



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jodie Shipway, Division 4



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, leaves and grass clippings



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



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



DIVISION 4 UPDATE

With Cr Jodie Shipway

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025!

This year is shaping up to be another exciting year of delivering for our community across City of Moreton Bay. The introduction of our Garden Organics bins has been a great success, with residents joining us in the pledge to 'go green as we grow'!

With school back, it's great to see the addition of an extra school zone, installed on Kinsellas Road East, Mango Hill. The project involved the installation of school zone signage and pavement markings to improve safety for the children in this very busy area for many local schools. Our Safe School Travel Committee continue to meet at all schools to work together on improving infrastructure and education around active travel options to reduce traffic around our schools.

This edition includes important information on managing growth and infrastructure demands across our city. I urge you to read and if you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Until next time... *Jodie*

Park upgrades

We have some exciting park upgrades to be finalised before the end of this financial year in Division 4.

The first of these is the installation of a basketball key located at Craig Park, Mango Hill (1 Bronzewing Street). The project also includes the installation of sandstone block seating and associated landscaping.



Indicative image only

Secondly, the existing skate park at Aurora Boulevard, North Lakes is scheduled for a renewal and upgrade to improve skate-ability and meet demand for current and future users.



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Plan. Prepare. Survive. this storm season

MoretonAlert provides forecast severe weather warnings, bushfire warning messages, Council prescribed burn notifications, potential flash flooding incidents and planned dam releases within our city. Severe weather warnings will be issued when forecasts indicate an increased risk of impacts to the city.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) remains the primary information source for severe weather warnings. For the most up-to-date storm alert information and warnings, please download the BOM Weather app to your device that can tailor your warnings to up to 3 locations. Always check the BOM warning page for the most up-to-date weather alerts at bom.gov.au/qld/warnings

When a natural disaster hits, you can also have all the information you need at your fingertips using Council's Disaster Dashboard. This provides real-time updates, including details on storm intensity, weather warnings, emergency news, road closures, service updates, and plenty more as events unfold - disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

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 minimizes 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.





Infrastructure before the development, it's easy right?

Residents often advocate for infrastructure to be built before new housing developments. While this notion seems straightforward, the reality is far more complex and often misunderstood.

Firstly, funding for infrastructure is a significant concern. If Council is to cover these costs, we must consider how we would finance it. With less than 3% of all taxes flowing to councils, how would local governments fund this? This raises the question: how do we balance service delivery today with the city's infrastructure needs in the future? We're looking at billions of dollars needed over the next 30 years to support growth.

If developers are tasked with funding infrastructure, it raises legal issues around how Council can charge for something that isn't formally approved yet. Would this lead to approval of developments simply because infrastructure had been built beforehand, potentially leading to poorly planned neighbourhoods? Furthermore, if infrastructure is built but no development occurs promptly, could this be seen as a waste of ratepayer money?

It's crucial to note that developers are already required to deliver necessary infrastructure at the time their projects are approved to ensure there is "no net worsening" of existing networks. This includes essential services such as roads, stormwater management, water, sewerage, and parks, usually provided concurrently with the developments.

Current statistics show rapid population growth in our area, increasing from more than 510,000 residents now to an expected 792,700 by 2046, necessitating the construction of about 97 new dwellings weekly (2021 to 2046). Requiring developers to supply all infrastructure upfront could dramatically raise project costs, making housing developments unfeasible or leading to significantly higher prices for new homes—factors that already threaten housing affordability in Moreton Bay.

I understand and empathise with community concerns about infrastructure. I once shared this perspective before exploring the practical implications. Unfortunately, the question of how this infrastructure gap will be funded remains a current challenge for all levels of government and the development industry.



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

WHAT'S ON

Drive-In Movie in the Park

Experience the wonder of E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial under the stars or in the comfort of your vehicle at this drive in movie in the park event. Registrations are required for vehicles, and spaces are limited. Once car places are filled there will be plenty of space in front of the screen to roll out the picnic rug or chair and enjoy the film under the stars.

Saturday 22 February
6 pm - 9 pm

Ferrier Road Park, Narangba

NEW DATE!

Splash & Play @ The Mill Water Park

Join the Splash and Play event in Moreton Bay for a fun-filled day of water activities, live music, and family entertainment!

Saturday 1 March, 8 am - 12 pm
The Mill Water Park, Petrie
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)

Music in the Park

Join us at one of our Music in the Park events in March to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of live local music and delicious food at one of these fantastic community events!

Saturday 15 March | 1 pm - 5 pm
Suttons Beach, Redcliffe

Sunday 30 March | 1 pm - 5 pm
Apex Park, Deception Bay

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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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