



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Sandra Ruck, Division 5



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 blue 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



Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre

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 centre will be a sustainable, modern facility that will cater to a range of indoor sports and community uses.

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

Ready to roll! The Redcliffe sleepbus service has begun

We're thrilled to announce the Redcliffe sleepbus is now up and running on the peninsula.

Sleepbus provides safe overnight accommodation for those in need every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. This mobile temporary accommodation service can provide over 2,340 safe sleeps per year for people who are doing it tough and helps link them up to the support services they need.

The sleepbus has been supported by a partnership with the Breakfast Club Redcliffe, the Jelley Family Foundation, a \$50,000 Regional Community Project Grant from Council and further support from the community. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to find out more about the Redcliffe sleepbus service, visit sleepbus.org/services/redcliffe

Did you know?

At the beginning of August, City of Moreton Bay commemorated one year of officially being a city. Mayor Peter Flannery said "As we commemorate one year as City of Moreton Bay, I am extraordinarily proud of what our Council team has achieved. I'd like to thank Council staff and my fellow Councillors for their commitment to our vision."



Council's steam weed control

How great is this comment from one of our residents regarding City of Moreton Bay's steam weed control process...

"I was walking this morning and was delighted to see the Council's Weed Control Van using steam to do weed control. Particularly, beside the children's play area at Endeavour Park. I spoke to the driver and did not get his name, but he is delighted that someone noticed and encouraged me to contact you directly to compliment the Council on this initiative. It is a small thing but must have taken a lot of organising, and equipment to put in place. The birds will love you for it, and so do I."

Should all infrastructure be built before new development?

Residents often advocate for infrastructure to be built before new housing developments.

We need to consider who would bear the cost of this infrastructure. If it's Council, we must consider how we would finance it. With less than 3% of all taxes flowing to councils, how would local governments fund this? How do we balance service delivery today with the city's needs in the future? We are looking at billions of dollars needed over the next 30 years to support growth. If developers are expected to foot the bill, how could Council lawfully charge them for infrastructure related to a development that hasn't yet been approved? Expecting developers to provide this infrastructure upfront could significantly increase costs, rendering the project unviable or considerably increase housing prices (with the costs included in the asking price of finished land allotments) which would also impact housing/ rental affordability and supply which are already significant issues in Australia.

Does your home or business have CCTV?

Queensland Police are encouraging residents to register their cameras with the Community Camera Alliance initiative. Your registration advises police where a CCTV system is located. If police believe that your system can assist to solve a crime or help in any way, you may be contacted. For more information visit police.qld.gov.au/safety-and-preventing-crime/community-camera-alliance

Council's Biosecurity Plan 2024 - 2029

It is a requirement of the *Biosecurity Act 2014 (Act)* that Council has a Biosecurity Plan. The plan focusses on specific plants and animals as listed in the Act.

Community consultation

Between 9 August and 9 September, we invited community feedback on the draft plan. Feedback from the consultation period will be considered for the plan.

Biosecurity highlights for Division 5

Terrestrial and aquatic weeds are a focus of the plan. Division 5 has roadsides and waterbodies that are managed on a schedule by both Council and contractors. We have:

- restricted plant programs for Morris Park/ Nathan Road Wetlands
- a maintenance plan for aquatic weeds at Morris Park Lake, Kippa Ring.

Invasive animals are also a focus of the plan. Division 5 has wild dog and fox management programs run by Council including:

- wild dog and fox removal from our division to reduce koala predation
- an annual wild dog monitoring program - rail link project (Kippa Ring/Rothwell) to keep wild dogs out for prevention of koala predation
- monitoring of North Lakes Environmental Reserve (Salt Water Creek) for wild dog travel way movement.

Key biosecurity matters present in Division 5 are:

- Groundsel bush
- Aquatic weed - salvinia and general aquatic weeds
- Foxes and potential for return of wild dogs.

For more information on the Biosecurity Plan visit moretonbay.link/biosecurity-plan

Redcliffe Sustainability Business Network

The Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise successfully secured a \$5,900 City of Moreton Bay Regional Economic Development Grant to promote sustainability awareness within local businesses in the Redcliffe area. I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural meeting, where 25 local businesses gathered for a 'deep dive' into sustainability practices.

For more information on Council grants and eligibility visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants

Our Council's latest growth information

The latest data from the National Institute of Economic and industry Research (NIEIR) shows our Council's economy has grown by \$700 million in GDP. It reveals 6,215 new jobs and 800 new businesses were added to the city, and the value of our economy is now almost \$22 billion. As of 31 December 2023, there were 31,208 registered businesses in total across City of Moreton Bay, 405 more than 30 June 2023. Based on half-yearly growth rates, this equates to a projected 2.5% net growth in business numbers during 2023-24. Council secured \$243.5 million in economic activity this past financial year and supported the creation of 896 full-time equivalent jobs through its industry advancement, major event and investment attraction activities. In addition, our Council was recognised by the Minister for Employment and Small Business as the most small business-friendly Council, taking out the inaugural member of the year award at the 2024 Queensland Small Business Friendly Council conference. As one of Australia's fastest-growing cities and a 2032 Olympics and Paralympic Games event city, Council is also focused on securing the attention of international investment. A number of initiatives were undertaken last financial year to target investors in Singapore, Japan and New Zealand which are key priority markets.

This accelerates towards our goals of a \$40 billion economy, 100,000 new jobs, and recognition as a top 10 innovation destination.

Our city continues to make great progress against its economic strategy goals to create a bigger, bolder, brighter economy.



Annual Book Week celebrations with C&K Bayview Kindergarten & Preschool children who dressed up as their favourite book characters at the Deception Bay Library.

Celebrating Redcliffe Peninsula Cricket Club's 50th Anniversary.



Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Service at Deception Bay and catching up with those who served.



Demolition of Council's Depot at Deception Bay

Stage 1 began in late August to make way for a brand-new Deception Bay SES facility. Construction of the new depot is scheduled to start in late January 2025. Location is beside Dragons Football Club on Old Bay Road.



How exciting can a new toilet facility be? Very exciting if you're a walker, cyclist, a 'Fairy Way' visitor, or part of a pre-school group passing through Boama Park, Deception Bay or using the shared pathway between Nathan Road and Webster Road.



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.

Pets in Public Spaces information sessions

Join us at one of our pet-friendly education pop-ups held in local parks across Moreton Bay. Learn about your responsibilities as a pet owner, get some tips and advice, and pick up some freebies. Plus, we also provide FREE microchipping for registered dogs.

For a full list of events visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pet-education



Summer Reading Club

1 December 2024 - 31 January 2025

Join our Summer Reading Club! Library members of all ages can record the time they spend reading for the chance to win great prizes! It's free to join and a fun way to encourage the whole family to spend more time reading during the school holidays.

Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Redcliffe Peninsula Christmas Carols

Celebrate the season with festive tunes, Christmas-themed kids activities, and a magical atmosphere for the whole family!

Sunday 8 December, 4 pm - 8 pm
Nathan Road Sports Complex, Rothwell
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar



WHAT'S ON

Christmas in Moreton Bay

Celebrate the festive season with joyful carols, family fun and of course, a visit from Santa! From 4 pm to 8 pm, experience the holiday cheer at one of five free events across Moreton Bay.

- North Lakes - 30 Nov
- Caboolture - 1 Dec
- Murrumba Downs - 7 Dec
- Redcliffe - 8 Dec
- Pine Rivers - 15 Dec

Australia Day in Moreton Bay

Make this Australia Day an absolute ripper!

On Sunday 26 January, enjoy a relaxing Australia Day at Music in the Park at Scarborough or Bribie Island. Featuring live performances, food trucks and great vibes.

- Scarborough, 1 pm to 6 pm
- Bribie Island, 1 pm to 5 pm

For more details on community events visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar



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