



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Yvonne Barlow, Division 7



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



2025 International Women's Day

Congratulations to MBRIT for a very interesting and informative 2025 International Women's Day event at Eatons Hill Hotel. This year we were honoured to have Michelle Payne, the first female jockey to ever win the Melbourne Cup, join us to talk about the trials and tribulations of being a female jockey in a male dominated sport. Thank you Michelle, your insight was truly valuable.



Murrumba State Secondary College - Senior Badge Ceremony

It was a pleasure to attend the Senior Badge Ceremony for the Murrumba State Secondary College Year 10 and Year 12 students. I have attended this ceremony the past three years and it's such a pleasure to see the transformation in students as the years progress. These formative years, as they undertake their next steps towards future careers, are so special and it is an honour for me to be present at these college events. Congratulations to the School Captains and Vice Captains and to their inspirational Principal, Sharon Cordiner, who thankfully has developed the ability to 'awaken their dreams'.



DIVISION 7 UPDATE With Cr Yvonne Barlow

Welcome to the second Division 7 newsletter for 2025.

After a delayed start, Tropical Cyclone Alfred really did pack a punch! I can't express enough gratitude to everyone who played a role in keeping City of Moreton Bay well-prepared for what felt was the unknown. Council's Disaster Management team did an outstanding job communicating and providing updates to keep us all informed. Our community responded by following advice, preparing their properties and belongings, and ensuring they were prepared for the worst.

Recovery was no different, we saw communities coming together to support one another. Neighbours helped with green waste clean-up, while others offering hot showers and food to those affected by power outages. I am incredibly proud of my division for looking out for each other in a time of need.

Council's Waste and Parks teams have worked tirelessly to restore our city to its former glory. I'm sure everyone agrees they've done a fabulous job.

Energex has certainly worked overtime. Personally, I lost power for 7 days - trees and power lines were down, no phone service or internet and heavy rain left me flooded in. Many others had it even worse.

Well done to everyone, and thank you for supporting each other through such uncertain times.

Now, onwards and upwards now for Division 7! As we move forward, we're ready to deliver exciting new projects for our community in 2025.

Mobile Office

Come and have a chat with me at my mobile office on Thursday 22 May from 3:30 pm at Norths Leagues & Services Club, Kallangur (outside café area).



1st Moreton Bay Girls' Brigade Awards Ceremony

It was a pleasure to be invited as a special guest at the 1st Moreton Bay Girls' Brigade annual awards ceremony.

I was truly impressed by the qualities these young girls have developed. I was inspired by this remarkable group, which helps shape the girls into model citizens. Well done.

Dakabin State School Badge Ceremony

Congratulations to Dakabin State School student leaders for 2025.

It was an honour to present the leaders badges to the students. I was very moved to see the pride on the faces of their parents. I was joined in presenting the badges by Steven Miles, Terry Young MP and Principal Michael Drake.

Well done, Dakabin.



Encircle New Year BBQ catch up

Congratulations to Encircle for a wonderful get-together at 51 Marsden Road, Kallangur.

Their free BBQ burger lunch on 23 January was certainly enjoyed by the community to welcome in 2025.

Encircle do wonderful work for residents, they are a not-for-profit community owned and operated organisation who assist individuals and families in the northern suburbs.



Australia Day - Aussie Arvo

I hope many of you took the opportunity to attend the Australia Day celebrations at the Lawnton Aquatic Centre, supported by City of Moreton Bay.

It was a fabulous day of games, music, and good old Aussie fun. Thousands of residents and their families kept cool in the pool on a typical Aussie afternoon on 26 January 2025.

So much work went into making this day special for everyone. Councillor Cath Tonks, Councillor Jim Maloney and the entire Lawnton Swim Club, you were fantastic!





2025 Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to three outstanding individuals who were recently honored for their exceptional efforts in improving the lives of others and contributing to their communities at the City of Moreton Bay 2025 Australia Day Awards.

Citizen of the Year Award: Robert Hopkins

Mayor's Community Spirit Award: Emily Finn

Mayor's Community Spirit Award: Tracy Lech

These remarkable winners have forged meaningful connections with residents and played a pivotal role in strengthening and enriching our vibrant communities.

To learn more about the 2025 Australia Day Award winners, visit

moretonbay.link/Australia-Day-Awards



Alma Road bend upgrade, Dakabin

It's with great pleasure that I announce City of Moreton Bay has secured \$3,000,000 of the funding from SEQ Stimulus Funding to upgrade the Alma Road bend.

This is a major win for Dakabin as it emphasises the need for creating a stronger more connected city. This funding is a game changer for Dakabin and the growing community, and it's a vital step in ensuring our local infrastructure meets the needs of residents now and into the future.

- Replacing the existing curve with a three-leg roundabout including access to 132/140 Alma Road
- Providing an improved road cross-section consistent with the existing arrangement on Alma Road
- Providing a 2.5m pathway on the Northern side of Alma Road
- Installation of street lighting throughout the project area.

The project is currently in the detailed design stage, with service relocations and construction scheduled for 2025-26, subject to budget approvals.



Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards

The Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards are an annual exhibition and award opportunity for school-aged artists living or attending a school in City of Moreton Bay. Each year, you're invited to marvel at the creativity, skill, and unique perspectives of our talented young artists at the free exhibition.

Entries for the 2025 Awards will open in June.

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
Galleries-Museums](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums)



WHAT'S ON

Anywhere Festival

The fifth annual Anywhere Festival Moreton Bay will be taking over the nooks and crannies of City of Moreton Bay in May.

8 - 25 May 2025

Various locations

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
Anywhere-Festival](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Anywhere-Festival)



Movie in the Park

Movie in the Park North Lakes is a free family-friendly outdoor event featuring the family movie 'IF' on an outdoor screen, food trucks, and kids' activities.

Saturday 17 May | 5 pm to 8 pm

Town Common, North Lakes

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)



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 2025

Various locations

[moretonbay.link/
makemusicmonth](http://moretonbay.link/makemusicmonth)

Pooches in the Park

Join fellow dog lovers for the ultimate dog-friendly extravaganza featuring pet-themed markets, music, food trucks and activity zone.

Sunday 6 July | 8 am to 12 pm

Penson Park, Kallangur

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