

Our Vibrant Communities



Our Goal:

By 2033, our Moreton Bay will have vibrant communities that proudly come together to participate in and celebrate different cultures and life experiences, with access to the services and facilities they need.

Snapshot

A snapshot of our communities today



More than **740**
community and
sport and recreation
organisations
and groups



189
sports fields spread
across 172 formal
sporting and
recreation facilities



\$1,660,068
community grant
funding



300
community
organisations
supported by tenure
agreements



10
libraries and one
mobile library with
235,961 library
memberships



6
art galleries and
museums



More than **78,000**
cats and dogs
registered



7
SES depots that are
maintained and
owned by council
and 64,194 Moreton
Alert registrations

Key services we deliver

- Community Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Major Venues
- Community Facilities
- Library Services
- Arts and Cultural Services
- Museums and Galleries
- Disability Access and Inclusion Planning
- Cultural Heritage Planning
- Community Leasing
- Community Halls
- Community Grants and Partnerships
- Local Laws
- Public Health
- Public Safety
- Disaster Management
- Cemeteries

What we want to achieve together

Our outcomes

- 01 Our communities make healthy and active lifestyle choices and have access to the services and facilities they need.
- 02 Our communities are safe and resilient so that in times of adversity our people and places are supported.
- 03 Our communities embrace opportunities for participation in creative experiences and celebrate our stories, cultures and identities.
- 04 We have respectful, inclusive and engaged communities that value diversity and sustain connections to people and places.

Our focus for the next five years

Our strategy and key plans

- **Community Wellbeing Strategy** - Deliver a new Community Wellbeing Strategy to guide the achievement of our aspirations for 'vibrant communities' over the next 20 years and provide a framework for council services and social and cultural infrastructure to support community health and wellbeing.
- **Healthy and Active Communities Plan** - Develop and deliver a new Healthy and Active Communities Plan to support healthy and active lifestyle choices and improve access to services and facilities.
- **Safe and Resilient Communities Plan** - Develop and deliver a new Safe and Resilient Communities Plan to support respectful, safe and resilient communities.
- **Creative Communities Plan** - Develop and deliver a new Creative Communities Plan to support local cultural events and activities and participation in creative experiences.
- **Connected Communities Plan** - Develop and deliver a new Connected Communities Plan to support engaged, inclusive and diverse communities.
- **Cultural and Community Places Plan** - Deliver a new Cultural and Community Places Plan to provide a framework for the planning, development and acquisition of all types of public places and spaces across the region to enhance lifestyle and environmental outcomes.
- **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan** - Continue to deliver our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and transition from a dedicated Access and Inclusion Plan to a holistic access and inclusion focus across our entire strategic framework.
- **Local Disaster Management Plan** - Continue to deliver our Local Disaster Management and Recovery Plans, providing a consistent framework for disaster management and ensuring our communities are informed and well-prepared for emergencies and have the necessary support to help them recover.
- **Animal Management Plan** - Develop and deliver a new Animal Management Plan to educate and empower our communities around responsible pet ownership, provide safe and accessible places, and work with community partners to support positive animal management outcomes.

Our key initiatives

Traditional Custodians Engagement Framework

Develop an engagement framework with local Traditional Custodians to grow cultural understanding and connections.

Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Network Expansion

Progress the expansion of our CCTV network including Licence Plate Recognition program to support crime reduction, protect our assets and community facilities while improving public safety.

Community Facilities Network Mapping

Continue to deliver network planning activities for our extensive community facilities to understand service delivery and asset condition and to plan for growth and changing user needs.

Cultural Heritage Management

Continue to improve our management of local cultural heritage areas, objects and places, through clear policy guidelines, cultural awareness and heritage training.

Universal Accessibility Design Guidelines

Deliver a suite of design guidelines to assist us and our communities in the planning and implementation of accessibility upgrades to support community inclusion and access.

Recognise and Reach Out Initiative

Continue to raise awareness of the issue of family and domestic violence and abuse and encourage people experiencing or perpetrating abuse to connect with local support services through our Recognise and Reach Out campaign.

Community Organisational Development

Continue to provide education and training opportunities for community organisations to develop their management and governance skills and knowledge.

Healthy and Active Moreton

Continue to provide a diverse program of free and affordable sport, recreation and wellness activities supporting healthier lifestyles for all ages and includes our Active Holiday program for children.

Sports Planning Opportunities

Continue to expand our community, sport and recreation services and plan for growth through the identification, planning and design of facilities, including priority regional sports complexes.

Tertiary Education Scholarship Program

Continue investment in our tertiary education Scholarship Program for a further three years (2023-2025) to support young people experiencing financial hardship achieve higher education goals at the USC Moreton Bay campus.

Creative Moreton

Continue to provide a diverse program of free and affordable cultural and creative experiences in libraries, galleries, museums and in open spaces across our region for all ages to foster inclusive, connected and inspiring communities.

Arts and Culture Planning Opportunities

Continue to refine and expand arts, culture and creative services and plan for growth, through the identification, planning and design of facilities, including priority cultural precincts that provide opportunities for all community members and for cultural tourism.

Cultural and Creative Inclusion

Continue to cultivate local talents and innovations to develop a suite of placemaking experiences across cultural and creative venues, growing a connection with each other and promoting our region

How we will know we succeeded

Our measures of success

- 01 Increased participation in physical activity.
- 02 Increased sense of community safety and wellbeing.
- 03 Increased participation in local arts and cultural activities.
- 04 Improved accessibility of public spaces, facilities and services.
- 05 Increased sense of belonging.

What our communities can do to contribute

Community contribution

- Participate in and support local networks, activities, events and festivals.
- Join our 'Your Say Moreton Bay' engagement platform and events to share your ideas and provide feedback on our projects that matter to you.
- Subscribe to the Healthy and Active Moreton eNewsletter and participate in our Healthy and Active Moreton and Active Holiday programs providing free or low-cost activities.
- Get involved in the cultural and creative identity of the region, through active participation in museum, gallery and library programs, as well as local creative performances and experiences.
- Subscribe to Galleries Now, Libraries Now, Museums Now, and Arts Mail to support your local artists and connect with your community.
- Be prepared to respond to events like bushfires and floods by having your own safety plan and subscribe to our MoretonAlert notifications for local updates.
- Discover more about our region's First Nations' cultures through our dedicated library collections and Welcoming Places, the Yarning Circle community network meetings and participating in Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week celebrations.
- Consider opportunities to volunteer to help support people within our local communities.