



# Creating Opportunities

Our vision is for a region of opportunity for all.

A place where:

- Residents, business and industry enjoy the benefits of a strong, growing and diverse economy.
- People of all ages have easy access to education and training opportunities.
- Housing and infrastructure supports our growing population and enhances our lifestyle.



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### The Corso opens

In September, council officially opened Queensland's first 5 Star Green Star rated public library – The Corso at North Lakes.

The \$45 million Corso at North Lakes sets a new Australian standard for regional library, community and commercial hubs.

With 550 solar panels on the roof generating up to 145 kilowatts, extensive rain water harvesting and technology to regulate air conditioning, natural ventilation and light, The Corso at North Lakes is expected to cut traditional energy costs by two thirds.

The Corso's smart, environmental, future-focused technology is expected to pay for itself in eight years, reduce carbon emissions by 62 per cent and its green, sustainable credentials are also expected to save 1,300 Olympic sized swimming pools of water each year.

The Corso is conveniently located in the heart of North Lakes opposite the Westfield shopping complex, the Translink bus interchange and within walking distance of the Moreton Bay Rail Link, which will open in 2016.

Construction of The Corso at North Lakes was funded by Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Federal Government with \$7.8 million provided by Regional Development Australia and \$3 million from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

## Business development

Project and activities that assist businesses and promote investment and job creation in the region.

### Highlights

- Council held five Better Business Events throughout the region featuring a range of high-profile keynote presenters. Events included:
  - Business lunch with Peter Williams, Chief Edge Officer at Centre for the Edge, Deloitte Australia
  - Business lunch with Lindy Chamberlain
  - Small Business Week expo at Mon Komo
  - CIVENEXQ Heavy Machinery, Infrastructure and Engineering Expo at Caboolture
  - Meet the Buyers Event at the Corso, North Lakes.
- Major businesses invested in and located to the Moreton Bay Region including Aldi, Supercheap, Bunnings and IKEA.
- Council's free online business directory grew to more than 6,800 active subscribers, with over 2,400 businesses signing up in 2014/15.





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### Gold, Silver and Bronze for Moreton Bay

The Woodford Folk Festival, Moreton Bay Tourism and council volunteers put in award-winning performances at the 2014 Queensland Tourism Awards.

Woodford Folk Festival, which is held at council's Woodfordia complex, took out top honours to win gold in the Major Festival and Event category.

Council picked up two awards – a silver medal in the Local Government award for Tourism and a bronze for an Outstanding Contribution by its volunteer network.

The Local Government Award for Tourism recognises council's tourism initiatives and marketing efforts including the promotion of B&Bs, Bee Gees Way, the Urban Country Music Festival, Redcliffe Sails Festival and hinterland ecotourism.

## Tourism

Attracting visitors and tourists to the region.

### Highlights

- In January, council launched a new visitor information centre (VIC) at the Caboolture Historical Village. The new VIC joins more than 70 historical buildings at the village and has information on popular attractions throughout the region with friendly advice provided by dedicated local volunteers.
- Council information centre volunteers shared their local knowledge with more 72,000 tourism visitors.
- Eight familiarisation tours were held throughout the year to keep volunteers aware of the latest experiences and services.
- Council enhanced promotion of the region's tourism experiences via a number of publications such as the Brisbane Visitor Guide and through Caravanning Australia and RACQ.
- The region was promoted at high-profile shows and events including the Moreton Bay Caravan and Boating Expo.
- [www.visitmoretonbay.com.au](http://www.visitmoretonbay.com.au) promoted and provided information about the many local experiences and events available in the region.
- Council's caravan parks at Beachmere, Clontarf, Bongaree, Donnybrook, Scarborough and Toorbul provided more than 48,765 accommodation nights in the past year.







## Full steam ahead for Moreton Bay Rail Link

Construction continued on the Moreton Bay Rail Link project, which will comprise 14 kilometres of double track rail and six new stations from Petrie to Kippa-Ring.

Funded by federal, state and local government, the project is expected to:

- provide better access to major employment centres both within and outside the Moreton Bay Region
- help attract investment to the area and create business opportunities
- act as a catalyst for growth along the alignment, with stations becoming hubs of new development in the region
- provide a more reliable, economical, and faster alternative to driving during peak periods
- help reduce congestion on the road network, including the Bruce Highway, and free up capacity for journeys that can't be made using public transport
- provide sustainable and active transport options that will reduce carbon emissions with every full train on the new line taking about 600 cars off the road.

Once complete, the project will also deliver 22 new bridges, 2,850 commuter car parks and a three-metre shared path for cyclists and pedestrians along the entire length of the rail corridor.

The first passenger service is expected to commence in 2016 and will be a major economic development driver for the Moreton Bay Region.

## Land use and infrastructure planning

A sustainable planning and design framework to manage growth.

### Highlights

- Continued development of the new planning scheme. The draft Moreton Bay Regional Council Planning Scheme takes a whole-of-region approach to urban, coastal and rural planning.
- Developed the first Sports Facilities Plan and Community Facilities Plan for the Moreton Bay Region to identify and manage our existing and future demand for sporting and community facilities.
- Prepared a regional public transport gap analysis for the State Government's review of South East Queensland public transport networks
- Commenced preparation on the Caboolture West Neighbourhood Development Plan. The project will involve detailed land use and infrastructure planning for the first stage of this future growth area in the Moreton Bay Region.
- Progressed the Strathpine Centre Urban Design Concept Plan which will inform and guide new development proposals across the centre. Work included undertaking further assessment of stormwater design options for Coulthards Creek.
- Adopted and commenced the Woodfordia Temporary Local Planning Instrument in January to manage key events on the site.
- Conducted background research and investigations for the Redcliffe Centre Strategy which will inform a new Local Area Plan from Kippa-Ring through to Redcliffe.
- Finalised the Morayfield South structure plan to manage the proposed development sequencing of the area.
- Adopted and commenced Temporary Local Planning Instruments 02/14 and 03/14 for the Moreton Bay Rail Link in November to ensure that development opportunities were aligned with Transit Oriented Development principles.
- Commenced the catchment management planning for Caboolture River delivering on Council's Total Water Cycle Management Strategy adopted in 2010.
- Developed and implemented new region-wide Infrastructure charges in accordance with the timeframes and requirements of the State Government's statutory guideline.
- Prepared an erosion and sediment control policy for council work sites.
- Commenced preparation on the Local Government Infrastructure Plan which is required by the state government to align land use projections with infrastructure delivery.
- Council worked collaboratively with Sunshine Coast Regional Council to highlight the economic values of the inter-urban break between the two regions. A submission was subsequently lodged with the State Government expressing a joint commitment to the inter-urban break and seeking the State Government's commitment to mapping and protecting this space in the revised South East Queensland Regional Plan.

