



# Grimwade Gazette

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 11

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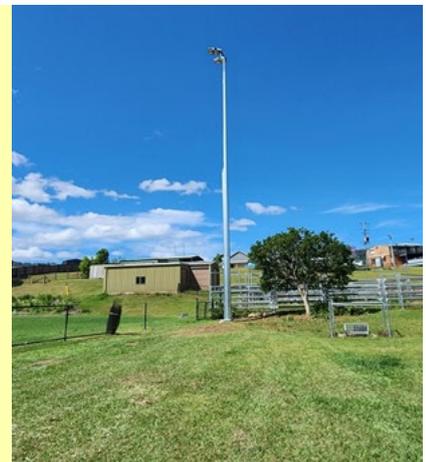
Representing Armstrong Creek, Camp Mountain, Cedar Creek, Closeburn, Dayboro, Highvale, Jollys Lookout, King Scrub, Kobble Creek, Laceys Creek, Mt Glorious, Mt Nebo, Mt Pleasant, Mt Samson, Ocean View, Rush Creek, Samford Valley, Samford Village, Samsonvale, Whiteside, Wights Mountain, Yugar and parts of Kurwongbah and Narangba.

### Dayboro soccer lights

I am so pleased to see one of the projects included in the 2023-24 budget completed with field lighting recently installed at the soccer club at Don Kerr Memorial Drive, Dayboro. The project included the construction of new LED sport field lighting infrastructure and electrical infrastructure for the soccer



field. The new lighting meets Australian Standards for training and competition it will mean that the field can be utilised to its full potential for games and training. With such an increasing need across the community, and the region, for facilities to keep up with the growing demand of participation in sports it's great that upgrades such as this one are being completed. I know the club will welcome this addition to the field.



### New court in Narangba

The new basketball half-court in Williamina Court Sports Complex, Narangba looks great and has been getting a good work out over the school holidays. The project for the Type 2 modified half basketball court included painting and line



marking. Special tiles were used on the surface of the court and backing board to help dampen the sound of play on the court reducing noise for the surrounding area. Trees planted adjacent to the court will also assist reducing noise for the neighbouring properties and the addition of sandstone blocks to the landscaping can be used as seating. I am pleased this project was able to be delivered after requests from residents.



# DIVISION 11 PROJECTS

## Playground renewal

Completed late last year, the playground in Cockatoo Crest Park, Narangba looks great. The play units were at the end of their life and required replacing and due to an issue identified with the large roots from the surrounding trees creating trip hazards the project included the relocation of the playground within the park. This was



to ensure that the trees were not impacted by the new construction and it also allowed the integration



of a park shelter, furniture and BBQ with the new playground. There was approximately 14 metres of existing footpaths within the park that needed replacing to complete the renewal and a new bubbler was also installed. The area looks great and will certainly provide lot's of fun.

## Marshman Road pathway



Council's Missing Link Pathways Program aims to complete sections of concrete footpaths that are needed to provide improved safety for users while connecting with local schools, parks and shopping precincts. Works were completed in Narangba



along Marshman Road, late last year as part of this program. A kerb ramp was installed to complete the new path giving local residents all weather access along the road.

## Stormwater renewal

A project to renew stormwater pipes along Banyan Street, Narangba was completed last year. The program replaces pipes and assists to reinstate the capacity of the stormwater system along our streets.



## Road resurfacing

Basin Road, Samsonvale has been resurfaced with some pavement upgrades carried out in selected areas and intersections. Works were located between Mount Samson Road and Horseshoe Court as part of Council's road resurfacing program.



## Mount Samson Road, Closeburn

It is great to see the works completed along Mt Samson Road, Closeburn after delays were experienced during the project last year. The works to approximately 1,865 metres of road included pavement repairs and renewing kerb and channel to assist with removing water from this section of road which historically has been an issue, resulting in potholes forming. I would like to thank to community for their patience while these works were carried out which will make travel safer along this stretch of road.



# DIVISION 11 NEWS

## Landslip repair works

Works have commenced on Mount Brisbane Road, Mount Pleasant at the site of a landslip which was a



result of the 2022 floods. The eroded embankment will be reinstated and repairs to the roadway carried out to renew access and provide increased safety for road users.

Repairs are being carried out with joint funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and should be completed in February this year.

## Portable CCTV

Council has a number of portable CCTV or VMS trailers that can be used to assist with issues such as hooning, localised crime, to deter vandals, in response to disaster operations or to monitor floods. Council receives requests from Police or from the community to have a trailer deployed. They are a great tool for Police, and council's Public Safety Team work closely with them to provide data when requested. While these VMS boards are not used to capture speeding vehicles, which is a police matter,



they have proved to be a great deterrent in cases of hooning or ongoing vandalism. The units are not able to be used in every scenario but they are certainly a great asset for Council.



## Samford Glasshouse precinct

At the end of last year Council asked you how the Glasshouse Precinct located in Samford Parklands could be used. We conducted surveys, met with direct stakeholders and consulted the community at pop up sessions. It's so very important we get it right, we want to explore all options and ideas on how we can revitalise this space which is around 2400m<sup>2</sup>. Updates will be made available on ideas for possible future plans and survey results will be shared with the community soon. It will be exciting to see what is proposed for this great space.

## Keep updated over summer

Have you seen the new fire danger rating sign on Hay Road Dayboro? The sign is electronic providing details of when it was last updated to ensure the community has the most recent information. As storm season is upon us once again, make sure you are signed up to Council's MoretonAlert to receive free notifications to your mobile phone regarding severe weather, bushfire warnings, burn notifications, dam releases and flooding. Go to council's website for all the details on how to sign up at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au).



## Platypus survey

Results of an ongoing monitoring program that Council initiated for one of the regions beloved creatures, the Platypus, were released in November last year. Up until now sightings of platypus in the region have been somewhat unreliable and sporadic. The program is being undertaken using an Environmental DNA (eDNA) technology, taking water samples from 102 locations across the City of Moreton Bay and testing for the presence of Platypus DNA. This very exciting project is the most geographically extensive of its kind in South East Queensland and will be used as a long-term monitoring tool. Survey data found there were indicators for the presence of Platypus in 17 creeks and river systems across the region, located over all five of the major sub-catchments, importantly, the survey focussed on areas where reports of Platypus have been few. The waterways of note in Division 11 are Cedar Creek in Cedar Creek, North Pine River in Dayboro, South Pine River in Samford Valley as well as Terrors Creek in Dayboro.



# Our City of Moreton Bay

With Mayor Peter Flannery



## DISASTER DASHBOARD

We all know that living in Moreton Bay means being prepared for extreme weather all year round, but this summer is particularly unpredictable with bushfires and storms both presenting a threat.

City of Moreton Bay is helping you prepare should the unthinkable happen, by providing a free emergency warning system called MoretonAlert.

Receive real-time SMS, email or voice message before and during an emergency weather event by signing up today at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)

The success of this service relies upon having accurate information, so now is the time to make sure your details are correct and up to date so you don't miss out on critical information that could save your life.

Current SMS subscribers will have already received a text message from the number (04 0817 0536) to update their details, so it's safe to save this number and be confident that it isn't spam. We will be following up with an email next month.

For all other information during an emergency event, please visit Council's Disaster Dashboard to get updates on bushfire warnings, sandbag stations, evacuation centres, road closures, and so much more.



Scan and bookmark the Dashboard via the QR code or visit [disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

I trust you had a good break over the holiday season and here's to 2024!

In our first full year as a city, 2024 will see Council continue to focus on the needs of our communities first, including advocating for our fair share of funding especially for infrastructure, while also conserving our distinctive lifestyle and wildlife corridors, against the backdrop of population growth.

Realising our priority of 'going green as we grow', Council will roll out the first phase of a dedicated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste kerbside collection service from late 2024. Phase one will see the introduction of a garden organics collection service (GO) where lime green lidded bins will be distributed. Once processing facilities have been secured, waste collection will transition to a complete FOGO service. FOGO will increase our city's recycling rate, reduce landfill and see resources produced from recovered materials.

Another significant step forward is the allocation of council-owned land at Dakabin for the construction of a dedicated wildlife hospital. Currently, a gap in the SEQ wildlife hospital network means injured wildlife rescuers travel up to two hours for animal care. We're urgently seeking financial support from state and federal governments to bring this vital facility to fruition.

Council's ambitious goal of protecting 75% of City of Moreton Bay's landmass from development will ensure that housing and infrastructure to accommodate a booming

population is balanced with the preservation of our flora and fauna.

This commitment to balance growth extends to housing and homelessness challenges. The Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) outlines key activities addressing affordability and homelessness over the next five years. We're offering council-owned land in Morayfield and Caboolture for potential social, affordable or crisis housing developments, guided by changes in our Community Leasing Policy.

We're also continuing the Attraction of Affordable Social Housing Development Policy, waiving fees for developers. Already, this initiative has helped people experiencing homelessness secure accommodation at Bric Housing's recently completed 18-dwelling accommodation block at Redcliffe with more to be realised this year.

And we're taking the cost-of-living pressure off families with Council's extensive calendar of free events from movie nights to Lunar New Year celebrations.

Council looks forward to continuing to support our communities, protect and enhance our natural spaces, and maintain sustainable lifestyles this year as we work together to bring our living city vision to life.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2024 in City of Moreton Bay. There's nowhere else I'd rather be!

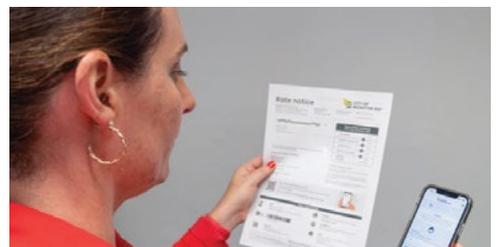


### Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

Council delivers a wide range of community services and programs to drive healthy and active lifestyles in Moreton Bay.



Scan the QR codes or visit [moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles](https://moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles) to check out what's on in your area and get started today.



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