

Valuing Lifestyle

Our vision is for a region that celebrates our vibrant lifestyle.

A place where:

- A preserved and well maintained natural environment can be enjoyed by residents and visitors as part of our unique lifestyle.
- People can travel easily around the region using different modes of transportation.
- Residents and visitors can participate in diverse community events, recreation and cultural opportunities.



Homes for Koalas

A koala refuge covering more than 269 hectares of bushland originally planned for housing was established in the Samford Valley.

The Brian Burke Reserve Koala Nature Refuge covers a substantial area and will play an important role in future wildlife conservation.

The initiative included a \$60,000 State Government grant to restore native vegetation and combat weeds.

More than 3,850 gum trees will be planted, providing an important green link between existing koala and wildlife habitats.

The creation of the Brian Burke Reserve Koala Nature Refuge followed council's announcement to extend the region's Koala Conservation Partnership Project for an additional five years.

The partnership project is a strategic response to the management and conservation of koalas in the Moreton Bay Region. It involves a number of groups and organisations including SEQ Water, SEQ Catchments and various state government departments.

The partnership has already delivered a number of key projects that are helping to benefit the region's koala populations including funding for a roll-out of a koala chlamydia vaccine trial.



Environmental initiatives

Plan, monitor, report and educate on environmental and conservation outcomes.

Highlights

- Council supports 39 bushcare groups in the Moreton Bay Region. The groups revegetate and maintain 60 sites, removing weeds and planting more than 18,500 native trees
- Hundreds of volunteers helped plant more than 2,000 trees at Adelong Court in Morayfield and 240 Church Road, Eatons Hill
- Planted more than 9,100 plants along the South Pine River. Since 2001 the South Pine River Warriors Group has established more than 127,600 native plants across 78 hectares of bushland
- More than 220 residents participated in council's Koala Survey weekend in October, 2012
- \$30,000 was committed towards field trials of a koala Chlamydia vaccine conducted by the Queensland University of Technology
- Council formalised its koala plantation program, which will provide dedicated fodder sites to volunteer wildlife carers rehabilitating sick and injured koalas
- Over 1,600 koala habitat trees were planted in council parks across the region
- Council continued to raise awareness of the region's koala breeding season with electronic signs at Mango Hill, Dakabin, Petrie, Joyner, Strathpine and Warner
- Osprey House Environmental Centre celebrated World Wetlands Day in February, 2013
- Hundreds of residents turned out to celebrate the Lowlands Festival at Osprey House in August, 2013. The event showcased a range of environmental information including how to attract wildlife to your backyard, identifying native plants and composting
- Council's environmental education centres – CREEC, Osprey House and Kumbartcho Sanctuary – hosted 21 Living with the Environment workshops. Topics included growing native plants, energy efficiency, caring for koalas and weed identification
- Residents were encouraged to flick the switch on appliances and lights for Earth Hour 2013
- 38 schools registered with council's free online Living Smart program, promoting what they can do to reduce their impact on the environment
- Council awarded the 2012 Don Perrin Bursary to Alana Plummer, a local student studying a Degree in Urban and Environment Planning at Griffith University. The \$2,000 bursary is designed to help a local student undertaking tertiary study in a field like science, marine science, environmental management, environmental health and environmental education
- 40 properties signed up to the Land for Wildlife program. Council provided advice and assistance towards the management of more than 68 hectares of retained habitat and 54 hectares of habitat under restoration on private land
- 24 residents signed up to council's Backyards for Wildlife program helping to preserve wildlife corridors in urban areas
- The Voluntary Conservation Agreement Program was expanded across the Moreton Bay Region, helping private owners protect and enhance the environmental assets of the Moreton Bay Region. Council has 14 Voluntary Conservation Agreements protecting more than 185 hectares of land
- 18 Voluntary Conservation Program Grants were approved for private landholders undertaking conservation projects such as revegetation, weed control and waterway rehabilitation
- Council introduced a rates incentive category for Voluntary Conservation Agreement properties greater than 50 hectares



Old TVs became e-waste

Council helped residents pull the plug on their old TV introducing e-Waste drop-off zones at Bunya, Dakabin, Caboolture and Redcliffe waste facilities ahead of the analogue TV switch-off on May 28, 2013.

The e-Waste zones made it easy for residents to recycle their old tube or rear projection sets, which can be stripped of their glass, plastic, steel and copper for recycling.

A range of unwanted electronic appliances, including computer and other hardware, can also be recycled via the e-Waste drop off zones.

The initiative responds to a 400 per cent increase in the amount of electronic waste, with more than 72 tonnes moving through the region's waste management system each month.

E-waste zones are part of the electronics industry funded National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, an initiative of the Australian Government.

Waste Collection, reduction and recycling

The collection and disposal of waste and, programs and strategies to reduce and recycle waste.

Highlights

- More than \$37 million was spent on waste management in the Moreton Bay Region
- 146,000 properties were provided with kerbside waste and recycling collection services. The service collected 147,000 household general waste wheelie bins each week and 72,000 household recycling waste wheelie bins fortnightly
- Around 43 per cent of waste in the Moreton Bay Region was recycled and diverted from landfill
- Council cut greenhouse gas emissions, with the Landfill Gas Management Project extracting more than 3.3 million cubic metres of gas from landfill sites at Dakabin, Caboolture and Bunya. This is a reduction of 47,800 tonnes of carbon emissions, which is equivalent to removing 12,000 vehicles off local roads. Council is continuing to investigate the viability of converting gas extracted from council's waste facilities into green energy
- Council's recovery program continued to recycle green waste, timber, clean fill, metal, concrete, e-waste, household recyclables, tyres, wet cell batteries, household chemicals, used chemical drums, oil and gas bottles
- Clean Up Australia Day was a major success with more than 10,000 volunteers across 121 sites removing 70 cubic metres of rubbish. Items recovered included computer parts, plastic bottles, beer kegs and bicycles
- More than 5,000 tonnes of mulch was provided to residents
- More than 1 million items were purchased from treasure markets at Caboolture and Dakabin with around 150,000 people visiting the markets
- Council continued to supply recycling bins at major events and festivals
- More than 5,930 children became expert recyclers with council donating 23 compost bins, 26 worm farms, 88 recycling crates and 21 organic caddys to local schools and early learning centres
- Eight waste facility tours were conducted for local students, lifting the lid on what happens to their trash
- Council hosted National Recycling Week during November, 2012 and International Composting Awareness Week during May, 2013
- Introduced new red top bins in line with the Australian Standard for household general waste collection
- Introduced new operating hours for the Dakabin Treasure Markets, making visiting the tip quicker and easier for residents and businesses
- More than 3,490 residents learned more about recycling, taking part in council's Community Waste Minimisation Program which explores council's waste management facilities and treasure markets



Council's Caboolture and Dakabin treasure markets were a hit with more than 150,000 residents



Four-lane congestion-busting overpass opens in Lawnton

Motorists in the Moreton Bay Region are saving minutes off their daily commute with the opening of the \$21 million Francis Road Overpass at Lawnton.

Council unveiled the four-lane congestion busting overpass in April, 2013 which is one of the biggest and most significant council-funded transport projects to be undertaken in the region.

Thousands of vehicles now use the new overpass each day, and this is expected to continue to increase with future growth in the region.

The four-lane bridge includes cycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, providing quick and safe access over the railway line at Lawnton.

Fast facts

- The overpass is 50m long and 7.5m tall
- Project construction involved approximately 108,850 hours of work.
- 14,300 cubic metres of earth works
- 3,200m³ of concrete poured on site
- 11 bridge girders – 33m long and weighing an average of 80 tonnes
- 11 bridge girders – 18m long and weighing an average of 32 tonnes
- 432 tonnes of reinforcing steel placed on site
- 7,800 tonnes of asphalt
- 5,500 tubestock plants and 42 new trees
- 7,000m² of turf laid



Roads and transport

Roads and other transport infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- \$113.6 million on the maintenance and improvement of road and transport infrastructure
- \$13.8 million was spent resurfacing approximately 410,500 square metres of local roads
- Some major rehabilitation works included:
 - \$1 million for Samsonvale Road, Strathpine
 - \$545,000 for Bennetts Road, Everton Hills
 - \$515,000 for Uhlmann Road, Burpengary
 - \$680,000 for Duffield Road
 - \$1.4 million for Marsden Road, Kallangur
 - \$240,000 for Scurr Road, Wamuran
 - \$330,000 for Bestman Road, Sandstone Point
 - \$725,000 for Glenwood Drive Road, Morayfield
 - \$670,000 for Victoria Avenue, Redcliffe
 - \$1 million to Youngs Crossing Road, Joyner
- Council completed more than 500 roads projects
- Council maintains more than 3,420km of sealed road in the Moreton Bay Region
- There is 290km of unsealed road maintained by council
- 62 per cent of the region's road network is urban, while 38 per cent are rural roads
- Council maintains 347 bridges
- Council has committed up to \$105 million towards the \$1.15 billion Moreton Bay Rail Link, which will feature stations at Kallangur, Murrumba Downs, Mango Hill, Rothwell and Kippa-Ring. Council's contribution to the Moreton Bay Rail Link will include new bridges over the rail corridor at Kinsellas Road East, Capestone Boulevard, Mango Hill Boulevard and Freshwater Creek Road at Mango Hill.
- Construction commenced on the first major component of the Moreton Bay Rail Link – a new road bridge over the planned rail corridor near Kinsellas Road East, Mango Hill.
- \$13 million was invested during 2012/13 constructing Plantation Road, which included a significant upgrade to the intersection at Alma and Old Gympie roads and features two-lanes with bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and the capacity to expand to four lanes in the future. The project will ultimately connect the suburbs of North Lakes and Dakabin with a bridge to be built by Stockland over the Bruce Highway.
- Council launched the Redcliffe Seaside Village cycle centre boasting space for 24 bicycles, lockers, showers and change room facilities. The initiative is targeted at local workers and aims to promote a healthier lifestyle and free-up parking spaces for customers



Construction kicked off on the Kinsellas Road East road bridge at Mango Hill, as part of the Moreton Bay Rail Link Project



The new Plantation Road will connect Dakabin and North Lakes, with a new bridge to be constructed by Stockland over the Bruce Highway

Highlights (cont)

- Council completed major reconstruction work to 1.5 kilometres of Bellthorpe Range Road, with the road reopened to motorists in December, 2012. The recovery project was jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian governments through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. The work is expected to make the road more resilient to extreme rainfall events
- Remediation works were undertaken on Private Albert Thistlewaite Bridge at Mt Samson Road, Closeburn. The \$267,000 project ensured the bridge – which is a key Cedar Creek crossing between Dayboro and Samford – retained its load rating
- Council welcomed the reopening of the State Government's AJ Wyllie Bridge in late 2012. The bridge was closed to traffic following structural damaged caused during the 2011 January flood event
- Although Translink is responsible for bus services, council upgraded 120 bus stops with funding from Translink. There are more than 1,200 bus stops used by scheduled bus services throughout the Moreton Bay Region
- Traffic signals were installed at the Visentin Road and Station Road intersection at Morayfield, boosting safety for motorists during peak hours
- Council continued to deploy portable speed trailers as part of the region-wide road safety program - Slow Down on Local Streets
- \$350,000 was spent upgrading a one kilometre walking and cycling connection on Whytecliffe Parade between Gayundah Esplanade and Margate Parade
- Exiting the Bruce Highway to Murrumba Downs was made easier with the off-ramp intersection onto Dohles Rocks Road widened and resurfaced. The project cost \$670,000
- Applied new timber strengthening technology to boost the expected life of the Bunya Road Bridge at Draper by more than 20 years
- Council unveiled detailed designs for a \$16 million upgrade to South Pine Road, between Camelia Avenue to Queens Road, at Everton Hills. The proposed upgrade includes two additional traffic lanes along South Pine Road, shared off-road pedestrian and cycle pathways, parking and property access along South Pine Road and a new intersection at Buckland Road
- Service relocation began as part of a major upgrade to Pumicestone Road from Jensen Road to the southern approach of King John Creek Bridge in Caboolture. The multi-million dollar project will provide wider lanes for motorists, designated cyclist lanes, an upgrade to the Ardrossan Road intersection and safety improvements

The new cycle station at Redcliffe is helping to promote a healthy lifestyle and helping to free car parking space in the Redcliffe Seaside Village





New bridge boosts flood immunity

Work finished in late 2012 on a major \$950,000 creek crossing upgrade at Williams Street, Dayboro.

The new bridge features a larger culvert and will help to reduce the impact of flooding on Dayboro.

It also provides a safer crossing for pedestrians and has been designed to complement the character and identity of the township.

The project is part of council's ongoing commitment to help minimise the impact of flood events on Dayboro.

Stormwater infrastructure

Drainage and other stormwater infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- Council maintained more than 2,390km of stormwater infrastructure
- 76 stormwater projects valued at more than \$6.5 million were completed helping to improve stormwater drainage
- \$1.75 million was invested in flood mitigation projects across the region
- Detailed flood mapping was completed across the region's 2,037 square kilometres. Data will improve flood information available to the community and help plan for future flood mitigation works
- Council installed 11 new flood level and rainfall data collection stations across the region that will assist flood predictions and the issuing of timely warnings through council's MoretonAlert System
- Upgraded council's free Flood Check Property Report system to include improved flood information. A new interactive mapping tool called Flood Explorer was also released providing residents with the most comprehensive flood mapping available in Queensland
- Council continued work on a business case for a proposed flood mitigation project in Dale Street, Burpengary
- \$600,000 for drainage and lake improvements at Pebble Beach Common, Sandstone Point
- \$205,000 to commence drainage and lake improvements at and Melrose Lake, Bellara. Works are expected to be complete in 2013/14
- Completed construction of the \$880,000 Glenmay Wetlands, in Glenmay Court, Morayfield. The project will divert water from underground stormwater drains through a new wetland system, which will act as a natural filter removing rubbish, sediment particles and nutrients from stormwater. The wetlands will also create an outdoor water quality educational facility, giving local primary and secondary school students a hands-on opportunity to learn about wetlands and their impact on the health of our waterways
- \$190,000 worth of drainage improvements to Mathew Crescent, Burpengary
- \$120,000 upgrade to the drainage outlet at Beverley Way, Caboolture to reduce flooding during heavy rain
- \$30,000 for stormwater improvements along Cornelius Street, Clontarf
- \$300,000 for stormwater improvements to culverts along Bird O'Passage Parade, Scarborough
- \$420,000 upgrade to stormwater pipes in Duke Street, Clontarf
- \$230,000 upgrade to culvert along Coach Road East Burpengary





Managing our lakes

Council conducted a comprehensive review of more than 273 lakes across the Moreton Bay Region.

The project has allowed council to develop a Lake Management Framework to better assess and manage the health of these water bodies.

Work is now under way developing individual management plans for lakes across the region to help reduce the impact of issues including algae blooms and aquatic weeds.

This work has been recognised by leading state government agencies as an innovative approach to the responsible management of local lakes.

It will help ensure these popular community areas remain safe and healthy so they can continue to be enjoyed by residents into the future.

Individual plans have already been drafted for eight lakes in Caboolture, Narangba, Sandstone Point, Beachmere, Strathpine, Petrie, D'Aguilar and Bribie Island. Work will continue in 2013/14 preparing plans for additional lakes across the region.



Waterways and coastal facilities

Waterways and coastal facilities across the region.

Highlights

- Council maintained over 40 boat ramps
- The region is home to three public jetties at Redcliffe, Woody Point and Bongaree
- Over 300km of freshwater and estuarine streams were monitored for their ecological health
- Council maintained three major canal systems at Bribie Gardens, Pacific Harbour and Newport
- A sand bar that had formed across the Bribie Gardens canal entrance was removed to restore safe access to the canal system. The sand was relocated to the beach north of the canal entrance at Bongaree
- Prepared designs and sought necessary state government approvals for future maintenance dredging to Bribie Gardens and Pacific Harbour canal estates. The dredging will ensure safe navigation for residents using the canals
- Work began on upgrading the Newport entrance channel. This includes widening, deepening and extending the original channel to allow for increased vessel movements
- Stabilised banks to repair erosion damage along 500 metres of Cabbage Tree Creek at William Scott Park, Arana Hills
- Council established a temporary pathway along Margate Parade, between Duffield Road and Mabel Street, following significant damage to the popular Margate boardwalk caused by ex-tropical cyclone Oswald. Council expects to receive funding assistance in 2013/14 from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to repair the boardwalk and build an associated seawall
- Completed work on a \$2 million seawall along Margate Beach to Scotts Point in an effort to reduce the effects of erosion
- Design work began for the first stage of a seawall along South Esplanade, Bongaree
- The Woody Point Gayundah Seawall was reconstructed. The works cost \$325,000
- \$600,000 was invested to improve drainage along Bestman Road, Sandstone Point and work began on a \$900,000 upgrade to the drainage lake at Bibimulya Street, Bellara
- Work began on a major \$330,000 bank stabilisation project along Kingfisher Creek, Albany Creek. The project will be completed in 2013/14
- A \$250,000 groyne was established to minimise erosion at Spinnaker Drive Park, Sandstone Point
- Rehabilitation works were carried out on the seawall along the Dohles Rocks foreshore
- Conducted an aerial survey of the region's coastlines to monitor local foreshores
- Work began on the Northern Moreton Bay Shoreline Erosion Management Plan covering coastlines of Deception Bay, Beachmere, Godwin Beach, parts of Sandstone Point, Toorbul and Donnybrook. The plan will guide coastal management to help protect these foreshore areas from erosion
- Work began on the South Pine River Shoreline Erosion Management Plan. The plan will guide river management activities to help limit erosion along river banks

Council continued to implement initiatives to minimise the effects of erosion on coastal areas





Construction kicks off on The Corso

Construction kicked off on The Corso at North Lakes, a \$45 million library, community centre, young people's space and commercial office complex located in the heart of North Lakes.

The project received \$3 million in Federal Government funding for The Corso's young people's centre component – which is expected to open in late 2013. A further \$8 million has been provided by the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia Fund for The Corso project.

In 2012/13, The Corso at North Lakes was recognised as Australia's first civic building to be awarded a Five Star, Green Star design rating by the Green Building Council.

To date, the bulk of the construction work on The Corso at North Lakes has been below ground level with the excavation and concreting of the basement for car parking, plant equipment rooms, and the in-ground water harvesting system.

Concrete columns to support the above ground structure have been installed and the library's concrete floor has been laid.

In 2013/14 residents will notice a lot of activity on the corner of The Corso and Endeavour Boulevard as The Corso at North Lakes rises from the ground for an anticipated mid-2014 opening.



Community facilities

Community meeting spaces and other public facilities.

Highlights

- Council-managed community venues were occupied for more than 11,333 hours
- Caboolture's \$3 million Town Square renewal was officially opened by Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Federal Government in September, 2012. The Town Square renovation capped a major investment in Caboolture's CBD creating an open and modern plaza destination and better pedestrian access to the award-winning Caboolture Hub
- The Caboolture Hub celebrated an extraordinary first year with a free birthday party on December 15, 2012. In just 12 months the award-winning facility has become one of the region's most popular community venues attracting more than 320,000 visitors through its doors
 - In 2012/13:
 - Caboolture Library recorded more than 217,500 visitors, an increase of 13 per cent on last financial year
 - The Caboolture Regional Art Gallery recorded one of the highest visitation figures of any regional gallery in Queensland with 21,000 visitors
 - The Learning and Business Centre received more than 2,330 bookings for meeting rooms from local community and commercial organisations
- Five new creative artists were welcomed to the Caboolture Hub's art studio spaces which provides community exposure and a launching pad for their talents and skills
- Sixty two workshops were hosted at the Caboolture Hub, honing the skills of more than 450 people in areas including photography to understanding children's behaviour to how to use an Apple Mac, song writing and Facebook for business
- Council endorsed a long-term master plan for the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
- Council engaged the community for ideas and feedback on a master plan for the Old Redcliffe Fire Station
- Council completed a master plan to guide future development at the Old Bay Road Community Facility. An extension to the Artisans Guild building was completed to accommodate growth and improve workshop spaces
- A \$230,000 drop in centre was constructed at Woodford Memorial Park. The new facility includes amenities, two offices and an open hall space. It provides a social and support network for the local community, and a home for the Woodford RSL sub-branch
- QSEC continued to establish a strong reputation within the equestrian community, attracting 57 regional, 16 state, two national and one international event during 2012/13. Highlights included:
 - Brisbane CDI (International Dressage Event)
 - Professional Bull Riding Australia
 - Masterclass with dressage Olympian, Steffen Peters
 - Urban Country Music Festival
- QSEC is the centre for elite equestrian training, and is used by Equestrian Queensland and Equestrian Australia for Olympic development squad training
- QSEC has an established event calendar with 17 events booked annually for the next 2 or more years
- QSEC's family movie nights proved a school holiday hit with screenings of The Lorax, The Muppets and Puss in Boots
- 5,150 people attended programs hosted at the Morayfield Park Leisure Centre
- 509,100 residents visited council swimming pools across the region
- 13,820 bookings were received for council's swimming pool programs
- Over 120,000 people visited Settlement Cove Lagoon at Redcliffe

Museum enters retro-futuristic world of Steampunk

Modern technology and historical styling collided in a dynamic and eclectic exhibition at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum in April, 2013.

The fascinating mash up of past, future and fantasy introduced more than 2,600 visitors to the intricate and whimsical style of the Steampunk genre.

The retro-futuristic Steampunk mix plays on Victoriana, sci-fi and Wild West style and imagines it in a world developed around steam power and intricate machines.

The exhibition showcased jewellery, shoes, time machines, ray guns, photographs and music players, all crafted with magnificent attention to detail to reflect 19th century style.

Think frills, pocket watches, top hats, gears and cogs of a romantic gaslight era fused with modern and mechanical devices to create almost mad-scientist inventions.

Steampunk has influenced film, fashion, art and literature since the early 1980s and more recently, Hugh Jackman's Van Helsing, Robert Downey Jnr's Sherlock Holmes and Will Smith's Wild Wild West.



Cultural services

Cultural venues, art, culture and heritage development activities.

Highlights

- Council endorsed a 10-year master plan to guide the growth, development and management of the Caboolture Historical Village. It will help ensure the facility maintains its place as one of South-East Queensland's unique educational and tourism experiences into the future
- More than 37 local artists took part in workshops hosted by the man behind some of Australia's most innovative and successful cultural projects – Marcus Westbury
- Council conducted a survey to better understand the needs of the local creative industry
- Council hosted the inaugural Create Industry Expo at Strathpine on 22 September. More than 20 local stall holders took part in the event aimed at building networks in the region
- Council's art gallery and museum network presented 109 exhibitions, 471 workshops and presentations attracting more than 122,350 people
- The Moreton Bay Region Art Collection now comprises 1,065 pieces
- Regular updates about council's cultural and creative venues were sent to more than 1,200 residents via the Arts Mail e-Newsletter
- Council unearthed a time capsule containing a quarter of a century of Pine River's history at Old Petrie Town on March 2, 2013. The contents were displayed at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum
- A heritage trail showcasing 19 key sites in the township of Dayboro was unveiled in December 2012. The trail celebrates the heritage of Dayboro's founding families and includes the Terror Creek sawmill, cattle dip and sugar mill. The region is home to five heritage trails, with walks at Redcliffe, Deception Bay, Samford, Dayboro and North Pine
- Council's network of art galleries hosted 92 exhibitions, 377 public programs, toured one exhibition nationally and attracted 67,530 people
- Almost 25 per cent or 16,000 visitors to art galleries participated in public programs
- GAME - Galleries and Museum Explorers - was launched and has attracted over 400 families to its membership, with 540 children participating in art and cultural activities across the six cultural venues

The Caboolture Hub's – The Vault – has become a popular performance space for local musicians





Highlights (cont)

Redcliffe Art Gallery

- Almost 24,000 people visited the gallery which held 10 exhibitions, 147 public programs and daily children's activity stations. 5,000 people participated in public programs
- The Redcliffe City Art Gallery curated exhibition, Insight – Hermannsburg Potters, toured six regional venues throughout Australia. It was made possible with the donation of 37 Hermannsburg pots by indigenous artists from the Northern Territory

Redcliffe Museum

- Continued to increase student visitation with the introduction of a school program
- Volunteers continued to play a key role in the venue and helped to undertake a full audit of the Redcliffe Museum's collection
- Games & Puzzles attracted a strong visitation from local families

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

- The school program more than doubled attracting nearly 3,000 students to the venue
- The Steam Punk exhibition and associated public programs attracted an average of 95 visitors each day. Many of these were first time, young adults
- Cataloguing of artefacts continued with support from dedicated volunteers

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

- exhibited the work of more than 500 local artists, with 163 public programs and 17 exhibitions
- Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards showcased the works of 311 local school children
- Salvatore Zofrea: Days of Summer attracted over 1,400 visitors

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

- attracted over 21,000 people with an average of over 95 people a day. 3,000 of these visitors participated in 55 public programs, including exhibition openings, daily children's activity stations, and artist talks
- The Hub Gallery hosted 12 month-long exhibitions showcasing 12 local artists

Bribie Island Seaside Museum

- Intriguing Illusions attracted 4600 visitors and was popular with families
- Textile workshops held in conjunction with the Jimmy Pike Desert Psychedelic exhibition attracted record participation
- The volunteer program continued to grow and assist in delivering public programs

Redcliffe Cultural Centre

- In October 2012, the Redcliffe Cultural Centre celebrated its 30th Birthday presenting the first ever stage spectacular – Flights of Fantasy - created, designed, written and directed entirely by the Cultural Centre
- Attracted 240,000 visitors to 115 shows, 280 performances and 35 films showcased in the Matthew Flinders Theatre. Sell-out shows included Calendar Girls, A Night of the Poms, The Kransky Sisters, and performances from The Australian Army Band
- Hosted 13 art exhibitions in the main foyer
- Groups and local schools including the Redcliffe Musical Theatre, SQUIDS, U3A, Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra, Ignatians Musical Society, St Pauls School and Grace Lutheran College regularly used the centre's theatre

Caboolture Hub

- The Muso of the Month program provided five local artists with the opportunity to showcase their talents in the Caboolture Hub's intimate performance arena, The Vault
- The Hub hosted 47 adults and teenagers for photography workshops
- Raising Teenage Boys, What's in our Food, Intro to MYOB and Internet Security were popular workshops and attracted strong community participation



Wild West raises roof at QSEC

Extraordinary horse trainer and showman David Manchon raised the roof of QSEC's main arena for the combined QSEC first birthday and Caboolture Family Fun Day celebrations in September, 2012.

David is one of the biggest names in the business, well-known for his skill, agility and amazing command over horses, cattle and other performing livestock.

His heart-pounding Rooftop Express was a fun and exciting spectacle showcasing plenty of death-defying stunts and even more laughs to more than 8,000 people at the event.

Caboolture's Family Fun Day activities included live music and a performance from the world's premier female rodeo clowns the CrackUp sisters - S.T.Ruth and lil B-ute.

Budding young superheroes were also encouraged to don their own superhero gear with special guest appearances from the Green Lantern and Batman.



Events

Corporate events in partnership with the community.

Highlights

- Council's events generated a multi-million dollar boost for local businesses, with the Urban Country Music Festival and Celebrate Redcliffe Festival
- More than 140,000 people attended council's signature festivals – Pine Rivers Festival, Festival of Sails, Urban Country Music Festival and Celebrate Redcliffe Festival
- 356 residents generously donated their time to volunteer at council events
- 1272 people from 61 different countries pledged their commitment to Australia. Council hosted more than 14 citizenship ceremonies including a major service on Australia Day
- Rock n' Roll and vintage cars were among the many attractions at the 2013 Pine Rivers Festival in May. More than 30,000 people attended various events during the nine-day festival including The Hills Carnivale, Rodz Rock n' Roll and Dayboro Day celebrations. A highlight included the Revivin the Drive in (Drive In Movie) at Strathpine, which attracted a bumper audience in Pine Rivers Park
- 30,000 day visitors flocked to Caboolture over the first weekend in May for some of the hottest names in Australian country music including Lee Kernaghan, John Williamson, Troy Cassar-Daley and Amber Lawrence to celebrate the 10th year of Urban Country Music Festival
- Talented singer-songwriter Kiara Rodrigues was named the 2013 Voice of Urban Country
- Redcliffe's Festival of Sails on Good Friday attracted a record crowd of around 45,000 people. Spectators enjoyed the action of the 65th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race and a host of seaside celebrations featuring a sky diving Easter Bunny, stage entertainment, kids workshops and food and craft markets
- Activities, workshops, displays and performances were held across the Moreton Bay Region during National Youth Week in April, 2013
- The newly created fundraising event, Cycle for Daniel was held at Lakeside Park on April 28, 2013 to raise money for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation
- Up to 15,000 people turned out to welcome Barry Gibb home to the Moreton Bay Region for the unveiling of Bee Gees Way at Redcliffe on Thursday February 14, 2013
- Unfortunately the region's Australia Day events planned for Bribie Island, Strathpine and Redcliffe were cancelled due to wet weather associated with ex-tropical cyclone Oswald
- Caboolture celebrated Christmas under the stars in the comfort of the CBD's new \$3 million town square. Residents enjoyed music, entertainment, fireworks and plenty of Christmas cheer
- Santa dropped into Scarborough Beach Parklands to celebrate Christmas by the Sea in December, 2012. The event included entertainment, carols and a street parade featuring crowd favourite, Rudolph. With the help of the Rotary Club of Redcliffe and council, Santa also made an early visit to streets across the Redcliffe peninsula for the Redcliffe Santa Sleigh
- Australian Idol pop diva, Paulini, headlined Christmas in the Park celebrations at Strathpine in December 2012. Around 8,000 people took part in the event which also featured craft and market stalls, local musicians, dance groups and Labby from the B105 breakfast team
- Around 200 year 7 students from eight local schools took part in the region's annual Battle of the Brains competition in October, 2012
- Chaplaincy Support Breakfasts were held at Redcliffe, Caboolture and Pine Rivers raising close to \$50,000 for chaplains in 56 schools across the region. The charity breakfasts included presentations from Bob Atkinson, Gary Youngberry and Steve Renouf
- The region recognised the achievements of our home grown Olympians and ParaOlympians at the 2012 Celebrate Redcliffe Festival. The two-day event attracted 35,000 people with live music, cooking displays, rides, entertainment and the 2012 Offshore Superboat Championships
- More than 5,000 gardening and cooking enthusiasts turned out to enjoy a sunny day of green thumb demonstrations, crafty markets and workshops and delicious food at the Redcliffe Botanical Garden's What's Cooking in the Garden event



Reading up...up...and away

More than 8,000 young and eager readers received their passport to a world of non-stop excitement and adventure through council's ReadUp loyalty program.

The ReadUp program helped to boost the literacy skills of the region's youngest residents, encouraging children eight years and under to visit and borrow books from any Moreton Bay Regional Council library.

Participating children received a stamp on each visit, with six or more trips earning a certificate designed from a well-known children's book illustration.

Developed in the Moreton Bay Region, ReadUp has received high accolades from Her Excellency Governor Penelope Wensley. The program has also been adopted by other councils in Queensland.

In 2012/13 more than 284,680 books were read in the Moreton Bay Region through the ReadUp program. It also helped boost library membership with 3,000 youngsters joining council's libraries to take part in ReadUp

Libraries

Library services and programs.

Highlights

- \$15 million was spent on Moreton Bay Region Libraries
- More than 1.48 million visits to council's libraries, with members borrowing 3.34 million items
- Residents borrowed over 45,000 eBooks from the 8,500 strong eBook, music and video collection
- The State Library of Queensland contributed over \$1.58 million in grant funding towards expanding council's library collection. The State Library also provided \$5,500 for an app to enable mobile friendly access to the library's catalogue
- Customer self-service options were expanded
- Collection security was enhanced to enable greater protection of library resources
- Council's library website received more than 9.5 million hits, with over 5.5 million to the catalogue
- As of June 2013, Moreton Bay Region Libraries Facebook page had over 2,300 Likes with more than 280,000 visits for information on events and activities
- Over 111,000 residents participated in the 6,128 activities offered by council's libraries
- Supported 155 book clubs across the region
- Libraries hosted 68 Meet the Author talks and discussions with popular speakers including best-selling writers William McInnes, Kate Forsyth and Barry Maitland. Almost 2,000 people attended these events
- Write Around Moreton Bay writers' seminars attracted 320 established and budding local authors
- Children's Book Week attracted more than 3500 children to local libraries with activities and storytelling by Queensland children's author and illustrator, Kerry Argent
- School holiday programs offered over 550 workshops and activities attracting over 28,000 children aged 13 years and under
- 1,426 children and young people read for 21,398 hours as part of the 2012/13 Summer Reading Club
- 8,590 young people took part in free creative workshops including film, music and digital workshops as part of the Mash It Up Creative program
- Computer and technology classes hosted by libraries were attended by more than 7300 residents
- Telstra and Moreton Bay Region Libraries also partnered to deliver a 2-day technology education event at the Caboolture Hub presented by the 'GadgetGuy' Peter Blasina which was attended by over 300 residents
- Libraries' Your History Our History heritage program was attended by over 600 residents
- Moreton Memories, a pictorial history of the Moreton Bay Region from the late nineteenth century to the end of the twentieth century was published
- Library services and operations were supported by more than 330 dedicated library volunteers
- Plans were finalised for the new North Lakes Library with construction under way
- Home library services were delivered to 531 eligible residents unable to visit one of the region's 13 libraries
- Council's Mobile Library issued over 24,000 books, DVDs, CDs and magazines
- Moreton Bay residents donated 1,042 new books and \$1,967.40 in donations to the annual Donate a Book Appeal
- Improvements were made to the Deception Bay and Narangba Libraries
- Arana Hills Library courtyard and car park were upgraded. The extended courtyard provides improved stair access to the library and a perfect place to read, relax and enjoy the outdoors, with comfortable seating, shade and park views
- The Mobile library was upgraded with a new shelving configuration. The improvements will deliver a range of benefits including a larger collection and improved access for customers



New plan for Sweeney Reserve

Moreton Bay Regional Council endorsed a master plan to help improve Sweeney Reserve's resilience to flooding.

Sweeney Reserve is listed on the Queensland Heritage Register, and council worked closely with State Government agencies to ensure the plans met heritage obligations.

Sweeney Reserve is located on the banks of the North Pine River at Petrie. In recent years the site has been severely inundated after the release of large volumes of water from North Pine Dam.

During 2012/13 council completed significant master planning for a staged upgrade to the reserve, incorporating the most advanced flood modelling ever undertaken in the region.

Using the new flood data, the master plan for Sweeney Reserve identifies the most suitable locations for park equipment, helping to restore amenities and infrastructure in areas less prone to flooding.

Construction began on stage one of works in April, 2013 which included the new amenities block, car parking, access road improvements, landscaping and a new flood free, fully-fenced dog off leash enclosure.

Future works identified in the new master plan include reinstatement of a larger dog off-leash area adjacent the river, barbeque and picnic infrastructure, additional landscaping works and new pathways.

All of the improvements have been planned with the park's riverfront location in mind so Sweeney Reserve can continue be enjoyed by our community – even in the wettest of years.



Parks

Opportunities for leisure activities through the provision of open space, parks and reserves.

Highlights

- \$34.7 million was spent on local parks in the Moreton Bay Region
- The region is home to 4,035 hectares of environmental reserve
- Council maintained and mowed more than 3,918 hectares of land across 1,709 parks in the Moreton Bay Region
- 6,000 park inspections were completed, ensuring over 500 playgrounds were safe for the region's youngest residents
- Council cleaned and maintained more than 150 public amenity blocks
- A new toilet block and car park costing \$220,000 was established at Aurora Boulevard Park, North Lakes. The upgrade followed works in 2011/12 on a BMX, skate and scooter node
- Boama Park along Deception Bay Esplanade received a \$125,000 boost with improvements to play equipment and car parking
- New playground equipment was installed at the region's popular Kumbartcho Sanctuary, located at Eatons Hill
- Council ensured Pine Rivers Park would remain an attractive family destination with new picnic facilities
- Council established recreational trails at Lagoon Creek to improve access between local schools and the Caboolture PCYC. The project cost \$200,000
- Council invested \$400,000 improving facilities in Endeavour Park, Scarborough. Works included construction of a fishing platform, a playground and new park furniture to complement existing shelter and barbecue areas
- \$250,000 was invested in the renewal of play equipment and the playground in Scarborough Park at Scarborough
- \$50,000 was spent on new playground equipment and updated park facilities for Peter Morris Park, Rothwell
- Installed a new \$125,000 playground in Cook Park, Banksia Beach
- Council endorsed master plans for long-term improvements for council parks, reserves and open spaces in Donnybrook and Toorbul. The master plans included future upgrades to amenities, playgrounds and leisure equipment as well as improvements to streetscape and foreshore parkland. The plans were developed with the Donnybrook and Toorbul Community Hall and Progress Associations and aims to enhance the coastal village character of these areas
- Works wrapped up on a \$300,000 investment in Leslie Patrick Park at Arana Hills. The project included new play equipment, fencing, landscaping, picnic areas and lighting



Kicking goals at Burpengary

In May, 2013 Moreton Bay Regional Council and AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou unveiled the first patch of turf on the main oval of council's \$13 million Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex – AFL Precinct at Burpengary.

Spread over more than 11 hectares, the Burpengary AFL precinct will become a centre of excellence for AFL Queensland's Northern Brisbane academy programs and the home ground for the Caboolture Lions junior and senior clubs.

Community sporting facilities are where it all starts for the big stars of the game. It's where they develop their skills and passion, and with AFL Queensland establishing an academy program at the Burpengary precinct, the future is looking rosy for AFL in the Moreton Bay Region.

The Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex will be an exciting drawcard hosting North East AFL state league games, the Brisbane Lions' academy programs and AFL development activities.

National preseason AFL competition matches could also be played at the new precinct from 2014 with the AFL looking to invest in lighting and coaching facilities.

Once complete, the precinct will feature two new full-size AFL ovals with space for a third field in later stages. It also boasts a clubhouse, administration offices, kitchen, change rooms, secure storage and first aid facilities.

The precinct's ovals are expected to be ready for football matches in the 2014 season, weather permitting.



Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation programs, activities and facilities.

Highlights

- \$32.2 million was spent on local sport and recreation programs
- 2,140 children aged two to 12 years took part in council's free Active Kids holiday activity sessions. 83 sessions were held in parks across the Moreton Bay Region
- During school holidays up to 1,330 teenagers attended SHAFT's adrenaline packed and arty activities. The subsidised activities included a Hollywood stunt academy, glow in the dark mini golf and mini Olympics
- 1,630 residents participated in Older and Bolder activities encouraging residents over 50 to stay healthy and active
- More than 1,550 residents joined the free Spring In Your Step program which offered more than 230 activities including boot camp, martial arts, yoga and zumba as well as the usual park fitness classes
- 650 parents and children took part in council's Outdoor Adventure Families program, which aims to build participation in grass roots sports with local clubs hosting many of the activities
- More than 1,680 residents took part in council's physical activity programs, Adventure Women and Adrenaline for Men
- Residents were urged to explore the Moreton Bay Region by foot during the month of May via heritage, environmental and rainforest walks. Major walking events were held at Bribie Island, Redcliffe, North Lakes and Samford
- Over 750 young people took part in RAMP UP, council's skate, scooter and BMX skills and event program supported by the State Government's Active Inclusion program
- More than 700 residents participated in council's active living survey. The initiative provided information to help council plan for the future, giving insight into the region's exercise and healthy eating habits
- OTag technology comprising exercise monitoring and timing equipment was introduced along a 3km section between Scotts Point, Woody Point and the Redcliffe Jetty. This partnership between council and local business, Trident RFID, allows residents to register for a microchip which can be used to track personal exercise targets
- Council encouraged residents to take part in National Ride to Work Day and National Walk to Work Day



Council invested in equipment and facilities to improve the lifestyle of residents



Highlights (cont)

- A \$250,000 to complete a major renovation to the Sandstone Point Sports and Community Club, creating a modern multi-use venue for local sport, community and fitness organisations
- Council completed a \$590,000 upgrade to the Burpengary Junior Rugby League Club. The project included new offices, change rooms, toilets, a first aid room and additional storerooms
- Redcliffe rugby at Ray Frawley Fields received a \$1 million boost with the construction of change rooms, storage space and car park. The work followed the completion of a new clubhouse in 2011/12
- Council teamed up with the Queensland Government and Adidas to unveil the region's first Adizone at The Bay Sports Complex, Deception Bay. The free outdoor fitness gym includes a leg, bench and shoulder press, cross trainer, tennis and climbing wall, futsal soccer goal and basketball hoop
- Council rolled out new turf and an irrigation system at the Pine Hills Football Club playing fields at James Drysdale Reserve
- Pine Rivers Bears received a major \$1 million field upgrade at their home ground at Mathieson Park, Petrie. The project was funded between council and the Queensland Government
- A larger kitchen and new multi-purpose room comprised a \$380,000 extension to the Wamuran Sports Reserve Clubhouse
- More than \$415,000 was spent to keep the Redcliffe Tigers dry. The club's change rooms were renovated and significant drainage, special water-tight doors and a water repellent design was used to reduce the risk of flooding during heavy rain and high tides
- Council unveiled a third fully lit soccer field at the Narangba Sports Reserve. The \$1.4 million project will help Narangba United Football Club meet ongoing participation rates
- Comprehensive master plan reviews were commenced for the South Pine Sports Complex at Albany Creek and the Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex at Burpengary



Maps of the region's significant network of recreational trails were made available via council's website