



Community News

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Creating a resilient city

Resilience starts with the community and once again City of Moreton Bay banded together to show its spirit in the face of a potential natural disaster.

While Tropical Cyclone Alfred didn't quite hit with the gusto that was initially forecast, we still received over 300 requests for fallen trees, there were 62,000 properties affected by power outages, over 120 roads were flooded, and 1,800 tasks were recorded with the Moreton Bay SES Unit.

It took a major effort from residents, emergency responders and Council staff working together to get the city ready to face the cyclone and then back on its feet as soon as possible.

Our Local Disaster Coordination Centre worked day and night to manage the preparation and response, while providing key information to the public and emergency services. Part of that included the distribution of over 3,000 tonnes of sand and over 300,000 sandbags in three days,

which is three times the amount we had ever gone through for a single weather event. We applaud everyone for their preparation, patience and understanding through such a stressful time.

Our City Flood Database and flood mapping was updated in late February, and was critical to accurately predict potential flooding around the city and send real-time messages through our MoretonAlert system.

Look out for our 'Know Your Risk' campaign, so you can understand your risk to floods, and update your emergency plans to prepare for the next flood event.

We'll be rolling out a number of projects and initiatives, all outlined in our Environment and Sustainability Strategy, over the coming years to continually build on our city's resilience to all natural hazards.



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

It's in times of disaster that you really understand just how resilient and supportive our community is. Tropical Cyclone Alfred tested us, but our community spirit shone through. Thank you to all of you, our residents, who worked alongside our emergency responders and the Council team to ready the city for the cyclone, and then again in the aftermath.

It was timely that our City Flood Database and flood mapping had only recently been updated, ensuring a more accurate response to potential flooding risk. This new flood mapping also means residents themselves can more easily access, and better understand, their own flood risk. Be sure to download your Flood Check Property Report and familiarise yourself with the Moreton Bay Flood Viewer.

We're also continuing to advocate to other levels of government for funding to support our city's growth, liveability, sustainability and resilience. As part of this, we're seeking \$30 million to build a new Local Disaster Coordination Centre in Petrie, which will better support first responders and communication during emergencies. You can read more about our priorities at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/matters

Know your risk

Know your flood risk

New flood mapping is now available, using updated data and technology for greater accuracy. Some areas now show higher or lower risk. Check your Flood Check Property Report and explore the Moreton Bay Flood Viewer to understand your risk.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/knowyourrisk

Keep your pet's details up to date

Have you moved house in the past year? Has your cat or dog recently been desexed or microchipped or sadly passed away? Keeping your pet's registration details up to date ensures we maintain accurate records and helps us reunite you with your furry friend if they go missing.

Update your pet's details today at

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animals

GO like a PRO!

Residential properties with a land size smaller than 300 or larger than 2,000 square metres can now apply to opt in to the GO service. Additional GO bins can also be requested. Remember, only garden organics material is accepted in your GO bin. Please ensure no contamination of any kind is disposed into your bin. For more info or to apply visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO

Hints to keep your bin as fresh as possible

- Line your bin with leaves or sticks first and add lawn clippings last.
- Put your bin out for collection every fortnight. This reduces odour!
- Mow your lawn as close to bin collection day as possible.



This initiative is supported by the Queensland Government's Recycling and Jobs Fund



Volunteer with Council

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, gain valuable job experience, and make a difference in City of Moreton Bay.

We have a range of volunteer opportunities available to choose from to suit your lifestyle. Opportunities include getting involved in our Bushcare program, or helping as a grounds or engagement volunteer at our Environment centres.

To find out more information on how you can get involved, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers



I spy with my little eye, birds!

Birdwatching is an affordable and fun hobby for people of all ages and abilities.

City of Moreton Bay has over 30 locations where you can spy a range of native birds. Get your binoculars and look for kookaburras, kingfishers, honeyeaters, owls, parrots and more. Why not make a day out of it! Most areas are wheelchair accessible with barbecues, picnic tables, toilets, and bushwalking trails.

For more information on popular locations, visit

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/birdwatching



Building a brighter future

City of Moreton Bay is committed to forward-thinking, community-focused infrastructure that enhances liveability, connectivity, and opportunity. With our population expected to reach nearly 800,000 by 2046, it's important we plan and invest in key projects and infrastructure that ensure we are future-ready.

From the potential mixed-use community development at 303 Dawson Parade to the revised master plan for James Drysdale Reserve, we are planning vibrant, inclusive and connected spaces that will serve the local community for years to come.

The 303 Dawson Parade project aims to deliver a modern community hub, connected

to community services like a PCYC, library, and community centre while exploring opportunities for new commercial and residential elements that support a thriving local economy.

Meanwhile, we've been working on a draft revised master plan for James Drysdale Reserve which aims to unlock new sporting opportunities, ensuring families and athletes can continue to engage with the variety of community, sport and recreation activities at this site. As we progress the final master plan, I'd like to thank everyone who has provided feedback on this project to date.

Through our strategic planning, we are shaping a stronger, smarter, and more connected city.



Ready to move, groove, and thrive?

Make every day an adventure with Healthy Active Moreton! From free to low-cost activities, we've got something for everyone, no matter your age or ability. Whether you're diving into yoga, hitting the trails, or trying something new, it's never been easier (or more fun!) to stay active.

Join the movement today and let's make 2025 your most vibrant year yet!

Find your activity and get started now at moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles



Food safety in Moreton Bay

Did you know City of Moreton Bay licenses over 2,000 food businesses?

We're committed to supporting best-practice safety standards and we conduct regular inspections to ensure businesses comply with the *Food Act 2006*.

If you ever have concerns about food safety, you can report it at moretonbay.link/food-business-complaints.



Council is backing our local community groups

From hosting community events and fundraisers to upgrading facilities, developing volunteer skills, and purchasing essential equipment, Council grants are here to support great initiatives across our communities.

If your community group has a project that needs a boost, explore our funding options today:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants



National Simultaneous Storytime

Join children from all over Australia and New Zealand for National Simultaneous Storytime as we read *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell. Facilitated by our friendly staff. National Simultaneous storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Free. No bookings required.

Wednesday 21 May | 11 am to 11:30 am

All Libraries

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries

A bold vision for the future of our community

Exciting changes are on the horizon for the Hills District, as City of Moreton Bay takes the next step in revitalising our beloved community spaces. Imagine a modern, purpose-built PCYC, library, and community centre—all in one central location—designed to serve our growing population for generations to come. That vision is now taking shape at 303 Dawson Parade, Arana Hills.

Since 2019, City of Moreton Bay has been strategically planning how to enhance community facilities while protecting green space and ensuring financial sustainability. At the time we encouraged the community to “think bold and think different”. Now, with community consultation completed and more than 670 residents sharing their ideas, we’re moving to the next stage: exploring bold, innovative ways to bring this vision to life.

A community hub in the heart of the Hills

The site’s central location makes it the perfect place to co-locate these essential services. Close to shops, transport links, and professional services, this future hub will make it easier than ever for residents to access learning, fitness, and community programs.

Best of all, green space will be retained and enhanced, ensuring this development complements—not competes with—our natural environment. Inspired by successful projects around the world, this approach will deliver world class amenities while maintaining our area’s unique charm.

Exploring new opportunities

While the focus remains on delivering essential community facilities, Council is open to exploring innovative development opportunities that could incorporate residential or commercial elements to help ensure financial sustainability. Through the market sounding process, we’re inviting industry leaders to present creative ideas that align with our three key project criteria: delivering essential community facilities (Community Centre, PCYC and Library), retaining green space, and ensuring cost-neutrality.

Next steps

As we progress, community input remains vital and further community engagement and updates will occur at the end of the market sounding process. We encourage you to stay informed, as we work together to build a more connected, vibrant future for the Hills District. Visit the project page for updates and opportunities to get involved. Search “Hills District Community Place” on our website.

How can I dispose of hazardous waste?

Disposing of household hazardous waste in your City of Moreton Bay kerbside bins puts the safety of our truck drivers, waste facility staff and our community at risk. Visit [moretonbay.link/hazardouswaste](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/hazardouswaste) to find out how and where to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste.

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.



Anywhere Festival

The fifth annual Anywhere Festival Moreton Bay will be taking over the nooks and crannies of City of Moreton Bay in May. Visit the website for exciting program updates.

8 - 25 May | Various locations
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Anywhere-Festival

The Hills Carnivale

The Hills Carnivale is a fiesta of fun, food and family entertainment.

The kids zone will be jam-packed with activities and entertainment including a dedicated kids stage!

Saturday 31 May | 12 pm to 7 pm
George Willmore Park, Ferny Hills
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar



WHAT'S ON

Arana Hills Library

Kids Carnival 2025 - In the Garden
Saturday 17 May
9 am - 12 pm

Vertical herb garden
Friday 23 May
10:30 am - 12 pm

Junior gardeners: Grow and Cook
Friday 4 July
2 pm - 3 pm

Bucket drumming workshop
Thursday 19 June
10 am - 11 am

Albany Creek Library

Cricut framed quote
Friday 23 May
2 pm - 3 pm

Craft Group
Monday 26 May
10 am - 12 pm

Next Chapter Book Club
(1st & 3rd Wednesday)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Bridge Club
(every Monday)
9:30 am - 11:30 am

For more details on library events visit
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries

MAKE MUSIC MONTH

1 - 30 June 2025

Make Music Month

Each June, we turn up the volume at our galleries, museums, libraries and beyond with a month-long music trail. Enjoy free events, live performances, jam sessions, workshops, and more, as we put music on the map in Moreton Bay!

1 - 30 June | Various locations
moretonbay.link/makemusicmonth

Moreton Business Connect

Want to keep up to date with the latest business news in Moreton Bay? Subscribe to Moreton Business Connect—your one-stop shop for business focussed programs, upcoming events, economic insights, opportunities, and announcements.

Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/business-connect



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