



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, leaves and grass clippings



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



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

Dumping's a drag - help us keep our city clean

Illegal dumping is a serious issue in City of Moreton Bay, posing a threat to our natural environment, primary industries, health, and the overall beauty of our city. From garden organic waste to industrial materials, illegally dumped items can have devastating consequences and it's up to all of us to keep our community clean and safe.

Fines can range from \$322 for general littering to a maximum penalty of \$161,300 for blatant illegal dumping by an individual, and up to \$806,500 for corporations. These penalties are set by state law and regulated by Council to protect our environment and keep Moreton Bay beautiful.

To avoid hefty fines and protect our beautiful city, dispose of waste legally and responsibly:

- Use designated waste facilities for disposal needs including bulky items and follow directions to dispose correctly.
- For garden organic waste, such as lawn clippings and branches cut to size, use your new kerbside garden organics (GO) lime green-lidded bin, a gardener or collection contractor to dispose of it correctly, compost it or dispose at Council waste facilities.
 - But remember, never dispose of things like plastic bags, general or food waste or compostable materials in your GO bin.
- Check with charity staff before leaving donations to ensure items are suitable and left at the right time.
- Only use skip bins you have ordered or have permission to use.

If you spot illegal dumping, you can report it through the Snap, Send, Solve app or contact Council on 3205 0555. Let's all do our part to keep Moreton Bay beautiful.

For more information visit

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/illegal-dumping

Recycling at City of Moreton Bay Waste Facilities

Your local waste facility is a great place to drop off many recyclable materials. Did you know that we accept over 30 categories of waste for recycling at our facilities? Visit moretonbay.link/recyclewaste to explore more about recycling in Moreton Bay.

New green infrastructure trial

City of Moreton Bay is trialling 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. 16 units have been installed across seven Council managed roads. 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.

Gordon Road & Ferny Way progress

At the time of writing, the project was almost complete.

While the understandable weather delays have been frustrating, it is important to remember the outcome of this project will include:

- installation of traffic signals
- additional traffic lanes to separate through-traffic and turning traffic
- signalised pedestrian crossings at the intersection
- new shared cycle and footpath linking Samford Road & Gordon Road
- landscaping and street lighting
- road pavement reconstruction.



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 minimises 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.



Better Housing Amendment

City of Moreton Bay is embarking on a transformative journey with the recent implementation of the Better Housing Amendment. Approved by the State Government, this update to our planning scheme aligns with the ShapingSEQ 2023 Plan, targeting sustainable growth and diverse housing options. Addressing critical housing challenges, the amendment encourages well-designed secondary dwellings and increases green spaces, directly responding to community needs. As we face a projected population of 792,700 by 2046, accommodating a projected 97 new homes each week (2021 to 2046) is essential. While infrastructure development is often seen as a prerequisite for housing, requiring developers to fund it upfront risks making projects unaffordable. Instead, this amendment promotes smart growth strategies, emphasising infill development that preserves our environment. Let's embrace this opportunity, balancing housing demands with community expectations and ensuring a vibrant, liveable Moreton Bay for all. The time for thoughtful action is now!

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!



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!

Locals of all ages are ready to GO!

Like the recycling bin that was added to our waste service, the Garden Organics (GO) bin is the next evolution of managing waste and waste facilities across City of Moreton Bay. Most importantly it is a legacy decision that will help future generations, and it is great to see them excited about their new bins.



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 March, 6 am - 10 am

Sylvia Gibbs Park, Everton Hills

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Pet-Education



2024 carols success

The 2024 Hills Community Carols were finally blessed with some great weather after a few years of rain interruptions.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers that coordinated the event, the feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive and your efforts over many decades have been greatly appreciated.

After many decades, 2025 will see a number of members stepping down from the organising committee and the new community groups and volunteers are needed to take the event forward. If you or your community group are interested please reach out to the Carols committee directly via their social media or website.



Jazz and Shiraz Albany Creek

Albany Creek's first Jazz & Shiraz event at Lemke Park was a great success. We hope you all enjoyed the day and the enormous conga line that was formed! So much fun!

Jazz & Shiraz will be returning as part of Hills Festival in 2025.

Hills Festival May 2025 - Be part of the fun!

I'm sure we are all looking forward to Hills Festival 2025. Planning is almost complete, so if your business or community group would like to host an event as part of the 2025 Hills Festival calendar, now is the time reach out to the Division 10 office and we can put you in touch with the Hills Festival planners.

Grants opportunities may exist, so get in touch quickly!

WHAT'S ON

Arana Hills Library

Hydroponics Essentials

Tuesday 11 Feb
2 pm - 3 pm

Family History group

1st Tuesday of the month
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Arana Hills Knitting Group

Thursdays, 10 am - 12 pm

Storytime

Tue, Wed, Thurs,
10:30 am - 11 am

Albany Creek Library

LEGO Engineers Club

1st & 3rd Friday of the month
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Sew a quilted coaster

Thursday 20 February
9 am - 11 am

Next Chapter Book Club

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the
month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Bridge Club

Every Monday
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Cricut framed quote

Thursday 6 March
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Create a personalised picture featuring your favourite inspirational quote in a photo frame. Free. Bookings required.

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



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