



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Adam Hain, Division 3



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 black 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

Caboolture gets the largest share!

Out of the recent SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund announcement there is **\$55 million** of funding for five major projects across City of Moreton Bay. Caboolture scores the lions share across two huge projects with **\$22 million** coming our way.

The five citywide projects include, Suttons Beach Pavilion Development (**\$19.6 million**), Bongaree to Woorim Active and Public Transport Network Connection (**\$7 million**), The Mill Lakes Precinct Activation (**\$6 million**), Centenary Lakes Regional Playground (**\$12.5 million**) and Centenary Lakes Activation (**\$10 million**).

These projects will be delivered in an even three-way split in funding, from federal, state and local governments. The Regional Playground is also receiving an additional **\$3 million** in funding from the Investing in Our Communities Program from the Federal Government.

The two Caboolture projects include a zero-depth splash park and adventure playground, and waterfront embellishments along Esme Avenue with improved connections to Elliott Street's active transport facilities.

Project 1: Centenary Lakes Regional Playground \$12.5 million!

This project will include a large regional level, all-ages, all-abilities playground. This includes an accessible zero-depth splash park water play space, adventure and nature play areas, dog off-leash area relocation, changing places amenities, car park and associated pathways, softscape, hardscape, and services consistent with the master plan. The detailed design phase is scheduled to be completed mid 2025 with construction expected to be completed late 2026.



Merry Christmas Division 3!

I hope you have had a good year and trust you are getting into the Christmas spirit. I hope you all have a great end to the year and a Merry Christmas, let's recharge and get ready for another cracker year in 2025!

Don't forget the Caboolture Christmas Carols event on Sunday 1 December at Centenary Lakes. We've got a great line up with stage events, roving performers, food vans and of course a visit from Santa along with a fireworks finale!

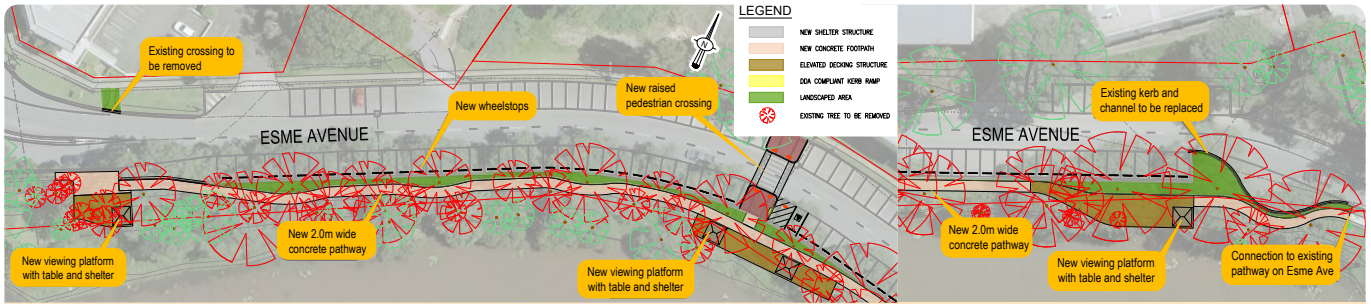
Council's Administration and Customer Service Centres will close from 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December 2024 until 8:30 am on Thursday 2 January 2025.

Council's call centre will continue to operate, including responding to emergency matters on 3205 0555 or 1300 477 161.

Household waste collection services will operate as normal. For detailed closure information please visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/closures.

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Divisional news from your local Councillor Adam Hain



2. Centenary Lakes Activation: \$10 million!

Project 2.1: Esme Avenue - Caboolture River Pathway

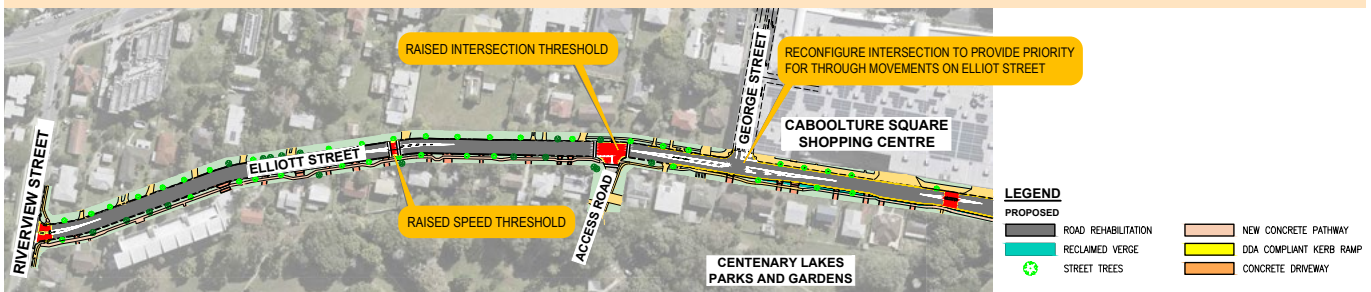
This project is located over a 250m section of Esme Avenue in Caboolture. The project involves construction of a 2-metre-wide shared concrete pathway on the waterfront, including observation resting spots facing towards Centenary Lakes. The objective of the project is to create a high-quality walking environment to encourage increased levels of walking and cycling in and around the Caboolture CBD.

The Esme Avenue shared pathway aims to provide an active transport facility that the community will be enticed to utilise. The project will improve the access to the lakes at Caboolture, provide an active transport link along Esme Avenue, and create that vital link up to Lower King Street.

The project includes construction of:

- a two-metre wide concrete pathway
- elevated decking structures
- a raised pedestrian crossing connecting with existing stairs at the rear of 6-8 King Street
- a parking bay for people with disability.

Council is aware of the local demand for car parking, the design aims to minimise the impact on the existing car parking.



Project 2.2: Elliott Street transport improvements

This project will deliver much needed improvements that are all about providing a safer environment for road users with a big focus on pedestrian safety.

The key improvements to be delivered include re-prioritisation at the George Street/shopping centre intersection exit onto Elliott Street. To reduce confusion for road users, this intersection will be reconfigured to prioritise through movements on Elliott Street. This will include:

- Realignment of the existing medians
- A dedicated right turn lane from Elliott Street into George Street/shopping centre
- Dedicated left and right turn lanes from George Street/the shopping centre into Elliott Street
- Improved road pavement markings including coloured pavement thresholds
- Medians (splitter islands), and vehicle speed reducing platforms will be installed to help control traffic speed
- Improved pedestrian connections with new/wider pathways, kerb ramps at crossing locations, a new pedestrian refuge and more street trees.



Caboolture River Road corridor improvement gets mobile

As you may already know, Caboolture River Road is set to receive a series of major improvements, recognising the importance of this east-west transport corridor. The upgrades will see this part of our road network transformed from a two-lane undivided road into an enhanced four-lane carriageway that will better meet growing community needs. At this time, road construction work on the section from Morayfield Road to Grant Road is expected to get underway in 2026, subject to the relevant approvals being obtained. You will likely see some early works commence in 2025 as water, sewer, telecommunication and electricity services are relocated ahead of the major construction works.

Key features of this project include:

- Widening Caboolture River Road between Grant Road and Morayfield Road to provide two traffic lanes in each direction (four lanes in total) with a central median
- Installing additional traffic turning lanes at key intersections
- Installing new traffic lights at the intersection of Amy and Kenneth Streets
- Upgrading the existing traffic lights at Grant Road and Morayfield Road
- Changing access at Ben Street and Lorebury Drive to left in/left out only
- Installing new cycling and pedestrian paths on both sides of the road.

To stay informed about this much-needed improvement, you're encouraged to register your details via the project's web page so you receive updates as the project progresses. While at the web page, make sure to check out the latest plans. Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/caboolture-river-road

The map below shows the location of improvement works. Caboolture River Road is highlighted in three different coloured symbols that reflect the three projects.

The section shown as:

- **Blue squares** - Project 1 which incorporates Morayfield Road to Grant Road delivered by Council.
- **Orange dashes** - Project 2 which incorporates Grant Road to Walkers Road. This 1.5 km road upgrade is being funded and delivered by Stockland under an infrastructure agreement conditioned by Council and linked to one of the new developments within Waraba.
- **Purple dots** - Project 3 which incorporates Walkers Road to Crome Court. This 1.3 km section is being funded and delivered by Land Owners Group (the first to start building the new suburb of Waraba) under an infrastructure agreement conditioned by Council.





Caboolture Christmas Carols

Experience the holiday spirit with festive tunes, Christmas-themed activities, fireworks, and magical moments for the whole family!

Sunday 1 December, 4 pm - 8 pm
Centenary Lakes, Caboolture
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)

WHAT'S ON

Caboolture Library

Make a felt Christmas ornament

Use our Cricut Maker 3 machines to design and cut a felt ornament. Add beads and other embellishments for a beautiful handmade gift. For adults. Free.

Bookings required.

Wednesday 20 Nov, 9 am

Thursday 21 Nov, 2 pm



Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

Maximum Madness:

Art Inspired by Mad Max
4 December to 8 March,
Tue - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm



Frank Grohier, *Max Rockatansky*, 2023. Black wattle, flattened baked bean tins, sheet aluminium, etch primer, nails, artist acrylic and found objects. Courtesy of the artist.

For more library, gallery and museum events visit
moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Music in the Park

Enjoy a relaxing Australia Day at Music in the Park, Bribie Island, featuring live performances, great vibes, and a beautiful outdoor setting!

Saturday 26 January, 1 pm - 5 pm
Brennan Park, Bongaree
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
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Keep a watch out on Caboolture Historical Village's social media and website for some exciting changes to their Australia Day celebrations!
historicalvillage.com.au



Moreton Bay Lunar New Year Festival

Celebrate the Lunar New Year in Moreton Bay with vibrant performances, traditional cuisine, and cultural festivities!

Saturday 8 February, 3 pm - 8 pm
Caboolture Town Square
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
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