

# MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

2020/21



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together.





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# WELCOME

**Moreton Bay Regional Council is proud to present its Annual Report for the financial year to 30 June 2021.**

This report demonstrates our commitment to open, transparent and accountable governance. It outlines Council's operational and financial performance for the year against the goals, strategies and priorities within our Corporate Plan 2017-22 and the 2020-21 budget.

This year's Annual Report centres on the theme **WORKING TOGETHER.**

It reflects Council's commitment to partnering with you to achieve our collective vision for a thriving region of opportunity where our communities enjoy a vibrant lifestyle.

We are and will continue to listen to your feedback to help inform the decisions Council makes and to guide the future of the Moreton Bay Region.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We know having confidence and trust in Council is important to the residents of Moreton Bay and it's important to us that we are meeting your expectations. We want to get this right, so your Council is in the process of reviewing and refreshing how we do things with a focus on building your trust in us. We aim to do this by demonstrating our competence and capability in managing Council's day-to-day business and effectively planning for the needs of the region.

With a region as large as ours, Council has a wide range of roles to meet our community obligations. This includes asset management, regulation of buildings and development, keeping our public spaces clean and tidy, and local roads and footpaths in good condition. We deliver cultural experiences and community services including parks and sporting facilities, libraries and art galleries, as well as managing local environmental issues, waste collection and recycling. We are also responsible for managing growth through smart forward planning.

We have heard from you that while we are doing well with the day-to-day management of services, we need to do more to plan for future growth across our region.

While there's more to do, here are some of the key measures we introduced in 2020-21 as part of our commitment to gaining your trust in us.

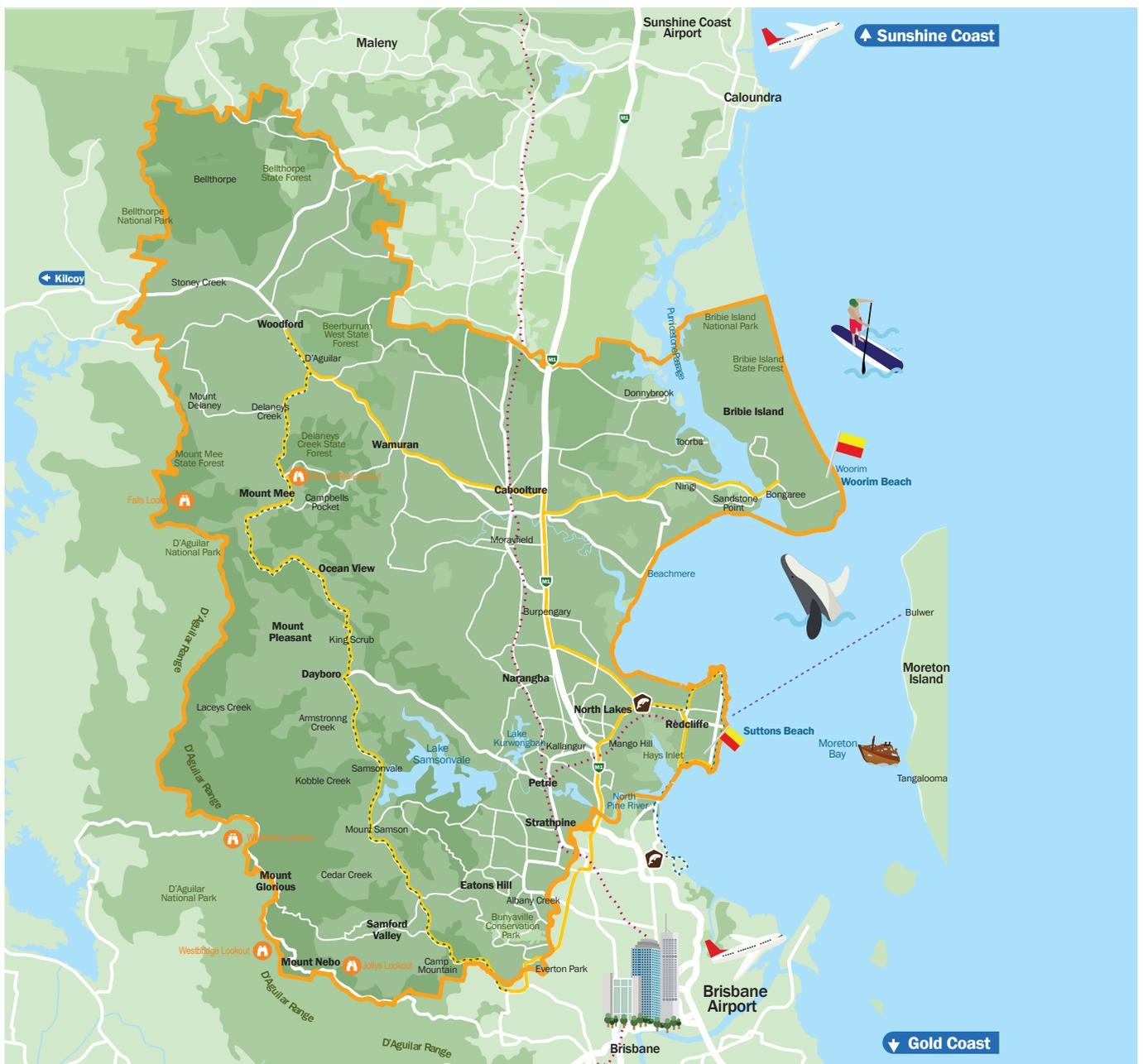
- ✓ Live streaming of Council meetings so you know what is being discussed, decided and how resources are being prioritised and distributed across the region.
- ✓ Communicating Council's decisions promptly via our website, social channels and newsletters so you know first-hand what is happening across the region.
- ✓ Conducted the first Moreton Says survey with over 4,000 responses with more opportunities to have your say over the coming year.
- ✓ A Regional Economic Development Strategy and clear set of actions to drive a bigger, bolder and brighter future for residents over the next 20 years.
- ✓ Established the 'Reshaping our regions planning work portfolio' to address your concerns about development impacts on lifestyle and the changing needs of the region.
- ✓ A commitment to engage with you on issues of interest and in ways you prefer to help inform our decisions and actions.
- ✓ Introduced innovative ways to use our services, report issues and have people available when you need to talk to them.

# OUR REGION

**We are a thriving region of opportunity where our communities enjoy a vibrant lifestyle.**

The Moreton Bay Region is the third largest local government area in Australia with a population of over 479,000 people. Covering an area of 2,041 square kilometres, the region comprises a patchwork of diverse landscapes and lifestyles. From the pristine sands of the coast, to the charm of hinterland hamlets, spectacular national parks, large industrial estates, thriving business precincts and booming residential hubs.

Moreton Bay has something for everyone and offers some of the most desirable locations and lifestyles in South-East Queensland. With well-connected communities, reliable transport links and affordable living options, residents can experience the benefits and convenience of our close proximity to Brisbane City and the Sunshine Coast without the hustle and bustle. Our region features premier waterfront locations, pristine environmental areas, vibrant entertainment and cultural venues and an abundance of community facilities. Residents also enjoy access to award-winning medical, commercial, leisure, residential and educational precincts. It's our diversity that makes Moreton Bay the perfect place to live, work and play.



## Our Region



**2,041 km<sup>2</sup>**  
Size



**3,714 km**  
Roads



**294 km**  
Coastline  
and estuaries



**3,464 ha**  
Parks



**180,270**  
Rateable  
properties

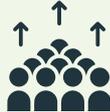


**\$17.72 billion**  
Gross Regional  
Product\*  
(2020)

## Our Community



**479,639**  
Population^  
(June 2020)



**2.17%**  
Annual Population  
growth^



**38.6 years**  
Median Age^  
(2019)



**21%**  
Population under  
15 years^  
(2019)



**44%**  
Couples with  
children^



**14%**  
People with bachelor  
degree or higher^

## Our Business Community and Workforce



**29,298**  
Registered  
businesses



**Top 5 industries  
(by economic contributors)**  
1. Construction  
2. Health care & social assistance  
3. Manufacturing  
4. Education & training  
5. Retail Trade



**232,500**  
People in the  
labour force



**Top 5 industries  
(by employment)**  
1. Health care & social assistance  
2. Retail trade  
3. Construction  
4. Education & training  
5. Accommodation & food services



**149,344**  
Local jobs

## A Year in Moreton Bay



**10,197**  
New residents#



**4,096**  
Building  
approvals^



**11,374**  
Residential  
dwelling sales#



**16.74 ha**  
New parks##



**22.05 km**  
New local  
roads\*

Source: ^QGSO, \*REMPLAN, #ABS, \*economy.id



# OUR PRIORITIES

We will achieve our vision and mission by delivering on the priorities and actions as outlined in our Corporate Plan 2017-22. This plan clearly sets out a strategic pathway towards achieving outcomes for the region. The outcomes and actions identified in the Corporate Plan link directly to key performance indicators in Council's annual Budget and Operational Plan and are reported on within this report.

## OUR VISION

A thriving region of opportunity where our communities enjoy a vibrant lifestyle.



## OUR MISSION

Moreton Bay Regional Council is dedicated to serving the community to create a region of opportunity and a vibrant lifestyle, while focusing on excellence and sustainability.



## OUR VALUES

We proudly uphold the following values in our daily operations with our customers, external partners and our people.



SERVICE	TEAMWORK	INTEGRITY	RESPECT	SUSTAINABILITY
<p>We seek to understand the needs of those we serve</p> <p>We strive to exceed expectations</p> <p>We communicate clearly</p> <p>We take a positive approach</p> <p>We are proud to serve our community</p>	<p>We promote a friendly, supportive work environment</p> <p>We inspire and encourage innovation</p> <p>We develop and maintain relationships</p> <p>We work collectively to achieve common goals</p> <p>We work collaboratively with our community and external partners</p>	<p>We are ethical and honest</p> <p>We take responsibility for our actions</p> <p>We act within statute and law</p> <p>We take pride in the manner in which we perform our duties</p>	<p>We listen to people</p> <p>We treat people fairly and consistently</p> <p>We embrace diversity and opinions</p> <p>We treat others as we wish to be treated</p>	<p>We focus on the future</p> <p>We respect the environment</p> <p>We demonstrate leadership by example</p>

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**The 2020-21 financial year was an extraordinary year for Moreton Bay Regional Council and the people of our region. While we experienced unprecedented challenges, we also embraced opportunities for new and smarter ways of working and staying connected as a community. As a Council we have stayed focused on keeping pace with the new momentum and responded by shifting how we engage, plan and progress towards a better Moreton Bay Region.**

My team and I have been extremely heartened how as a community we have rallied together and supported those most in need. Every day I have been inspired and encouraged by people's resilience, strength and ingenuity in tackling the challenges brought about by COVID-19. We have learned much over the past year and those lessons will continue to guide us over the next 12 months and beyond.

Despite the challenges, I am proud to say Council continued to deliver record investment and an extensive capital works program to support the region and its recovery. Everything we do at Council is with one goal in mind and that is to create a place for our residents to call home that is the best in South East Queensland, now and well into the future. And, while we are a diverse blend of people, cultures and lifestyles, we are one region with similar aspirations. We will continue to keep our sights on creating a thriving region of opportunity where our communities can enjoy the lifestyle and embrace the opportunities they desire. We have a clear plan to achieve this and we will continue our mission to achieve better outcomes for everyone who lives, works and enjoys time in the region.

First and foremost, our focus is on the communities we serve. Over the last year our efforts centred on building community and business resilience. We put in place measures to keep businesses open and initiatives to connect people to the services and support they need. We advocated for federal and state funding and assistance packages, and took direct action to keep our economy ticking.

This year we also set in motion an ambitious strategy to modernise Moreton Bay's economy, attract new investment and create 100,000 new jobs by 2041. Our Regional Economic Development Strategy outlines our goals for a 'Bigger, Bolder and Brighter' Moreton Bay with a set of actions for how we will create a vibrant and strong economy to better serve communities and businesses across the region. As a region, we need to keep pace and respond to rapid technological advancements and major changes in industry and manufacturing, while managing the local impacts of world events and economic conditions. Now is the time for us to act and start to evolve our economy so we can enjoy the benefits this will bring to our region now and over the next twenty years. As Australia's third largest Council, we have limitless potential to achieve our ambitions and be recognised as a powerhouse of economic and social prosperity on the national level. It's my aim to achieve that for Moreton Bay.

With all of the opportunities that lie ahead we must also remain focused on what really matters and achieve what is important to you. So, in 2021 we launched the largest community engagement campaign ever undertaken in our region with over 4,000 people getting involved and having their say. This was an opportunity for you to tell us what's important to you, your values and expectations for the region and the things we need to focus on as a priority.

We have listened, and as a result of your feedback are already acting in priority areas including reshaping our region's planning, housing affordability and preserving the natural beauty of our region. As your Mayor, you have my commitment that your elected representatives, Council's management and their teams will continue to engage with you every step of the way.

My sincere thanks to the many communities with which we work — our residents, community groups and organisations, our highly valued and respected volunteer network and for their optimism and commitment to engaging with us. Thank you also to the business community who provide the foundations for a region of opportunity, growth and prosperity through job creation, investment and innovation for our region.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Council's employees, contractors and partners who have continued to demonstrate the value we aspire to in delivering services and outcomes for the Moreton Bay Region. Our people have had to adapt, demonstrate their agility, find new ways to deal with disruption and continue delivering for the community.

Together we can make sure Moreton Bay Region remains the great place it is to work, live and play.

**Peter Flannery**

Mayor

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



**In the 2020-21 financial year, the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic continued to be the single biggest challenge facing governments, businesses and communities. Council is no exception and this year the Mayor and Councillors continued to set an ambitious community-focused agenda and the strategic imperatives for Council's Leadership and their teams to deliver outcomes for the Moreton Bay Region.**

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, I'm proud to say our business continuity measures enabled us to stay the course in delivering Council services, an extensive program of works and hundreds of community and capacity building initiatives. It is through these actions that the Moreton Bay Region is already on the road to recovery. Together with our government partners we achieved record investment in infrastructure in a bid to keep the region's economy firing. Our advocacy work and strong government relations helped Council to secure a combined \$43.5 million in state and federal grants enabling us to bring forward over 60 priority projects and work packages to support the region's economy. On behalf of Council I would like to thank the Australian and Queensland Governments for their financial contributions and working with us on initiatives to support the greater Moreton Bay Region.

Council contributed \$200,000 indirectly to the local economy through a Local Preference objective in our procurement policy to support local businesses and contribute to the region's job targets. We advanced \$4 million in additional contracted maintenance work to local companies and fast-tracked payments to assist businesses manage cashflow impacts. All these initiatives were aimed at keeping people in jobs and businesses open.

To support residents, Council provided over \$500,000 in rates relief and invested \$550,000 to suspend rate collection activities, including introducing an interest free payment period for those experiencing financial distress, as well as a permanent hardship policy.

Our planning and disaster recovery efforts meant we were well prepared in responding to this international pandemic and managing the impacts at a local and regional level. Continuity of services was a high priority for Council to ensure the thousands of residents across our region could continue to interact and transact with us. Our libraries, educational facilities, arts centres and cultural programs kept people connected as many struggled with lockdowns and social isolation and we introduced new and innovative ways to explore, discover and learn.

In 2020-21, Council demonstrated its commitment to meaningful engagement through the launch of the Moreton Says Program, as well as successful targeted engagement on a range of projects, including Youngs Crossing. I am pleased to say we will continue this program of engaging with our communities across the region and not just for key projects or issues. We want to make sure we are aligning our planning with our communities' values and the things most important to them. We are listening and will continue to act and plan for our residents and future generations to come.

I would like to thank the employees and contractors of Council who have focused on creating positive experiences for our customers and stakeholders. They have continued to demonstrate service excellence through innovation, agility and foresight in delivering and serving the residents of Moreton Bay.

The outlook for our region presents enormous challenges for Council that we cannot address alone. To be successful will mean advocating for and prioritising resourcing, more informed and transparent decision-making and reshaping how we plan to deal with the forecast population growth.

At a local level, Council plays a vital role in enabling economic and social prosperity within the region and to facilitate this shift, Councillors endorsed a new leadership structure that is forward looking with a focus on the future. This change ensures our organisation is well-positioned to achieve great things for Moreton Bay communities.

Next year you can expect to see more transformation of Council. There's a lot we will do to continue building your trust in us through greater transparency, explaining our decision-making, engaging our communities and better planning across our region. We will work with you to refine our community vision for the future and you will hear more about our plans to reshape our region's planning, create thriving communities, embrace healthy environments, and build an engaged Council.

On behalf of all Council staff I would like to acknowledge and thank our elected representatives for demonstrating leadership, providing direction and their commitment as we strive for a more liveable, connected and vibrant Moreton Bay Region.

**Greg Chemello**  
Chief Executive Officer

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During 2020-21, Moreton Bay Regional Council continued to deliver key community projects and an extensive capital works program during unprecedented and challenging times.



**\$118.3m**

Road and Transport Networks



**\$61.9m**

Parks and the Environment



**\$53.8m**

Waste Management



**\$43.2m**

Sport and Recreation



**\$19.6m**

COVID-19 Response



**\$19.8m**

Libraries, Arts, Community  
Facilities and History



**\$16.1m**

Waterways and Coastal Areas



**\$1.8m**

Community Grants

## KEY PROJECTS

Over 20 key projects focused on creating opportunities, building stronger businesses and community health and lifestyle outcomes were budgeted for during 2020-21. Some of these projects have been delivered while others are in progress.

Over the 2020-24 financial years, Council's projected COVID stimulus funding is \$43 million. We also advocated for and will receive over this period \$39.2 million in funding from the Queensland Government and \$20.6 million from the Federal Government towards COVID-19 response initiatives. This has enabled us to bring forward over 60 priority projects for the region including upgrading of sporting facilities, improvements to amenities, better pedestrian access, improved parks and recreation spaces and fauna crossings.



## Projects delivered or are in progress

- Part of the \$25 million project to transform The Mill site at Petrie into a vibrant educational, recreational, economic and employment precinct for the region
- \$11 million to extend of the indoor sports centre at the South Pine Sports Complex at Brendale
- \$5.5 million to continue reconfiguration and upgrades to Les Hughes Sports Complex - Rugby Union & Baseball at Bray Park
- \$2.8 million to repair and resurface Piper Street, Cessna Drive, Skyreach Street and Auster Court at the Caboolture industrial area
- \$1.4 million for road construction and renewal along the Brown Street Corridor at Caboolture
- \$1.1 million for smart lighting and CCTV along the Redcliffe Peninsula rail line shared pathway
- \$1 million to renew the streetscape along Landsborough Avenue at Scarborough
- \$700,000 for the seawall stabilisation at Welsby Parade Park Bongaree
- \$270,000 to build a pathway along Esplanade North at Donnybrook.
- \$8.5 million for the commencement of Griffin Sports Complex
- \$9.5 million for a major upgrade to the intersections along Oakey Flat Road between Ashbrook Drive and Lakeview Road at Morayfield
- \$8 million in improvements to the intersection at Brays Road and McClintock Drive at Murrumba Downs
- \$3 million for a new pathway and pedestrian bridge at O'Mara Road at Narangba
- \$8.6 million to upgrade the intersection of Old Gympie and Boundary Roads at Dakabin to improve safety, increase traffic capacity and reduce traffic in the area
- \$1.2 million to build a community space at James Drysdale Reserve at Bunya
- \$500,000 to explore tourism development initiatives throughout the region
- \$200,000 in new portable CCTV equipment to improve safety right across the region
- \$150,000 for the installation of CCTV equipment at cemeteries.

## Jointly funded projects

- \$3.6 million for a new clubhouse, tennis courts and upgraded carpark at Harris Avenue Sports Complex, with \$2 million from Queensland Government
- \$1.4 million for a new BMX precinct at Nolan Park at Brendale, with \$1.5 million funding from Queensland Government
- \$5.7 million to upgrade the intersection of Klingner Road and Boardman Road in Kippa-Ring—plus a \$4 million contribution from the Australian Government
- \$5 million to commence new four lane bridge at Youngs Crossing Road—plus a \$7.5 million contribution from the Australian Government (total project estimated at \$68 million)
- \$5 million to commence work at the intersection of Henry and Dohles Rocks Roads to minimise flooding and improve the road surface—plus a \$4 million contribution from the Australian Government (total project estimated at \$12 million).



# OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In the 2020-21 financial year, the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic continued to be the single biggest challenge facing governments, businesses and communities around the world. Moreton Bay communities, while living through these difficult times have continued to display a great deal of resilience, perseverance and ingenuity in keeping the region a safe, healthy and prosperous place to live, work and play.

Throughout the year we continued with our pragmatic approach in supporting local businesses, residents and community groups with initiatives aimed at building resilience, creating greater certainty and promoting community wellbeing.

We brought forward and reprioritised work packages and projects to keep people in jobs, businesses open and to support those in need.

While Local Government laws limit the financial assistance Council can provide, we actively sought a range of sustainable ways to support our Moreton Bay community.

The total assistance provided by Moreton Bay Regional Council to date amounts to \$55 million, representing 13 per cent of our rates and charges revenue for one financial year. In the 2020-21 financial year, these initiatives included:

- \$7 million in Community Infrastructure Revitalisation and Community Hardship and Assistance Grants for community clubs and organisations.
- Approximately \$500,000 in rates relief for those experiencing financial distress.
- A total of \$550,000 provided to suspend rate collection activities and introduce an interest free period for payments and hardship policy.
- Contributed \$200,000 more to the local economy through a Local Preference objective in our procurement policy to support local businesses and employment outcomes.
- Fast-tracked \$4 million in additional contracted maintenance work to local companies
- Fast-tracked payments to suppliers to assist businesses manage cashflow impacts by processing two payment cycles each week.
- Waived \$1.6 million in food licencing fees for over 18 months for hospitality businesses (dating back to September 2019).
- Supported a range of new investments and construction jobs in the region by deferring the payment of infrastructure charges for development projects.

## Governments working together

Together with our government partners we saw record investment in infrastructure in a bid to keep the region's economy firing. Moreton Bay Regional Council contributed 40 per cent or \$43 million of the funding for COVID stimulus projects supported by the Australian and Queensland governments

**Total COVID-19 stimulus of \$105 million by three tiers of government resulted in 146 projects and created or supported 1600 jobs.**



# OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19 cont.

## Working with business

During 2020-21 we delivered over 20 actions as part of our Economic Recovery Action Plan to support the Moreton Bay business community, including:

- Establishing a series of open forum sessions with key industries, Chambers of Commerce, business groups and other tiers of government to discuss, promote and acknowledge economic development issues, and to secure assistance and support for the region.
- Continuity of funding for projects to accelerate priority Council projects, allowing planning, design and tenders to progress quicker.
- Working collaboratively with our partners to support the delivery of the Small Business COVID Recovery and Jobs Expo in the Region in October 2020 which assisted 31 small businesses across the region to exhibit to 708 attendees.
- Council's collaboration with the University of Sunshine Coast (USC) Moreton Bay, Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism (MBRIT) and Regional Development Australia Moreton Bay saw 48 businesses participate and develop a business plan as a result of participating in USC's Business Planning Program.
- Providing a Funding Finder for free to businesses in the region, allowing them access to a national grants database.
- Stimulating new building and construction through initiatives that delivered faster, more efficient assessment of development applications by:
  - developing a suite of standard infrastructure agreements and environmental offset agreements
  - updating the suite of standard conditions of approval to improve post-approval compliance processes.
  - Facilitating and attracting investment in our region through advocacy, promotion, campaigns and incentive programs to enable investors and businesses to invest in the region.
- Council also supported MBRIT as it provided a range of business support programs and campaigns, including training and other capacity and supply chain opportunities and the support local campaign, #MoretonBayTough.

We are truly grateful to the Moreton Bay community for their continued efforts and playing an important role in keeping Queenslanders safe by following social distancing restrictions and health advice.

We would also like to thank the Australian and Queensland Governments for their financial contributions and working with us on initiatives to support the greater Moreton Bay Region.



# RESHAPING OUR REGION'S PLANNING

**Our vision is for a region shaped by clever planning and good design, that caters for anticipated growth, smart movement and affordable lifestyle choices.**

The Moreton Bay Region is one of Australia's fastest growing local government areas. With the region's population forecast to grow to approximately 690,000 by 2041, we will see an additional 210,000 residents living here over the next 20 years. By 2034 it is anticipated that the Moreton Bay Region will have a larger population than Tasmania.

Good planning by Council will be the basis of future prosperity for generations to come. It will facilitate growth while retaining the region's unique environment and lifestyle choices. We are focused on delivering better planning for local neighbourhoods and healthy natural and built environments for sustainable lifestyles.

**By 2033, Moreton Bay will be a region that is well planned, enhancing lifestyle, mobility and employment choices for our existing and future communities.**

## Working together

The Moreton Says Survey results highlighted that our community want to know how Council goes about assessing and deciding what planning happens across our region and why. By reshaping the region's planning, we aim to build community confidence through greater transparency and making it easier for people to find information, understand our planning and what it means for them.

This program was informed by extensive community feedback about the performance of the region's current Planning Scheme and developed in collaboration with Councillors and Council Officers.

## Making the change

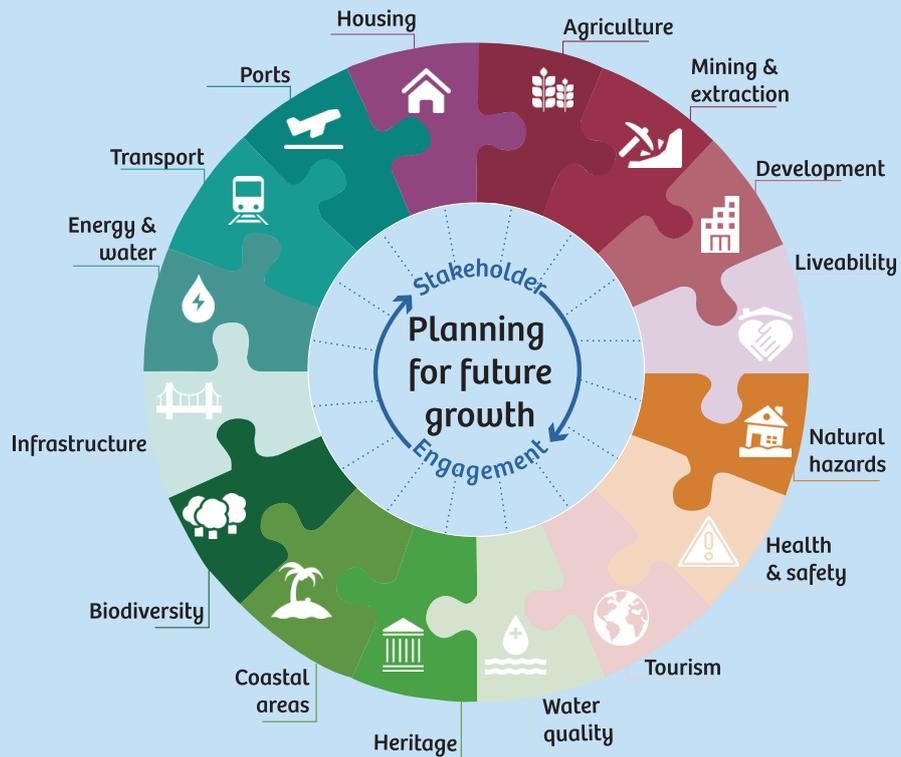
We have established the 'Reshaping our Region's Planning Work Portfolio' that articulates actions to be undertaken over the next five years to address community concerns about development impacts, lifestyle protections, and ensuring Council's planning scheme responds to Moreton Bay Region's changing needs.

The program will guide the reshaping of our Planning Scheme's approaches and address priority areas including—Building Height Policy, Next Generation Neighbour Precinct Zone Provisions and Off-street Car Parking Ratios. It also introduces for the first time a Neighbourhood Planning Program to enable local responses to neighbourhood challenges and opportunities, proactive planning for the region's many growth areas and a series of studies to inform the region's next Planning Scheme.

'Reshaping our Region's Planning Work Portfolio' comprises six separate programs:

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





Council considers and balances several outcomes in the planning scheme, for example, housing diversity, heritage, agriculture, natural hazards, biodiversity, transport and infrastructure.

Planning for future growth “weighs up” all these considerations to deliver good outcomes. This process can be complex and often involves trade-offs being made between the competing interests of stakeholders.



### Infrastructure

Your council works with Unitywater, the State Government’s Department of Transport and Main Roads and other agencies to deliver infrastructure across our region. Planning for infrastructure at a council level occurs through the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

Infrastructure must be planned in line with the growth expected in our region. Infrastructure needs to be sequenced to service new development efficiently and meet demand.



### Environment

The environment is considered in all of your council’s decisions for our communities. The State Government identifies and sets policies around matters of environmental significance including koalas. Your council has implemented policies that further protect our local values, while remaining consistent with these state matters.

To find more information about planning in our region, including a new interactive mapping tool that outlines what activities are planned and where potential changes will occur across the region, visit [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

# ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES

Our engagement has taken a different approach over this past year. With a commitment to being accountable, transparent and building your trust in us, we have enjoyed talking and connecting with our communities.

Over the year we have undertaken consultation on a range of projects including Youngs Crossing, Queens Beach Dog Off Leash Area, Old Gympie Road upgrade and Local Laws. One of our most extensive consultation processes was along our entire coastline with the Coast Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) project.

Council has committed to meaningfully engaging with our communities across the region and not just on these key projects or issues. To ensure we are aligning our planning with our communities' values, Council was proud to launch the Moreton Says program.

This is the largest community engagement exercise we've ever undertaken. It is a three-year commitment focused on bringing the voices of community members that live, work and play in the region into our decision-making and planning.

The first Moreton Says survey, undertaken between April and June 2021, took us all over the region. A range of activities were undertaken to ensure the many and diverse voices of our region were heard.

From pop-up stands in shopping centres and local markets to signs in our parks and sharing information through community groups and organisations.

The greatest joy was for Council staff who were out and about to hear how much the community wanted to work with Council. They were excited to see Council taking a different approach to engagement and providing regular opportunities to have their say.

Our community gave us great insights into issues that were happening in their area and most importantly what they wanted Council to focus on.

We have started using these insights to inform the planning of projects and our decision making to ensure everything we do moving forward reflects the priorities of our communities. The results are also available for the community to access to maintain transparency and help build the capacity of community groups and organisations.

Council is looking forward to continuing to actively engage with our communities through Moreton Says and on many other projects and issues.

Read the report at [yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moreton-says](https://yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moreton-says)



## WHO PARTICIPATED?



Total participants



People indicated they owned or ran a business in the region



Average age of participants



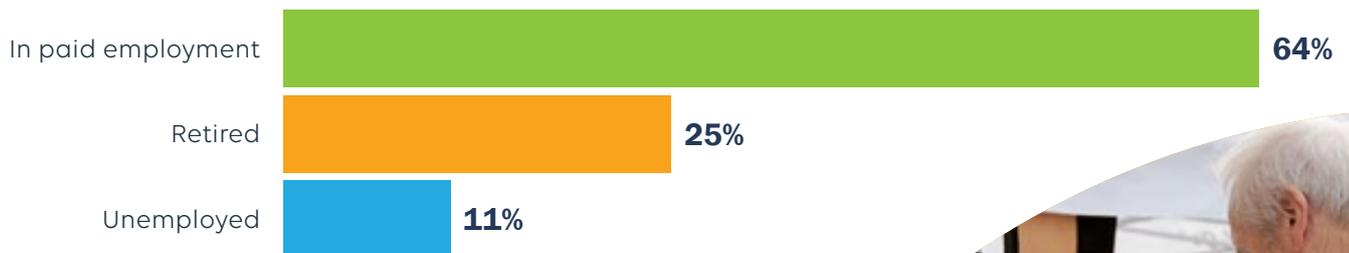
Participants identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

## PARTICIPATION BY LOCATION

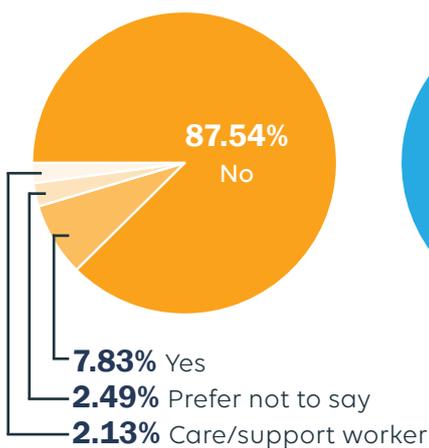
- 21% Redcliffe Peninsula
- 13% North Lakes & surrounds
- 12% Narangba & surrounds
- 10% Bribie Island & coastal areas
- 10% Strathpine & surrounds
- 9% Caboolture & surrounds
- 8% Hills District
- 6% Outside region
- 4% Woodford-D'Aguilar & surrounds
- 3% Samford Valley
- 3% Dayboro & surrounds



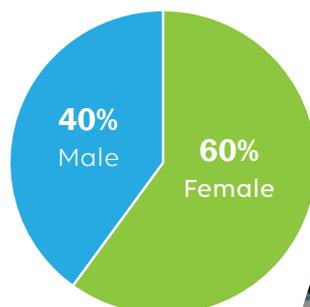
## EMPLOYMENT STATUS



## DISABILITY STATUS



## GENDER



# FEDERAL & STATE FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

Moreton Bay Regional Council has a strong track record of working in partnership with the Australian and Queensland Governments to deliver projects that address regional challenges and capitalise on opportunities. In 2020-21, Council worked in close collaboration with each government to help the region recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, the Australian and Queensland Governments have provided Council with \$45.4 million in economic stimulus funding for community infrastructure projects. Together with Council's own contribution of \$41.9 million, a total of 144 projects have been delivered and 1,360 jobs supported. That support will continue in 2021-22 for broader road and infrastructure projects; below is a snapshot of funding that has been and will be received on our road to recovery.



## Australian Government

**\$95.85 million**

in federal funding to date

**800+**

Number of jobs supported to date

### Programs & Projects

Roads to Recovery

Blackspot Funding

Local roads and Community Infrastructure

Building Better Regions Fund

Community Development Grants

Youngs Crossing Bridge



## Queensland Government

**\$25.13 million**

in state funding to date

**560+**

Number of jobs supported to date

### Programs & Projects

COVID Works for Queensland

Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Funding

Cycling Network Grants

South East Queensland Community Stimulus

## MORETON BAY REGION LEADER'S FORUM

### Governments working together for the region

In May 2021, for the first time in Moreton Bay Region's history, elected members at every level of government came together putting party politics aside to address the big issues head-on.

Through this initiative, Moreton Bay Region could see millions streaming into the region with Council, the Queensland and Federal Governments all agreeing to advance the region's interests, as it prepares for unprecedented population growth over the next 20-30 years.

Discussions involved fast-tracking the \$68.5 million Youngs Crossing Road upgrade, establishing a \$125 million Knowledge and Innovation Centre at The Mill, supporting new road projects to alleviate congestion including on the Bruce Highway, and backing the Dolphin's NRL Licence Bid for Moreton Bay Region.



The Moreton Bay Region's inaugural Leaders' Forum proved an enormous success. It brought together all three levels of government to plan and advocate for major projects to advance our region, including support for the Dolphins NRL bid.