



## Community News

Brought to you by Cr Sandra Ruck, Division 5



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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)





### **Moreton City Pickleball Club in-house and members competition**

Moreton City Pickleball Club in Deception Bay recently held an in-house and members competition which saw 120+ players and spectators in attendance. Congratulations to not only the winners (pictured above) but to all the participants on the day.

### **Snap Send Solve**

The Snap Send Solve app offers residents a simple and quick way to report problems across the city. You can download the app on your phone's app store for free.

For more information visit: [snapsendsolve.com](https://snapsendsolve.com)



### **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)



### **DIVISION 5 UPDATE With Cr Sandra Ruck**

City of Moreton Bay is embarking on a transformative journey with the recent implementation of the Better Housing Amendment. Approved by the State Government, this update to our planning scheme aligns with the ShapingSEQ 2023 Plan, targeting sustainable growth and diverse housing options.

Addressing critical housing challenges, the amendment encourages well-designed secondary dwellings and increases green spaces, directly responding to community needs. As we face a projected population of 792,700 by 2046, accommodating a projected 97 new homes each week (2021 to 2046) is essential.

While infrastructure development is often seen as a prerequisite for housing, requiring developers to fund it upfront risks making projects unaffordable. Instead, this amendment promotes smart growth strategies, emphasising infill development that preserves our environment.

Let's embrace this opportunity, balancing housing demands with community expectations and ensuring a vibrant, liveable Moreton Bay for all. The time for thoughtful action is now!

### Better Housing Amendments

City of Moreton Bay has implemented the Better Housing Amendment to improve liveability. Approved by the State Government in late August, it aligns with the ShapingSEQ Plan, prioritising efficient land use, diverse housing options, and sustainable growth. The amendment addresses housing challenges by promoting good design, varied housing options, and enhanced neighbourhoods. Major changes include enhanced parking requirements, increased green spaces, appropriate setbacks, and improved standards for secondary dwellings. These measures aim to foster attractive streetscapes, open spaces, and better living environments. Following extensive consultation with the community and stakeholders, the amendment balances new development demand with community expectations. Council is committed to working with industry to ensure a collaborative planning process while protecting the environment and delivering essential services. The amendment targets five key planning policy areas: Next Generation Neighbourhoods (including changes to boundary setbacks and site cover), Off Street Car Parking, Secondary Dwellings, Student Accommodation, and the Warner Investigation Area boundary reduction. Taking effect on 30 October 2024, applicants can submit proposals under either version of the scheme for up to 12 months post-change. After 30 October 2025, all applications must comply with the amended scheme. While some legacy projects may be approved under the old scheme, the improvements promise better developments moving forward, addressing long-term housing needs. As the saying goes, "The best time to start was yesterday; the second-best time is today."

### Community events

Beautiful rottweiler Mildred, having just attended her dog obedience class, brought her owner over to visit Council's **Pets in Public Spaces** event at Newport Park in November last year.



**BPW Moreton Bay**, an amalgamation of the Caboolture (35+ years) and North Lakes (10 years) clubs, held an engaging breakfast session on the power of holistic marketing and event partnerships to drive business success in 2025.

### Redcliffe Red Dragons Boat Club

recently joined forces with Broadwater Dragons Paddling Club at a recent regatta on the Gold Coast. Big congrats on the huge medal haul - well done!



### The Australian Trade College

**Annual Celebration** Brendan Krause Memorial Award - for passion and endeavour in the pursuit of a trade. It's always a pleasure presenting end of year awards at our local schools. It was an honour to attend once again in 2024.

**Redcliffe Pony Club** hosted its Annual Gymkhana in October (after being postponed earlier in the year due to wet weather). The club was fortunate to only have a few showers throughout the event with the weather holding out until the presentation of the awards.



### 2024 Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

It was a terrific night and great to catch up with Madeleine Johns and Ingrid Keegel from Redcliffe Musical Theatre, as they celebrated winning the

Community Service Award sponsored by The Komo. A fitting accolade for the endless good work they do across our community!



### Right sizing

City of Moreton Bay is set for substantial growth over the next 25 years, with the population projected to rise from 484,400 in 2021 (currently more than 510,000) to 792,700 by 2046, according to the State Government's South East Queensland Regional Plan Review 2023 (ShapingSEQ 2023). This growth, at an average annual rate of 2%, will require the addition of around 125,800 new dwellings over this period, or 5,032 new dwellings per year, totalling 313,900 homes across the city by 2046. Alongside this housing demand, improvements in transport, job opportunities, and essential services will also be crucial. This growth will differ from the past, bringing unique challenges and opportunities, including fiscal uncertainty and housing affordability issues that call for strategic adjustments to meet the needs of an expanding population. Several factors are driving this growth. In preparing ShapingSEQ 2023, the State Government estimates that 38.7% of the population increase will stem from overseas migration, 25.4% from interstate migration, and 7.8% from intrastate. The demographic shift will see a decrease in the proportion of children and youth (0 to 17 years) from 22.6% in 2021 to 20.5% in 2046, while the percentage of older adults (65 years and over) rises from 15.9% to 19.5%. This ageing population will impact workforce dynamics,

economic growth, government revenue, and demand for healthcare services. Further, changes in household structures are also notable, with one-person households projected to increase significantly, from 23.4% in 2021 to 40.5% by 2046. This trend, partly driven by an ageing population, indicates a shift towards smaller living arrangements. The prevalence of extended family households is growing, coupled families are declining, and older couple-only households are on the rise. To accommodate the required housing without exacerbating urban sprawl, the ShapingSEQ 2023 plan emphasises utilising already developed land, moving towards 70% infill development and 30% greenfield development across South East Queensland. This strategy seeks to promote development near existing infrastructure and minimises environmental impacts, preserving green corridors and biodiversity. Adapting to the evolving demands of the population involves offering a diverse range of housing options. ShapingSEQ 2023 also provides the growth projections signalling a shift towards single-person households, highlighting the need for alternatives to traditional housing. Encouraging options like units, townhouses, duplexes, or granny flats will allow residents to "right-size" their living arrangements, ensuring diverse choices.



### Craftival

Get crafty with us at Craftival - a creative festival for all ages in City of Moreton Bay! Craftival is a one-day celebration of handmade crafts and creativity at Redcliffe Library. The event will include inspirational talks from high-profile creatives and a pop-up marketplace selling handmade products.

**Saturday 8 March | 9 am - 2 pm**  
Redcliffe Library  
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries)

## WHAT'S ON

### Moreton Kids Festival

Join us for a day jam-packed with endless excitement and joy - the ultimate kids day out!

Tickets on sale now.

**Sunday 9 March,  
8 am - 3 pm**

**Pine Rivers Park,  
Strathpine**

### Movies in the Park

Experience the magic of the cinema under the twinkling stars for an unforgettable evening of outdoor entertainment, delicious food, and fun.

**Warner - 15 Feb**

**Narangba - 22 Feb**

**Upper Caboolture - 21 Mar**

**Eatons Hill - 22 Mar**

**Sandstone Point - 12 Apr**

### Jazz & Shiraz

Immerse yourself in fantastic melodies and exquisite wines at this laid-back afternoon event.

**Bongaree - 5 April**

For more details on community events visit

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

### Music in the Park

Join us at Music in the Park Deception Bay for a fantastic community event! Enjoy local performers, delicious food, and a wonderful afternoon in Deception Bay.

**Sunday 30 March | 1 pm - 5 pm**

**Apex Park, Deception Bay**

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### Music in the Park

Join us at Music in the Park Redcliffe to enjoy live local music, delicious food, and a wonderful afternoon by the seaside.

**Saturday 15 March  
1 pm - 5 pm**

**Suttons Beach, Redcliffe**

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