

# VALUING LIFESTYLE

A region that celebrates  
our vibrant lifestyle





# HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

Our residents will collectively contribute to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.

## STRATEGY

- Maintain sustainable waste management for the Moreton Bay Region.
- Maintain and enhance the health of the natural environment.
- Protect public assets and maintain environmental standards through management of the stormwater network, coastal areas and waterways.



## WHAT WE ACHIEVED

### WASTE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

More than 4,578 students, 67 schools and 65 early learning centres participated in Council's award-winning waste education program, helping to improve recycling and more sustainable waste management habits.

A total of 422 residents attended 18 free Rethink Waste and recycling plus composting workshops.

Provided 176,480 properties with over 11.5 million kerbside waste and recycling collection services. This included collection and processing of 83,777 tonnes of green waste, 125,964 tonnes of domestic waste and 29,846 tonnes of recyclables.

Awarded Caboolture Apex Community Kindergarten as the winner of the 2020 Regional Recycler competition for their active leadership in their community for creatively educating and providing a specific material recycling hub including Terracycle, Officeworks, and soft plastic wrappers/bags/film for recycle.

Provided support and free activities in Clean Up Australia Day, International Composting Awareness Week, and National Recycling Week encouraging residents to avoid, reduce and reuse their household waste responsibly.

The waste education van and Council's waste officers and consultants attended 11 local events and shows in 2020/21 and spoke with about 1,950 residents about Council's waste services and sustainable living to reduce waste at home.

Continued Council's Waste Minimisation Program for schools and early learning centres contributing to:

- A decrease of 12.3 tonnes of waste ending up in landfill
- An increase of 16.2 tonnes of waste being recycled
- Preventing almost 1.2 tonnes of general waste from reaching landfill.

A total of 1,045 tonnes of reusable items were sold at the Dakabin and Caboolture Treasure Markets.

Avoided 188,127 tonnes of carbon emissions through Council's Landfill Gas Management Project.

Adopted a Stormwater Quality and Waterways Asset Management Plan to enhance the function of the natural waterways, lakes and creeks.

Completed beach nourishment and seawall improvement programs including Bongaree Seawall.

#### **HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

Continuation of Council's Offset Tree Planting Program.

Adopted a Green Infrastructure Asset Management Plan which provides infrastructure for wildlife such as fauna crossings and rope bridges. We are considered leaders in local government for green infrastructure.

Stages 1-3 of the CHAS program (Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy) completed which is about building resilience to climate change.

Partnered with 610 private landholders to protect and restore more than 4,000 hectares of bushland as part of the Land for Wildlife program.

Supported 15 landholders to protect, in perpetuity, over 190 hectares of high value ecological habitat via Council's Voluntary Conservation Agreement program.

Provided 31 Voluntary Conservation Program grants to deliver on-ground works including revegetation, weed management, erosion control, and monitoring of threatened species across Land for Wildlife and Voluntary Conservation Agreement properties.

Actively supported 45 Bushcare sites, restoring more than 170 hectares of bushland habitat.

Planted 5,000 native plants including trees, shrubs and groundcovers at Ningi, Albany Creek and Kallangur for National Tree Day 2020, using local contractors.

Cultural Services developed strategic public programming with outcomes to support our healthy and natural environment including the Dolphin and Turtle Education at Bribie Island Seaside Museum.

Magic of a Butterfly Garden Workshop in association with the Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre to educate customers in the development of a garden that supports the natural lifecycle of butterflies.

Partnering with environmental agencies, including Dolphin Australia and the Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association, the Bribie Island Seaside Museum developed a range of fun public programs and workshops to educate and inspire an interest in the environment and ecology of Bribie Island. More than 1,200 children's activity packs were distributed to visitors to the temporary exhibition What Lurks Below.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT**

A series of 21 environmental engagement events were hosted by the Environment Centres attended by more than 600 people. These included two clean up events and four workshops, supporting the community to create wildlife-friendly gardens.

Council's Environment Centres facilitated 30 school excursions with more than 1,900 students and saw over 17,700 visitors to the centres.

Environment Centres also launched their new interactive education app, Agents of Discovery, reaching over 700 'mission' users since April 2021.

8,480 trees planted and one tonne of waste removed with grant funds provided by the Federal Government as part of Communities Environment Program.

500 koala trees planted at Walkers Road, Morayfield in partnership with World Wide Fund for Nature.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Managed 26 Australian white ibis roost sites throughout the region.

Monitored 46 flying fox roost sites regionally and managed 11 colonies in accordance with Queensland Government legislation.

Continued to advocate to the State Government regarding the South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025 and associated koala habitat mapping.

Supported local wildlife carer groups through provision of financial assistance.

Established and maintained three koala food tree fodder plantations, to ensure that carers have a ready supply of eucalypt tips for koalas in care.

During koala breeding season, installed signage and billboards on roadsides to promote koala conservation and driver awareness.

Continued to protect 280 hectares of koala habitat under the Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Koala Nature Refuges), including weed maintenance.

Delivered an extensive wild dog management program to address the threats that wild dogs pose to koala populations across the region.

Implemented a best practice koala monitoring program at The Mill at Moreton Bay redevelopment site in Petrie, ensuring the health and viability of the local koala population. A local supplier, Endeavour Veterinary Ecology has been commissioned to undertake this program with 103 koalas with 40 dependent joeys being tracked across the site (as at 30 June 2021).

Awarded a tender worth more than \$250,000 for the environmental management of more than 80 hectares of The Mill at Moreton Bay, assisting bushland areas to naturally regenerate and support the on-site koala population.

Commenced planting of over 90,000 koala habitat and food trees at The Mill at Moreton Bay in accordance with Council's Koala Conservation commitments.

## THE MILL AT PETRIE

### Koala Habitat Rehabilitation

An essential part of the Petrie Mill Development project is the work directly related to the Federal Government providing approval under the EPBC Act for the establishment of the University of the Sunshine Coast and other associated urban uses. The Federal Government approval is subject to a series of conditions.

In April 2021, we commenced rehabilitation of 26 hectares of land with primary offset planting and 74 hectares of land for supplementary habitat restoration. The planting and subsequent establishment of habitat areas will be undertaken over a 5 year works program to create an area suitable for community use that also supports the thriving local koala community.





# DIVERSE TRANSPORT OPTIONS

Our region will consist of well-connected places and residents will embrace more sustainable travel choices and behaviour.

## STRATEGY

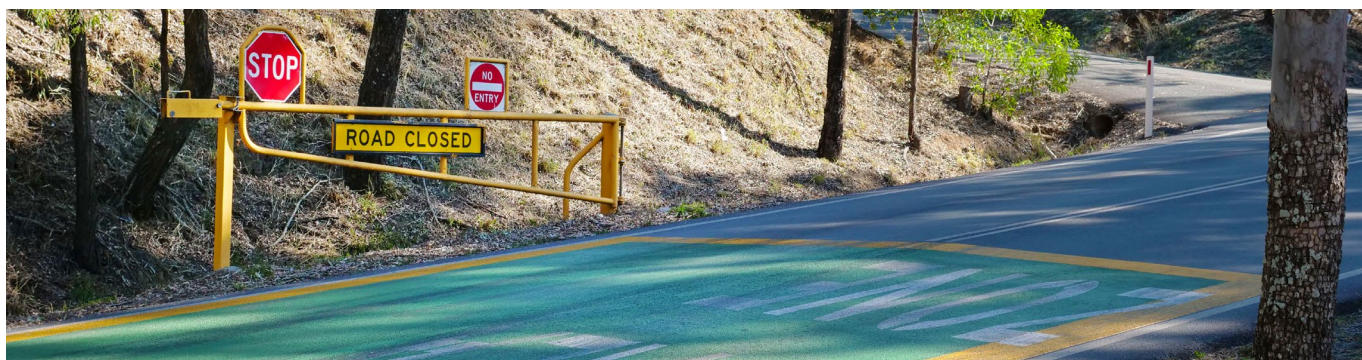
- Maintain a safe, efficient, reliable and integrated transport network.



## WHAT WE ACHIEVED

Collaborated with both levels of government to secure funding for \$68.5 million Youngs Crossing Road upgrade to improve flood immunity and traffic capacity for future growth. Following targeted advocacy, the Federal Government has provided Council with \$32.75 million in funding, while the Queensland Government has provided \$350,000 in funding.

Finalisation of Council's public transport framework identified several opportunities to improve the region's public transport facilities. This will largely involve advocating with the Queensland Government's Translink to advance these opportunities. Council has continued to build productive working relationships with respective Queensland Transport and Main Roads to build reliable and quality transport networks for our community.



## YOUNGS CROSSING BRIDGE

### Governments working together responding to community feedback

The Youngs Crossing Road transport corridor is a critical link in the South East Queensland's road network. Council conducted targeted advocacy to progress this upgrade, including a mayoral delegation to Canberra to discuss the project with the then Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Michael McCormack MP, as well as engaging with ministers and local MP the Honourable Peter Dutton.

Thanks to the cooperation of governments we will solve one of the region's biggest road infrastructure challenges. The \$68.5 million project will support 515 jobs in total and has been made possible thanks to \$32.75 million in Federal Government support.

As the single largest road project ever delivered by Council, the upgrade will accommodate growth in the Moreton Bay Region by improving road safety and capacity, providing resilience for a one in 100-year flood event and reducing congestion. Already more than 20,000 vehicles use this road every day and an additional 240,000 people are expected to call the Moreton Bay Region home within the next 20 years.

Construction includes a new bridge spanning 212 metres across the North Pine River and Sideling Creek. Construction is expected to commence in March/April 2022 for completion by December 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

# QUALITY RECREATION AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Residents of all ages will have greater choice of recreation and cultural activities in the region.

## STRATEGY

- Develop quality and accessible recreation opportunities that enhance the lifestyle of residents.
- Develop and deliver a contemporary public library service.
- Develop and showcase the region's diverse arts, cultural heritage and social history.



## WHAT WE ACHIEVED

### ACTIVE RECREATION INITIATIVES

Council's master planning program continues to ensure its facilities are meeting the sport and recreational needs of the community.

Almost \$30 million in capital expenditure in Council open space, parks and recreational facilities including South Pine Sporting Complex, Les Hughes Sporting Complex and Griffin Sporting Complex.

Park Shelters, BBQs, Playgrounds and Park Lighting continues to be upgraded across the region.

Council delivered the region's first Changing Places accessible amenities at Albany Creek Leisure Centre providing increased access and inclusion to the pool and fitness facilities for people with disabilities.



## THE OVAL PARK

In December 2020 we opened an exciting new regional park at the Mill. The park is located adjacent to the USC Moreton Bay University Campus on the corner of Gympie Road and Moreton Parade. The 3.6 hectare park incorporates a wide variety of community facilities for residents to utilise including an adventure play zone, water play elements including choreographed fountains with lighting and a large water bucket, oval kick-around space, amphitheatre, ample seating and shelters, BBQ facilities, amenities block and 80 car parking spaces. The new regional park represents a great new community asset within the developing knowledge and innovation precinct.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Libraries increased their outreach in the community post COVID-19 closures by activating outdoor spaces to deliver First 5 Forever programming.

Library services:

- Invested \$14,859,439 into the library network.
- Hosted more than 948,600 library visits.
- Loaned more than 3,004,000 items of which 642,849 were downloaded.
- Continued to provide a high level of service during COVID-19 closures, with more than 78,600 reservations placed on items in eCollections and physical collections.
- Grew library memberships by 7% to more than 235,900.
- Provided a collection of more than 469,700 resources across Council's library network.
- 4,153,947 visits to the library website.
- Increased the library eNewsletter subscriptions by 67% and saw a 14% increase in the number of likes on the Moreton Bay Region Libraries' Facebook page.
- Provided 155,035 hours of free internet access through library Wi-Fi.
- Delivered 4,565 activities, programs and workshops, attracting more than 88,700 participants.
- Hosted 7,975 visits to Council's mobile library, which boasts a collection of more than 5,340 items.
- Provided home-based library services to more than 390 residents unable to visit their local library.
- Saw more than 1,830 young people take part in school holiday library events and programs.
- Saw more than 3,400 children take part in 46 library outreach programs delivered to local schools, childcare, playgroups and kindergartens.
- Delivered 2,091 early literacy programs to more than 40,960 children and parents.
- Provided 196 people with free one-on-one career counselling sessions, study and job seeking workshops.
- Supported 222 Book Clubs.
- Delivered three signed Storytime events in partnership with Auslan, allowing nursery rhymes, stories and songs to be signed for young people or family members who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## CULTURAL ACTIVATION

### Anywhere Festival

Over 18 days of performance experiences around the region, Moreton Bay's inaugural Anywhere Festival staged 45 performances, featured over 175 performers and entertained over 1,800 people.

Events were celebrated across the region at locations ranging from local businesses to libraries, galleries, museums, environmental education centres, community halls and picturesque outdoor spaces.





## CULTURAL SERVICES CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Hosted 56 exhibitions and delivered 480 public programs, attracting more than 42,900 visitors to Council's art galleries and museums.

Maintained more than 20,790 artworks and historic artefacts as part of Council's collection.

Acquired 19 new artworks for MBRC's art collection to the value of \$87,915 through purchase, donation and acquisitive art awards.

Exhibited more than 1,021 objects, from over 19,407 in the heritage collection.

Exhibited and or loaned more than 263 artworks, from over 1,383 items in the MBRC art collection.

Attracted eight major touring exhibitions to the region including: Museums - A Portrait of Australia; Artistic Endeavour and Capturing Nature; Galleries - Weapons for the Soldier; Cleverman; Oceans from Here; Manggan: Gather, Gathers, Gathering; and Montages: The Full Cut.

Welcomed 111 people to the Moreton Bay History seminar to rediscover and explore the key people and events that shaped the Moreton Bay Region.

Local History held 23 events including nine online events, delivered 66 regular local history programs and published 121 Facebook posts which had a total reach of 250,771 people and an engagement of 21,256 comments, likes or shares.

Libraries partnered with the Fellowship of Australian Writers Queensland and the University of the Sunshine Coast to deliver the inaugural Moreton Bay Readers and Writers Festival. A two-week long program of workshops, talks, panel sessions and keynotes aimed at lifting and celebrating local talent and offering a platform for aspiring authors.

Delivered the inaugural Moreton Bay program for the Anywhere Festival, which staged 45 performances, featured over 175 performers and entertained over 1,800 people.

Partnered with Creative Arts Alliance and Sunshine Coast Council to deliver a 4-day creative and career development residency for 25 First Nations visual artists held at the Woodford Folk Festival site in Jinibara Country. The residency program was developed by Blaklash Creative in consultation with a Cultural Advisors group of Jinibara, Kabi Kabi and Quandamooka leaders; and included a series of workshops, skills and knowledge sharing sessions and discussions in contemporary visual art. This project was supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Regional Arts Development Fund and Regional Arts Services Network through Creative Arts Alliance.

Partnered with Creative Arts Alliance to deliver a series of activities and events to bring the community back to The Hub (after COVID-19 restrictions) as part of a Summer Holiday program. Local community members participated in cross stick weaving workshops led by Caboolture artist, Mel Brady, who collated all the works into the Stick Together installation. Over 20,000 visitors to the Caboolture Hub throughout December to February viewed the Installation and 300 people attended the February Family Fun Day, which featured 15 participants in Young Mic: Open Mic for Young People.

1,267 students from 26 schools participated in curriculum-based education programs at Council's three museums.

The Imaginarium at Redcliffe Museum is an interactive, intergenerational space to play and learn. Designed to be inclusive, fun, social and participatory it attracted new audiences for Redcliffe Museum.

Completed the planning for Bongaree Heritage Trail and commenced the development of the heritage interpretation boards.

Completed archaeological monitoring works for the Griffin Sports Complex project.

Completed a Conservation Management Plan for the state heritage listed Act 1 Theatre facility.