

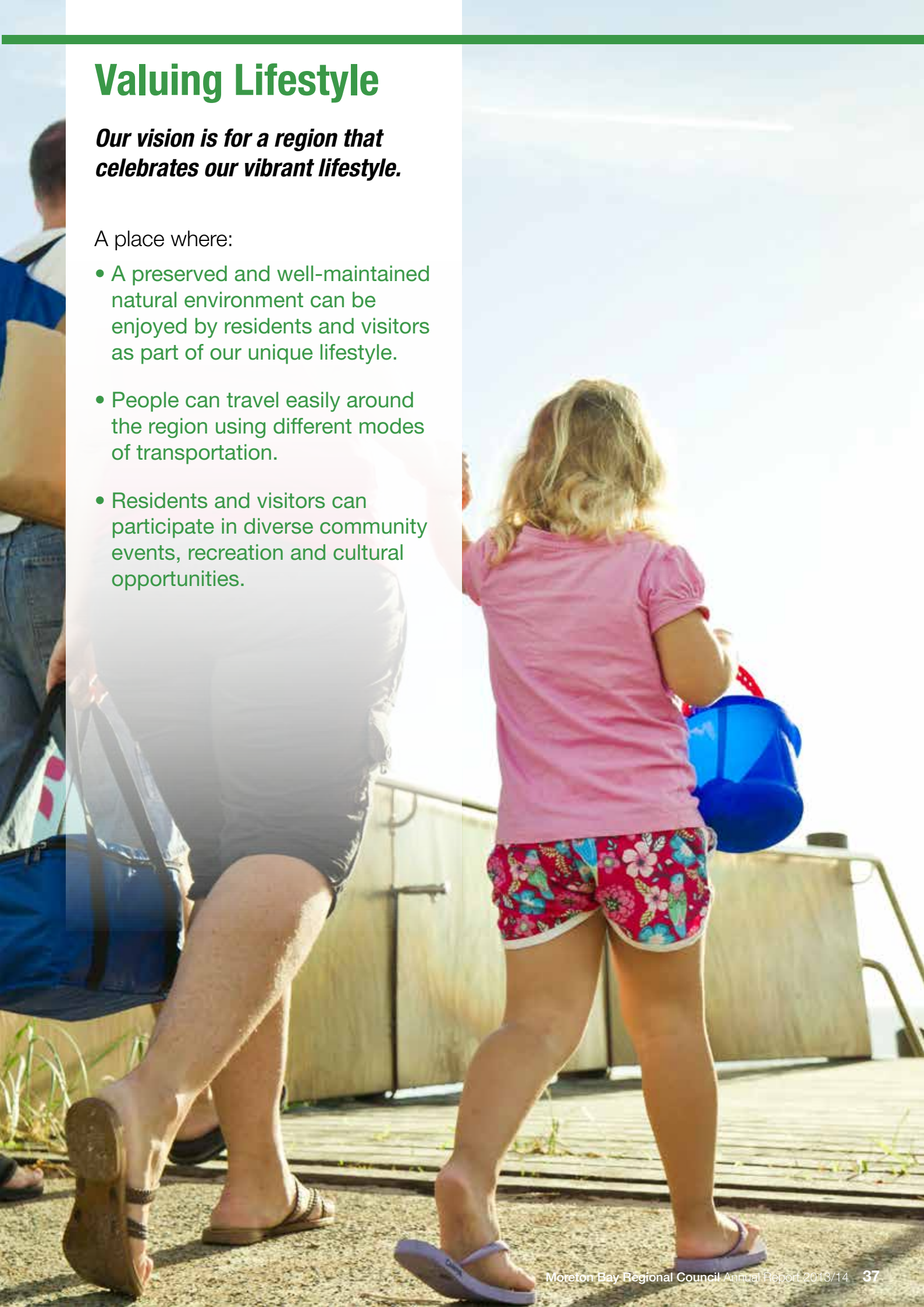


Valuing Lifestyle

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.



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Don Perrin Environmental Bursary

An aspiring environmental scientist majoring in wildlife was awarded council's 2013 Don Perrin Environmental Bursary.

The bursary provides \$2,000 to help a first-year tertiary student in the Moreton Bay Region pursue studies in an environment-related course.

Lexus Hughes, a former Clontarf Beach State High School student used the bursary to cover book costs associated with his Applied Science studies.

The bursary is named after local resident Don Perrin in honour of his environmental contribution to the Moreton Bay Region.

Environmental initiatives

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

Highlights

- Council has endorsed in-principle a draft Green Infrastructure Strategy. It sets out council's strategic vision for the planning and delivery of infrastructure and programs to support the region's natural, semi-natural and engineered green spaces over the next 20 years.
- Council continued to support collaborative scientific research with educational institutions, community groups and government agencies through its Research Partnerships Program. Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland collected data on the presence of Spotted-tailed Quolls which is a priority species in the Moreton Bay Region and is listed as endangered under Commonwealth environmental legislation.
- Council supports 39 bushcare groups in the Moreton Bay Region. The groups revegetated and maintained more than 60 sites, removing weeds and planting more than 22,000 native trees.
- Hundreds of volunteers helped plant more than 6,000 trees at Roseberry Place at Burpengary, Yingally Drive at Ferny Hills and Church Road, Eatons Hill, in support of Planet Ark's National Tree Day.
- The South Pine River Warriors Group planted 6,900 plants along the South Pine River. Since 2001, the group has established 134,549 native plants across 85 hectares of bushland and rehabilitated 9km of stream bank.
- Council secured a further 281 hectares of local koala habitat via two new conservation reserves, The Brian Burke Koala Nature Refuge at Samford and the Kurwongbah Park Koala Nature Refuge.
- Council continues to support the region's local koala population through the MBRC Koala Conservation Partnership Project, which includes identifying and monitoring koala locations through an annual koala survey.
- Council supported a koala fodder tree plantation at Madeline Drive Park, Morayfield. The plantation was installed by Koala Action Inc. with the assistance of a State Government grant for koala rehabilitation.
- Council donated koala habitat trees to Bounty Boulevard State School and carried out koala surveys at specific sites at Burpengary, Lawnton, Warner and Samford.
- To assist research into koala health, council has continued to provide support to the University of Queensland's Chlamydia vaccine trial project.
- More than 21,000 people visited council's environmental education centres at Osprey House, Kumbartcho Sanctuary and the Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre.
- More than 1,400 children were involved in council's school education programs, learning about biodiversity in their area and creating an energy efficiency action plan for their school.
- More than 2,000 residents participated in the CREEC Expo at the Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre in August. The event showcased a range of environmental attractions and information for the whole family including guided walks, indigenous art and talks by local guest speakers.
- Council's environmental education centres hosted 41 Living with the Environment workshops for adults, families and children. Activities included nature walks, craft, rainforest identification and recycling workshops.
- Council supported the Hays Inlet Festival held from 30 May to 5 June 2014. The week-long festival attracted more than 4500 people to over 30 different events, including a concert, boat cruises, tree planting, catchment clean-ups, walks, workshops and exhibitions.
- 34 additional properties signed up to the Land for Wildlife program. Council provided advice and assistance on the management of more than 188 hectares of retained habitat and 118 hectares of habitat under restoration on private land.
- Two Open Property Scheme events were held at Land for Wildlife properties. More than 50 Voluntary Conservation Program members attended the events and participated in guided walks and presentations by the property owners on conservation, sustainable grazing and habitat restoration.
- 18 Voluntary Conservation Program Grants were approved for private landholders to restore habitat for priority species, control environmental weeds, rehabilitate waterways and reduce the risk of wildfire.
- 28 residents signed up to council's Backyards for Wildlife program, helping to preserve wildlife corridors in urban areas.

Harvesting Green Energy

Moreton Bay Regional Council will soon generate enough green energy to power 5,000 homes each year under a new plan to harvest methane gas from landfill waste.

Three large gas engines, with similar capacity to those used in super-sized mining dump trucks, will be installed at council's Bunya, Dakabin and Caboolture landfill sites to convert methane gas into green energy.

The gas management systems will cut more than 74,000 tonnes of methane emissions from council's landfill sites annually and help reduce the region's carbon footprint.

Once captured, the landfill gasses will be filtered, then combusted by the engine generator and converted to renewable electricity, which is fed into the domestic power grid in the same way as household solar panels.

The landfill power plants are expected to be operating in 2015.

Waste collection, reduction and recycling

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

Highlights

- More than \$38 million was spent on waste management in the Moreton Bay Region.
- 147,000 properties were provided with kerbside waste and recycling collection services.
- 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 6.9 million cubic metres of gas from landfill sites at Dakabin, Caboolture and Bunya. This is a reduction of 45,500 tonnes of carbon emissions.
- 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 saw more than 9,140 volunteers across 120 sites removing 44 tonnes of litter and illegally dumped rubbish. Items recovered included computer parts, plastic bottles, beer kegs and bicycles.
- More than 5,000 tonnes of mulch was provided to residents.
- Council continued to supply recycling bins at major events and festivals.
- More than 6,300 children became expert recyclers with council donating 47 compost bins, 49 worm farms, 71 recycling crates and 50 organic caddies to local schools and early learning centres.
- 10 waste facility tours were conducted for local students and residents, lifting the lid on what happens to their rubbish.
- Council hosted National Recycling Week during November 2013 and International Composting Awareness Week during May 2014.
- More than 3,580 residents learned more about recycling by taking part in council's Community Waste Minimisation Program. It included a tour of council's waste management facilities, the promotion of waste minimisation strategies, composting and recycling workshops. The program also awarded the title of Regional Recycler 2013 to Scarborough State School's special education unit.



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Green Light for Travel Choice

Four schools in the Moreton Bay Region actively promoted walking, cycling and public transport to students and their families via council's Travel Choice program.

The program helps schools, businesses and the broader community to identify opportunities to leave the car at home and use more sustainable means of travel.

The schools' efforts achieved a 16 per cent reduction in car usage.

The Travel Choice program helps to deliver transport benefits for school communities including:

- Reduced parking and traffic congestion at peak times
- Improved road safety skills and awareness for students
- Increased social interaction and independence and
- Increased time and cost savings for families.

Council continues to encourage more organisations and businesses to participate in the Travel Choice program.

Roads and transport

Roads and other transport infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- \$125.4 million was spent maintaining and improving road and transport infrastructure.
- Approximately 410,500 square metres of local roads was resurfaced at a cost of \$10.7 million
- \$15.8 million was spent on rehabilitation works including:
 - \$1.9 million for Morayfield and Buchanan Roads, Morayfield
 - \$1.1 million for Mount Nebo Road, Mount Nebo
 - \$890,000 for Samsonvale Road, Bray Park
 - \$700,000 for Collins Road, Everton Hills
 - \$640,000 for Prince Edward Parade, Redcliffe
 - \$590,000 for Toorbul Esplanade, Toorbul
 - \$580,000 for Albany Forest Drive, Albany Creek
 - \$565,000 for Visentin Road, Morayfield
 - \$400,000 for Griffith Road, Newport
 - \$340,000 for Margate Parade, Margate
 - \$325,000 for Dancers Road, Caboolture.
- Council completed more than 400 roads projects.
- Council maintains more than 3,233km of sealed road in the Moreton Bay Region.
- There is 208km 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 337 bridges (69 vehicle bridges and 268 foot bridges).
- \$180,000 was spent upgrading and installing more than 55.6km of walking and cycling connections.
- Council has committed up to \$105 million towards the \$1.1 billion Moreton Bay Rail Link, which in addition to the 13km of dual track railway will feature a number of local road upgrades, a 3m wide shared path between Petrie and Kippa-Ring and new stations at Kallangur, Murrumba Downs, Mango Hill, Mango Hill East, Rothwell and Kippa-Ring.
- Council's contribution to the Moreton Bay Rail Link will deliver four-lane upgrades to Dohles Rocks Road and Brays Road, new local road connections at Duffield Road and Cecily Street with new bridges over the rail corridor at Kinsellas Road East, Capestone Boulevard, Mango Hill Boulevard and Freshwater Creek Road at Mango Hill.
- In total the Moreton Bay Rail Link project will deliver a total of six road and shared-path bridges, 12.6km of shared path, 2km of four-lane road upgrades and almost 4km of two-lane local road connections to council.
- The first completed asset, a new road bridge over the rail corridor at Kinsellas Road East, Mango Hill was handed over to council in April this year.
- With almost 900,000 cubic metres of earthworks complete, 11 bridges and numerous cross corridor drainage culverts under construction and work commencing on the Murrumba Downs Station, the project is well and truly on track for completion in 2016.
- Council completed the major reconstruction of the Goat Track at Highvale. The \$6 million project included improving drainage, reconstructing the road, stabilising of banks and excavating 10,000 cubic metres of rock and soil. The rebuilding of the Goat Track was made possible under the State and Federal Governments' Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. The work is expected to make the road more resilient to extreme rainfall events.
- \$700,000 was spent constructing a new elevated pedestrian bridge over Kedron Brook at Maba Court, Everton Hills. The new pedestrian link replaces a low-level causeway crossing that was damaged during the 2011 flood events and again in 2013. Council received \$199,000 from the State and Federal Governments towards this project.
- Council continued to deploy portable speed trailers as part of the region-wide road safety program – Slow Down on Local Streets.
- Early works commenced to relocate services on the \$7.5 million upgrade to South Pine Road, between Camelia Avenue to Queens Road, at Everton Hills. The 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. Works are expected to begin September 2014.
- The majority of works have been completed 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. Work is expected to be completed late 2014.



Improving Melrose Lake

Council completed stormwater upgrades to Melrose Lake at Bellara.

The \$910,000 project – funded over two financial years – focused on enhancing the catchment’s water quality, upgrading the stormwater system, as well as beautifying the surrounding parkland reserve for residents to enjoy.

Various vegetation and bank stabilisation works were carried out as part of the project, while other improvements included new landscaping as well as footpaths and walking trails.

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 to help improve stormwater drainage.
- \$1.75 million was invested in flood mitigation projects across the region.
- More than 22,500 free Flood Check Property Reports were issued, providing residents and interested parties with comprehensive flood information.
- Web-based flood information has also been provided free through the suburb-based flood maps and council's interactive mapping tool, Flood Explorer.
- Council continued progress and design on the Dale Street Burpengary Flood Mitigation Project. Council carried out geotechnical assessments. Grant funding totaling \$1.2 million was received from the State Government towards the project. A funding submission has been lodged with the Federal Government.
- \$600,000 went towards drainage and lake improvements at Pebble Beach Common, Sandstone Point.
- Council constructed the \$880,000 Glenmay Wetlands at 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. 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.
- Completed \$190,000 worth of drainage improvements to Mathew Crescent, Burpengary.
- Conducted a \$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 to improve culverts along Bird O'Passage Parade, Scarborough.
- \$420,000 towards stormwater pipe upgrades at Duke Street, Clontarf.
- \$230,000 upgrade to culvert along Coach Road East, Burpengary.





Margate Boardwalk

In February, council began construction of a new \$2.7 million section of the Margate boardwalk.

This much-loved piece of coastal infrastructure was extensively damaged by ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald in 2013.

The project has involved the development of a new design, the installation of more than 120 pile foundations, the construction of a seawall and the laying of a timber and concrete boardwalk.

The improvements will help reduce the impact of future severe weather events and the risk of erosion.

This anticipated project is being funded by council and the State and Federal Governments through Disaster Relief and Betterment arrangements.

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.
- More than 280km of freshwater streams were monitored for their ecological health.
- Water quality at popular swimming beaches at Redcliffe and Bribie Island were monitored and tested on a weekly basis during the peak swimming season (October to March).
- The Pumicestone Passage and Catchment Action Plan 2013-2016 was jointly endorsed by Moreton Bay Regional Council and Sunshine Coast Regional Council.
- Council partnered with the community to assist the development of the Caboolture River Catchment Management Plan. The plan considers all aspects of the water cycle to develop and enhance the environment.
- Council proudly joined the Regional Behaviour Change Campaign led by Healthy Waterways. The campaign aims to reduce single-use plastic water bottles entering our waterways and encourages people to use re-use drink bottles.
- The Redcliffe Jetty rock breakwater was reconstructed following ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald.
- Council maintained three major canal systems at Bribie Gardens, Pacific Harbour and Newport.
- Upgrades to the Newport entrance channel were completed. The work included widening, deepening and extending the original channel to allow for increased vessel movements.
- Maintenance dredging was carried out in various Newport canals.
- Beach restoration works commenced on the original sand beach canals in Newport.
- 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.
- \$550,000 was spent establishing groynes to minimise erosion at the northern end of Scarborough Beach Park.
- Work was completed on a major \$330,000 bank stabilisation project along Kingfisher Creek, Albany Creek.
- Council completed work on the first stage of a new \$770,000 seawall along South Esplanade, Bongaree.
- A \$213,000 groyne was established and beach restoration work was carried out at the southern entrance of the Spinnaker Marina, Sandstone Point. The project will help to minimise erosion.
- \$565,000 was invested to construct 110 metres of seawall at Beachmere to help protect the foreshore.



Funds to Foster Regional Arts and Culture

28 artists and community groups shared in more than \$175,000 to foster arts and culture within the region as part of the 2013/14 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The fund provided financial assistance for talented creatives to develop their skills and enrich the community through arts and culture.

The dynamic and diverse line up of recipients included musicians, painters, community arts groups and filmmakers.

Successful applicants included:

- \$18,000 for Playabout Productions towards the development and performance of a stage show based on the Moreton Bay Region
- \$13,330 for the Redcliffe Musical Theatre towards staging a production of the Wizard of Oz at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre
- \$10,000 for the Abbey Museum of Art & Heritage to preserve a local collection of medieval stained-glass windows from Winchester Cathedral
- \$2,650 for the Pine Rivers State School P&C Association towards running music workshops.

The RADF is a partnership program between council and Arts Queensland.

Council contributes 60 per cent of the program's funding.

Cultural services

Cultural services including museum operations, art gallery operations and art, culture and heritage development activities.

Highlights

- Council's network of art galleries hosted 74 exhibitions, 377 public programs and attracted 64,000 visitors.
- Council's art collection comprises more than 1,165 pieces.
- Residents were kept informed of cultural and creative events via the Arts Mail e-Newsletter.
- More than 13,000 people who visited the region's art galleries participated in public programs.
- The Galleries and Museum Explorers (GAME) program continued to grow in popularity with more than 1,000 children participating in activities across all six museums and galleries.
- Council successfully secured Artslink funding and support for three community arts projects under the Animating Spaces program. The projects attracted over 2,000 residents and visitors and included:
 - Samford Shorts: A series of filmmaking workshops encouraged Samford community members to make short films featuring Samford's public spaces, local people and landmarks
 - Celebrate Samford: A celebration of creative people from Samford and its surrounds, this event featured original large-scale puppets, lanterns and flags created through public community workshops based on local stories and themes
 - Sculpting Samford: Local artists were invited to create installations that utilise everyday, recycled and natural materials.



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Highlights (cont)

Redcliffe Art Gallery

- More than 30,000 people visited the Redcliffe Art Gallery which held 11 exhibitions and 147 public programs.
- 5,500 people participated in the public programs.

Redcliffe Museum

- Continued to increase student visitation through its National Curriculum-aligned school program.
- Volunteers completed an audit of the Redcliffe Textile collection, which includes costumes, napery, quilts, embroidery and craft items donated to the museum.
- The Near the Jetty exhibition won a National Trust Queensland Heritage Award.

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

- 25 new schools joined the museum's school program, which catered for 2,700 students during 2013/2014.
- It's a Kid's Life exhibition and associated public programs attracted an average of 103 visitors each day.
- Volunteers conducted a toy making workshop series for children and assisted the expansion of the school program.

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

- Exhibited the work of more than 500 local artists with 163 public programs, 15 exhibitions in the main gallery and 12 in the window gallery.
- Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards showcased the works of 317 local school children.
- Public programs attracted almost 4,000 people.

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

- Hosted three national touring exhibitions while also showcasing the work of 12 local artists.
- Attracted more than 24,000 visitors.
- More than 4,000 people participated in public programs including exhibition openings, daily children's activity and artist talks.
- Exhibition highlights included The Imperceptible Something and The Art of Sound.
- Art Time for Under 5s continued to grow along with Family Art Days.

Bribie Island Seaside Museum

- 23,654 people visited the Bribie Island Seaside Museum.
- Environmental exhibitions Wild Bribie and Plastic Ocean were among the many highlights.
- Repeat visits by groups increased while school visits almost tripled.

Redcliffe Cultural Centre

- Attracted 98,000 visitors to 84 shows, 202 performances, 25 films and 24 screenings.
- Sell-out shows included David Helfgott, U3A Seniors Concert, Possum Magic, Australian Army Band, Marina Prior, Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra, Phantom of the Opera, Calendar Girls, The Wiggles, Hairspray and Cribbie.
- Hosted 10 art exhibitions in the main foyer.
- Groups and local schools including the Redcliffe Musical Theatre, SQUIDS, PRIMA, Sharon Alback Dance Centre and the Harbour Agency/QLive regularly used the centre.

Caboolture Hub

- The Muso of the Month program provided five local artists with the opportunity to showcase their talents in the Caboolture Hub's performance arena, The Vault.
- The Hub hosted 66 workshops on topics including Intro to Skype, Gardening, Photo Restoration, Photoshop, Digital Camera, Facebook for Business and Website Design.



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Digital Literacy in Libraries

Council's libraries are leading the way in encouraging community engagement with technology and improving digital literacy skills across all age groups.

In 2013/14, more than 12,250 people attended interactive digital workshops and activities in libraries across the region.

Throughout the year, 50,000 library items were borrowed online and one quarter of visitors to the library website were using mobile devices.

80 iPads (including 22 iPads donated by the Library Friends Association) were available to residents for classes including iPads for Beginners and Discovering the eLibrary.



Libraries

Library services and programs.

Highlights

- More than \$10 million was spent upgrading and operating libraries.
- Construction of the new North Lakes Library at the Corso continued. The new library will feature a reading terrace, study areas, dedicated spaces for children and young people, training rooms for computer and iPad courses and 55 public access computers.
- There were more than 1.5 million visits to council's libraries, with members borrowing 3.2 million items.
- Customer self-service options were expanded in Redcliffe and Burpengary libraries, allowing staff to increase the delivery of other services such as reference queries and IT support.
- Council's Mobile Library loaned 23,155 books, DVDs, CDs and magazines to residents across the region.
- Library services were delivered directly to 270 residents living with mobility restrictions who were physically unable to visit one of the region's libraries.
- More than 200 library volunteers helped support council's library services and operations.
- Additional public computers were provided in the Deception Bay Library. Almost 10,000 people used the computers at Deception Bay this year.
- More than 3,200 residents attended computer and technology classes at libraries throughout the region.
- Additional public computers were provided in the Deception Bay Library to facilitate computer training.
- Online content from the library service, including the library website, catalogue, databases and eLibrary, was viewed more than eight million times.
- Library members borrowed more than 80,000 digital items from the eLibrary collection of 12,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks, music and video.
- A mobile app for the library catalogue MBR Library was launched for Android and Apple devices in April.
- Moreton Bay Region Libraries' Facebook page received over 2,800 Likes, reaching an average of 600 people daily.
- Library eNewsletter subscriptions increased by 77 per cent. The eNewsletters focus on events, book clubs, writers and genre reading recommendations.
- A \$25,000 refurbishment of the Woodford Library included additional public computers and new furniture to provide users with relaxed reading spaces.
- More than 116,000 residents participated in 6,300 activities offered by council's libraries.
- School holiday programs offered more than 730 workshops and activities attracting more than 44,000 participants aged 12 years and under.
- ReadUp encouraged more than 10,000 children aged eight years and under to visit their local library. More than 293,000 books were read between participants.
- 4,185 young people aged 13 to 17 participated in LOUD @ the library, Anime Clubs, Teen Bookclubs, and GameOn sessions.
- 3,700 children and young people aged 17 years and under participated in this year's Summer Reading Club. Between them they read for 16,000 hours and borrowed 38,519 items. The club attracted 832 new library members.
- More than 3,550 children participated in Children's Book Week activities and writing workshops by Queensland authors Julie Fison, Sheryl Gwyther and Duncan Richardson.
- Libraries hosted 67 Meet the Author talks and discussions with popular speakers including best-selling authors William McInnes, Frances Whiting, Kimberley Freeman and refugee advocate David Nyuol Vincent. 1,750 people attended the sessions.
- 521 young people aged 13 to 25 years took part in free Mash It Up School Holiday Workshops and the inaugural Mash It Up Creative Festival.
- 400 residents attended free one-on-one career counselling, preparing for study and job seeking skills workshops. The sessions were delivered through the on-going joint partnership between Moreton Bay Region Libraries and Queensland University of Technology (QUT).
- The Discover and Learn program reached out to more than 1,400 residents, providing more than 60 special interest workshops and talks on topics including Computers for Beginners, Family History, Genealogy for Beginners and Career Counselling.
- The Your History Our History program of family and local history talks and workshops was attended by more than 750 residents.
- 370 emerging authors attended Write Around Moreton Bay writers' seminars.
- From April to June 2014, more than 200 primary school students attended Homework Clubs. This new after-school initiative offers students access to library spaces, library and online resources and the opportunity to develop homework and library skills.
- Council's library service hosted 170 book clubs across the region.
- Moreton Bay residents donated 1,642 new books and \$1,950 to the annual Donate a Book Appeal for The Smith Family.
- The State Library of Queensland contributed \$1,661,383 in grant funding towards expanding council's library collection.

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QSEC's Inaugural Horse Home Show

Sensational weather provided the perfect backdrop for Queensland State Equestrian Centre's (QSEC) inaugural Horse Home Show.

More than 2,500 people attended the show to check out 86 exhibits including equestrian groups, equipment retailers and animal health experts.

The Horse Home Show showcased the latest equestrian products with everything from saddles and equine apparel to trailers and floats.

QSEC's Horse Home Show was also a one-stop shop for advice from the country's leading educators, trainers and veterinarians.

Many visitors travelled from as far as Northern Queensland, the Hunter Valley and Central New South Wales.

The Horse Home Show culminated with a grand finale – a showcase of horse breeds accompanied by the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra.

Community facilities

Community venues and other facilities.

Highlights

- Council awarded a \$1.4 million tender for the construction of the Old Redcliffe Fire Station, Community Arts Centre and Volunteer Hub after working with the community to develop a master plan. The work will create a gallery, studio spaces and a meeting area for community groups.
- Council's community facilities were used by groups and individuals for more than 11,300 hours.
- Six new artists took up residency at the Caboolture Hub's creative studio art spaces, showcasing their talents and skills to the community.
- The Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC) hosted almost 80 events including international and national competitions. Highlights included:
 - Brisbane International Dressage Event
 - Festival of Dressage
 - QSEC Horse Home Show and
 - Urban Country Music Festival.
- QSEC is used by Equestrian Queensland and Equestrian Australia for Olympic development squad training.
- The Morayfield Park Leisure Centre was renamed the Morayfield Sport and Events Centre as part of a series of upgrades at the multi-purpose facility. These upgrades include new signage, retractable court nets and PA system.
- 5,150 people attended programs hosted at the Morayfield Sport and Events Centre.
- 509,100 residents visited council swimming pools across the region.
- 13,820 bookings were received for council's swimming pool programs, including learn-to-swim and aqua aerobics.
- More than 120,000 people visited Settlement Cove Lagoon at Redcliffe.



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Local Events

Council in partnership with community organisations and businesses once again delivered a sizzling program of events.

Highlights included the Urban Country Music Festival, which was held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre and saw a fantastic line-up of artists performing.

In September, the region hosted the Celebrate Redcliffe Festival. The two-day spectacular featured appearances by celebrity chef Matt Golinski as well as plenty of family-friendly activities and entertainment.

Festive events were held across the region, including the successful Christmas in the Park at Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine.

Events

Corporate events in partnership with the community.

Highlights

- More than 140,000 people attended council's signature festivals – Pine Rivers Festival, Festival of Sails, Urban Country Music Festival and Celebrate Redcliffe Festival helping to generate a multi-million dollar boost for local businesses.
- 20,000 day visitors flocked to Caboolture's Urban Country Music Festival over the first weekend in May for some of the hottest names in Australian country music including Kasey Chambers, Beccy Cole, Adam Brand, The McClymonts and The Sunny Cowgirls, as well as local up-and-coming artists such as Seleen McAlister, Jesse Davies and Kiara Rodrigues.
- Talented singer-songwriter Wal Neilsen was named the 2014 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 66th 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.
- 324 residents generously donated their time to volunteer at council events.
- 1,710 people (1,318 adults and 392 children) from 71 different countries pledged their commitment to Australia across 15 citizenship ceremonies, including two major services on Australia Day.
 - The top five countries of origin were:
 - United Kingdom – 39.4% (673 people)
 - South Africa – 16.8% (288 people)
 - Philippines – 7.1% (122 people)
 - India – 7.0% (119 people)
 - New Zealand – 6.8% (117 people).
- Australia Day celebrations were held at Suttons Beach, Redcliffe and Brennan Park, Bribie Island.
- Council hosted three magical Christmas events in November and December last year at Strathpine, Scarborough and Caboolture.
- Christmas in the Park at Strathpine included performances by well-known Australian actor/musician Jay Laga'aia and singer Casey Donovan. The event was hosted by radio personality Robyn Bailey and also featured a Santa's Village, which was home to craft activities, an animal farm and a Santa photo booth.
- Santa dropped into Scarborough Beach Park to celebrate Christmas by the Sea in December. The event included street carols and main stage entertainment headlined by Jenna Dearness-Dark from The Voice. With the help of the Rotary Club of Redcliffe and council, Santa also made an early visit to streets across the Redcliffe peninsula on the Redcliffe Santa Sleigh.
- Local residents celebrated Christmas Under The Stars in Caboolture Town Square in December, enjoying performances by local musicians, entertainment, fireworks and the classic Christmas movie, Elf.
- Around 200 Year 7 students from 12 local schools took part in the region's annual Battle of the Brains competition in September, 2013.
- Chaplaincy Support Breakfasts were held at Redcliffe, Caboolture and Pine Rivers raising over \$41,000 for chaplains in 56 schools across the region. The charity breakfasts included presentations by James Holbeck, Brendan Hall and Rupert McCall.
- More than 5,000 gardening and cooking enthusiasts turned out to enjoy a sunny day of demonstrations, craft markets and workshops, and delicious food at What's Cooking in the Garden? at the Redcliffe Botanical Gardens.



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Samford Skate Node

Council completed the construction of a \$200,000 skate facility at the Samford Parklands.

Community members and local skaters helped identify the location and design of the facility, which was officially opened in November.

The opening was attended by professional skaters as well as young boarders keen to test their skills on the park's quarter pipe, flat banks, transition wedge and spine ramp.

Other features of the facility include a custom shelter, bike racks and landscaping.

The skate node is part of Samford Parklands, a one-stop-shop for sport and recreation which connects to the existing village pathway networks and the Avenue of Honour.

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 reserves.
- Council maintained and mowed more than 3,900 hectares of land across 1,709 parks in the Moreton Bay Region.
- 6,000 park inspections were completed, ensuring more than 500 playgrounds were safe for the region's youngest residents.
- Council cleaned and maintained more than 150 public amenity blocks.
- A new toilet facility was installed at Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills for users of the park's play area.
- Council completed \$700,000 of park improvements at Scarborough Beach Park including the refurbishment of the main picnic and play area. Additional shelters, park furniture and improvements to drainage were also undertaken. The existing skate slab and storage tank was resurfaced to create a multi-purpose space with a chess board which has proved to be extremely popular with park users.
- The \$350,000 Endeavour Park upgrade was completed and included the refurbishment of existing shelters and barbeque areas plus additional picnic facilities and play equipment. Other features included a new fishing platform, improved beach access and an event area.
- Council completed the \$120,000 renewal of the playground at Pirate Ship Park, Bellara. The new play equipment will cater for users of all age groups and incorporates existing paths and mature shade trees.
- The \$97,000 Pumicestone Lions Park playground renewal at Bongaree was completed.
- Deception Bay Lions Park received a \$70,000 playground upgrade.
- \$120,000 was spent enhancing the existing playground in Bill Rogers Park, Clontarf.
- Strathpine's Pine Rivers Park underwent a \$400,000 upgrade including road works and carpark sealing, drainage improvements and new picnic facilities adjacent to the main playground.
- The \$80,000 upgrade of Tallebudgera Crescent Park was completed.
- Council spent \$470,000 upgrading car parks at the rugby league and soccer precincts at the Dayboro War Memorial Fields.
- The \$145,000 upgrade of Cruice Park was completed and included a new shelter, barbecues, park furniture and playground.





Festival of Football opens new AFL precinct

In March, more than 6,500 fans turned out for the Festival of Football to officially open the \$14 million Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex – AFL Precinct and watch the Brisbane Lions and Sydney Swans battle it out in a pre-season showdown.

The Festival of Football demonstrated the capabilities of South East Queensland's newest AFL facility and the strength of support from the local community and AFL fans.

The 11 hectare precinct features a purpose built clubhouse, change rooms, umpires' room and two full-size, floodlit ovals laid with 41,000 m² of elite competition standard turf.

With space for a third field in the future, the Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex – AFL Precinct has established itself as the Moreton Bay Region's new home of AFL.

In addition to the Brisbane Lions and Sydney Swans fielding their first grade teams, the Festival of Football also saw the Caboolture Lions and Redcliffe Tigers compete for the Councillor Cup.

The facility is now home to both the Caboolture Lions and AFL Queensland's Northern Brisbane Academy Programs.

A number of North East Australian Football League games were also played at the facility during the 2014 AFL season.

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation programs, activities and facilities.

Highlights

- \$18.6 million was spent on local sport and recreation programs.
- More than 2,000 children aged three to 12 took part in council's free Active Kids holiday activity sessions. 98 sessions were held in parks across the Moreton Bay Region.
- Around 2,200 teenagers attended School Holiday Activities for Teenagers (SHAFT). The low-cost high-adrenaline activities included a range of sporting and outdoor recreation pursuits.
- 2,319 residents participated in Older and Bolder programs and activities, which encouraged residents aged 50 years and over to stay healthy and active.
- More than 3,000 residents joined the Healthy and Active Moreton program, which offered over 350 low-cost and subsidised activities. Activities included Spring in Your Step group fitness sessions in local parks, interactive gardening workshops, after school Active Kids programs and Healthy and Active Moreton classes.
- 970 parents and children took part in council's Outdoor Adventure Families program, which promotes and builds participation in outdoor recreational pursuits.
- Parks and Leisure Australia (Queensland) awarded council's Healthy and Active Moreton program and Outdoor Adventure Families the Inclusive and Connected Communities Award. The Outdoor Adventure Families program also won the Queensland Government Encouraging Participation in Outdoor Recreation Award as part of the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Awards.
- The three-year \$703,000 federally-funded Healthy Communities Initiative was completed. It provided opportunities for targeted communities to participate in active and healthy activities. Among the many outcomes was the development of the Moreton Bay Regional Council Active Living Plan, creation and delivery of the Healthy & Active Moreton program, development of community partnerships for healthier living, installation of the O'Tag Timing System and the delivery of programs including Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food, Physical Activity Passport and Heartmoves.
- 3,049 participants took part in the Heartmoves program in 2013/14. It promotes gentle physical activity.
- 1,270 residents have registered for an O'Tag and are tracking their walking, running and cycling times along the 6km Redcliffe foreshore route.
- More than 550 participants across 15 groups are getting active each week in the Heart Foundation Walking program. Five new Heart Foundation Walking groups were established in Samford, Redcliffe, Caboolture, Ferny Hills and Lawnton.
- 1,495 residents took part in council's Adventure Women, Adrenaline for Men and mixed physical activity programs.
- Residents were urged to explore the Moreton Bay Region by foot during the month of May through heritage, environmental and rainforest walks.
- Council partnered with the Heart Foundation, RSPCA and Pedestrian Council of Australia to promote and deliver events for Healthy Heart Week, Million Paws Walk and National Walk Safely to School Day.
- More than 1,100 young people took part in RAMP UP and Ramp Day Out, council's skate, scooter and BMX skills and events programs.
- Council encouraged residents to take part in National Ride to Work Day and National Walk to Work Day.
- Completed the \$3 million redevelopment of the netball precinct at Caboolture Sports Centre which provides 14 new lit hard courts and six grass courts. The upgrade now opens the facility to hosting state-level carnivals.
- The \$1.3 million upgrade of Les Hughes Sports Complex included the reconstruction of playing fields for long-term stability, the upgrade of car parks and clubhouse improvements.

