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**YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 7**

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**Representing Dakabin, Murrumba Downs and parts of Griffin and Kallangur.**

As this is the last newsletter for this term of Council, I want to thank each and every one of you for your collaboration and support for our community projects. I've valued your input and together we've made things happen which has assisted in shaping the community into what we would like to see in Division 7. I have thoroughly enjoyed my monthly mobile office chats with residents, sometimes as BBQs in parks or at one of our local coffee shops.

One exciting new project that is in the final design stage, is the scooter track for littlies at Blatchford Reserve. This track will be specifically for under 10s but will allow kids of all ages to enjoy their own activities safely.

It is pleasing to see Council's ongoing delivery of our Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) that has enabled more residents who live in Moreton Bay to have the ability to work in Moreton Bay. This gives people more time to interact with their family thereby supporting the family unit and the lifestyle they want to enjoy.

We have all seen the impact of the housing crisis has had on our community. The City of Moreton Bay's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) has shown our Council to be a Queensland leader by offering Council land to be used for affordable housing.

For a second year, the Murrumba Christmas Spectacular has been an event where the community can come together as one. With help from you and from our local community groups, we had over 4,000 people attend to share the Christmas spirit together.

To continue the festive theme, Anzac Avenue streetscape will be given a facelift and assorted trees along Anzac Avenue will be lit up all-year-round to create a magical entry to Kallangur.

We can achieve so much for our community together.

## Mobile Offices - Meet Your Councillor

I'm having my MOBILE OFFICE on the following dates...  
Bring the family and discuss any matters you wish.

- ✦ **Monday, 22 JANUARY 2024, 2.00pm - 3.00pm** at Salt by Cafe One - Kallangur
- ✦ **Thursday, 22 FEBRUARY 2024, 2.00pm - 3.00pm** at Flow Café - Dakabin

I'm happy to meet with you and assist if I can.



## Murrumba Christmas Spectacular

Well the Murrumba Christmas Spectacular at the John Oxley Reserve in Murrumba Downs was a huge success. It's an enormous pleasure to be a City of Moreton Bay Councillor and be a part of being able to create an event and witness first hand residents enjoying the festivities. Congratulations to Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism (MBRIT) for organising this event for us! Thankyou to our sponsors Norths Leagues and Services Club, Hayden Owens - Ray White, Steven Miles MP, Ausbuild, Village Motors, Uni SC Moreton Bay, Brisbane Whale Watching and Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club. It was great to see Mayor Peter Flannery at the event.



## Green Means GO

Scheduled to commence in December 2024, Council's new service contract awarded to Cleanaway signals a significant step towards environmental sustainability and proactive waste management within the city.

Food scraps and garden clippings are nearly half of all waste in our domestic general waste bins. The initiative aligns with our commitment to sustainability and going green as we grow.

The introduction of garden organics bins in stage one of the service and transition of these to accept food and garden organics in stage two of the service is expected to bolster the city's recycling and environmental sustainability efforts.

Our organics collection service is set to unfold in two distinct stages, encompassing an extensive communication and education campaign.

Stage one will see the implementation of a garden organics (GO) service, with a new 240L lime green lidded bin and a collection service anticipated to start December 2024.

Stage two will transition the GO service to a Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) service. This will be contingent upon securing access to food and garden organics processing.

Cleanaway's scope of services under this contract involves the supply and maintenance of bins as well as the collection of organic material.



## Kallangur Scout Group

Sleeping under the stars in a tent? That's exactly what the scouts from Kallangur did just that late last year behind their scout den in Murrumba Downs.

They also did bush walking, cycling, swimming and other "dib dib dob" events. Their best fun was chatting until the wee hours of the morning.

Fun and laughter and most of all respect and comradery with their



## Grants and Funding

**Local Community Support Grant** - up to \$3,000 toward local cultural, sporting and environmental projects. Applications can be submitted at any time until 30 April 2024.

**Community Activities Grant** - up to \$10,000 toward community events and activities. Applications close 10 March 2024.

**Community Facilities Grant** - up to \$30,000 toward facility planning or construction and improvement projects. Applications close 10 March 2024.

**Individual Achievement Grant, Youth Achievement category** - up to \$350 to assist young people to represent Queensland or Australia at events in their chosen field. Applications any time.

For more information and to apply visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants)

## Clean Up Australia Day

Join countless community members, neighbours and friends to help make our local parks, streets and suburbs clean and green on Clean Up Australia Day in March.

Together we can keep Moreton Bay a beautiful place to live, work and play.

**Official Clean Up Australia Days are:**

- Community Clean Up Australia Day: Sun 3 March 2024
- Business Clean Up Australia Day: Tues 27 February 2024
- Schools and early learning centres: Fri 1 March 2024

Register or join a clean-up site with family, friends and colleagues at [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)



## Your Library- myMBRL app

The Moreton Bay Region Libraries app is a simple tool designed for you to access library resources from your smartphone or tablet, anywhere, anytime. Browse the catalogue, borrow items, manage loans, access eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, films, music and much more!

Download the library app from Google Play or the App Store.



## Aussie Arvo - Australia Day



**Friday 26 January 2024**

**2:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Lawnton Aquatic Centre**

**FREE RIDES FREE ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC POOLSIDE DISCO**





## Mosquito Season

Summer weather provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding, but our mosquito management program monitors and treats mosquitoes to keep their numbers as low as possible with aerial spraying via helicopter that targets mosquito larvae, along with ground treatments. You can assist to reduce mosquito numbers in your area by:

- emptying any containers around the home that are pooling water
- changing the water in bird baths and pet bowls regularly
- cover rainwater tank gaps with netting.



For more information, visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes)

## Seniors Christmas Lunch

Congratulations to the Lions Club of Kallangur for a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas lunch in December for seniors at the Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club. The Red Hot Mamas and I had so much fun singing and enjoying the festivities. It's such a pleasure singing for this event and I've now done it for 28 years (how time flies) and it was great to have our Deputy Mayor Councillor Jodie Shipway join us in serving the Christmas lunch to everyone with the Lions members.



## Undurba State School/Inverpine

It warmed my heart to see the rapport between the Undurba students and seniors from Inverpine. I'm so proud to have sponsored this wonderful intergenerational program organised by deputy Principal Michelle. These students are from grades 5 and 6 and they met with seniors every Friday, making cakes and other tasty treats. The Christmas lunch at Undurba was fabulous and students made sure the seniors had plenty of Christmas cheer. Congratulations to all and thank you Michelle for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful program.



## Comlink Australia

It was such a pleasure to attend the Comlink Australia Christmas Party in December at Norths Leagues and Services Club, I had such a fun time! Comlink provide home care services and transport plus social support and play an essential role in assisting residents to live independently within their own home and community for longer. I am so impressed with their intergenerational program as part of their social support for children and older citizens. The interaction and exchange of knowledge is so beneficial to the wellbeing of all involved.



## Birchgrove Crescent, Kallangur

Just wanting to let residents know that the very long awaited shade sail at Birchgrove Crescent, Kallangur has finally been installed. Congratulations to the resident for working with me to ensure this specific shade sail was committed. Thankfully we made it happen!



## Hall Committee Volunteers

Thank you and well done to the Hall Committee volunteers and also the Moreton Bay staff who look after City of Moreton Bay halls. These wonderful people ensure the halls are clean tidy and available to be booked for birthdays, weddings, dances and any other functions residents want the halls booked for. Council has 45 halls.



## Blatchford Reserve Dog Park

Thirty of our furry friends and their owners had a Birthday Party for "Ninja and Bear" at the Blatchford Dog Park in late November and I was thrilled to be their invited guest. Lots of cuddles and yes cake too! I love this dog park and I love the community spirit of their owners.





# Our City of Moreton Bay

With Mayor Peter Flannery



## DISASTER DASHBOARD

We all know that living in Moreton Bay means being prepared for extreme weather all year round, but this summer is particularly unpredictable with bushfires and storms both presenting a threat.

City of Moreton Bay is helping you prepare should the unthinkable happen, by providing a free emergency warning system called MoretonAlert.

Receive real-time SMS, email or voice message before and during an emergency weather event by signing up today at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)

The success of this service relies upon having accurate information, so now is the time to make sure your details are correct and up to date so you don't miss out on critical information that could save your life.

Current SMS subscribers will have already received a text message from the number (04 0817 0536) to update their details, so it's safe to save this number and be confident that it isn't spam. We will be following up with an email next month.

For all other information during an emergency event, please visit Council's Disaster Dashboard to get updates on bushfire warnings, sandbag stations, evacuation centres, road closures, and so much more.

I trust you had a good break over the holiday season and here's to 2024!

In our first full year as a city, 2024 will see Council continue to focus on the needs of our communities first, including advocating for our fair share of funding especially for infrastructure, while also conserving our distinctive lifestyle and wildlife corridors, against the backdrop of population growth.

Realising our priority of 'going green as we grow', Council will roll out the first phase of a dedicated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste kerbside collection service from late 2024. Phase one will see the introduction of a garden organics collection service (GO) where lime green lidded bins will be distributed. Once processing facilities have been secured, waste collection will transition to a complete FOGO service. FOGO will increase our city's recycling rate, reduce landfill and see resources produced from recovered materials.

Another significant step forward is the allocation of council-owned land at Dakabin for the construction of a dedicated wildlife hospital. Currently, a gap in the SEQ wildlife hospital network means injured wildlife rescuers travel up to two hours for animal care. We're urgently seeking financial support from state and federal governments to bring this vital facility to fruition.

Council's ambitious goal of protecting 75% of City of Moreton Bay's landmass from development will ensure that housing and infrastructure to accommodate a booming

population is balanced with the preservation of our flora and fauna.

This commitment to balance growth extends to housing and homelessness challenges. The Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) outlines key activities addressing affordability and homelessness over the next five years. We're offering council-owned land in Morayfield and Caboolture for potential social, affordable or crisis housing developments, guided by changes in our Community Leasing Policy.

We're also continuing the Attraction of Affordable Social Housing Development Policy, waiving fees for developers. Already, this initiative has helped people experiencing homelessness secure accommodation at Bric Housing's recently completed 18-dwelling accommodation block at Redcliffe with more to be realised this year.

And we're taking the cost-of-living pressure off families with Council's extensive calendar of free events from movie nights to Lunar New Year celebrations.

Council looks forward to continuing to support our communities, protect and enhance our natural spaces, and maintain sustainable lifestyles this year as we work together to bring our living city vision to life.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2024 in City of Moreton Bay. There's nowhere else I'd rather be!

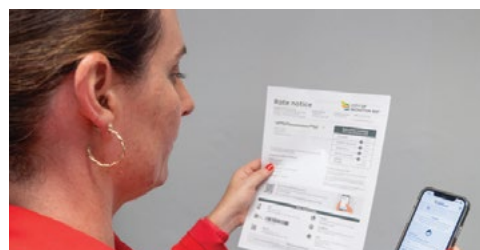


### Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

Council delivers a wide range of community services and programs to drive healthy and active lifestyles in Moreton Bay.



Scan the QR codes or visit [moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles](https://moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles) to check out what's on in your area and get started today.



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