



## Community News

Brought to you by Cr Yvonne Barlow, Division 7



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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](https://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  
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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](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO)



## Singh Sabha Brisbane soccer tournament

Singh Sabah Brisbane held their Soccer Tournament at John Oxley Reserve on Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs.

Wow! What a huge event. There were over 2,000 people in attendance, I've never seen the area so full of cars. The event was a sea of soccer players and their supportive families. So much traditional food, fun and laughter. Congratulations to the organisers, it was a magnificent display for everyone to enjoy.



## November Citizenship Ceremony

There was a huge crowd at the Morayfield Sport and Events Centre to welcome 447 new Australian citizens and their friends and families. They've come from far and wide across the world to call our beautiful Moreton Bay home. And why wouldn't they? From the mountains to the mangroves, from beaches to the bush, our city is as diverse as the people who live here!



I would like to thank all the schools and community groups that invited me to participate in their end of year celebrations to round out 2024. We had graduations, academic awards, sports awards, Christmas concerts and Christmas lunches to name a few. I am so proud to be able to support our local schools. Congratulations to Dakabin State School, Dakabin State High School, Murrumba Downs Secondary College, Undurba State School and Kallangur State School for hosting the celebrations. What a fantastic year you all had.



## DIVISION 7 UPDATE

With Cr Yvonne Barlow

Welcome Division 7 to 2025!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year spent with family and friends.

If 2024 taught us anything it is that the years are going by extremely fast and this year in Division 7 we plan on packing in as much as possible.

From community events to new infrastructure in our beautiful parks, to vital road upgrades, and everything in between, this year we have more exciting projects coming, stay tuned for updates.

Have you spotted the new light display along Anzac Avenue, Kallangur? They look fantastic! I hope you all love them as much as I do. Our team has done a great job.

It takes a village to keep our community spaces looking great all year round, so thank you to everyone that has assisted with reporting any maintenance issues that needed attention.

## Snap Send Solve

The Snap Send Solve app offers residents a simple and quick way to report problems across the city. Simply snap an image, confirm the location and the issue is sent directly to the relevant authority to solve. You can download the app on your phone's app store for free. For more information visit [snapsendsolve.com](https://snapsendsolve.com)



### Zimbabwe Queensland Community Council

It was a great pleasure to be invited to the vibrant Annual Spring Fest hosted by the Zimbabwe Queensland Community Council.

Congratulations to Dr. Wonder Chimoyo for organising this fabulous event at Wendy Allison Park in Strathpine.

It was a very vibrant and wonderful event which I enjoyed with my fellow City of Moreton Bay Councillors, Cr Cath Tonks and Cr Jim Moloney plus our Federal Senator Paul Scarr. This was a fantastic multicultural event and I really enjoyed meeting the wonderful African community leaders, President Beny Bol, Adhis Cole, Robert Mukombozi, and Antony Mbugua from Kenyans in Queensland.

### U3A volunteer lunch at Old Petrie Town

Thank you U3A for a fabulous get-together for your volunteer thank you lunch at Old Petrie Town. Great venue and great company! Congratulations to Bronwyn, Joy and Laurel, you are living proof that age is just a number.



### Brisbane North Cricket cap presentations

What a fabulous night at Brisbane North Cricket cap presentations. Congratulations to Ian Reeves JP and the team for their training and encouragement of cricket advancement in young people. It was great to see Hugh Weibhen at the event presenting caps to the juniors as he was Captain for Australia in under 19 cricket.



### Beverley Court Park upgrade

Beverley Court Park in Griffin has been upgraded! Thanks to a \$594,000 upgrade the park offers improved amenities for everyone to enjoy including:

- Shaded picnic shelter, BBQ area, and comfy seating
- Extra junior play equipment, a three-bay swing set, wheelchair-accessible carousel, and an obstacle/fitness course
- New shade sails, pathways and beautiful tree plantings
- A basketball half court.

It's the perfect place to relax, have fun, and make some memories for years to come.





### **Old Gympie Road corridor upgrade**

You may have noticed works are underway to relocate overhead and underground power along Old Gympie Road between Hight Street and Viney Avenue. These works will pave the way for a future package of works to upgrade the Old Gympie Road corridor between Boundary Road, Dakabin and Anzac Avenue, Kallangur.

Detailed design has begun on this package and includes upgrading the 4.7 km stretch of road to four lanes, multiple new traffic lights and intersection upgrades, new active transport facilities, landscaping, storm water upgrades, and new street lighting. Completion of the detailed design is expected by late-2025 with construction to begin in 2026.

The Old Gympie Road corridor is a key arterial that currently carries roughly 20,000 vehicles per day, that number is expected to increase to roughly 30,000 over the coming years. As our population continues to grow, it is important to upgrade the road corridor to address increased traffic and congestion. I'm proud to say the detailed design package will include upgrades to intersections around Kallangur State School and North Pine Christian College.

For more information on the project, visit [moretonbay.link/Old-Gympie-Road-Upgrade](https://moretonbay.link/Old-Gympie-Road-Upgrade)



### **Blatchford Reserve scooter track**

Great news! The Blatchford Reserve scooter track in Murrumba Downs is now open for little ones to enjoy. Located just to the right of the existing pump track, the new scooter track was built with safety in mind. Sharing the same space with speeding bikes posed challenges for younger kids, so now they have their own safe area to enjoy. Why not bring your littlies down? There's also plenty of shade, so it's a great place for the whole family to relax and have fun. See you there!



### **Riverview Park, Griffin**

This long-awaited park is finally becoming a reality. The playground equipment will certainly be well-used and located for easy access for children. Shade has also been addressed, making it a welcoming space for families. With the tender now accepted, we're excited to begin construction on this park in 2025.

## Christmas Spectacular

Wow! What a fabulous night for our Murrumba Christmas Spectacular held on the 7 December at John Oxley Reserve. There was a huge crowd, with thousands of people keeping the food vendors busy and the fireworks finale didn't disappoint. City of Moreton Bay is proud to present this fabulous event. Well done to everyone who made this evening special.



## Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards

Congratulations to all the entrants of the 2024 City of Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards. The quality of the entries was amazing.

Subscribe to Galleries & Museums e-newsletter to receive reminders about entering this year's Youth Art Awards at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums/Newsletters](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums/Newsletters)



## Moreton Kids Festival

Join us for a day jam-packed with endless excitement and joy - the ultimate kids day out! Tickets on sale now.

**Sunday 9 March | 8 am - 3 pm**  
Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine  
[moretonkidsfestival.com.au](https://moretonkidsfestival.com.au)



# WHAT'S ON

## 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**

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

### 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 5 April**

**7 am - 11 am**

**Penson Park, Kallangur**

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



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