

Community News

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Protect what matters most

How to plan, prepare and survive during bushfire and severe weather season

Heavy rains, floods and bushfires can strike with little warning. Taking simple steps now can help keep your family safe, reduce damage to your home and make recovery easier.

Here's how to get prepared this season:

- **Know your risk:** Use City of Moreton Bay's Flood Check Property Reports to check your property's flood risk
- **Make a plan:** Create a household emergency plan
- **Pack an emergency kit:** Include essentials to stay safe and self-sufficient for at least three days
- **Prepare your home:** Clear gutters, trim trees, check your roof and secure loose items
- **Stay informed:**
 - Bookmark Council's Disaster Dashboard for real-time updates, road closures, weather alerts and more at disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au
 - Refer to the Bureau of Meteorology for weather updates and warnings
 - Register to MoretonAlert for notifications on severe weather, bushfires, Council's planned burns and potential flash flooding.



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

As 2025 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible accomplishments we've shared as a community. This year we celebrated many milestones including being named host city for the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup Finals in 2027, seeing construction begin on the vital Youngs Crossing Road upgrade, preparing for early works to commence on Caboolture River Road over the coming months, and putting the final touches on the new SES Depot at Deception Bay as we head into disaster season.

When ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred struck earlier this year, our community proved just how resilient we are when we work together. I'm proud of the way everyone stepped up to support one another, and it was a powerful reminder of the strength, spirit and care that makes our community so special. As we again move into severe weather season, it's important people prepare.

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage everyone to continue supporting local businesses and to look out for your friends, family, and neighbours. Now is the ideal time to get involved in our free and low-cost events, from our much-loved Christmas Carol events and community workshops to exploring the city's beautiful museums and green spaces.

I want to sincerely thank my fellow Councillors, our Council staff, volunteers, and every resident who helps make City of Moreton Bay such a vibrant and connected community.

Wishing you all a safe, restful Christmas and an exciting year ahead.

Holiday closure update

As the festive season approaches, our administration and customer service centres will close from 12 noon, Wednesday 24 December, reopening from 8:30 am Monday 5 January.

Many of our facilities, including libraries, galleries, museums, swimming pools, and waste facilities, will have adjusted operating hours over the holidays.

Our call centre will be available throughout the break for urgent matters and to report emergencies. You can reach us on (07) 3205 0555 or 1300 477 161.

Household waste collections will continue as normal without interruption during this time.

You can find more details about our opening hours at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/closures



Curious about how City of Moreton Bay is balancing growth with green space?

We're committed to preserving 75% of our city as green space – because protecting our environment is just as important as planning for our future. Here's a clear, simple breakdown of what this means, why it matters, and how Council is working to keep Moreton Bay beautiful and sustainable for generations to come.



Preserving Our Green Spaces, Going Green As We Grow: Moreton Bay's Commitment to a Sustainable Future

At City of Moreton Bay, we are proud to uphold our commitment to preserving 75% of our beautiful city as green space, a vital promise that supports our community's wellbeing, environmental health, and the natural character we all cherish. I understand many of you have questions about what this 75% means, how it's defined, and how Council uses this figure in planning for our future. So I want to be transparent and clear about our intentions and how this benefits you, our residents.

What is included in the 75% green space figure?

This figure comes from the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2023 (ShapingSEQ), a State Government-led vision guiding sustainable growth across our city. ShapingSEQ divides land into three broad categories:

- Urban Footprint: Areas planned to accommodate growth and new development until 2046
- Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area
- Rural Living Area

Our 75% green space refers to all land *outside* the Urban Footprint – which means land designated as Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area, and Rural Living Area. These areas encompass:

- Rural landscapes and agricultural land
- Conservation zones and natural habitats
- Recreational areas for community enjoyment
- Rural living zones that maintain our city's unique character

This ensures that while our city grows, we actively protect the environment, rural lifestyles, and open spaces that make Moreton Bay so special.

How does Council use this 75% figure?

This commitment is a cornerstone of our Growth Management Strategy 2042 (GMS) – a strategic roadmap endorsed by Council to guide responsible growth over the coming decades. The GMS aligns with ShapingSEQ and provides clear direction on how Moreton Bay will grow sustainably, balancing new housing and infrastructure needs while preserving our natural and rural landscapes.

Though the GMS itself is not a statutory document, it influences our planning schemes, infrastructure priorities, and advocacy efforts with the State Government.

Importantly, it sets a target to keep 75% of our city free from urban development, ensuring:

- Protection of our environment and biodiversity
- Preservation of our rural and recreational spaces
- A sustainable settlement pattern that prevents unchecked urban sprawl

Why does this matter to you?

By prioritising green space preservation, Council is working to:

- Maintain the natural beauty and liveability of Moreton Bay
- Support healthier lifestyles with accessible parks and natural areas
- Protect farmland and rural businesses essential to our economy
- Safeguard wildlife habitats and biodiversity for future generations

We want you to feel confident that as our city evolves, so does our respect for the environment and community values that define us.

Cheers,

Want to learn more?

You can explore the full Growth Management Strategy 2042 (GMS) on Council's website: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Growth-Management-Strategy

Morayfield NHP

Council has recently endorsed the Morayfield Neighbourhood Planning Project Future Directions Report (the Report) following the most recent round of community consultation. During the consultation period, 122 people responded via the quick poll, and 69 submissions were made (including a petition signed by 20 residents). We also spoke to over 100 people across three pop-up events at Morayfield Shopping Centre. Thanks to everyone who shared their view with us.

City of Moreton Bay is committed to sustainably managing growth and preserving 75% of the city as rural and natural landscapes, free from urban development. By increasing the supply and diversity of housing in well-serviced neighbourhoods like Morayfield, we can meet the population and housing objectives outlined by the State Government in ShapingSEQ. The Report supports these goals by offering a clear plan for growth that promotes more housing options near existing infrastructure and services like shops, cafes, schools, and parks. We all know the reality of the cost-of-living crisis is seeing many being priced out of suburbs they grew up in. By allowing greater diversity of housing types and sizes, families, workers, and downsizers will have more options.

For more information and to read the Future Directions Report visit **moretonbay.link/neighbourhood-planning-morayfield**



Project Area Size
1,417 hectares



Current Dwellings
12,911 private dwellings



Current population
36,978 people
Expected population
53,545 people by 2046



Family composition:
Couple with no children: 34.2%
Couple with children: 36.9%
One parent family with children: 27.1%
Other: 1.8%

Improved halls for a stronger community

An exciting \$3.3 million in improvements are rolling out across key community halls, making them cooler, brighter and more reliable for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're attending a local class, club meeting or community event, residents across the city will benefit from upgraded air conditioning, solar systems and car park lighting, designed to keep things comfortable and safe all year round – particularly in our hot summer months.

Community halls receiving upgrades include:

- **Narangba Community Centre:** new air-conditioning and solar power system
- **Beachmere Hub:** new air-conditioning system and acoustic panelling
- **Burpengary Community Hall:** new car park lighting

These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to create vibrant, inclusive, and well-equipped spaces for the community.

Summer fun starts here

Make this summer one to remember with hundreds of free and low-cost activities across Moreton Bay. Whether it's fitness, fun or family time, there's something for everyone.

- Get active, have fun and make social connections. Our Healthy & Active Moreton program has over 100 activities on offer each week in Moreton Bay. There are activities for all ages, fitness levels and abilities.
- Keep the kids smiling during the school holidays with our Active Holidays program. All activities are either free or \$5 and provided by qualified instructors in a safe and inclusive environment.

Find an activity near you at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/healthyactive**



Waste facility hours

As we head into summer, it's the perfect time to freshen up our homes and gardens. Whether it's a weekend clean-out, pruning back the hedges, or tackling those long-overdue projects, your local waste facility is here to help.

All City of Moreton Bay waste facilities are open from 7 am to 5 pm, seven days a week, giving you plenty of time to drop off your excess household waste, batteries or e-waste and whitegoods.

Plan your visit, beat the heat, and take advantage of the early opening hours so you can get back to enjoying your day. For locations, accepted items and more information, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/waste

Welcome new Australian citizens!

This November, we proudly welcome more than 400 new Australian citizens to City of Moreton Bay.

People from all around the world have chosen to call our vibrant city home as a great place to live, work, and play. Congratulations to our newest Aussies on reaching this incredible milestone. We're excited to have you as part of our community!



Priority Development Area declared over land at Burpengary East

The State Government has officially declared a Priority Development Area (PDA) over land at Burpengary East, marking a significant milestone for the \$2.74 billion North Harbour Marina project. This development aims to transform the city with an operational marina, marina industry facilities, a marina village, and a mix of residential housing options.

Planning for the PDA is being led by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) in partnership with City of Moreton Bay, landholders, and the local community. The project is set to deliver approximately 3,700 new homes, including an early release of 200 homes to address the urgent housing demand in the area.

The development is expected to create nearly 2,000 new jobs through its dedicated maritime industry infrastructure, tourism, hotel precincts, and retail offerings, contributing an estimated \$456 million annually to the city's economy. This growth is seen as essential to support the expanding population of Moreton Bay, which continues to attract hundreds of new residents each week.

City of Moreton Bay has expressed strong support for the PDA, emphasising its role in fostering economic prosperity and community wellbeing. As the project progresses, collaboration between government, developers and the community remains a priority to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth in our city.



Completed project

Beachmere Sports Complex Field 2 – Park Fencing Renewal

In August 2025, new fencing has been installed.



Caboolture Christmas Carols

Enjoy a festive evening at Caboolture Christmas Carols with live performances, kids entertainment, food stalls, family activities, and sparkling fireworks.

Sunday 30 November | 4 pm – 8 pm
Centenary Lakes, Caboolture
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar

WHAT'S ON

Creative Kids

Bring the kids along to our galleries on the first Saturday of the month for Creative Kids.

During this drop-in session, kids reign supreme as we offer immersive creative activities and experiences that ignite curiosity and imagination. And best of all – it's free! For ages 5-10.

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

Saturday 6 December

10:30 am – 12 pm

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums

Christmas Eve Storytime

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the library, not a creature was stirring – except for you and your little ones! Gather the family for a festive Storytime session filled with classic Christmas tales and festive songs that will fill your hearts with holiday cheer. No bookings required.

Burpengary

Wed 24 Dec | 10:30 am – 11 am

Deception Bay

Tue 23 Dec | 11 am – 11:30 am

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club is now open to all ages! It's free to join and a fun way to encourage the whole family to spend more time reading over the summer. Count the time you spend reading from 1 December – 31 January.

Join Summer Reading Club at your library or online.

All libraries

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Moreton Bay Lunar New Year

Celebrate the Lunar New Year in Moreton Bay with vibrant performances, traditional cuisine, and cultural festivities!

Saturday 14 February | 3 pm – 8 pm

Caboolture Town Square

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