

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 2,052 students, 53 schools and 47 early learning centres participated in Council's award-winning waste education program, helping to improve recycling and long-term sustainable waste management change.

A total of 800 residents attended 30 free Rethink waste education and recycling plus composting workshops at environment centres, libraries, museums and other local sites.

Provided 178,879 properties with over 12.1 million kerbside waste and recycling collection services. This included collection and processing of 58,181 tonnes of green waste, 134,910 tonnes of domestic waste and 30,256 tonnes of recyclables.

Our 2021 Regional Recycler competition winner for Council's new Waste mascot design was Humpybong State School, with their Rubbish and Recycling Ranger(s). The school and students received \$2,500 prize money from Council and a repurposed metal trophy by a local artist. The new Waste mascots will support Council's sustainable waste reduction and recycling education and community engagement programs from 2022.

Provided support and free activities in Clean Up Australia Day, International Composting Awareness Week, Plastic Free July, Trash to Treasure Tour at Dakabin waste facility, Garage Sale Trail, and National Recycling Week to encourage residents to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle their household waste responsibly.

The waste education van attended six local events and shows and spoke with about 3,400 residents about Council's waste services and sustainable living to reduce waste at home, and reduce what is disposed in landfill.

A total of 1,497 tonnes of reusable items were sold at the Dakabin and Caboolture Treasure Markets.

Avoided 205,895 tonnes of carbon emissions through Council's Landfill Gas Management Project.

Initiated a business case for multi-year Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) roll-out service project.

Conducted 723 illegal dumping investigations and assisted with the removal and correct disposal of illegally disposed waste.

HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

Partnered with 629 private landholders to protect and restore more than 5,000 hectares of bushland as part of the Land for Wildlife program.

Built 11 new fauna crossings across the local road network.

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

Provided 38 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 4,500 native plants including trees, shrubs and groundcovers at Burpengary East, Caboolture and Warner for National Tree Day 2021, using local contractors.

Planted 18,500 koala food & habitat trees in 17 of the region's parks to offset the impact of Council's transport projects.

Developed anti-litter awareness raising signage for bin sides and stencils for footpaths at 16 bin sites and 32 footpath locations across the Redcliffe Peninsula, Deception Bay and Bribie Island.

Developed the Your Flood Smart Buildings Guideline to support residents and business owners to building back better following the February 2022 flood event.

Council purchased two additional properties under the Land Buyback for Environmental Purposes program, bringing the total land acquired by the program to 83 hectares. These important sites will contribute to the enhancement of wildlife corridors and the protection of important flora and fauna species for generations to come.

Council worked closely with foreshore property owners at Beachmere to increase the resilience of their properties from coastal erosion. The Beachmere Shoreline Management Project will provide a coordinated and effective shoreline management approach and improve the resilience of the area to coastal erosion.

Completed a greenhouse gas inventory for Council's operations, to inform target-setting and the Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT

A series of 16 environmental engagement events were hosted by the Environment Centres attended by more than 450 people. These included adult workshops focused on sustainable living practices. These included adult and children's workshops focused on sustainable living practices and the unique flora and fauna of Moreton Bay.

Council's Environment Centres facilitated 33 school excursions with more than 2,330 students and saw over 24,128 visitors to the Centres.

The interactive education app, Agents of Discovery, focused on the Environment Centres was used by over 980 'mission' users.

Partnered with the Deception Bay Community Youth program educating over 15 young adults in conservation and land management practices.

Provided 16 Environmental Education Workshops focused on native fauna and flora with over 450 participants.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Monitored 41 Australian white ibis colonies and managed 11 colony sites.

Monitored 48 flying fox roost sites regionally and managed 13 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 draft guidelines and policies.

Supported local wildlife carer groups through provision of financial assistance.

Maintained three koala food tree fodder plantations, to ensure that carers have a ready supply of eucalypt tips for koalas in care. However one fodder plantation was lost in February 2022 due to significant flood damage.

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 as 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 95 koalas with 29 dependent joeys being tracked across the site as at 30 June 2022.

Invested \$200,000 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.

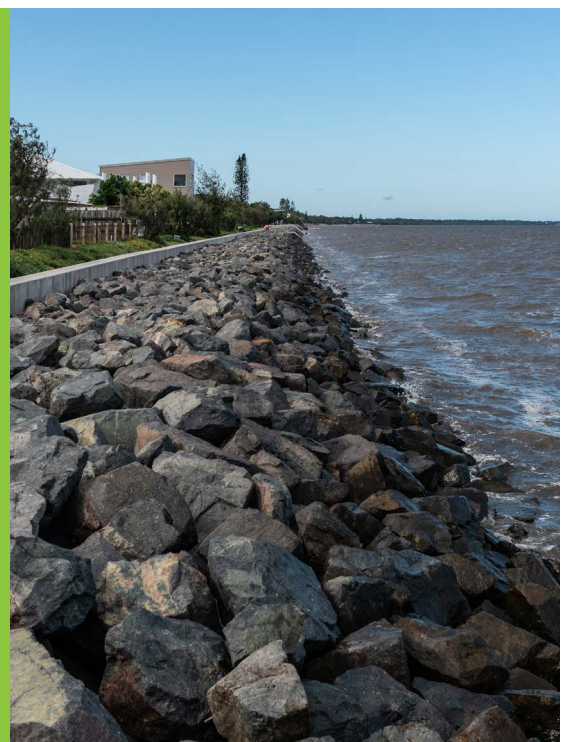
Continued the planting of over 90,000 koala habitat and food trees at The Mill at Moreton Bay in accordance with Council's Koala Conservation commitments.

BEACHMERE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Beachmere Shoreline Management Project worked closely with foreshore property owners to increase the resilience of their properties from coastal erosion. Severe weather led to the need for improved shoreline management. Council met with property owners to identify preferences to shoreline management and issues impacting their ability to undertake shoreline protection.

Council also worked with the State Government to identify permit requirements enabling property owners to carry out their own shoreline management. This has removed significant barriers and provided potential cost savings for property owners.

The project will provide a coordinated and effective shoreline management approach for Beachmere and improve the resilience of the area to coastal erosion.



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

The completion of missing pathway links around the Mango Hill State School and Mango Hill Secondary College has resulted in an increase in walking to and from these schools by approximately 14% since completion of the projects in mid-2021.

Completed detailed design on the \$68 million bridge upgrade at Youngs Crossing Road that will solve decades of pain for Moreton Bay motorists. Construction of a new 212 metre bridge and connecting road upgrades will provide flood immunity for up to a 1 in 100 year event and is expected to be complete by mid 2024 thanks to \$32.75 million from the Federal Government.



ACCESSIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our region is experiencing unprecedented population growth, placing additional demand for enrolments on schools. Our Accessible Schools Program delivers sustainable and healthy transport choices for our region's schools.

Safety around our schools and school crossings is paramount and this program delivers infrastructure, safety and behaviour change initiatives designed to ease car congestion around schools, by encouraging walking and cycling instead.

Improved road safety, speed management, new crossings and shaded pathways have achieved significant success in changing how our community travels to and from school.

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

CULTURAL SERVICES CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Libraries:

- Continued to provide a high level of service during Covid-19 closures, with more than 459,700 reservations placed on items in e-Collections and physical collections.
- Welcomed more than 958,940 library visits.
- Invested \$15 million into the library network.
- Grew library memberships by 8% to more than 257,000.
- Provided a collection of more than 533,678 across Council's library network.
- Recorded 4,807,556 visits to the library website.
- Delivered 8,206 activities, programs and workshops, attracting more than 138,401 participants.
- Welcomed 7,525 visits to Council's mobile library, which boasts a collection of more than 4,600 items.
- Almost 25,000 children and young people took part in school holiday library events and programs.
- Saw more than 8,000 children take part in 71 library outreach programs delivered to local schools, childcare, playgroups and kindergartens.
- Supported 225 Book Clubs.
- Launched a fortnightly schedule of First 5 Forever outdoor Storytime sessions.

Galleries:

- Hosted 51 exhibitions and delivered 320 public programs, attracting more than 24,000 visitors including Youth Art Award attendees to Council's art galleries.
- Exhibited or loaned more than 180 artworks to partner organisations.
- Acquired 38 new artworks from seven artists for the MBRC Art Collection that now totals more than 1,400 artworks.
- Attracted major touring exhibitions to the region: *Patricia Piccinini: Curious Affection on tour*; *Ken Done: Paintings you probably haven't seen*; *Tom Moore: Abundant Wonder*; *Barbara Cleveland: Thinking Business*; and *Just not Australian*.

Museums:

- Hosted 19 exhibitions and delivered 284 public programs, attracting more than 34,000 visits to Council's museums.
- Key exhibitions included Bribie Your Stories, Our Stories; On the Menu; Play; Fetch the Doctor; Remarkable Stories of Australians and their Boats; Capturing Nature; Making Do; The 80s; Street Photography and It's Personal.
- Exhibited more than 696 objects, from over 19,600 in the heritage collection.
- Local History hosted annual Moreton Bay History Seminar showcasing the history of the region with speakers and stalls from local and family history organisations.
- Local History delivered 236 programs, published 153 social media posts and engaged more than 24,700 users.
- 1,459 school students participated in curriculum-based education programs at the three museums.

Cultural Activation:

- Delivered the inaugural Park Jam program, providing opportunities for Moreton Bay residents to enjoy free live music and hands-on creative arts activities in some of the beautiful parks around the region. In 2021-22, Park Jam engaged 49 local musicians and seven artists, and entertained 1,800 people.
- Entertained over 4,200 people for Anywhere Festival, which staged 71 performances and featured over 315 performers.

CULTURAL SERVICES VIRTUAL TOURS

Council is trialling a smart initiative that enables anybody to virtually travel through our libraries, galleries and museums on their computer or smart device. This service can be accessed via each venue's webpage or through Google Maps. Once inside a virtual tour, users can freely navigate wherever they wish throughout the entire venue.

While this service can benefit all members of our community, it has been developed specifically for the needs of people with disabilities. Virtual tours enable users to get a better idea of our facilities and decide on whether the venue is accessible to their needs.

By knowing what to expect on arrival, Council hopes this will enable guests to visit with more confidence and less anxiety by having access to the information needed to make a better-informed decision.

