

Annual Budget

2025-26



Acknowledgement

City of Moreton Bay acknowledges the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi and Turrbal peoples and pays respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. Council recognises that the City of Moreton Bay has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to its Traditional Custodians.

Council is committed to reconciliation and working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future for the benefit of all communities within the City of Moreton Bay and beyond.



Message from the Mayor

This year, we have announced our first \$1 billion budget to support a thriving, growing City of Moreton Bay delivering record investment and capital works while still maintaining one of the lowest rates in South East Queensland.

We're investing almost \$400 million in infrastructure and capital works to support local jobs and deliver vital projects that will keep our city moving and connected.

We've also worked hard to identify and implement organisational efficiencies and savings; while ensuring we're investing in our frontline services to support our growing city.

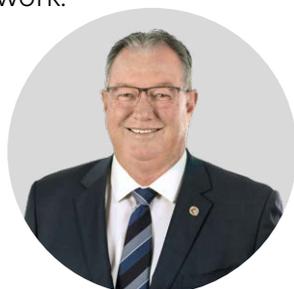
Our rates remain amongst the lowest in South East Queensland with a modest increase in the minimum general rate for owner-occupied homes, equivalent to 87 cents per week, and we continue to offer some of the lowest waste charges while still providing free tipping* for eligible households.

We're getting on with the job, and making significant investments where it matters most, while keeping cost of living pressures front of mind.

The 2025-26 budget is fiscally responsible, balancing affordability with ambition. It doesn't just deliver value for money now, ensuring our residents continue to receive high quality services, it also sets us up for future growth.

From improved roads to greener parks and more connected, resilient neighbourhoods, we're building a better Moreton Bay and putting your rates to work.

Peter Flannery
Mayor



*Up to 3 tonnes or 26 loads (whichever is reached first).

Our vibrant communities

\$155 million

- Major sporting and aquatic centres – \$46 million
- Libraries, art galleries and museums – \$26 million
- Community facilities – \$41.5 million
- Community support – \$11 million
- Public safety and disaster management – \$11.5 million
- Public health and local laws – \$19 million

Our healthy environments

\$172 million

- Beaches and coastal areas – \$8 million
- Natural environment conservation – \$20 million
- Land buy back – \$4 million
- Catchment management – \$19 million
- Waste and recycling – \$107 million
- Stormwater management – \$14 million

Our well-planned places

\$424 million

- Road network – \$163 million
- Transport improvement – \$14 million
- Road rehabilitation and resurfacing program – \$64 million
- Active transport and footpaths – \$21 million
- Strategic land use and urban planning – \$46 million
- Parks and open spaces – \$80 million
- Council and community buildings – \$30 million
- Green infrastructure planning – \$1 million
- Building and plumbing compliance – \$5 million

Our progressive economy

\$28 million

- Economic development – \$23 million
- Investment attraction and tourism – \$5 million

Our engaged council

\$277 million

- Servicing our communities – \$99 million
- Asset management and maintenance – \$20 million
- Depreciation and finance costs – \$158 million



Explore the full budget and see what's planned for your local area at moretonbay.link/budget-25-26

Our Council

City of Moreton Bay was officially declared Australia's newest city.

As one of the fastest-growing local government areas in the nation, this transition has helped put Moreton Bay on the map and empowered Council to shape the city's future with greater clarity and confidence.

Council employs over 2,200 team members and delivers a wide range of services, projects, and programs designed to support our growing population and enhance Moreton Bay as a vibrant, liveable, and sustainable city.

Our Mayor and Councillors are elected by our communities for a four-year term. The current Council was elected in March 2024.

As community leaders, Councillors represent the needs and interests of Moreton Bay and make strategic decisions that guide the city's development and long-term prosperity.



Your rates at work

Here's how we're putting your rates to work as our population grows:



For more information on our Corporate Plan and Pillars scan the QR code or visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Rating information



The increase in the minimum general rate for an owner occupier is \$0.87 cents per week, or \$45 per annum.



Effective July 2024, new property valuations were issued by the State Government for City of Moreton Bay. While the average valuation increase was 36%, the distribution between suburbs and property types was very diverse with property increases ranging from below 20% to in excess of 100%. Given general rates are calculated based on the land valuation, to moderate the impact on our ratepayers and to assist those still impacted by the latest valuation increase, rates capping for eligible residential properties will be 15% for 2025-26. This means that the maximum general rate rise for a residential property is 15% for 2025-26, even if the land valuation increased by more than this.



Council's pensioner remission will continue at \$250 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner receives the maximum rate of pension, and \$100 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner is in receipt of a part pension. Council will also continue the remission for self-funded retirees of \$75 per eligible property per annum where the retiree holds a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. These remissions will benefit over 31,000 properties across the city.



The City Infrastructure Charge for the rehabilitation and enhancement of transport and stormwater infrastructure will increase by \$11, to \$104 per property.



The City Environment Charge, which is used to fund a range of environmental initiatives including the acquisition of environmentally significant land, will remain unchanged at \$26 per property.



The most popular waste management service (240L refuse bin and 240L recycling bin) increased by \$72, which at \$391 per annum remains one of the lowest waste charges in SEQ and includes free tipping for eligible properties*. Council's Waste Charge covers costs associated with managing waste in the City of Moreton Bay, including the gap between the Queensland Government waste levy charged to Council and the partial rebate received by Council.

The Garden organics (GO) collection service charge has increased by \$3 from \$67 to \$70 per annum.

*Up to 3 tonnes or 26 loads (whichever is reached first) in accordance with Council's Disposal of Waste Free of Charge Policy.



Suttons Beach Pavilion – Artist impression 2025

Investing in future-focused projects

City of Moreton Bay is focused on delivering the essential infrastructure needed to support our growing population, while continuing to invest in the services, facilities and initiatives that strengthen our communities.

Key projects* include:

- \$14.5 million across 2 years for Suttons Beach Pavilion Redevelopment at Redcliffe
- \$100.3 million across 5 years for The Mill at Petrie
- \$142.5 million across 7 years for Old Gympie Road project at Dakabin/Kallangur
- \$75.7 million across 3 years for Caboolture River Road and \$6.7 million across 4 years for the planning of the Buchanan Road corridor project at Morayfield
- \$3.6 million for the Deception Bay SES Depot Redevelopment with construction due to be completed in 2025–26
- \$120 million over 2 years for Youngs Crossing upgrade at Joyner
- \$4.6 million over 2 years for Centenary Lakes Activation and \$11.4 million across 3 years for Centenary Lakes Regional Playground at Caboolture
- \$900,000 for the Bongaree to Woorim Active & Public Transport Network Connection with construction due to be completed in 2025–26.

*Some of these projects are delivered with the support of the state and/or federal government.

Going green as we grow

As City of Moreton Bay continues to grow, we remain firmly committed to protecting our natural environment and building a sustainable future.

We're balancing growth with green priorities by:

- Supporting our goal to retain 75% of Moreton Bay as rural and natural area, with just 25% of land zoned for urban development
- Investing \$16 million over four years in our Environmental Land Buyback Program, with \$4 million budgeted for 2025–26
- Helping preserve land for conservation and biodiversity
- Progressing towards our net zero target for Council operations by 2039

In 2025–26, we are investing:

- \$20 million to conserve our natural environment
- \$19 million for catchment management to protect waterways and water quality
- \$14 million for continued stormwater management
- \$8 million for our beaches and coastal areas
- \$1 million for planning future green infrastructure



5.44ha property at Collins Road, Everton Hills acquired through the Environmental Land Buyback Program