



# Sims' Summary

**YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 7  
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Representing Dakabin, Murrumba Downs and parts of Griffin and Kallangur.

**Welcome** to the 29th edition of Sims' Summary and a very warm welcome to the newest residents of Division 7.

Council adopted its 21/22 financial year budget on Friday 18 June, and I am pleased to have worked with my fellow Councillors to deliver a budget which keeps rates as low as possible whilst ensuring we continue to deliver much needed services and infrastructure for our region.

If you have any questions regarding the budget, or any other enquiries, please join me at one of my "Meet Your Local Councillor" sessions (dates on page 3), and as always, please feel free to contact me via the office or email.

Warm Regards,  
Denise.

## Creating Vibrant, Sustainable & Connected Communities

### Neighbourhood Planning

I am pleased to advise that with this year's budget, Division 7 will be the first in the region for a new approach to Neighbourhood Planning. Looking to breathe renewed life into local suburbs like Kallangur and Dakabin, Council is securing more than \$20.6 million in capital works to enhance the liveability of this growth corridor.

My focus in this budget is on connecting the community by improving our roads and parks and delivering better Neighbourhood Planning that can create focal points in our suburbs. I don't want to lose the nostalgic neighbourhood feel of local cul-de-sacs as our region's population continues to boom.

### Parks & Recreational Space

We'll be upgrading the park at Carramar Reserve in Dakabin, with thanks to Federal Government support to get this project underway. Yvonne Chapman Park in Kallangur will also undergo \$400,000 in revitalisation works to help rejuvenate this precinct.

I'm pleased to announce that Penson Park in Kallangur will receive \$237,500 for new accessibility toilets & pathways, and there's even something for teenage dirt bike riders in this budget with the construction of a new \$465,000 Pump Track at Blatchford Reserve, Murrumba Downs.

### Road Upgrades

We're also working to get you home faster so you can spend more time in our local parks, with more than \$15.3 million to be spent upgrading various sections of Old Gympie Road to help ease congestion and improve safety.

Funding will also go towards the detailed design for the Alma Road Underpass upgrade.

I'd like to thank residents for their input into this budget and I promise to continue to listen to your feedback to achieve real outcomes for our community.

\$12.5m	Old Gympie Road Upgrade (Alma to Goodwin Rds)
\$7.5m	Boundary/Old Gympie Road signalised intersection, pedestrian crossing & pathways
\$550,000	Carramar Reserve Park Upgrade
\$465,000	Pump Track at Blatchford Reserve
\$450,000	Detailed Design for Alma Road Underpass Upgrade
\$237,500	Amenities Renewal at Penson Park (Kruger Hall)
\$75,000	Kallangur Community Centre Masterplan
\$60,000	Design for Alma/Thompson Road Realignment & Upgrade
\$50,000	Preliminary Design for John Oxley Reserve Multipurpose Sport & Recreation Building
\$1.85m	Old Gympie Road First Stage Upgrade (Whitehorse to Alma Roads)

Whilst every effort is made at the time of print to ensure dates and times are accurate, these are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please check Council's website for updates.

## Cecily Street Park, Kallangur



It's great to see locals out and about enjoying the new \$515,000 park at Cecily Street which has been completed recently.

The park includes play and fitness equipment, BBQ facilities, a water bubbler, shade sail and landscaping.

Check it out if you haven't already done so!

## Ross Reserve, Kallangur

Works recently completed on the playground renewal at Ross Reserve with thanks to State Government funding which allowed the project to be brought forward.

New equipment includes a double swing, deck and slide combination unit and a multi person spinner unit. A concrete access path to the playground, drinking fountain and seat were also included, enhancing the facility for local residents.



## KEEPING THE GATE SHUT FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS!

As part of our fauna movement infrastructure program, we have installed wildlife fencing and road crossings across the region to help keep wildlife safe. You may come across wildlife fencing gates in a number of parks and reserves throughout the region. These gates help prevent local wildlife from climbing over the fence and moving onto our busy roads, so please make sure they're shut at all times.

If you notice a gate is broken, please contact Council to get it fixed.

**Phone 3205 0555 or lodge a request via MBRC Request app.**



## Kallangur-Dakabin Neighbourhood Plan

Council has recently started its first neighbourhood planning project, the Kallangur-Dakabin Neighbourhood Plan.

In developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area we are aiming to better guide growth and development in a way that helps protect the things that make this neighbourhood unique.

The first step in this process is to build our understanding of this area. We are inviting everyone who lives, works or visits Kallangur or Dakabin to share their thoughts with us during the consultation from 12 July - 8 August 2021.

You can get involved by:

- completing the online survey and using our interactive map
- visiting one of our pop-up displays and chatting to our friendly team
- nominating to be part of the Community Reference Group (CRG) where you will work closely with our neighbourhood planning team to set a vision for the area and strategies to help us get there.

To find out more about the Kallangur-Dakabin Neighbourhood Plan, visit the website below, or contact Council Officers (email: [neighbourhoodplanning@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@moretonbay.qld.gov.au), phone: 3205 0555).

<https://yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/neighbourhood-planning-kallangur-dakabin>

## Freshwater Creek Corridor Network

I am pleased to advise that the next stage of works for the parkland corridor between Alice Mawson Reserve and Jim Akers Reserve - where Marsden Road meets Sylvester Drive, Kallangur - have commenced with a site preparation.

A koala habitat planting will then be delivered in August / September and we are hopeful that an open day will take place shortly after to update the community on koalas and their habitat in this area of the Park.

The residential property at 1 Sylvester Drive which was previously acquired by Council is key to this project.



The project aims to increase habitat and food trees to support local wildlife populations and improve habitat connectivity. Native trees, shrubs and groundcovers will be planted, including 20-25 koala habitat trees. Associated vegetation will also provide habitat for wildlife such as possums, gliders and native birds.

This project is part of Council's Koala Conservation Partnership Project. For further information, visit:

[www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Projects/Environmental/Koala-Habitat-Planting-Kallangur](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Projects/Environmental/Koala-Habitat-Planting-Kallangur)

I am also pleased to advise that Council recently acquired the residential property at 69 Sylvester Drive, Kallangur which backs onto Penson Park.

The house will be scheduled for removal in the coming months with the area being returned to open space, a welcome addition to the Park.

## Claremont Drive Park Upgrade, Murrumba Downs

Works will soon be completed on the Claremont Drive Park upgrade in Murrumba Downs to improve access with new internal concrete pathway linkages.

A new shelter with picnic table and park seating is also to be included, realised as the direct result of requests from residents.



Please contact me if you have any suggestions to improve your local park.

## Pets in Public Spaces (PIPS) Community Education Events

Join Council Rangers at one of our new pet-friendly education pop-ups held in local parks across the region. Learn about your responsibilities as a pet owner, get some tips and advice, and pick up some freebies.

Plus, Council is providing FREE microchipping for your registered dog at each event.

Head down to **Penson Park, 25 Ann Street, Kallangur on Saturday 11 September.**

Your dog not registered? Register online now at:

[www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Animals/Registration](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Animals/Registration)

I have also been asked by local residents to remind dog owners of the requirements to keep them on leash in public areas, unless in a dedicated park Dog Off Leash Area. The land behind Harding Street, Kallangur has been mentioned as a particular area where dogs are exercised off leash and the practice should be deterred due to the native wildlife in this area.



## IT WAS TIME TO UPGRADE

We recently rolled out a new IT system across Council, which was a necessary upgrade because our core computer systems were 10-20 years old. Obviously it's important that we keep pace with advances in the tech space, which are happening at an increasingly rapid pace these days, in order to provide the most efficient service to you. We're only four months in to the rollout, so we're still in the transition phase and you may experience some delays. Please be assured that every effort is being made to minimise the impacts to you.

There is a very good reason why a change of this scale is only done once in a decade - it is a very big undertaking! We very much appreciate your patience and understanding.



## "Agents of Discovery" Environmental Learning App

The "Agents of Discovery" environmental learning app is now available at Council's Environment Centres. The app, free to download from any app store, allows visitors to load environment themed "missions" aimed at combining technology, learning and the outdoors.



Missions are customised to each Environment Centre, encouraging connection with the natural surrounding environment and each centre's unique features. Complete a mission to learn about topics such as sustainability, wildlife and how to protect and conserve the environment. The app is designed to facilitate visitor engagement, even when staff and volunteers are not at the site.

Between July and September holidays, you will be able to complete missions and explore Osprey House and Kumbartcho learning trails. Once you complete a trail, be sure to collect your reward from the environment centre during opening hours.

## Off Street Carparking Review

I would like to apologise for any confusion caused in relation to the story regarding the off street carparking review in the previous edition of Sims' Summary.



Where the newsletter story refers to parking rates, this is simply in relation to the number of allocated parking spaces (ratio) per property which has become problematic with some of the newer small block developments within narrow streets.

The Planning Scheme review which is mentioned is for Council to look at future developments to ensure that there will be the correct number of parking spaces for each property, thus deterring the parking issues we are currently seeing in some areas.

Council are not looking to include any parking charges with Council Rates or charge for parking in residential streets.

## Fast Facts

The Moreton Bay Region is a diverse area, spanning more than 2,037 square kilometres, with 3,684km of roads, 294 km of coastline and estuaries, and 3,012ha of Parks.

## Meet Your Local Councillor Sessions

All are held from 9:00 - 10:00am at the following locations:

- Thursday 12 August - Latte Be, Lillybrook Shops, Kallangur
- Friday 27 August - Pine Espresso, Murrumba Downs
- Tuesday 31 August - Flow Café, Dakabin

If you have any enquiries, please contact the office as below.

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# Our Moreton Bay Region

With Mayor Peter Flannery



## 2021-22 Budget Highlights



**\$174m**

Road and transport networks



**\$61m**

Parks and the environment



**\$59.6m**

Waste management



**\$20.1m**

Sport and recreation



**\$20.1m**

Libraries, arts, community facilities and history



**\$25m**

Waterways and coastal areas



**\$1.6m**

Planning better communities and managing growth



**120**

New CCTV cameras throughout the region



**148,000+**

Trees planted

## Protecting our region as the population grows

After a year like no other, this year's Budget sets out to ensure our region recovers like no other. Last month we approved a \$743 million plan to reinvent our economy with a record capital spend of \$245 million. That's \$25 million more than what was adopted in our 2020-21 Budget last year. But you'll see a drastic shift in priorities this year, both externally in terms of our service to you and internally with regards to our governance structures.

In direct response to residents telling us they want Council to be bolder in stepping up to the challenge of protecting our lifestyle and environment in the face of booming population growth, you will see that the second biggest allocation of funds this year is for our parks and environment - with an impressive \$61 million spend. This will see 148,000 trees planted this year and we're increasing the regional infrastructure environment charge from \$84 to \$90 per property, providing Council with \$2.9 million for land acquisitions, green infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

We are also looking inwards and changing how we work to better serve you, by transitioning to a new Corporate Plan focussed on five pillars of service:

- Supporting a progressive economy
- Creating healthy environments
- Designing thriving communities
- Delivering a well-planned region
- Being a proactive and engaged Council

Of course the focus of our post-covid recovery will be to bring renewed prosperity to Moreton Bay Region. This year we will build on the foundations laid in 2020 with the launch of our new regional Economic Development Strategy to put Moreton Bay Region on the national map. This means working to attract major investment and to create jobs that will sustain future populations.

So please get online now to check out all the details of what Budget 2021-22 will deliver for you visit [mbrc.link/budget-21-22](https://mbrc.link/budget-21-22).

## Reshaping our Region's Planning

As we analyse your feedback and data from the landmark Moreton Says survey, it's resoundingly clear that most locals want us to review our planning scheme to better align it with community expectations. So we are! So I'm excited to announce that last month Councillors unanimously voted to establish the 'Reshaping our Region's Planning Work Portfolio' which will deliver six separate programs in the next five years:

- Planning Scheme 2016 Reset Program
- Great Places Program
- Neighbourhood Planning Program
- Growth Areas Program
- Regional Planning Program
- New Planning Scheme Review Program

We've also launched an interactive online planning map so you can see everything we're working on here at Council. It highlights every development that's underway, what is planned, what is possible, and has a search function so you can see how all of that might impact you. Check it out and let us know your thoughts:

[mbrc.link/planning-scheme](https://mbrc.link/planning-scheme)