



Community News Budget Edition

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Investing in our communities

The 25–26 Budget sees record investment in our growing city

City of Moreton Bay's 2025–26 Budget focuses on delivering the essential infrastructure needed to support our growing population, while continuing to invest in the services, facilities and initiatives that strengthen our communities.

Here's a snapshot of our key city projects*:

- Redevelopment of the Suttons Beach Pavilion which will bring new life to this much-loved seaside precinct
- Site works for our multipurpose Olympic venue – the Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre at Petrie as well as new paths and car park upgrades around the lakes area at The Mill
- Planned upgrades to Old Gympie Road at Dakabin /Kallangur to reduce travel times and improve traffic flow
- Vital upgrades to east-west connections such as Caboolture River Road and the Buchanan Road corridor (planning) to ease congestion and support new housing in key growth areas
- Revitalisation of Caboolture including a new all-abilities playground and zero-depth splash park at Centenary Lakes
- Active transport improvements between Bongaree and Woorim as well as a new Changing Places facility at Woorim Beach
- A new SES Depot at Deception Bay to help keep our community safe during emergencies
- Construction of Youngs Crossing Bridge at Joyner, with works now underway

These are just some of the many projects planned across Moreton Bay.

DIVISION 10 HIGHLIGHTS

- Upgrades to the car park lighting at James Drysdale Reserve, Bunya
- Construction of a pathway at Timms Road, Everton Hills
- Installation of fitness equipment at Cowrie Parade Park, Albany Creek

- Extensions and improvements to the all-abilities playground at Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills.
- Resurfacing of the road at Kolora Crescent, Ferny Hills

See inside for more details



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

This year's responsible budget delivers real value for our communities.

Our rates remain amongst the lowest in South East Queensland with a modest increase in the minimum general rate for owner-occupied homes, equivalent to 87 cents per week.

We continue to offer some of the lowest SEQ waste management charges whilst still providing free tipping[†] for eligible households. We're ensuring the city is ready to meet future demands. Our landmark \$1 billion budget includes \$400 million for infrastructure, \$15 million in organisational savings so we can keep rates as low as possible, and strategic reserves to enable long-term city-building projects. Our record investment in infrastructure and capital works will support local jobs and deliver vital projects to keep our city moving and connected.

We're continuing to invest in the services, facilities and initiatives that strengthen our communities. We are also focused on key city building projects including building of Youngs Crossing Bridge, and vital upgrades to east-west connections such as Caboolture River Road and Buchanan Road to ease congestion. The 2025-26 budget is fiscally responsible. It doesn't just deliver value for money now, ensuring our residents continue to receive high quality services, it also sets us up for future growth.

From improved roads to greener parks and more connected, resilient neighbourhoods, we're building a better Moreton Bay and putting your rates to work.

[†]Up to 3 tonnes or 26 loads (whichever is reached first)

Our vibrant communities

**\$155
million**

- Major sporting and aquatic centres – \$46 million
- Libraries, art galleries & museums – \$26 million
- Community facilities – \$41.5 million
- Community support – \$11 million
- Public safety & disaster management – \$11.5 million
- Public health & local laws – \$19 million

Our healthy environments

**\$172
million**

- Beaches & coastal areas – \$8 million
- Natural environment conservation – \$20 million
- Land buy back – \$4 million
- Catchment management – \$19 million
- Waste & recycling – \$107 million
- Stormwater management – \$14 million

Our well-planned places

**\$424
million**

- Road network – \$163 million
- Transport improvement – \$14 million
- Road rehabilitation & reseal program – \$64 million
- Active transport and footpaths – \$21 million
- Strategic land use & urban planning – \$46 million
- Parks and open spaces – \$80 million
- Council buildings – \$30 million
- Green infrastructure planning – \$1 million
- Building and plumbing compliance – \$5 million

Our progressive economy

**\$28
million**

- Economic development – \$23 million
- Investment attraction & tourism – \$5 million

Our engaged council

**\$277
million**

- Servicing our communities – \$99 million
- Asset management & fleet acquisitions – \$20 million
- Depreciation and finance costs – \$158 million



Explore the full budget and see what's planned for your local area at [moretonbay.link/budget-25-26](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/budget-25-26)

Future ready budget planning

The 2025–26 Budget is a solidifying and future focussed moment for our community. The coming years will see a series of large investments in our community. For example, 2026 will mark 50 years since the original parts of the Arana Hills Library was built. And it is a similar situation with other facilities across the Hills District.

Aging Infrastructure costs more to maintain and strains your rates dollar. Older facilities often do not meet modern needs, not just in terms of capacity, but also in terms of accessibility and capability. This is why it is important that while we plan for renewal in our community during the next 50 years, we are focused on the future generations of the Hills District and City of Moreton Bay residents, not just today's needs..

Key projects for Division 10 in 2025-26:

- **Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills** – Extension and upgrades to the all-abilities playground, enhancing accessibility and inclusive play.
- **James Drysdale Reserve, Bunya** – Car park lighting and electrical upgrades to improve safety and usability.
- **Timms Road, Everton Hills** – New footpath construction to improve pedestrian connectivity.
- **Cowrie Parade Park, Albany Creek** – Installation of outdoor fitness equipment to support active lifestyles.
- **Kakowan Community Facility, Bunya** – Upgrades to access control and security systems.

- **Arana Hills Library** – Renewal of air conditioning systems to improve comfort and energy efficiency.
- **Kolora Crescent, Ferny Hills** – Road resurfacing from Dinterra Avenue to Joalah Crescent.

Planning for the Future:

- **Hills District Community Place/Civic Facility** - We are currently reviewing market input to understand potential delivery models, investment appetite and any constraints that may impact feasibility. This information will be used alongside the community input that was gathered in 2021.
- **James Drysdale Reserve Master Plan** – A long-term vision to transform this much-loved precinct into a next-generation sports and community hub. Final endorsement is planned this financial year.
- **Albany Creek Recreation Trail (Dawn Road Reserve)** – Detailed design work to progress this key active transport and recreation link.
- **Albany Creek Library** – Air conditioning renewal to improve comfort and sustainability.
- **South Pine River Pathway Connection** – Enhancing regional connectivity and recreational access and connecting both sides of Albany Creek.

These are just some of the many Division 10 projects that will be happening in the year ahead and it is certainly exciting to see the pipeline of works heading to our community.

Matt Constance



**Some projects are delivered with the support of the state and/or federal government.*

Collins Road active transport

As you are reading this newsletter the final link in the active transport corridor from Everton Hills to Ferny Hills and the Samford Conservation Park will be nearing completion. This latest section of work connects along the southern side of Collins Road, between Peter Street Sth and Garfield Terrace with a new crossing over Cabbage Tree Creek removing the need to cross the busy (and fast) Collins Road and making your trip safer.



James Drysdale Reserve – More than just sport

The pipeline of projects identified in the upcoming Masterplan are extensive! From new club facilities, additional carparks, and user groups. We're planning for JDR to be better utilised and most importantly diversifying from a sports precinct that sits idle during the day, to a vibrant community hub. In the coming years, we're working towards JDR becoming home to the Dickson Mens Shed, a new dedicated facility for Stationary Aid, and Arana Little A's. This builds on other non-sporting groups, such as SES, GVK Lions and the Kakowan Art Group. This will expand and modernise facilities for football, baseball, netball, hockey, the QLD Pine Hill Dirt Racers, wrestling, Park Run and our mountain biking community – stay tuned for further updates!

Hills District renewal

City of Moreton Bay recently sought industry feedback for the delivery of the future community and civic facilities at Dawson Parade and Leslie Patrick Park. Despite some recent false commentary on local social media, this market-sounding does follow from extensive community and ongoing consultation that has been occurring since we purchased the site in 2019.

In 2021, Council commissioned engagement with the community and key stakeholders on opportunities for the 303 Dawson Parade Site, and the broader precinct. Feedback from the **670 survey responses and 25 stakeholder interviews** showed strong community use and connection to the neighbouring green network and open space at Leslie Patrick Park.

Feedback also confirmed that community uses including the library, community centre and the PCYC were critical spaces for the local community and while needing a refresh should be retained by Council.

To build on the previous community consultation in February, City of Moreton Bay resolved to undertake a market-sounding activity.

Part of the resolution to proceed included the following stipulations to protect community:

"In response to community feedback in 2021, critical components of any market sounding proposals for the site must include provision for the:

PCYC • Library • Community Centre

*Key components of the **green corridors and open space must also be retained** including Leslie Patrick Park, the all-abilities accessible park, and the town green."*

There is funding allocated in the budget to progress the activation of the site.

Stay up to date and get all the facts by visiting the official project website.

yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/hills-district-community-place

Economic growth and opportunity

Do you own or run a small business in the City of Moreton Bay?

Unlock the full potential of your business with Moreton Business Connect. A one-stop shop for all your business needs.

Moreton Business Connect will equip you with essential tools to elevate your business. By subscribing, you'll be kept up to date with the latest business news, get tips and event notifications, and find out about upcoming opportunities.

Don't miss out on your chance to leverage City of Moreton Bay's extensive network. Become part of the Moreton Business Connect community today and take the next step towards enhancing your business success.

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Tropical Cyclone Alfred may be behind us, but the impacts are still being felt. Here are some statistics from the event:



62,396 residents without power (at the peak of the event)



3,000 tonnes of sand and 300,000 sandbags



1,857 SES requests for assistance

As severe weather season moves to bushfire season, it is still important to **Plan. Prepare. Survive.**

We encourage all residents to:

- Know your risk
- Prepare an emergency plan
- Pack an emergency kit

Stay informed:

- Download the BOM app **bom.gov.au/apps/**
- Subscribe to MoretonAlert **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/MoretonAlert**
- Visit City of Moreton Bay's Disaster Dashboard **disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au**

Leslie Patrick Park – All-abilities extension coming soon.

The all-abilities playground at Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills opened in 2019. The award-winning playground was the first of its kind in South East Queensland. It aims to cater for children and adults of all abilities and is a space we are proud of.

From feedback, we heard that you wanted this playground to be even more accessible. To address this desire, we designed a new inclusive play space for children and adults who are blind or have low vision.

Inspired by a "braille trail", the draft concept plan (displayed via an interactive map) features unique tactile and sensory play elements. It was prepared with input from industry experts, users with lived experience and Vision Australia.

For more information and the draft concept plan visit yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/new-inclusive-playspace-leslie-patrick-park



Additional car parking at James Drysdale Reserve

Additional car parking is currently under construction at James Drysdale Reserve improving access to Field 3. A separate safety and security lighting project will also be commencing in the new financial year with improvements throughout the precinct.



Community grants

There are a number of opportunities for community groups and individuals to receive Council grants throughout the year.

Arana Hills Netball recently used grant funding to purchase and upgrade new height adjustable hoops and posts for their training facility at Leslie Patrick Park. This will improve the accessibility of training for younger age groups and the ability to maintain the hoops and nets easier.

To find out more about community grants and how your group may benefit, visit one of our community information sessions or visit our website and arrange to speak with a Grants Officer.



Rumble Roadshow – Albany Creek Skate Park

The Rumble Road Show was recently hosted at the newly upgraded skate park, which features a modern open spine bowl and exciting new street style obstacles. It was great to see the pro tour crew show off their skills, offering tips and advice to all who came along.



Rainy Hills Carnivale and Hills Festival prompts rethink

Thank you to the many community members who turned out for Hills Carnivale despite the sad weather we had. The many vendors who did attend appreciated your support.

The weather is increasingly proving to be a challenge for our outdoor events and the Hills Festival two signature events have been regularly impacted in recent years, especially with so many events in the one month. With another cancellation of Mother's Day Jazz & Shiraz this year and the near cancellation of the Hills Carnivale we need to consider how we best deliver events in our community moving forward.

Rather than focussing our efforts into a number of events in one month as a "Festival" maybe we should spread them out through the year more? This isn't about removing events, but reallocating and spacing them out in the calendar.

Any feedback received will be passed on to City of Moreton Bay's events team and can be sent to matt.constance@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

WHAT'S ON

Arana Hills Library

Dementia awareness: what can I do?

Saturday 16 August
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Getting started with permaculture

Saturday 23 August
11 am – 12 pm

Family History group

(1st Tuesday of the month)
6 pm – 7:30 pm

Find out more with FamilySearch

Tuesday 26 August
3 pm – 4:30 pm

Albany Creek Library

LEGO Engineers Club

Friday 1 & 15 August
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Knit, crochet, donate

Friday 22 August
10 am – 12 pm

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesday 6 & 20 August
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Bridge Club

(every Monday excluding
public holidays)
9:30 am – 11:30 am

For more details on library
events visit

[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
libraries](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries)



Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival

Pop the champagne, baby - Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival is back! From Friday 22 to Sunday 24 August, Moreton Bays sparkling waterfront will transform into a premium foodie playground, with headline chefs, flavour-packed experiences, and more gourmet goodness than ever before.

22 to 24 August | Apex Park, Woody Point

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

moretonbayfoodandwine.com.au

Teddy Bears Picnic

Join the Teddy Bears Picnic for a morning of singing, dancing, storytelling, and family fun at Pine Rivers Park.

Thursday 11 September | 9 am – 1 pm

Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

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