



VALUING LIFESTYLE

**OUR VISION IS FOR A REGION
THAT CELEBRATES OUR
VIBRANT LIFESTYLE**

A place where:

- **A preserved and well-maintained natural environment can be enjoyed by residents and visitors as part of our unique lifestyle.**
- **People can travel easily around the region using different modes of transportation.**
- **Residents and visitors can participate in diverse community events, recreation and cultural opportunities.**



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Industry-leading koala program

Council engaged wildlife veterinary specialists Endeavour Veterinary Ecology (EVE) to develop an industry-leading, comprehensive koala monitoring and protection program as part of The Mill at Moreton Bay redevelopment project.

The Mill at Moreton Bay redevelopment project will help conserve more than 110 hectares of green space across the site with the assistance of EVE to ensure koala populations remain safe and healthy throughout the construction phase of the project.

Since implementation, EVE (with the assistance of council) have completed a thorough assessment, identifying 45 koalas on The Mill at Moreton Bay project site. EVE also carried out comprehensive health assessments and fitted koalas with innovative non-invasive telemetry tracking devices.

The tracking devices allow koala movements to be monitored and help inform construction activities on the site.

The next phase of the program will aim to tag and monitor new koala joeys and provide ongoing veterinary health assessments and treatments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental initiatives

Plan, monitor, report and educate on environmental and conservation outcomes.

Highlights

- Constructed a fishway as part of a river-crossing upgrade in Brendale. The council project was funded in-part by the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.
- Supported Green Army projects at Woorim and Bongaree to restore coastal dunes and at Clontarf to help rehabilitate significant environmental areas. The Green Army program employed residents aged 17 to 24, and provided training and experience in environment and heritage conservation.
- Awarded the 2016 Don Perrin Environmental Bursary to William Gibson, a Bachelor of Environmental Management student from the University of Queensland. The Don Perrin Environmental Bursary provides a first-year tertiary student in the Moreton Bay Region with \$2000 to assist their studies in an environmentally related course.
- Registered 38 new properties (covering 140 hectares) into council's Land for Wildlife program which aims to encourage and support the preservation and restoration of bushland habitat on private property. More than 540 properties are now registered in Council's Land for Wildlife program.
- Awarded 35 landholders with Voluntary Conservation Program grants to assist with the restoration and enhancement of bushland habitat and wildlife corridors. The grants support landholders who are involved in council's Voluntary Conservation Programs.
- Actively supported 40 bushcare sites, restoring the equivalent of more than 23 rugby fields of bushland habitat and planting over 14 000 native plants and weed control.
- Planted more than 4200 native trees, with the help of more than 200 volunteers at National Tree Day event sites at Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs; Weier Road, Morayfield; and Church Road, Eatons Hill.
- Attracted more than 32 000 people to council's environmental education centres: Caboolture Region Environment Education Centre, Osprey House and Kumbartcho Sanctuary. More than 30 workshops were conducted covering topics including managing native bees, fire management, native plant and weed identification, as well as World Wetlands Day.
- Hosted activities at local libraries and Environment Centres as part of Koala Awareness Month in September 2016.
- Managed six ibis roost sites throughout the region. This included various vegetation modification projects to discourage roosting.
- Monitored 17 flying fox roost sites regionally and managed colonies under Queensland Government legislation and approvals.
- Planted more than 4200 koala habitat trees within the North Lakes Environmental Reserve and at Brendale's Scouts Crossing Road Park. Council also maintained recent plantings at Murrumba Downs, Dakabin, Brendale, Samford Valley and Burpengary.
- Developed a comprehensive Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan which sets out a road map to delivering key projects and initiatives identified in council's Green Infrastructure Strategy.
- Maintained wildlife connectivity along the Brendale-Eatons Hill and Cabbage Tree Creek habitat corridors by installing three fauna rope bridges across Old North Road, Warner and two over Collins Road, Everton Hills, fostering fauna movement and reducing the risk of wildlife-vehicle collisions.
- Constructed a dedicated fauna underpass under McClintock Drive, Murrumba Downs to enable fauna to move along the Black Duck Creek Habitat Corridor.

A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, wearing green t-shirts with a logo. They are sitting on the ground in a garden, planting a small tree. The boy is on the left, and the girl is on the right. They are both smiling. The background is a dense green bush. The ground is covered with dry leaves and mulch. There are other plants in the foreground, including a large green leafy plant on the left and another one on the right.

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Premier recognises school educational waste program

Council's efforts to work with the community to minimise, repurpose and recycle waste were recognised in the 2016 Premier's Sustainability Awards held in Brisbane in December.

The Community Award recognised council's waste minimisation program, through which council partners with local schools, early learning centres, businesses, community groups and individuals to reduce landfill and increase recycling across the region.

Through the program, council has begun changing the waste culture in the region, by working with young residents to improve how they think about rubbish and helping them to implement best practice, including recycling, re-using and waste minimisation both at school and at home.

In the past eight years, council has engaged more than 90 early learning centres, primary and secondary schools through the program, resulting in more than 83 per cent of education facilities in Moreton Bay auditing their waste practices and as a result have seen schools report up to a 62 per cent reduction in landfill waste within 12 months.

Council has also implemented a wide range of initiatives to encourage recycling across the broader Moreton Bay Region including Treasure Markets at waste management facilities and welcomed almost 1000 residents to free sustainability workshops, to encourage the re-use of discarded objects.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste collection, reduction and recycling

The collection and disposal of waste and programs and strategies to reduce and recycle waste.

Highlights

- Invested more than \$44 million in waste management including upgrading waste facilities and waste collection.
- Provided more than 160 000 properties with kerbside waste and recycling collection services.
- Recycled 48 per cent of waste, diverting it from landfill.
- Reduced more than 90 000 tonnes of carbon emissions through council's Landfill Gas Management Project.
- Removed more than 27 tonnes of litter from 135 sites with the assistance of 11 516 volunteers as part of Clean Up Australia Day in the Moreton Bay Region.
- Received 178 reports of illegal dumping and assisted in its removal.
- Supplied recycling bins to major events and festivals to reduce landfill waste.
- Educated more than 2700 school and early learning centre students on how to become expert recyclers. Electronic and other education resources including recycling crates, compost bins, bin stickers and worm farms were provided as part of these programs.
- Hosted 18 free waste facility tours, attracting more than 1000 local students and residents, lifting the lid on what happens to rubbish.
- Attracted close to 3000 residents to waste minimisation, composting and recycling workshops during International Composting Awareness Week and monthly Treasure Market workshops.
- Awarded students at Little Genesis Early Learning Centre the Moreton Bay Region's 2016 Regional Recycler Award for their efforts in recycling, reusing and repurposing preloved materials.
- Completed expansion and improvement works at Caboolture Waste Management Facility. Works included the construction of new landfill cells, road works, improving stormwater drainage and the installation of fencing.
- Constructed a new stormwater filtration dam at the Redcliffe Transfer Station.
- Upgraded the Bunya Waste Management Facility. Works included the construction of a new landfill cell and round-about to improve traffic flow and reduce wait times.
- Carried out new drainage infrastructure and improved amenities at the Dakabin Waste Management Facility.





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Boarding all stations to Redcliffe

Moreton Bay's biggest public infrastructure project in more than a generation - the Redcliffe Peninsula Rail Line - officially opened with the first passenger service operating on 3 October 2016.

The \$988 million project delivered more than 12.6 kilometres of dual track between Petrie and Kippa-Ring along with six new stations and more than 13 kilometres of shared use pathway stretching the length of the project.

The new rail line also delivered a range of associated local road infrastructure including:

- a four-lane upgrade to both Dohles Rocks Road and Brays Road in Murrumba Downs;
- new road connections at Duffield Road and Cecily Street in Kallangur; and
- new over rail bridges at Mango Hill along Kinsellas Road East, Capestone Boulevard and Fresh Water Creek Road.

As a result of this transformative project, the region has experienced significant growth in the number of businesses, residents, developments and investment along the rail corridor.

The project was jointly funded by the three levels of government, with the Australian Government contributing \$595 million, the Queensland Government \$323 million and Moreton Bay Regional Council \$105 million.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads and transport

Roads and other transport infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- Invested more than \$124 million maintaining and improving road and transport infrastructure.
- Spent \$21.28 million on road resurfacing projects. A further \$17 million was spent on 26 rehabilitation and improvement projects including:
 - ▶ \$1.5 million for Rowley Road, Burpengary
 - ▶ \$1.1 million for Pioneer Drive, Narangba
 - ▶ \$933 000 for Gordon Road, Ferny Hills
 - ▶ \$719 000 for Norfolk Esplanade, Caboolture
 - ▶ \$477 000 Green Road, Wamuran
 - ▶ \$477 000 for Lipscombe Road, Deception Bay.
- Maintained more than 3365 kilometres of sealed road, as well as a further 240 kilometres of unsealed road.
- Continued to maintain 519 bridges (70 vehicle bridges and 449 foot bridges).
- Officially opened Diamond Jubilee Way, North Lakes in partnership with Stockland, the master developer of North Lakes. The 1.5 kilometre North-South arterial links Discovery Drive and Endeavour Boulevard, reducing travel times.
- Completed work on a road renewal along Neurum Road, Neurum. The 1.5 kilometre section completes a 3.5 kilometre upgrade along the road to the Neurum Creek Bridge.
- Invested \$3.5 million to upgrade the Burpengary Road and Pitt Road intersection at Burpengary. The project included the installation of traffic signals, pedestrian and cycle facilities, and road resurfacing on Burpengary Road between Pitt Road and Henderson Road. The project was funded in part through the Australian Government's Black Spot program.
- Awarded a \$3.1 million tender for the upgrade of Kremzow and Leitchs Roads intersection at Brendale.
- Upgraded and improved safety at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and King Street, Woody Point. The \$1.7 million project included installation of traffic signals, pedestrian and cycle facilities as well as resurfacing the intersection. The project was funded in part by the Australian Government's Black Spot program.
- Completed a \$1.3 million upgrade of McClintock Drive, Murumba Downs between Goodfellows Road and Brays Road. Construction included widening of McClintock Drive, installation of bicycle lanes, a right turn lane at Kate Court, road resurfacing and a wildlife crossing beneath McClintock Drive.
- Partnered with Translink to upgrade more than 40 bus stops with new shelters, signage, kerb ramps, footpath connections and tactile paving. The project aims to make public transport more accessible to all-abilities and users.
- Invested more than \$1.7 million to improve road safety along Theodore Road, Kurwongbah and Smiths Road, Narangba. The project included the widening and sealing of 1.8 kilometres of gravel road.
- Completed a \$600 000 upgrade of English Street, Elimbah. The project included new footpaths, street lighting, installation of kerb and channel, upgrading stormwater drainage and the laying of new asphalt.
- Awarded a \$7 million tender for the upgrade of Drapers Crossing, Bunya. Once complete a new flood-resilient bridge will provide better access for motorists during weather events, replacing the single lane low-level bridge. The project is funded in part through the Australian Government's bridges renewal program.

Roads and transport

Highlights continued

- Completed work on the region's first segregated cycleway along Gynther Road, Rothwell. The project included narrowing the road carriageway, installation of pedestrian and cycle facilities, drainage, lighting, landscaping, road resurfacing, car parking and traffic calming. The project was supported by a \$1.6 million grant from the Queensland Government.
- Council secured a \$930 000 Cycle Network Grant from the Queensland Government enabling:
 - ▶ \$130 000 for the detailed design of the Caboolture to Wamuran Rail Trail (Stage 1),
 - ▶ a shared pathway which follows the old Caboolture to Kilcoy railway corridor that closed in 1964
 - ▶ \$450 000 towards cycle upgrades along Dohles Rocks Road, Murrumba Downs
 - ▶ \$350 000 for the installation of on-road cycle lanes along Buchanan Road, Morayfield.
- Finalised detailed planning for a major cycle and pedestrian bridge over Kedron Creek, Ferny Hills linking Lanita Road with Samford Road. The project supports a new cycling link to Samford Village recently completed by the Queensland Government.
- Invested \$485 000 to install traffic calming measures along Boyd Street, Woorim. The upgrade included three landscaped roundabouts and the construction of new pathway to improve access to the beach and Woorim town centre.
- Completed detailed design works for streetscape and corridor improvements including James and Matthew terraces in Caboolture, transport upgrades to Benabrow Avenue in Bongaree, and streetscape improvements along Maine Terrace in Deception Bay.
- Invested \$150 000 to upgrade all street kerbs and ramps across the region to ensure they could be accessed by all abilities.







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Region's flood mapping initiative awarded

Council efforts to develop a region-wide flood database were recognised at the 2016 Floodplain Management Australia Conference Excellence Awards.

Project of the Year was awarded to council for its development of an integrated regional flood information database and property-specific Flood Check reports.

The Regional Flood Database is a collection of predictive flood modelling, providing detailed reports allowing council to issue early warning alerts and information about flood risks to properties during severe weather events.

Meanwhile council's Flood Check reports provide residents and potential homeowners detailed flood information of a particular property.

Since its roll out in 2013, more than 146 000 Flood Check reports have been generated, helping property owners be aware of risks and prepared for flooding.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Stormwater infrastructure

Drainage and other stormwater infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- Generated more than 30 000 free Flood Check reports in 2016/17, providing residents and property owners with comprehensive and tailored flood information.
- Maintained more than 2800 kilometres of stormwater infrastructure.
- Completed 40 stormwater projects valued at more than \$6.7 million, helping to improve stormwater drainage.
- Improved the capacity of stormwater infrastructure and reduced the potential for flooding in Woody Point with a \$2.9 million drainage upgrade to Victoria Avenue.
- Completed master plan drainage designs for flood mitigation works in Burpengary, Redcliffe, Caboolture and Albany Creek to support the region's planning scheme.
- Construction began on the \$1.2 million upgrade to drainage along Joorra Avenue in Petrie.
- Identified and began preliminary design and planning works for five stormwater treatment devices to improve water quality in the region's rivers and waterways. The works are being carried out in accordance with *Environmental Protection Water Policy 2009* requirements.



An aerial photograph of a coastal town. The town is built on a peninsula or a narrow strip of land, with a sandy beach and a breakwater extending into the ocean. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear. The town features a mix of residential and commercial buildings, including a large white building. The breakwater is a long, narrow structure made of rocks or concrete, extending from the shore into the water.

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Supporting the region's seawalls

Council has claimed top honours at the 2017 Australian Coastal Councils Awards for its innovative use of remotely-piloted aircraft to study seawalls within the Moreton Bay Region.

In 2016, Council embarked on an innovative project utilising remotely-piloted aircraft technology to gather comprehensive data on our region's coastal protection infrastructure.

Through the use of this technology, council was able to capture data covering more than 31 kilometres of seawalls in the region in just three days, including a number of locations that are only accessible on foot.

Council was also able to capture additional data like vegetation lines and beach alignment, which will be valuable in assisting coastal experts understand how erosion and shoreline evolution impacts the coastline.

Data collected from the study will be used to help council proactively plan, manage and maintain its coastal infrastructure.

The information will also be used to assist in the preparation of important strategic documents for the community like the Planning Scheme and Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy.

The awards were part of the Australian Coastal Councils Conference held in Redcliffe during May.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Waterways and coastal facilities

Waterways and coastal facilities across the region.

Highlights

- Maintained 35 boat ramps and three public jetties at Redcliffe, Woody Point and Bongaree.
- Monitored water quality at six popular swimming beaches located at Redcliffe and Bribie Island during the peak swimming season (October to March).
- Continued to manage foreshore areas and carried out routine beach raking along the region's beaches.
- Monitored more than 250 kilometres of freshwater stream sites for their ecological health to inform effective waterway management for the region.
- Partnered with Seqwater and Healthy Land and Water to eradicate invasive aquatic weed species along the Stanley River, Caboolture. Council also partnered with the Pine Rivers Catchment Association for similar eradication work along Cedar Creek, Closeburn.
- Finalised lake management plans to help maintain water quality and an overall high standard of lake health for local wildlife and residents using areas including the Black Duck Lake system at Murrumba Downs and the Endeavour Boulevard Lake system at North Lakes.
- Completed rehabilitation works at 18 lakes, wetlands and creeks throughout the region including Yarrow Court Lake at Upper Caboolture. These projects included removing aquatic weeds, revegetation and maintenance of native vegetation.
- Continued to maintain canal systems at Bribie Gardens, Pacific Harbour and Newport. Maintenance works included canal dredging and beach restoration works.
- Completed a \$454 000 project to replace ageing handrails along the Redcliffe Jetty. The new handrails take on the original blue, white and yellow colour scheme of the jetty.
- Completed a \$38 000 upgrade and strengthening of a seawall off Charlish Park in Redcliffe.



A woman wearing a black riding helmet, a blue and white polo shirt, and white breeches is smiling while riding a brown horse. They are in an indoor equestrian arena with a high, industrial-style metal roof and large windows. In the foreground, there are several horizontal wooden and purple-painted wooden rails, likely part of a jump or obstacle course. The horse is facing forward, and the rider is looking towards the camera.

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Facilities for our community

In March 2017, council unveiled a new \$4 million warm-up arena at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC), further cementing the complex as the state's premier venue for equestrian sport.

The new warm-up arena takes QSEC to the next level in equestrian sport, bringing a whole new functionality and adaptability to the complex, no matter what the weather brings.

Construction saw crews erect more than 170 tonnes of structural steel, spanning more than 4700m² and 12 metres high, in just five months and in time for QSEC to host a packed-full calendar of events in 2017.

The new warm-up arena follows a similar design to the main arena, featuring translucent weather-proof sheeting on its western and southern sides and specialised competition surface and lighting.

The Queensland Government contributed \$544 500 toward the upgrade through its 2016/17 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Community facilities

Community venues and other facilities.

Highlights

- Provided more than 1.74 million square metres of sport fields to local community and sporting organisations.
- Made 50 community halls available to community groups and organisations.
- Received more than 1750 bookings for the North Lakes Community Centre.
- Sold out more than 26 shows at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre including the Melbourne City Ballet and tributes to Elvis and ABBA.
- Invested \$60 000 to bring kitchen and bar facilities at the Bribie Island Recreation Hall up to a commercial standard.
- Completed a \$350 000 upgrade at the Albany Creek Community Centre. The project included installing new commercial grade fittings and fixtures, repurposing the existing kitchen into a storeroom, and installing new flooring.
- Undertook a \$269 000 upgrade to the Caboolture Memorial Hall. The project included upgrading the disability bathrooms, installing new bench tops and splashbacks, air-conditioning, energy-efficient LED lighting and painting.
- Invested \$85 000 upgrading and installing new security systems at 18 community halls throughout the region.
- Queensland State Equestrian Centre hosted 307 local, regional, state, national and international events, attracting more than 19 800 visitors in 2016/17. Highlights included:
 - ▶ Brisbane CDI (International Dressage Event)
 - ▶ QSEC's Rodeo Round-Up 2016
 - ▶ Dressage State Championships
 - ▶ Riding for Disabled State Championships
 - ▶ Indoor Showjumping Championships
 - ▶ Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games.



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Exhibition pays tribute to local world record holder

In April 2017, Redcliffe Museum paid tribute to local resident, Serge Testa who sailed around the world and into the Guinness Book of Records in 1987.

Serge started the journey of a lifetime in 1983 as he sailed around the world alone on an 11 foot 10 inch (3.61m) yacht he designed and built named "Acrohc Australis". Completing the trip in 1987, Serge set the record for the smallest sailboat to ever complete a circumnavigation of the world - a record that still remains 30 years later.

The exhibition Serge Testa: Sailing into History featured a full scale model of the boat constructed by volunteers and overseen by Serge. The model enabled visitors to see and experience the enormity of his achievement aboard such a small yacht. Serge enthralled audiences with stories of endurance at a presentation during the exhibition.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Cultural services

Cultural services including museum operations, art gallery operations and art, culture and heritage development activities.

Highlights

- Hosted 79 exhibitions, attracting more than 126 000 visitors to council's art galleries and museums.
- More than 220 volunteers contributed to enjoyable and memorable visitor experiences, assisting with public tours, collection management processes and workshop activities at gallery and museum facilities.
- Provided information to residents through the Arts Mail e-newsletter, which grew to more than 9000 subscriptions.
- Grew council's art, heritage and public art collections to more than 22 000 artworks and historic artefacts.
- Grew museum visitation with the development of new exciting and engaging children's exhibitions and activities including Cubbies, Forts and Adventure; Signs of the Times; and Monsters in the Backyard.

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

- Attracted more than 31 000 visitors to 20 exhibitions.
- Supported local and emerging artists with the Caboolture Hub Art Gallery hosting 13 exhibitions by artists including school students.

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

- Attracted more than 9000 visitors to 22 exhibitions.
- Delivered a range of experimental art activities to foster learning and further develop motor-skills in a respite and care groups.

Redcliffe Art Gallery

- Attracted more than 21 000 visitors to 22 exhibitions.
- Showcased two popular exhibitions aimed at engaging children including Camille Seriser's *The Wonderful Land of Oz* and Alasdair Macintyre's *The Adventures of AECAP*.

Bribie Island Seaside Museum

- Grew visitation to more than 27 290 visitors.
- Celebrated 12 traditional trades in *Tools of the Trade*, a collection-based exhibition developed using the stories of local tradesmen and women.

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

- Attracted more than 27 200 visitors.
- Showcased a collection-based exhibition about the changing fashion styles and silhouettes from the 1820s to the 1970s. *Exposing the Silhouette* was developed in partnership with Miegunyah House, Australian Costumers Guild and local collectors.

Redcliffe Museum

- Attracted more than 14 000 visitors.
- Partnered with local military collectors to showcase the exhibition *Redcoats: the Service and Legacy of the British Soldiers in Moreton Bay* which studied the role of British soldiers in Queensland's first European settlement at Redcliffe in 1824.
- Commenced work to create a new exhibition space at the Redcliffe Museum.



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Partnering to deliver world-class events

The Let's Go! Moreton Bay Region 2017 Events Calendar was launched in 2016. This initiative was made possible through council's strategic partnership with Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism (MBRIT).

The calendar includes more than 50 major events showcasing the region's location, lifestyle and community. The events are expected to attract more than 700 000 people and deliver an estimated economic impact of \$70 million to the regional economy.

Council provided direct sponsorship to 17 of these major events including Caboolture Family Fun Day, Redcliffe Festival and KiteFest, The Hills Carnivale and the region's calendar of Christmas celebrations.

The Let's Go! Moreton Bay Region 2017 Events Calendar is part of the regional destination marketing strategy which aims to grow annual visitor numbers to more than 3.6 million, and associated expenditure to \$810 million.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Events

Corporate events in partnership with the community.

Highlights

- Delivered a program of community-focused events in local parks across the Moreton Bay Region. Events included Movies in the Park, Splash 'n' Movies and Teddy Bear Picnics.
- Welcomed more than 1500 people from 99 countries, conducting 14 Australian citizenship ceremonies.
- Hosted the annual Disc Golf and Battle of the Brains competitions which saw more than 350 grade six students from nine local schools test their disc golf skills, academic knowledge.
- Supported the region's Anzac Day commemorations.
- Attracted more than 5500 passionate AFL fans to the opening of council's new \$10.6 million AFL precinct at Brendale. Fans witnessed history as the Brisbane Lions claimed victory over Collingwood in the first Queensland game in the inaugural AFL Women's competition. Subsequent games between the Brisbane Lions, Adelaide Crows, and Greater Western Sydney were also played at the facility as part of the fixture.



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New library hits the road

Council's new custom-made mobile library began servicing the region in March 2017.

The specialised vehicle was manufactured by Varley Group in Narangba, and replaces council's former library truck which had clocked up more than 250 000 kilometres in servicing the region for more than two decades.

The new 12 metre-long truck is council's newest addition to its library service, catering to residents across the region from Dayboro, Samford, Mount Glorious and Mount Nebo through to Toorbul, Donnybrook and Beachmere.

The new mobile library features a lift, providing library customers of all-abilities the opportunity to loan books, CDs and DVDs from a collection of more than 5000 items. The mobile library also offers access to computer, print and copy services.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Libraries

Library services and programs.

Highlights

- Invested almost \$12 million into the library network.
- Received more than 1.43 million library visits with more than 3 million items loaned.
- Welcomed 21 000 new members to Moreton Bay Region libraries, with overall memberships now totalling 143 683.
- Received \$1.8 million from the State Library of Queensland to expand the collection. Council's library network now provides a collection spanning 533 728 resources.
- Increased public computer usage by three per cent to 120 000 hours.
- Saw 3.8 million people search council's eLibrary catalogue and download 302 268, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and videos - an increase of 32 per cent.
- Digitised and provided access to more than 6000 historical photographs.
- Grew Moreton Bay Region Libraries' Facebook page by 69 per cent, reaching an average of 1274 daily followers.
- Grew library eNewsletters subscriptions by 44 per cent.
- Provided home-based library services to more than 300 residents unable to visit their local library.
- Accessed 292 volunteers who assisted with library services, operations and programs.
- Saw more than 150 000 people take part in 7850 activities and workshops which included:
 - ▶ hosting nine Write Around Moreton Bay seminars and 29 author talks, attracting more than 2300 people;
 - ▶ growing technology workshop patronage by seven per cent to 3200 participants;
 - ▶ attracting more than 1800 participants to local history and genealogy events; and
 - ▶ hosting Children's Book Week activities and workshops for more than 4700 residents.
- Received funding from the State Library of Queensland towards library programs such as Tech Savvy Seniors, Lego Robotics and Ozobots.
- Saw more than 6000 young people to take part in school holiday programming which included workshops, computer game tournaments, craft tables and competitions.
- Assisted 1650 students to access resources, and develop their homework and library research skills through council's Study On program.
- Saw more than 14 000 children take part in 203 library outreach programs delivered to local schools, childcare, playgroups and kindergartens.
- Had almost 8700 young people aged 12 to 17 participate in LOUD @ the library, Anime Clubs, Chess Club, HYPE, LOUD and GameOn sessions.
- Saw 4800 young people clock up 17 600 reading hours and borrow 51 400 items as part of the Summer Reading Club.
- Provided 97 people with free one-on-one career counselling sessions, study and job seeking workshops.
- Supported 188 clubs through council's Book Club collection.
- Supported the annual Donate-a-Book Appeal for The Smith Family and donated 856 new books and \$1490 on behalf of residents, supporting child literacy.
- Provided 4800 people with free Justice of the Peace services.
- Held 51 tax help sessions in partnership with the Australian Taxation Office, attracting more than 200 people.

A young child with blonde hair, wearing a blue Superman t-shirt and dark shorts, is captured mid-air while jumping on a red and yellow mat. The background shows a black metal fence and green trees under a clear blue sky.

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Upgrade has foreshore park jumping

In May 2017, council installed the region's first jumping pillow as part of a \$2.5 million rejuvenation of Scarborough Beach Park, with the facility proving extremely popular for young and old alike.

Home to the iconic pirate playground and Norfolk Pines lining the foreshore, the popular park received a major transformation with new picnic settings, park furniture, viewing areas, paths, basketball half-court, and jumping pillow installed as part of a master plan for the site.

The work followed recent upgrades to the park including the construction of a giant chess set, installation of new playground equipment, BBQ areas and improved car parking.

The upgrade was part of council's \$32.5 million investment across parks, sport and recreation aimed at encouraging healthy and active lifestyles.

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Parks

Opportunities for leisure activities through the provision of open space, parks and reserves.

Highlights

- Invested \$32.5 million in local parks, sport and recreation.
- Completed a new joint-use play facility at Humpybong State School which is able to be used by the community outside of school hours. The playground is used exclusively by school students during school hours and then available for community use on weekday afternoons and weekends.
- Officially opened the region's newest adventure playground in Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine. The new play space goes beyond traditional playground design and features imaginative designs and challenging play equipment including hexagonal links, modular net obstacles, and colourful structures.
- Partnered with Queensland University of Technology to launch a comprehensive review of the region's parks and establish new guidelines for park design. The project helps to identify park user groups and key attractions to assist in the design of future parks and playgrounds.
- Began an audit of shade provisions in more than 600 playgrounds across the region. The audit saw five parks planted with new shade trees and a further 60 parks re-designed so as to include additional shade.
- Completed new scenic lookout sites at Mount Mee and near Settlement Cove Lagoon, Redcliffe which were established in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Began preliminary planning and design works for a historical tribute to the original North Pine River rail-crossing at Leis Park, Lawnton. Elements of the former rail bridge were salvaged during its decommission in 2016, making way for the new bridge built as part of Redcliffe Rail Line.
- Completed the Pine Rivers Park amphitheatre drainage and irrigation upgrade, making the space more resilient to harsh weather conditions.
- Maintained 7573 hectares of environmental reserve, as well as 2888 hectares of land across the region's 2084 parks.
- Completed 6200 park inspections, ensuring more than 640 playgrounds were safe for the region's youngest residents.
- Continued to provide more than 168 public amenity blocks throughout the region.
- Spent more than \$1.1 million upgrading and renewing playgrounds across the region.



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Soccer precinct underway for Moreton Bay

In February 2017, council awarded a \$11.45 million tender for the first stage of a new regional soccer precinct at Burpengary.

The new regional soccer precinct will sit alongside the \$14 million AFL precinct, which has successfully hosted past NAB Cup challenges and AFL exhibition games since opening in 2014.

Stage one will feature the region's first ever synthetic FIFA-rated soccer field built along with two new grass pitches, field lighting, internal roads, car parking and a 638m² clubhouse.

The clubhouse is set to be the heart of the new soccer precinct overlooking the fields; featuring viewing areas, stepped seating, change rooms, office space, club room, commercial kitchen, officials room and storage facilities.

Football Queensland has indicated, once complete, the precinct will have the ability to attract national exhibition games, carnivals and state-level fixtures, cementing Moreton Bay as one of South East Queensland's premier sport, tourism and event destinations.

The project was supported by a Queensland Government contribution of \$1.5 million.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation programs, activities and facilities.

Highlights

- Completed construction on a shared clubhouse as part of the region's new AFL Precinct at Brendale. The new clubhouse features home and away change rooms, commercial kitchen, gym, bar, office, coaches and officials rooms, and will become home to local AFL and hockey teams.
- Completed construction of a new clubhouse for the Kinsellas Sports Complex which will play home to a rugby league and two football clubs. The clubhouse overlooks a junior and two fully-lit senior fields. The project was funded in part through the Queensland Government's Get Playing grant funding.
- Contributed \$348 000 towards 10 facility improvement projects as part of the Queensland Government's Get Playing Places and Spaces initiative. Projects included \$40 000 upgrade to lighting at the Caboolture Little Athletics Centre, and \$40 000 towards a new shooting range at the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Caboolture Branch).
- Completed construction of a new \$1.9 million soccer clubhouse at the Samford Parklands to accommodate one of South East Queensland's fastest-growing football clubs, the Samford Rangers. The new state-of-the art facility boasts club room, a fully-serviced kitchen and bar, four change rooms, bathrooms and storage facilities.
- Began detailed design and planning works for the 16.6 hectare site at Nathan Road, Kippa-Ring to create the region's new home for the Redcliffe Tigers Australian Football Club. The new precinct will include a Melbourne Cricket Ground-sized field, clubhouse and car parking.
- Constructed a 30-space car park at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay. The project replaces the former, unsealed car park and provides a safer car park for the Deception Bay Little Athletics and pigeon clubs.
- Installed all-access hoists at Caboolture Regional Aquatic Centre and the Deception Bay and Bribie Island pools.
- Awarded a \$1.9 million tender for the construction of a new multi-purpose indoor learn-to-swim heated swimming pool at Ferny Hills.
- Completed work on a new community grandstand at Lawnton Swimming Pool.
- Invested \$253 000 to begin preliminary planning and detailed design works for the expansion the Morayfield Sport and Events Centre.
- Contributed \$30 000 toward the 2016 Murri Rugby League Carnival hosted at the Redcliffe Leagues Club.
- Attracted and supported 16 sporting events to the Moreton Bay Region, injecting an estimated \$4 million into the local economy.
- Delivered a new look Active Holidays program which saw more than 5280 students to take part in 215 activities across school holiday periods.
- Saw more than 4000 residents aged 50 years and over participate in council's Older and Bolder program which featured more than 350 sport, recreation and fitness activities.
- Grew registrations of council's free eight-week Spring in Your Step program to 774 participants.

Sport and recreation

Highlights continued

- Hosted 235 sport, recreation and adventure activities as part of council's Adventure program for families and adults which saw more than 3200 residents take part.
- Hosted 36 skateboard and scooter Ramp Up clinics at local skate parks which saw more than 885 young people attend.
- Saw 18 Heart Foundation walking groups attract more than 500 active walkers.
- Hosted 12 workshops for sport and recreation volunteers to develop and improve skills and knowledge of local sport and recreation management.
- Issued the monthly Healthy and Active Moreton e-Newsletter to 5665 people to promote upcoming sport and recreation programs and healthy eating options.
- Grew visitation to council swimming pools by 2 per cent to 839 380.
- Saw around 120 000 people visit Settlement Cove. Lagoon at Redcliffe.



