



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jodie Shipway, Division 4



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 read '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



DIVISION 4 UPDATE

With Cr Jodie Shipway

By the time you receive this update, Christmas will be fast approaching. I hope to see many of you at one of our Christmas Carol events. North Lakes Christmas Carols is always a great afternoon out for the family!

There's plenty going on in Division 4 and City of Moreton Bay as a whole. One of the most exciting initiatives is our garden organics bin rollout. For those eligible properties, you should have received your green bin for recycling of your garden waste. Remember to store your green bin until collections start from 2 December. We are aiming to divert 15,000 tonnes of garden organic waste from landfill each year. For more information and FAQ's please check Councils website: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO.

Council recently passed our Better Housing Amendment. Back in 2021, Council started the process of proposing changes to our planning scheme to ensure a better standard of living for our residents. You asked for change, and we listened! Fast forward to September 2024 and we finally received approval from the State Government to make the proposed changes. This amendment addresses crucial housing challenges by promoting good design, varied housing options, and enhanced neighbourhoods. Major changes include enhanced parking requirements, an increase in green spaces, appropriate setbacks, and improved standards for secondary dwellings. These measures are designed to foster more attractive streetscapes, open spaces, and overall better living environments. More details are in the body of this newsletter with websites that talk to the entire process and outcomes.

As we move into this busy time of year, I remind everyone that the snap, send, solve app is the best and quickest way to log calls with Council. If you see a pothole or notice some graffiti, then this is the perfect way to report it.

Also make sure you are signed up to MoretonAlert. As we move into the storm season it's important that you are alerted early!

Have a wonderful Christmas break with your loved ones and stay safe.

Until next time..... *Jodie*

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 new venue will be funded by the State and Federal 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. They include:

	Total project cost	Federal and State Government contribution	City of Moreton Bay contribution	Other funding
Suttons Beach Pavilion Development	\$19.60 million	\$12.13 million	\$7.47 million	
Centenary Lakes Regional Playground	\$12.47 million	\$5.14 million	\$4.33 million	\$3 million*
Centenary Lakes Activation	\$9.98 million	\$5.86 million	\$4.12 million	
Bongaree to Woorim Active and Public Transport Network Connection	\$7.07 million	\$4.12 million	\$2.95 million	
The Mill Lakes Precinct Activation	\$6.05 million	\$3.10 million	\$2.95 million	
Total Funding	\$55.17 million	\$30.35 million	\$21.82 million	\$3 million

* from a Federal Government election commitment under Investing in our Communities (IIOC) Fund.

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.



Planning scheme amendment to deliver better housing for residents

City of Moreton Bay's latest update to its planning scheme will ensure sustainable and well-planned housing meets community expectations as our city grows.

Council adopted the Better Housing Amendment on 4 September, and it came into effect on 30 October, with the aim to improve the liveability of our residents, now and into the future.

Endorsed by the State Government in late August, the Better Housing Amendment reflects the state's ShapingSEQ Plan with a commitment to efficient land use, diversity of product and more homes for Queenslanders. The amendment targets five key planning policy areas raised by residents, including more off-street car parking for new houses, units and townhouses.

We will work closely with industry to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach to planning.

More information is available at: 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



New green infrastructure trial

City of Moreton Bay is trialing a new innovative wildlife egress device to improve the safety of our roads for drivers and wildlife.

The egress device functions as an 'escape hatch' and provides an opportunity for one-way movement of fauna away from the active road if they find themselves on the wrong side of fauna exclusion fencing.

This is an Australian first 'in network' trial of the device, with 16 units installed across seven council managed roads, 2 of which are located on Henry Road, Griffin.

This innovative koala escape hatch will work in conjunction with koala escape poles, which are traditionally installed over koala fencing to help koalas access safe bushland habitat.

The trial responds to recent research which suggests that koalas and other species that move across the ground may benefit from additional 'safe exit' infrastructure at ground level.

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

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.



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.

For more information, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Ready to get active?

Healthy & Active Moreton has an exciting range of free and low-cost fitness, recreation, sport and wellness activities and workshops available each week. Check out what's on in your area and get started today -

moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles



North Lakes Christmas Carols

Celebrate the festive season with joyful carols, fireworks, and family fun at North Lakes Christmas Carols!

Saturday 30 November, 4 pm - 8 pm
Kinsellas Sports Fields, North Lakes
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar



Mango Hill Christmas Carols

Come along to this free family event presented by Mango Hill Progress Association. With Santa visits from 5:45 pm and a dazzling fireworks display at 8:30 pm, this event will be sure to get you in the festive spirit. Don't forget to bring a chair and mozzie repellent.

Saturday 14 December, 5 pm - 8:45 pm
Mango Hill Community Hall,
Chermside Road, Mango Hill Village



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



WHAT'S ON

Australia Day in Moreton Bay

Make this Australia Day an absolute ripper!

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

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

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



North Lakes Library

Family History Group

Thursdays - excluding public holidays, 10 am - 12 pm

Interested in your family history or genealogy? Learn and swap research tips with other enthusiasts with our local history group.

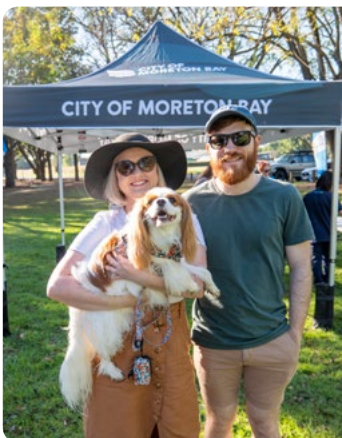
Free - All welcome.

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

Pets in Public Spaces information session

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.

Saturday 1 February, 6 am - 10 am
Aurora Boulevard Park, North Lakes
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pet-education



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