



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Brooke Savige, Division 1



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





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

How to contact Council

The quickest and easiest way to have your requests and enquiries actioned is to contact Council's Customer Service team.

Call: **07 3205 0555**

Email: council@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Customer Service can assist with:

- Rates and payments
- Animal enquiries
- Tree/garden maintenance
- Bins
- Park equipment
- Roads and drains
- Applications and enquiries

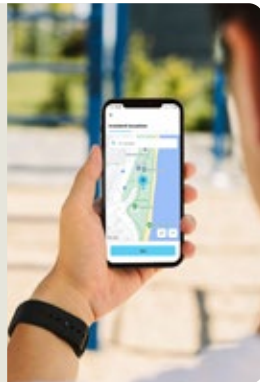
Snap Send Solve

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



Dive into fun with Learn to Swim classes

Our classes, available for all skill levels, provide essential water safety and swimming skills for children and adults alike. Whether you're dipping your toes in or already making waves, our skilled instructors will help you build confidence, strength, and safety in the water. With multiple locations across Moreton Bay, it's easy to "seas" the chance to stay active and enjoy a splash-tacular time. Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pools to make a splash in your wellness journey today!



DIVISION 1 UPDATE With Cr Brooke Savage

Happy New Year! It is difficult to comprehend that we are already in February, 2025 is flying by at a rapid rate.

This year is looking to be just as full as previous years with many projects, programs and events set to be rolled out.

Healthy and Active Moreton continues to be a much loved component of our Council offerings and the school holidays activity program was also well received through the Christmas holidays.

We will continue to see significant works happening across our Division in the coming months including further footpath works, road resurfacing and other improvement projects. Thank you for your patience as these works are undertaken.

I would like to take this opportunity to kick start the year with a special thank you to each and every person who volunteers in our community. Your generosity, kindness and support for those around you does not go unnoticed and is appreciated by our community.



Moreton Says - survey opening soon

Our next *Moreton Says* survey will be opening on 7 March until 6 April 2025.

The survey is your chance to share what matters most to you and your community.

Since *Moreton Says* launched in 2021, more than 24,600 surveys have been completed. This has allowed us to better bring the views, needs, priorities and aspirations of our communities into Council's decision-making.

To learn more or to register to receive notifications about *Moreton Says*, visit moretonbay.link/moreton-says

Go paperless! Receive your rates and reminders by email

Experience an easy and sustainable way to manage your rate notices and reminders - by going paperless! Instead of waiting for your rates to arrive in the mail, you can receive them directly to your inbox. Switching to eRates is not only convenient, but it's also better for the environment.

Signing up is simple. Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/eRates and follow the quick registration process. Make the switch today and enjoy the benefits of going paperless!

Division 1 mobile office

1st Monday of every month

10am to 12 pm, Bribie Island Library

12:30pm to 1 pm, CJ's Pastries, Ningi

1:30pm to 2:30pm, Toorbul Community Hall

3 pm to 3:30 pm, Pumicestone Park, 15 Alice Street, Donnybrook

3rd Thursday of every month

9 am to 9:45 am, Sandstone Point Bakehouse

10 am to 10:45 am, Cafe 191, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre

11 am to 11:45 am, Sunset Pier Cafe, Bellara

12:15 pm to 1 pm, Bluey Piva Park, Woorim

Amendments to Beachmere Dog Off-Leash Area and foreshore recreation area

Beachmere Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) boundaries have changed to protect shorebirds who call our beautiful beaches home. The Beachmere coastline not only provides amazing recreational areas for people, their dogs and their horses, but it also provides valuable feeding and roosting grounds.

The Beachmere DOLA and recreation area boundary changes came into effect on 3 February 2025 and bring our foreshore areas into line with State and Federal Government legislation.

Dog off-leash activities will now be reduced to one DOLA at the southern point of the Beachmere foreshore between Biggs Avenue and the second footbridge 400m south of the entrance. The northern DOLA is now an on-leash area, and the previous horse and dog on-leash area is now exclusively dedicated to horses. You can view all of these changes at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Dog-Parks-and-Beaches.

We ask that you please abide by the new DOLA boundaries and practice responsible pet ownership when exercising your dogs. Penalties apply to those who do not follow the new rules.

These changes to the DOLA boundaries may impact some residents who have used the foreshore area for dog and horse exercise. We appreciate your understanding of our requirements to balance the needs of the community and our commitment to maintaining the beautiful environment we call home.



Way Street Park, Meldale

I am very pleased to see the completion of the playground renewal on this park for our Meldale residents. It was wonderful to see the children playing on this new equipment over the Christmas holidays.



Pebble Point Basketball Court

The basketball court at Sandstone Point has now been renovated with a new surface and new line markings. The court is now a dual use court, for both basketball and pickleball. This is such a popular space and it is so great to see it being well used by the community.

Treefrog Street Park, Ningi

Keep an eye out for works starting soon at Treefrog Street Park. The installation of fitness equipment, shelter and seating will begin soon.

Plan. Prepare. Survive. this storm season

This year we've already had plenty of storms roll through. Here is a reminder of what to do to keep your home safe and comfortable during potential power outages.

- **Charge up:** Make sure your phones, power banks, and other devices are fully charged in advance.
- **Stock up:** Have flashlights and batteries ready in your emergency kit for when the lights go out.
- **Food and water:** Pack non-perishable food and bottled water in your emergency kit to last through any prolonged outages.
- **Fuel up:** Keep your car's tank full in case petrol stations are affected.
- **Turn off appliances:** Unplug sensitive electronics to prevent damage from power surges when electricity returns.
- **Keep it cool:** Resist opening your fridge and freezer to keep food cold for longer.
- **Stay informed:** Follow updates through your phone or a battery-powered radio to stay on top of news.

For real-time updates on road closures, sandbag stations, and power outages, visit our disaster dashboard at disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Be a good neighbour: Reducing noise, light, and dust

Council receives over 750 complaints each year about neighbourhood nuisances such as noise, light, and dust. With smaller lot sizes, even minor disruptions can significantly impact those around us. It's important to be mindful of how our activities affect our neighbours.

Here are a few simple steps to help reduce nuisance impacts:

Talk to your neighbour: Check with your neighbour about their schedule before starting noisy tasks. You may be able to adjust your timing to when they're not home.

Use your garage or shed: If possible, carry out noisy activities in an enclosed space to minimise disturbance.

Strategically place equipment: Position air-conditioner compressors or pool pumps away from bedrooms or living spaces to avoid creating unnecessary noise.

By taking these small steps, we can all contribute to a peaceful and considerate community.

Let's work together to keep our neighbourhoods enjoyable for everyone!



Jazz & Shiraz

Immerse yourself in fantastic melodies and exquisite wines at Jazz & Shiraz Bribie Island. Prepare for a laid-back afternoon at Brennan Park, sipping wine and enjoying jazz.

Saturday 5 April, 1 pm - 5 pm

Brennan Park, Bribie Island
[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)

WHAT'S ON

Bribie Island Library

Craft Group

Tuesdays, 10 am - 12 pm

Quiet Hour

Tuesdays, 5 pm - 6 pm

Story Dogs

Thursdays, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Goldies

Seniors Cuppa Catch Up

1st Monday of the month
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Storytime

Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays
9:30 am - 10 am

Playtime

Mondays and Fridays
10 am - 10:30 am

Park Tales | Brennan Park

Fortnightly on Saturdays,
9:30 am - 10 am & 10:30 am - 11 am

Weaving on Yarun

Last Monday of the month
10 am - 12 pm

Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Saturdays, 9:30 am - 10 am

Genealogy Help

2nd Monday & Wednesday of
the month, 9 am - 1 pm

LEGO Engineers Club

2nd Tuesday & 3rd Friday of the
month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

LOUD (Ages 12 - 17)

1st Friday of the month
6 pm - 8 pm

Messy Play

Friday 14 February, 10 am - 11 am

Book Discussion Group

2nd Friday of the month,
2 pm - 3 pm

For more details on
library events visit

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
libraries](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries)

Movie in the Park

Enjoy a magical evening under the stars with a free, family-friendly movie, plus food trucks and kids activities

Saturday 12 April, 5 pm - 8 pm

**Sandstone Point Community Centre,
Sandstone Point**

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Bribie Island Seaside Museum

Our Story Live: Discover Osprey House
Thursday 13 February, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Mission X

8 March - 4 May

Our Story Live: The History of Moreton Bay @war
Thursday 13 March, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Preservation Station

Thursdays, 10:30 am



Mobile Library

Beachmere

Every Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Toorbul

Every second Thursday, 9:30 am - 11 am

Donnybrook

Every second Thursday, 12 pm - 1:30 pm

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