings, Student Accommodation, and Dual Occupancy
- New minimum lot size requirements for secondary dwellings in the Next Generation, and Suburban Neighbourhood precincts.

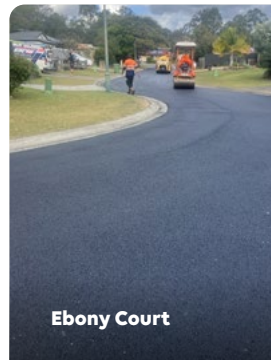
Read more here: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Better-Housing-For-Residents

View all the changes and how they will affect you by visiting yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/better-housing-amendment

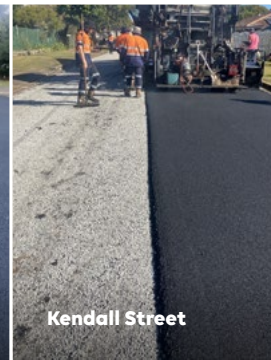
Disaster Dashboard

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, road closures, service updates, and plenty more as the event unfolds.

disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au



Ebony Court

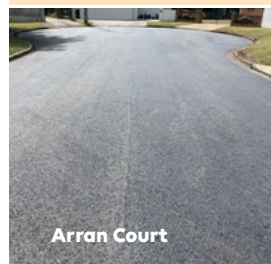


Kendall Street

Road Projects

Our roads have been a hive of activity over the past few months with Council's project team locking in 22 road renewal projects for this year. We have already completed 12 of these projects with 10 more to be completed this financial year. While these works can cause some local disruption they are just as important as our larger road projects to ensure our roads are in good shape.

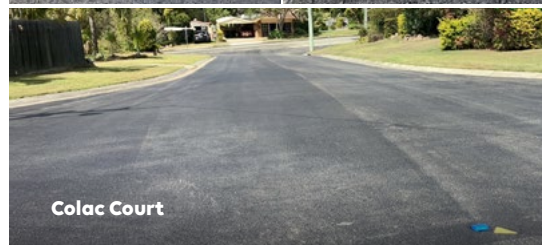
The work to move the services ahead of the replacement of the roundabout at the corner of Francis and Sparkes Roads is also on track.



Arran Court



Macquarie Drive



Colac Court



Jasmine Street



Brewster Court



Olympic venue coming to Petrie

The Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre was recently announced to play a larger role in the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Located at The Mill Precinct in Petrie, the centre will have 12 multi-use courts and a capacity for 10,000 spectators including temporary warm-up areas. The centre can be used for a range of sports including basketball, netball, volleyball, futsal, handball, wheelchair rugby, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, badminton, fencing, table tennis, taekwondo and gymnastics.

The new venue will be funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Intergovernmental Agreement.

City of Moreton Bay is providing the land and supporting associated precinct works and connections at the site at The Mill Precinct, Petrie, an area identified for growth and community benefit.

The centre will be purpose designed to meet local community participation needs first and foremost, before being converted to Games competition venue mode, and then returned to the community with lasting benefits.

Construction is expected to begin early 2026, with the centre intended to be operational from 2028.

Big win for city-shaping projects

We are excited to announce \$55 million in funding for five major projects in our city, approved under the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund.

These city-shaping infrastructure and lifestyle projects will support our growing communities, local jobs, and contribute to a more liveable city.

The Mill Lakes Precinct will give the community a beautiful area for exercise and relaxation in Petrie. Nestled within the natural landscape, visitors to this new outdoor walking trail will be able to soak in the picturesque surroundings and waterside spaces our city has to offer. Visitors can stroll along the trail and explore the surrounding koala habitat. The Mill will also be home to an exciting world-class 2032 Olympic and Paralympic venue.

Additional projects include Suttons Beach Pavilion Development, Centenary Lakes Regional Playground, Centenary Lakes Activation and Bongaree to Woorim Active and Public Transport Network Connection.

The SEQ City Deal, is a partnership between the Australian and Queensland Governments, and the Council of Mayors (South East Queensland). The Liveability Fund, one of 18 initiatives under the SEQ City Deal, includes co-contributions from all parties. The Federal and State Governments will each contribute \$15.16 million to Council's projects.

All projects are expected to be completed by mid-2027.



Summer school holiday fun!

With the school holidays just around the corner, we've got a fantastic lineup of free or low-cost activities to keep kids active and creative. From exciting outdoor adventures to fun-filled workshops, there's something for everyone. Visit moretonbay.link/school-holidays to check out the full list of events and activities on offer and plan your summertime fun.



Pine Rivers Christmas Carols

Enjoy a festive evening with joyful carols, kids' entertainment, food trucks and markets, fireworks and holiday fun for all ages!

Sunday 15 December, 4 pm - 8 pm
Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar

Park Tales

Join in all the fun of Libraries' much-loved Storytime. Our themed Storytimes have a mix of stories, rhymes, songs, felt stories, puppets and early learning resources. Visit the website for details.

Every second Thursday,
Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/park-tales



WHAT'S ON

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

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

Storytime in the Gallery

Wednesday 20 November
10:30 am - 11 am

Experience the magic of stories, action rhymes and songs with your child at the gallery. Join us for a special Storytime and read alongside the artworks and objects in our latest exhibitions.

Strathpine Library

All events are FREE and no bookings required

Fun Factory

Every Friday during the school holidays. All ages
3 pm - 4 pm

Lunchtime Meditation

Every Wednesday until
11 Dec. For adults
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm

Goldies

1st Tuesday of the month
For seniors
9:30 am - 10:30 am

JPs in the community

Every Tuesday 5 pm - 7 pm
Every Saturday 1 pm - 3 pm

For more details on library events visit

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Aussie Arvo is back for 2025

Join us for an afternoon of Aussie fun! Enjoy free entry, free rides, music, fireworks, and exciting competitions. Indulge in \$2 sausage sizzles, popcorn, fairy floss, and sideshow games. Don't miss out on this fantastic day for the whole family!

Sunday 26 January, 2 pm - 7 pm
Lawnton Aquatic Centre

Christmas closures

City of Moreton Bay's administration and customer service centres will close from 12 pm Tuesday 24 December 2024, reopening at 8:30 am Thursday 2 January 2025. Council's Call Centre will continue to respond to emergency matters on (07) 3205 0555.

Household waste collection services will operate as normal. For a full list of closures and operating hours please visit:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/closures



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