



Community News

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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



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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,
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clippings



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

For more information visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO



Splash pad fun now open at Burpengary Aquatic Centre!

Summer just got a whole lot cooler at the Burpengary Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre, with the brand-new zero-depth splash pad officially open! This exciting addition is already proving to be a hit with families, offering a safe and fun space for kids aged 0-7 to enjoy water play.

The splash pad, funded by Belgravia Leisure, who operate Burpengary Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre on behalf of City of Moreton Bay, has quickly become a favourite feature at the centre. Packed with interactive water elements, it's the perfect spot for little ones to cool off during the summer heat.

The Burpengary Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre has long been a community hub, and the splash pad is a welcome addition to an already impressive lineup of facilities, which include:

- an indoor heated 50 metre pool
- a heated warm water program pool
- an outdoor leisure pool
- a health club
- an onsite café.

The Burpengary Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre is ready to welcome you for a day of fun and laughter.



DIVISION 2 UPDATE With Cr Mark Booth

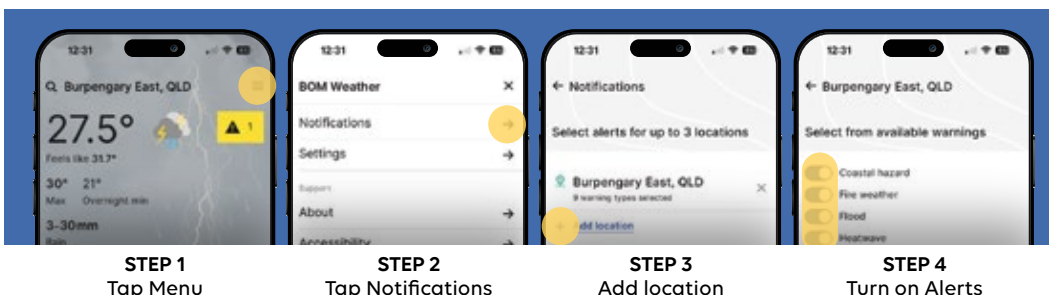
As your Councillor, I'm always inspired by the unique spirit of our community. From our thriving local businesses to the countless volunteers making a difference every day, Moreton Bay is a place we're all proud to call home. This month, I've been working on initiatives to enhance our city's liveability, including improving local parks, addressing road safety concerns, and advocating for projects that bring lasting benefits to our area. I encourage everyone to have their say on these initiatives through Council consultations - it's your feedback that shapes our decisions. I also want to highlight the importance of supporting local. Whether it's shopping at a weekend market or dining at a nearby café, every small action helps strengthen our economy. Let's continue building a connected, vibrant community together. If there's something on your mind, don't hesitate to reach out - I'm here to listen.

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3. Turn on notifications to receive alerts directly to your phone.

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Burpengary mountain bike trails: Wheely big news!

I'm so excited to share that we're moving full speed ahead with a project that's close to my heart: Div 2's first-ever mountain bike trails!

I've heard the calls for more recreational spaces for our kids, teens, and families. From the Ninja Warrior Courses in Burpengary and Beachmere to the half-court upgrades across the area, we've been delivering, but I knew we could do even more.

What's coming?

Set in the beautiful bushland adjacent to Grogan Road Park, on the edge of Burpengary and Morayfield, we're delivering 3 purpose-built mountain bike trails that feature different levels of difficulty and are designed for everyone, from beginners to experienced riders.

Subject to the final detailed design, the trails could include:

- wooden berms
- boardwalk features
- rollers
- dirt jumps and tabletops.

These trails will complement the existing 1.2 km bushwalking tracks in Grogan Road Park.

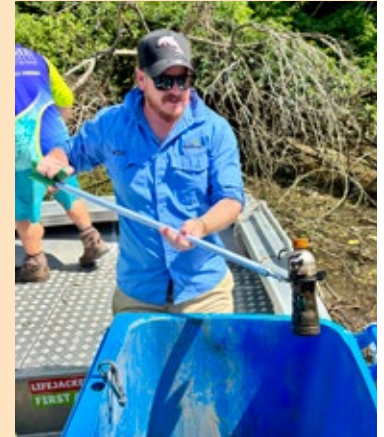
What's Next?

Council has engaged a leading industry trail company for the design and construction of the trails. The detailed design is expected to be completed by late February 2025. Construction is planned to start in March 2025 with completion by mid-2025 (weather permitting). I can't wait to see this project come to life and for our community to start making memories on these tracks.

Stay tuned for updates as construction 'ramps' up.

Cleaning up our rivers: A community effort in action

Recently, I joined the incredible team from Bamboo Projects on a cleanup mission along the Caboolture River. In just four hours, we removed over 500 litres of waste, including some rather unexpected items. It was a stark reminder of the pressing need to protect our waterways from pollution.



This effort is part of City of Moreton Bay's River Cleanup Program, which has been making a significant impact since its launch in July 2024. Weekly cleanups are conducted across the Caboolture and Pine Rivers, tackling debris and helping restore the health of our local environment.

Impressive achievements

The program's impact so far has been remarkable:

- 3,760 kg of debris has been removed from the rivers.
- That's 15,519 pieces of litter, with plastics such as food wrappers and fragments—making up most of the waste.

Breaking it down further:

- 2,120 kg of debris has been removed from the Caboolture River.
- 1,640 kg has been collected from the Pine Rivers.

This initiative is about more than removing waste. It's also about connection. Bamboo Projects, a registered mental health and disability support charity, engages individuals at risk of marginalisation to participate in cleanup activities. This fosters a sense of community, connection to culture, and pride in contributing to a healthier environment.

A massive thank you to the team at Bamboo Projects for their unwavering dedication to this cause. Their work is a shining example of how grassroots efforts can drive real change.

Want to get involved or support this vital work? Visit Bamboo Projects online and consider donating to help keep our rivers clean and vibrant. Together, we can protect Moreton Bay's natural beauty for generations to come.

Battling mosquitoes in City of Moreton Bay: How residents and Council are working together

As summer heats up, so does the buzz of mosquitoes across Moreton Bay. These tiny pests can put a damper on outdoor activities and pose a risk to health by spreading diseases like Ross River virus. Fortunately, City of Moreton Bay and residents can work together to keep mosquito numbers in check. Council takes an active role in mosquito control, focusing on reducing larvae before they can mature into adult mosquitoes. Here's how they do it:

1. Aerial treatments

Council uses helicopters to treat intertidal and mangrove areas, where saltmarsh mosquito larvae thrive after heavy rain or tides over 2.45 metres. The treatment uses *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis* (Bti), a naturally occurring bacterium that specifically targets mosquito larvae without harming humans, animals, bees, or crops.

Although these aerial treatments are highly effective, their success depends on environmental factors like tides, wind, and follow-up rainfall. You can view a list of past aerial treatments on Council's website.

2. Fogging and barrier treatments

For public areas like parks and reserves, Council employs fogging and barrier spraying to manage adult mosquito populations. Products, such as S-Methoprene, Bifenthrin, and Phenothrin, are used so as to minimise environmental impact.

City of Moreton Bay's comprehensive mosquito management program includes regular monitoring and treatment to keep populations under control. For more details about the program, you can view Council's Statement of Management Intent at:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Mosquito-Management

How residents can help:

Residents play a vital role in reducing mosquito numbers by preventing breeding in and around their homes. Here's how you can contribute:

- **Eliminate standing water:** Empty containers like plant saucers, tyres, and buckets that collect rainwater. Clean blocked gutters and regularly change the water in birdbaths and pet bowls.
- **Maintain pools and tanks:** Keep swimming pools chlorinated and ensure rainwater tanks are sealed with mosquito-proof netting.
- **Garden maintenance:** Create a frog-friendly garden or stock ornamental ponds with fish to control mosquito larvae naturally.
- **Personal protection:** Apply insect repellent when outdoors, especially at dawn and dusk. Products to reduce adult mosquitoes around the home such as sprays containing Bifenthrin, are available at hardware stores.

The midge factor

While mosquitoes are a key focus, midges also emerge in high numbers during summer. Unlike mosquitoes, midges don't carry diseases but can cause annoying bites and allergic reactions in some individuals. To reduce midge activity around your property:

- Spray garden vegetation with products containing Bifenthrin (avoiding flowering plants to protect bees).
- Use outdoor fans in entertainment areas to create air currents that midges won't enter.
- Apply repellent to exposed skin as an added measure.

By working together, we can enjoy all that Moreton Bay has to offer while minimising the impact of mosquitoes. Stay vigilant, take preventive measures, and let's beat the buzz this summer!





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 | 9am - 2pm

Redcliffe Library

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries

WHAT'S ON

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

Music in the Park

Why not catch up with family and friends or just get out and enjoy one of our city's great parks and we'll provide the entertainment!

Redcliffe - 15 Mar

Deception Bay - 30 Mar

Jazz & Shiraz

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

Bongaree - 5 Apr

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

Moreton Kids Festival

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

Sunday 9 March | 8 am - 3 pm

Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

moretonkidsfestival.com.au



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! The perfect fun-filled adventure day for families - and best of all it's free!

Tuesday 8 April

Wednesday 9 April

Morayfield Sport & Events Centre

moretonbay.link/monster-siege



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