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YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 9

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Representing Brendale, Cashmere, Clear Mountain, Eatons Hill, Warner and parts of Albany Creek and Joyner.



Welcome to all new residents who have made Division 9 their home since my last Newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact Council on 3205 0555 if you have any queries about our beautiful region or issues relating to 'settling in'.

Also check out our website [moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

## MOBILE OFFICE

Come & catch up with me

**Friday 2 February 2024**

9.30am - 11.00am

**Dragonfly Park**

Pallas Parade Warner

**Friday 1 March 2024**

9.30am - 11.00am

**Albany Creek Library**

Ferguson Street Albany Creek

**Other times by appointment**

If we can assist further with any matters please call Customer Service on 3205 0555 between 8.30am and 5.00pm. This is also a 24/7 emergency number.

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# 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Welcome to the first newsletter for 2024! I hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were wonderful and you were able to spend time with family and friends.**

It is always exciting to see local community projects being delivered. Works will soon begin in HT Ireland Reserve for a new scooter/bike pathway and also a new, easy accessible entrance to the dog off-leash area. Brendale residents will soon have their very own dog off-leash area in Brendale Street Park, something this community has been waiting for. The Albany Creek dog off-leash area at Bleakley Park will also soon undergo an extension and upgrade. Cashmere residents will be very happy to know that works will begin soon for the "path to nowhere" on Ira Buckby Road to complete the connection to the shopping centre.

My mobile offices have been a great way for residents to share ideas or raise an issue. If the times and locations don't suit, please get in touch so that a time can be arranged to meet with you directly.

Our much-loved community events are continuing this year - Aussie Arvo at Lawnton Aquatic Centre on Australia Day afternoon, a fun way to cool off by the pool, with rides and games for all the family and our next Movie in the Park at Dragonfly Park on Saturday, 2 March - see you there!

The local government election will be held on March 16, so this will be the last newsletter before the election. I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters during this term of council and found them informative. It has been a privilege and an honour to be your local Councillor.

Wishing you and your family all the very best for a fabulous year ahead.

*Cath*

## Youngs Crossing Road Project

Great news !!! Federal funding of \$32.75 million has been confirmed for Youngs Crossing Road and Bridge project.

Work will now begin on a tender process for the construction project, design work has already been finalised and resources have been allocated.

In addition to the Federal Government's \$32.75 million commitment, this project has received \$15 million from the State Government, with Council contributing \$32.25 million.

# Completed Projects

## Frank Nichols Reserve Warner - Dog Area Upgrade

Installation of a 1.2m high chain wire fence to replace the existing star picket and wire square mesh fencing around the dog off leash area and ground rejuvenation

## 81 Dobson Road Clear Mountain - Land Slip

Remediation works from February 2022 floods



## Cribb Road Brendale - New Footpath



Installation of a 350 metre winding concrete pathway, 50 custom solar bollard lights, underground drainage, 78m of pedestrian safety fencing, removal and replacement of barbed wire fencing to adjacent horse paddocks, turfing and landscaping.

## Doug Stevens Reserve Eatons Hill (along the South Pine River)

Stabilisation of the land slip face to reduce the risk of rock falls behind Midas Court at Eatons Hill.

## Helping the Community

I recently visited the Samford Riding for the Disabled and enjoyed meeting our new supported horse **Noddy**.

Cr Darren Grimwade and I jointly allocated Council's Discretionary Funds to assist with Noddy's upkeep, health and wellbeing.

Happy, well-fed horses are vital for the group to continue to provide services for adults and children with disabilities from all over Moreton Bay.



## Acknowledging Community Service

I was very proud to support Albany Creek Rotary Club's installation of their third *Happy to Chat* bench at Sargents Reserve Eatons Hill, acknowledging past member Annette Neilsen.

Annette was a well loved and respected community volunteer. This bench is in recognition of Annette's community service including her years with Albany Creek Rotary and other community groups.

These benches create more opportunities for local residents to connect and have a chat, it's so important we look out for each other.



# Upcoming Projects

Here's a sneak preview of some projects to be commenced early in 2024.

## Bleakley Park Albany Creek - Dog Off Leash Area

Installation of an additional 830m2 dog off leash area, concrete pathways connecting to the existing network, more seating, shelter, new water bubbler, signage and bin

## Brendale Street Park - Dog Off Leash Area

Construction of a dog off leash area including fencing, gates, concrete pathways, seating, bin, water bubbler & landscaping

## Warra Lane Cashmere - Footpath

Construction of a 2m wide 70m long concrete pathway connecting from the existing pathway on Ira Buckby Road to the carpark of the shopping complex

## HT Ireland Reserve Eatons Hill - Dog Off Leash Area and Scooter Path

Construction of new entrance to the DOLA off Saraband Drive, including new pathways and shelter and new concrete scooter and exercise pathway loop around the park.

## Greensill Road Albany Creek - Footpath

Completion of the missing footpath link from Ferguson Street to No. 42 Greensill Road

## John Leitch Memorial Park Albany Creek - Shade Sail

Installation of an additional shade sail over the existing playground infrastructure

## ROAR @ South Pine Sports Complex

Council has presented the keys to the Brisbane Roar for the new Moreton Bay Women's Football Centre of Excellence. This will include a high-performance gym and ice baths, as well as coaches' offices and state-of-the-art first class changerooms.

This exciting upgrade also includes a new clubhouse and two new pitches for Moreton City Excelsior Football Club.

The two Centre of Excellence fields will be ready for training in early March 2024, while the two pitches for the new clubs are now ready for use.

South Pine Sports Complex is becoming one of the biggest multi-sport precincts in Queensland.



## Samsonvale Road - Fauna Infrastructure

The Joyner wildlife green infrastructure project is now complete, this site was a high priority for fauna movement infrastructure and is adjacent to a well known koala population. As well as fauna fencing and canopy bridge connections, koala movement infrastructure has been installed near the bridge to facilitate the safe and ongoing movement of koalas. Infrastructure monitoring with onsite cameras is also planned in the future.

This infrastructure will provide safe crossing opportunities over and under Samsonvale Road, this is increasingly vital for local wildlife and this key location is at the junction of the North Pine River Habitat Corridor and the One Mile Creek (Joyner) Corridor (as shown in map above). Both of these ecological corridors contain significant riparian vegetation and core koala habitat.



# Lifestyle and Leisure

## AUSSIE ARVO

Friday 26 January 2024  
2:00pm - 7:00pm  
Lawnton Aquatic Centre

FREE RIDES FREE ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC POOLSIDE DISCO



**MOVIE IN THE PARK**

FREE EVENT

**PAW PATROL MIGHTY MOVIE**

SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH  
5:30PM-8:30PM  
DRAGONFLY PARK,  
WARNER

whatsonmoretonbay.com.au

WHAT'S ON MORETON BAY CITY OF MORETON BAY

**SPLASH & PLAY**

FREE EVENT

SAT 10 FEB | 8AM-12PM  
THE MILL WATER PARK

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WHAT'S ON MORETON BAY CITY OF MORETON BAY

**Clean Up Australia Day 2024**

Sunday 3 March 2024  
Community clean up

Tuesday 27 February 2024  
Business clean up

Friday 31 March 2024  
School and Early learning centre clean up

Together we can keep the Moreton Bay Region a beautiful place to live, work and play.  
Register or join a clean-up site with family, friends and colleagues at [cleanup.org.au](http://cleanup.org.au)

**MORETON KIDS FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 10 MARCH  
PINE RIVERS PARK

MORETONKIDSFESTIVAL.COM.AU

CITY OF MORETON BAY

**Moreton Bay Region Youth Art Awards 2023**

The artistic talent at this year's Youth Art Awards was again outstanding.

Congratulations to Albany Creek State High School for winning the \$1,000 Collaborative Award for Grades 7-12 for *The Ark*

Congratulations also to the winners from Division 9.

3D section for Grades 7- 10 Individuals

1st prize Lani Cummins - Warner - *The Mona Lisa*

2nd prize Nathan Kemp - *RUN!*

3D section in the Years 11 and 12

3rd prize Stella Hutton - Albany Creek - *Handle with Care*

**Happy 25th Birthday Kumbartcho**

Kumbartcho Sanctuary & Nursery at Eatons Hill recently celebrated their 25th Birthday with some special guests.

Kumbartcho Nursery is a fantastic place for all your native plants and has a wonderful team of volunteers behind the scenes led by the lovely Kim.

A very special day, sharing the history behind the nursery from the very beginning.

A great place to visit:  
[kumbartcho.org.au/](http://kumbartcho.org.au/)

**Local Laws Review**

**New Local Laws shaped by community input are now in effect**

We put our Local Laws under the microscope to ensure our regulations consider the contemporary needs, expectations and lifestyles of our communities. Thirteen new laws have now taken effect following publication of a notice of making the laws in the Queensland Government Gazette and on Council's website.

To ensure our new laws were fit-for-purpose and better reflect the needs and lifestyles of the residents of City of Moreton Bay, we invited community and stakeholder feedback throughout the Local Laws Review project. Between March 2021 and June 2023, across three phases of engagement, we received 21,000+ responses from stakeholders and community members. This incredible amount of input from you helped us draft and then refine the proposed Local Laws. We want to again thank everyone who participated in the process - it wouldn't have been possible without you.

For more information and to view the laws, please visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/local-laws](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/local-laws)

# 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!

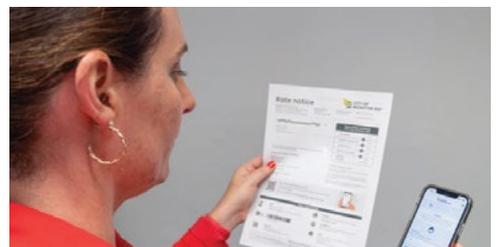


### Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

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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