



## Community News

Brought to you by Cr Tony Latter, Division 12



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## Kickstart 2025 with free fitness and fun in City of Moreton Bay!

*Start the new year with energy and  
connection through Healthy and  
Active Moreton*

City of Moreton Bay is offering free and low-cost wellness activities throughout the year to inspire healthier, happier lives.

With a focus on inclusivity and fun, Healthy and Active Moreton welcomes all ages, abilities, and fitness levels. From yoga and boot camps to tai chi and paddleboarding, all activities promote both physical and mental wellness while growing community spirit.

With over 100 sessions each week, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Make 2025 your healthiest year yet! Join the movement at [moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles](https://moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles)



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## THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

There's so much in store for City of Moreton Bay in 2025.

This year we'll see work undertaken on significant projects across the city such as Caboolture River Road, Centenary Lakes revitalisation, The Mill Lakes Precinct, Deception Bay SES Depot and the much-anticipated construction of the new Suttons Beach Public Space Project.

Our garden organics (GO) collection service has been operational since December. A big thanks to you all for helping make our city more sustainable. This success means properties with a land size smaller than 300 square metres or larger than 2,000 square metres will be able to opt in to the service from 1 March. There are some great tips on how to use your GO bin in this edition of the newsletter.

Homelessness continues to be an issue for many in our community. Although housing and homeless are ultimately the responsibility of other levels of government, Council has stepped in to help people needing critical support. We're asking the new Queensland Government to prioritise solutions in City of Moreton Bay and will work with them to address this growing issue.

## GO like a PRO

Summer is here, and with fast-growing lawns and flourishing gardens, it's peak season for mowing and maintenance. During this time of year, it is especially important to understand what can and can't go into your new lime green-lidded garden organics (GO) bin.

### Yes, place these items in:

- ✓ grass clippings, weeds, plants and flowers
- ✓ tree, shrub or plant branches (cut down to fit in the bin)
- ✓ leaves and other garden trimmings.

Please remember to place all garden organic material directly into the bin without any bags or boxes.

### No, do not place these items in:

- ✗ plastic bags, general waste or food scraps
- ✗ compostable packaging and containers
- ✗ soil, potting mix, gravel, bricks, concrete or rocks
- ✗ potted plants and animal waste.

Also please ensure your GO bin weight does not exceed 40kg for collection.

By following these guidelines, you can help to minimise contamination and assist City of Moreton Bay in maintaining an efficient and effective garden organics waste management system.

**GO  
like a  
PRO!**

What should and should not go in your garden organics bin



Branches, leaves and grass clippings



Plastic or plastic bags, food scraps, soil, stones and garden accessories



For more information visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO)



## Grants for community groups

Did you know Council provides funding support for community, cultural, sporting and environmental projects? From 2024-25 all grant amounts have increased with funding up to \$30,000 now available to help community groups deliver great projects for our city. For more information visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants)



## Plan. Prepare. Survive. this storm season

We've already had plenty of storms roll through. Here is a reminder of what to do to keep your home safe.

- Charge up: Make sure your phones, power banks, and other devices are fully charged in advance.
- Stock up: Have flashlights and batteries ready in your emergency kit for when the lights go out.
- Food and water: Pack non-perishable food and bottled water in your emergency kit to last through any prolonged outages.
- Fuel up: Keep your car's tank full.
- Turn off appliances: Unplug sensitive electronics to prevent damage from power surges when electricity returns.
- Keep it cool: Resist opening your fridge and freezer to keep food cold for longer.
- Stay informed: Follow updates through your phone or a battery-powered radio to stay on top of news.

For real-time updates on road closures, sandbag stations, and power outages, visit our disaster dashboard at [disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

## Want to have a chat?

If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to share or a problem that you need to discuss, call 5433 2961 or email [tony.latter@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:tony.latter@moretonbay.qld.gov.au) (include your phone number) and my office will organise a phone or face-to-face meeting.



## DIVISION 12 UPDATE With Cr Tony Latter

It's exciting to see the progress we're making in shaping the future of our community. With a range of projects in motion and many great events ahead, this year holds so much promise. It's been wonderful seeing families out and about, enjoying summer and taking full advantage of our upgraded spaces - proof that positive change is happening.

Make sure to save the date for Movie in the Park on Friday 21 March, at Bunya Adventure Playground, Upper Caboolture. This free, family-friendly event offers a fun evening under the stars, featuring a heartwarming movie, delicious food trucks, and activities to keep the kids entertained.

I'm also particularly excited for the return of the Red Ride – Ride Against Domestic Abuse this May. This event brings our community together while raising vital awareness and funds to combat domestic violence - a cause that remains a top priority for me.

Your input is key to shaping the future of Moreton Bay. Whether you have ideas for improving local spaces or suggestions for new events, I'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's keep the momentum going and make this year our best one yet!

*Tony Latter*

## Divisional news from your local Councillor Tony Latter

### Moreton Says - Survey opening soon

Our next Moreton Says survey will be opening on 7 March until 6 April 2025. The survey is your chance to share what matters most to you and your community. Since Moreton Says launched in 2021, more than 24,600 surveys have been completed. This has allowed us to better bring the views, needs, priorities and aspirations of our communities into Council's decision-making. To learn more or to register to receive notifications about Moreton Says, visit [moretonbay.link/moreton-says](https://moretonbay.link/moreton-says)



### Time to get pumped Woodford!

Tilney Park in Woodford is set for a \$1.8 million upgrade to meet the needs of the growing community. Popular among local families and day-trippers, the park upgrade will feature a new all-ages pump track, enhanced playground equipment, a play tower with slide, swings, accessible play elements, and shaded picnic areas. A new public amenities block and BBQ facilities will also be installed.

The park upgrade is due to begin in early 2025 and is expected to be completed by mid 2025 pending weather and unforeseen circumstances. Access to some parts of the park will be impacted during construction however, Council will work to minimise disruption wherever possible as the works progress.



### Caboolture Hub: Learning and Business Centre Boardroom IT Upgrade

The boardroom at the Caboolture Hub is perfect for your next meeting. This beautifully appointed space is ideal for meetings in person or virtually. The recent Boardroom IT upgrade includes the latest state-of-the-art audiovisual and video conferencing equipment featuring a 98-inch 4K LCD presentation screen. This system is easy to use and our friendly team members are there, if set up support is needed. This is all included with your room hire.

Complimentary tea and coffee facilities are available for all hirers for the duration of your event.

For more information or booking enquiries call us on 5433 3700 or visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Caboolture-Hub](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Caboolture-Hub)



### Dive into fun with Learn to Swim classes at City of Moreton Bay pools and leisure centres!

Our classes, available for all skill levels, provide essential water safety and swimming skills for children and adults alike. Whether you're dipping your toes in or already making waves, our skilled instructors will help you build confidence, strength, and safety in the water. With multiple locations across Moreton Bay, it's easy to "seas" the chance to stay active and enjoy a splash-tacular time. Visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pools](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pools) to make a splash in your wellness journey today!



## Dumping's a drag - Help us keep our city clean

Illegal dumping is a serious issue in City of Moreton Bay, posing a threat to our natural environment, primary industries, health, and the overall beauty of our city. From garden organic waste to industrial materials, illegally dumped items can have devastating consequences and it's up to all of us to keep our community clean and safe.

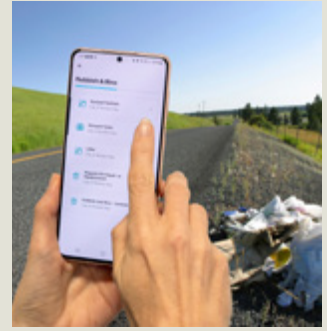
Fines can range from \$322 for general littering to a maximum penalty of \$161,300 for blatant illegal dumping by an individual, and up to \$806,500 for corporations. These penalties are set by state law and regulated by Council to protect our environment and keep Moreton Bay beautiful.

To avoid hefty fines and protect our beautiful city, dispose of waste legally and responsibly:

- Use designated waste facilities for disposal needs including bulky items and follow directions to dispose correctly.
- For garden organic waste, such as lawn clippings and branches cut to size, use your new kerbside garden organics (GO) lime green-lidded bin, a gardener or collection contractor to dispose of it correctly, compost it or dispose at Council waste facilities.
  - But remember, never dispose of things like plastic bags, general or food waste or compostable materials in your GO bin.
- Check with charity staff before leaving donations to ensure items are suitable and left at the right time.
- Only use skip bins you have ordered or have permission to use.

If you spot illegal dumping, you can report it through the Snap, Send, Solve app or contact Council on 3205 0555.

Let's all do our part to keep Moreton Bay beautiful. Visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/illegal-dumping](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/illegal-dumping)



## Congratulations

Curiosity Tree Early Learning at Morayfield has made reducing waste and recycling more a priority in 2023-24, saving approx. 7 wheelie bins full of food scraps from being disposed in landfill in one year. They did this by feeding their food waste to local chickens and a worm farm, as well as prioritising reducing and recycling more. This amounts to 20 full wheelie bins of waste each year that is not buried in landfill! Well done Curiosity Tree staff, children and families!



Easy



Convenient



Sustainable

## Go paperless with Moreton Bay eRates

Experience an easy and sustainable way to manage your rate notices and reminders by going paperless.

Visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/eRates](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/eRates) and follow the quick registration process.

## A faster, more flexible way to pay your rates

Payble allows you to set up flexible payment plans that can be direct debited on a schedule that works for you.

Visit: [payble.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](https://payble.moretonbay.qld.gov.au) to create a free Payble account.



## Movie in the Park

Enjoy a magical evening under the stars with a free, family-friendly movie, plus food trucks and kids activities.

Friday 21 March | 5 pm - 8 pm

Bunya Adventure Playground, Upper Caboolture

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)



# WHAT'S ON

## Burpengary Library

**Baby Rhyme Time** - help develop the skills needed to communicate and to learn to read. In a friendly and relaxed environment, you and your baby can learn rhymes, action songs and finger plays to share together.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
9:30 am - 10 am

**Minecraft Club** - Book a spot to play from home using your own Bedrock or Java account or come and use library computers and accounts.

Beginners to advanced players.  
Ages 6-17. Bookings required.

**Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

## Woodford Library

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of free play.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**  
11 am - 11:30 am

Enjoy knitting and crocheting and meet new friends - come along and join the Knitting Group.

**2nd Monday of the month**  
12 pm - 2 pm

Develop design thinking and engineering skills as you build and create with LEGO® bricks.

Meet other brick fans and complete challenges, group builds, and more! Ages 4-12.

**1st Wednesday of the month**  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For library events visit  
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries)

## Maximum Madness

Bringing together a range of artists paying homage to their favourite post-apocalyptic (anti) hero, it's time for Maximum Madness. Maximum Madness: Art Inspired by Mad Max is a Rockhampton Museum of Art touring exhibition.

Until 8 March 2025

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums)



Frank Grohier, *Max Rockatansky*, 2023. Black wattle, flattened baked bean tins, sheet aluminium, etch primer, nails, artist acrylic and found objects. Courtesy of the artist.

## Monster Siege

Get ready for a clash of epic proportions where kids unite in the ultimate battle of Monster Siege, a game of imagination, creativity, physicality, and strategy against their dastardly foes: the adults!

Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April

Morayfield Sport and Events Centre

[moretonbay.link/monster-siege](https://moretonbay.link/monster-siege)



## 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 April | 9 am - 1 pm

Woodford Showgrounds, Woodford

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