



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.





Koalas face brighter future thanks to vaccine field trial success

Scientists at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), together with council as a project partner, celebrated the world's first successful field trial of a vaccine against chlamydia in koalas.

The field trial involved wild koalas in the Moreton Bay Region and the breakthrough was announced by USC microbiologists Professor Peter Timms and Dr Adam Polkinghorne, who spent five years leading a team of collaborators on the vaccine project.

Sixty koalas were tagged and monitored under this trial, with 30 animals receiving the vaccine and 30 remaining unvaccinated as a control group. All 60 koalas were fitted with radio collars so they could be monitored.

The vaccinated animals all showed good immune responses to the vaccine and, importantly, decreased chlamydia infection levels compared with the unvaccinated controls.

Moreton Bay Regional Council has been a keen advocate of the chlamydia research project from its early stages and assisted with the development of field trials in the Moreton Bay Region through funding and in-kind support.

Environmental initiatives

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

Highlights

- Council sponsored three Green Army projects and provided financial and in-kind support to a further six projects in the region. All projects focused on the ecological restoration of significant environmental areas in the region. The Federal Government's Green Army program employs residents in the region aged 17 to 24 and provides training and experience in the fields of environmental and heritage conservation.
- Council partnered with Healthy Waterways to support Connect to Your Creek week from March 21 to 29 holding:
 - 37 local land managers attended the Healthy Land, Healthy Horses workshop held in partnership with Equine Action Queensland (EAQ). The workshop included pasture identification and soil management information for horse keepers and also included a paddock walk and talk at the property of an EAQ member
 - 20 volunteers planted 200 native seedlings near Lagoon Creek to help protect water quality and habitat for platypus. The planting was supported by council and Friends of Lagoon Creek
 - 20 volunteers from the Pine Rivers Catchment Association, local scouts, council and Healthy Waterways collected more than 300kg of rubbish as part of the Hays Inlet clean up around the Dohles Rocks Road foreshore.
- In August council held the Kumbartcho Festival, which attracted more than 3,000 residents who learnt about the local environment and enjoyed a range of family fun activities. Local community environment groups such as the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and Kumbartcho Nursery provided informative displays and activities while a number of local businesses sponsored and donated prizes.
- Council awarded the 2014 Don Perrin Environmental Bursary to Dakota Brown, an Environmental Science student at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The Don Perrin Environmental Bursary provides a first year tertiary student in the Moreton Bay Region with \$2,000 to assist their studies in an environmentally related course.
- An additional 60 properties signed up to the Land for Wildlife program, increasing the combined total number of participants to almost 500. The new properties collectively manage 163 hectares of retained habitat and 45 hectares of habitat under restoration on private land.
- 27 additional residents signed up to council's Backyards for Wildlife program. 217 properties are now actively involved in enhancing and preserving environmental conditions and increasing community awareness of the importance of our urban landscape.
- 33 landholders received grants as part of the council's Voluntary Conservation Program that seeks to restore and enhance habitat corridors for priority species, mitigate the pressures of environmental weeds and assist in mitigating the threats to wildlife on their properties.
- Council actively supports 46 Bushcare sites throughout the region with 35,185 m² of public land, the equivalent of five full-sized rugby fields, restored through the control of environmental weeds and the planting of 14,397 native plants.
- About 250 people planted more than 5,700 native plants as part of National Tree Day events at Parkridge Estate Park, Caboolture River; Balstrup Park Freshwater Creek, Kallangur; and Bunya Crossing Reserve.
- The South Pine River Warriors group planted 4,705 native plants and helped to restore more than 3,200 m² of stream bank.
- More than 30,000 people visited council's environmental education centres located at the Caboolture Region Environment Education Centre, Osprey House and Kumbartcho Sanctuary.
- Council hosted 30 workshops for adults, families and children at its environmental education centres. Workshops included managing native bees, botanical illustration classes, fire management plans, native plant and weed identification, and raptor education.
- Council developed Moreton Bay Animal Atlas an online tool for recording wildlife sightings (such as koalas and other priority species).
- Council planted around 8,700 koala habitat and feed trees at Burpengary and Petrie.
- In September council held Koala Awareness Month, which encouraged local residents to register sightings in and around their neighbourhoods.
 - 4,800 people took part in koala-themed activities at council's libraries including writing and colouring competitions, trivia challenge, and craft activities. Koala displays were also located in Strathpine, Redcliffe, Kallangur and Narangba libraries
 - Council's PetSmart Koala Program was delivered to 2,400 school students across 28 sessions, and 16 koala surveys were also conducted.
 - A koala workshop was conducted at Osprey House Environment Centre in September. The workshop covered topics including koala biology, threatening processes and how residents can assist in koala conservation
 - The annual Community Koala Survey was held over the weekend of September 13 and 14. The suburb of Kurwongbah recorded the most koalas sighted by residents, followed by Whiteside and Kallangur.
- Council monitored and managed seven Ibis roost sites in the region and managed populations at Bibimulya Lagoon, Bellara; Humpybong Creek, Redcliffe; Sandpiper Avenue, North Lakes; and Redcliffe Botanic Gardens.
- Council actively monitored 19 flying fox roost sites with colony numbers regularly published on council's website.
- Vegetation was modified at three flying fox roost sites at Bellara, Caboolture and Ferny Hills to provide a buffer between residential properties and the colonies.

Targeting 20: facilities go green

In August, council launched the \$3 million Seven Energy Saver Groups project to reduce energy consumption by 20 per cent across 23 community facilities.

The project will install energy efficient lighting, green technologies and innovative shutdown systems at facilities such as The Hub, Settlement Cove Lagoon and the Strathpine Community Centre.

New technology will intuitively adjust lighting and air-conditioning systems to suit periods of peak demand and switch off automatically when the facilities aren't in use. This will reduce operational costs to keep community facilities as accessible and affordable as possible.

In addition to saving energy in community facilities, the initiatives will help residents recognise potential ways they can save energy in their own homes.

The \$3 million project is a joint initiative between Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Federal Government to promote energy efficiency.

The project is funded in part by the Federal Government's Commonwealth Energy Efficiency Program.

Waste collection, reduction and recycling

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

Highlights

- More than \$39.6 million was spent on waste management in the Moreton Bay Region.
- 159,000 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 emissions, with the Landfill Gas Management Project extracting more than 8.6 million cubic metres of gas from landfill sites at Dakabin, Caboolture and Bunya. This is a reduction of 61,000 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 and gas bottles.
- Clean Up Australia Day saw more than 11,800 volunteers across 117 sites removing 34 tonnes of litter and illegally dumped rubbish. Items recovered included computer parts, plastic bottles, beer kegs and bicycles.
- More than 4,000 tonnes of mulch was provided to residents.
- Council continued to supply recycling bins at major events and festivals.
- More than 3,100 children became expert recyclers with council donating 29 compost bins, 17 worm farms, 168 recycling crates, 43 organic caddies, bin stickers and electronic resources to local schools and early learning centres.
- Five free 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 2014 and International Composting Awareness Week during May 2015.
- More than 6,150 residents learned more about recycling by taking part in council's free Community Waste Minimisation Program. It includes tours 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 and prize of \$2,500 to St Columban's College in Caboolture.





New Brown Street bridge named after fallen police officer

In May, council officially opened a new \$9.5 million road bridge which carries the name of Caboolture Police Officer Senior Sergeant Perry Irwin, who was killed on duty in 2003 while protecting his community.

Residents were among the first to walk across the 100-metre traffic and pedestrian bridge, which delivers a new link for the growing areas north of Lagoon Creek, and provides direct access to a range of important facilities such as the hospital and schools.

The naming of Perry Irwin Bridge will serve as a daily reminder of his bravery and service to the community.

The two-lane, four-span bridge also features a shared pedestrian bike path and is expected to significantly reduce travel times and ease traffic congestion in the area.

The State Government committed \$1.7 million towards the project to complement and enhance the local cycle network.

Roads and transport

Roads and other transport infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- \$127.6 million was spent maintaining and improving road and transport infrastructure.
- Council completed more than 200 road resurfacing projects at a cost of \$14.2 million.
- \$10.1 million was spent on 37 rehabilitation works including:
 - \$655,000 to upgrade part of Bellini Road, Burpengary
 - \$656,000 for road upgrades on Prince Edward Parade, Scarborough
 - \$561,000 to upgrade Scarborough Road, Scarborough
 - \$339,000 for road works on Laver Street, Morayfield
 - \$302,000 for road rehabilitation works on Albany Forest Drive, Albany Creek
 - \$294,000 to help improve Phillip Parade, Deception Bay.
- Council maintained more than 3,300 kilometres of sealed road and 200 kilometres of unsealed road in the Moreton Bay Region.
- 66 per cent of the region's road network is urban, while 34 per cent are rural roads.
- Council maintained 519 bridges (70 vehicle bridges and 449 foot bridges).
- More than \$4.1 million was spent upgrading and extending the region's walking and cycling connections.
- 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.
- Construction began on the \$10 million four-lane upgrade of South Pine Road from Camelia Avenue to Queens Road at Everton Hills. The project includes two additional traffic lanes, a parking and access lane on the southern side and a new signalised intersection at Buckland Road. The 700-metre upgrade is expected to boost the capacity of one of the busiest road corridors in The Hills District.
- Council completed its \$14.1 million Plantation Road extension to better connect residents of North Lakes and Dakabin on the west of the Bruce Highway. The project links the eastern portion of Plantation Road with Old Gympie Road 1.5 kilometres to the west.
- \$2.8 million was invested towards improving road safety at First Avenue Bongaree. Once complete, the project will include the construction of a roundabout at Goodwin Drive and dedicated turning lanes to McMahon Street. It also includes new road surfacing on Goodwin Drive from First Avenue to the aquatic centre.
- Council in partnership with Translink provided 21 new bus stops across the region. The project included new shelters, signage and tactile upgrades to make public transport safer and more accessible for commuters and residents with a visual impairment across the region.



South Pine Road, Arana Hills



Dale Street Creek Levee

Council awarded a \$1.75 million tender to begin works on the Dale Street flood mitigation project, helping to reduce the impact of flooding of Burpengary Creek.

A 740-metre levee will be built parallel to the creek from O'Brien Road to 39 Dale Street and include two fully-draining detention basins.

Detention basins will also be built along the south side of the levee wall to help ease the impact of local stormwater flow during severe weather events.

Once complete, the Dale Street levee will provide increased immunity from flooding for affected Dale Street and nearby properties.

The State Government contributed \$1.28 million towards the project and the Federal Government contributed \$1.9 million.

Stormwater infrastructure

Drainage and other stormwater infrastructure across the region.

Highlights

- Council maintained more than 2,400 km of stormwater infrastructure.
- 42 stormwater projects valued at more than \$9.8 million were completed to help improve stormwater drainage.
- \$6.3 million was invested in flood mitigation projects across the region.
- More than 34,000 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 began construction on a \$775,000 flood mitigation project at Heathwood Street, Dayboro.
- Construction commenced on the \$500,000 Paragilga Lake project at D'Aguilar, which included earthworks to enhance the lake's profile; the construction of drainage, sediment basins and access path; and the removal of weeds. In addition to lake improvements, council also upgraded the Paragilga Lake Park and installed a new playground.
- Council completed the \$622,000 Coulthards Creek Channel upgrade at Strathpine. The project included drainage improvements near the rail line and the reconstruction of culverts and pathways.
- The \$470,000 Cabbage Tree Creek channel upgrade at Wightman Reserve, Arana Hills was completed.





Foreshore Upgrade for Dohles Rocks

Council completed construction of the first stage of the new Dohles Rocks Foreshore project and also awarded a \$454,000 tender for stage two of the project.

The initial \$531,000 upgrade delivered new barbecues, shelters, seating, playground equipment and more than 1,100 m² of pathways.

The second stage of the foreshore will feature a revamped loading bay for boats; two additional fish cleaning stations; more shelters and concrete paths; and added car parks.

The Dohles Rocks Road Foreshore has long been a favourite destination for families in the region and the new additions are expected to boost its popularity.

Local residents and visitors have been instrumental in planning, designing and building the improvements to this picturesque part of South East Queensland.

Waterways and coastal facilities

Waterways and coastal facilities across the region.

Highlights

- Council maintained 35 boat ramps.
- The region is home to three public jetties at Redcliffe, Woody Point and Bongaree.
- More than 250km of freshwater streams were monitored for their ecological health.
- Water quality at six popular swimming beaches at Redcliffe and Bribie Island were monitored and tested on a weekly basis during the peak swimming season (October to March).
- Council maintained three major canal systems at Bribie Gardens, Pacific Harbour and Newport.
- Maintenance dredging was carried out in various Newport canals.
- Beach restoration works continued on the original sand beach canals in Newport.
- Council completed construction of the second stage of the Bongaree seawall, which received \$1.9 million as part of the State Government's Betterment Fund. The second stage includes a new 250-metre seawall to better protect the foreshore, underground services, drainage, recreation equipment and a public car park.
- Construction commenced on the \$300,000 Toorbul seawall upgrade to help protect the foreshore.





Moreton Bay Region Art Awards

In May, local artists and others from around Australia took part in the 22nd annual Moreton Bay Region Art Awards.

Brisbane-based artist Simon De Groot was one of the major prize winners, receiving \$7,500 for his abstract oil painting 'Cove Dupont'.

Tasmanian artist Paul Snell secured the other \$7,500 major prize for his photo digital work 'Intersect #201502'.

Mt Glorious-based photographer Athene Currie won the \$1,000 local artist prize for her photographic portrait '8', which features her daughter Hiraani.

The winning works are now part of the Moreton Bay region's art collection, which contains more than 1,100 pieces.

Since 1993, Council's Art Awards have provided a local forum for artists to showcase their talents.

Cultural services

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

Highlights

- Council's art galleries and museums managed 80 exhibitions which attracted a total of 136,850 visitors.
- More than 1,000 public programs were delivered within council's six art galleries and museums. Each public program was designed to engage visitors and enhance their overall experience.
- In October, the Moreton Bay Youth Art Awards attracted 406 entries from 49 schools across the region, helping to foster artistic development of young people in Moreton Bay.
- More than 7,000 residents were provided information through council's Arts Mail e-Newsletter and the arts and galleries newsletters.
- 255 volunteers supported council's six galleries and museums, assisting with public tours, collection management processes, workshop activities and customer service.
- 664 children subscribed to the Gallery and Museum Explorers program, offering a number of activities based on local history and art for children aged five to 12-years-old.
- Council's museum collection now holds more 20,400 objects, which were used in various exhibitions throughout the region.
- 27,450 people participated in museum and gallery public programs, including exhibition opening events, children's activities, history talks and artist talks.
- Council's museum and gallery network exhibition program featured 11 touring exhibitions from national institutions and regional museums.



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Highlights (cont)

Caboolture Regional Art Gallery

- 37 local artists featured in 20 dynamic exhibitions that attracted more than 31,200 visitors to the gallery.
- Art Time, a free program that introduces children to the stories and fun that can be discovered within art galleries, was attended by 2,383 children.
- Art gallery visitation increased by 7,647 people, or 11 per cent.
- The gallery's popular program of exhibitions and events included:
 - Museum of Contemporary Art String Theory touring exhibition, which brought together the works of 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia who utilise textile and craft-based traditions
 - Cars = My Automolove, which featured historic and contemporary Australian works that reflect our nation's connection with cars and driving as well as the infrastructure that cars use
 - con|struct, which explored Queensland sculptures and featured 11 artists representing the scope and depth of contemporary sculptures.

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

- The gallery exhibited the work of 178 local artists as part of 24 exhibitions delivered.
- 205 public programs, attracting 3,663 participants, provided year-round opportunities to engage with artists and undertake a large variety of art making activities.
- Cascade Place exhibited 40 works by artists with cerebral palsy as part of the Flights of Fancy exhibition.

Redcliffe Art Gallery

- More than 31,100 people visited the Redcliffe City Art Gallery's 20 exhibitions.
- 5,320 visitors to the Gallery participated in 180 public programs which included artist talks, children's activities and opening events.
- 15 of Australia's leading artists were invited to submit works for the 15 Artists exhibition. Vernon Ah Kees' art work Unwritten (1) was selected as the winner of the exhibition's acquisitive prize.

Bribie Island Seaside Museum

- 25,950 people visited the Bribie Island Seaside Museum to see five travelling exhibitions and a variety of permanent exhibitions, which highlight the history of Bribie Island.
- One of the most popular exhibitions was Plastic Ocean, exploring the importance of preserving the environment.

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

- The museum's school program attracted 6,674 students from 62 schools across the region.
- The Napoleon's Last Stand exhibition was held at the museum and commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Redcliffe Museum

- The museum attracted more than 13,700 visitors, with 2,280 participating in public programs such as monthly historical talks.
- Behind the Lines, a touring exhibition by the Museum of Australian Democracy, engaged audiences with 84 light-hearted original works by some of Australia's leading political cartoonists.
- 10 volunteers helped manage more than 1,000 artefacts held within the Redcliffe Museum Collection, documenting each item and undertaking further research to support the changing exhibition program.

Redcliffe Cultural Centre

- There were 112,776 visits to the Redcliffe Cultural Centre and the centre hosted 202 performances and 21 films.
- Sold 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.
- The Redcliffe Cultural Centre remains a venue of choice for many community based performing arts groups, including the: Redcliffe Musical Theatre, South-East QLD Independent Dramatic and Musical Society, and Pine Rivers Musical Association Incorporated.

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 introduction to Skype, gardening, photo restoration, Photoshop, digital camera use, Facebook for business and website design.

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Bribie Library Celebrates

Council celebrated that 50th birthday of the Bribie Island Library in December with a series of free activities and workshops.

The library hosted “retro” movie screenings, craft workshops, exhibitions and shared some of the biggest library, movie and pop culture moments of the past five decades.

Movies included The Sound of Music, Cleopatra, Planet of the Apes, and Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid.

Libraries

Library services and programs.

Highlights

- In September, council opened the new North Lakes Library, a 2,000 m² facility featuring:
 - 55 public access computers
 - A collection of nearly 80,000 items
 - A reading terrace
 - Study areas
 - Dedicated spaces for children and young people
 - Training rooms for computer and iPad courses.
- During the first semester of 2015, more than 1,817 students from 11 local primary schools visited the North Lakes Library to learn about the library and its services.
- \$16 million was invested in Moreton Bay Region Libraries.
- More than 1.49 million visits were made to the region's libraries, and over three million items were loaned.
- Council received a \$1.69 million contribution from the State Library of Queensland to help build the region's library collection and purchase almost 83,000 items.
- The number of items borrowed by Mobile Library customers increased by 12,844, reaching a total of 35,999.
- Home-based library services were provided to 336 residents who were unable to visit the region's libraries.
- 289 dedicated volunteers assisted with library services, operations and programs.
- More than 143,000 people participated in 7,440 activities, workshops, information sessions and literary events.
- Around 11,500 members of the ReadUp program enjoyed a total of 298,143 books. ReadUp is a library loyalty initiative that encourages younger residents aged eight-years-old and under to visit their local library.
- School holiday programs included more than 1,030 workshops and activities for almost 45,000 young participants aged 12-years-old and under.
- Around 2,800 children participated in Children's Book Week activities and writing workshops by Queensland children's author Karen Foxlee and The Fabulous Lemon Drops, "I Love Reading" show.
- Homework Clubs helped more than 485 primary school students access helpful resources and develop homework and library skills.
- Almost 5,800 young people aged 13 to 17-years-old participated in teen programs such as LOUD @ the library, Anime Clubs, book clubs, and GameOn sessions.
- 4,400 young people participated in the Summer Reading Club. Members achieved a combined 19,000 reading hours and borrowed almost 40,000 items. The club attracted 1,122 new members.
- More than 630 young people between 13 and 17-years took part in 61 school holiday workshops and the Mash It Up Creative Festival.
- Libraries hosted 70 author talks featuring best-selling authors such as William McInnes, Matthew Condon, Rhonda Hetzel and Cynthia Harrod-Eagles and workshops on topics relating to reading and writing. The talks attracted more than 1,700 attendees.
- 10 Write Around Moreton Bay writers' seminars attracted 342 enthusiastic writers and readers.
- More than 225 people accessed Moreton Bay Region Libraries and Queensland University of Technology's free one-on-one career counselling sessions, which provided study and job seeking skills workshops.
- Council's Book Club service supports 190 clubs across the region. Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, discover new authors and share ideas and experiences about books.
- The Discover and Learn program provided 89 special interest workshops and talks attended by around 1,500 participants.
- More than 1,100 people attended the Your History Our History family and local history sessions.
- Residents donated 1,344 new books and \$2,430 to the annual Donate a Book Appeal for The Smith Family, which supports council's commitment to promoting child literacy.
- Computer and technology classes conducted by library staff were attended by almost 3,000 participants who developed skills in iPad usage, Internet security, online resources and general computer use.
- Libraries recorded over 113,000 hours of public computer use across the region, an increase of 11 per cent.
- The library website, catalogue, databases and eLibrary were viewed over eight million times.
- Library members downloaded over 140,000 items from the online collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, music and video resources.
- Moreton Bay Region Libraries' new Facebook page received 3,212 Likes, reaching an average of 528 followers daily.
- Subscriptions to library eNewsletters increased by 27 per cent. The eNewsletters showcase library events, book clubs, writers and reading recommendations.
- Self-service borrowing options were introduced in Deception Bay and Woodford and expanded at Burpengary, Caboolture and Redcliffe.



New Role for Redcliffe's Old Fire Station

In February, council and community groups celebrated the official re-opening of one of Redcliffe's most iconic buildings, the \$2 million Old Fire Station Community Arts and Volunteer Hub.

The Old Redcliffe Fire Station has undergone an extensive renovation by council whilst maintaining the building's original heritage features.

After closing as a fire station in 2008, the building is now a community arts and volunteer hub, giving the station a new lease on life.

The station's appliance garage, fire fighters' recreation and dormitory areas, and the fire chief's residence have been transformed into a community art gallery and extensive workshop space with meeting facilities for local volunteer groups.

All of the original features of the heritage-listed building have all been retained, including the original training and hose-drying tower.

Designed by local surveyor J.R Hughes, the Redcliffe Fire Station was opened in 1949 and was one of the few brick structures of its era.

The Oxley Avenue landmark was placed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 2005.

A significant part of council's fire station renovation included the complete removal of asbestos, which had been used extensively throughout the building as a fire retardant.

The renovation includes a community art gallery, workshop spaces and a volunteers' hub with meeting rooms for hire.

During the 70s, 80s and 90s, the Old Fire Station's wishing well and its gardens were a favourite wedding photo destination for brides and grooms and have been retained as part of the building's renovation.

The project was made possible with funding assistance of \$400,000 from the State Government.

Community facilities

Community venues and other facilities.

Highlights

- This year also saw the Morayfield Sport and Event Centre achieve the following highlights:
 - Liquor licence obtained
 - Centre renamed and rebranded
 - PA and sound system upgraded
 - State-wide marketing plan implemented
 - Installed 12 new advertising banners inside sports courts area
 - Removal of seating between courts 2 and 3, including the installation of two new court divider curtains completed.
 - Commenced commercial cleaning contract, providing a greatly increased level of service
 - Experienced increase in venue hire and kiosk revenue.
- Council awarded a \$308,000 tender for the restoration of the North Pine Country Park Music Hall at Whiteside, re-establishing the hall as a community venue with repairs to the building's interior and exterior.
- Construction commenced on a \$552,000 all-abilities gym for the Caboolture Pool. The gym and equipment will complement the pool's existing heated Olympic-size pool; indoor pool; shaded outdoor toddlers' pool; picnic and barbecue facilities; and basketball half court.
- More than 59,000 people visited the Morayfield Sport and Event Centre (MSEC) with 41 different user groups, associations and organisations accessing the facility.
- Construction was completed on new PA and sound system upgrades, two new court divider curtains and 12 advertising banners at MSEC.





Decades Festival

Australian music legends John Farnham and The Seekers took to the stage in October 2014 to headline the main concert at the inaugural Decades Festival held at Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine.

The two icons of the music industry, shared the same stage for the first time, drawing more than 5,000 music fans from far and wide for the history-making concert.

The Decades Festival's many attractions created a great atmosphere and included a car show; Engine Room stage with car advice from industry professionals; and Memory Lane, which showcased events that shaped Queensland, including memorabilia from Expo 88.

Along with the many other events held across the Moreton Bay Region, it also delivered significant promotion for the region.

Fans from across Australia and even the UK and USA made the trip to see the concert, and many extended their stay within the region benefiting local tourism and businesses operators.

Events

Corporate events in partnership with the community.

Highlights

- More than 140,000 people attended council's signature events including the Pine Rivers Festival, Redcliffe Sails Festival, What's Cooking in the Gardens and the inaugural Decades Festival, helping to generate a multi-million dollar boost for local businesses.
 - Redcliffe's Sails Festival on Good Friday attracted a record crowd of around 45,000 people. Spectators enjoyed the action of the 67th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and a host of seaside celebrations featuring a sky-diving Easter Bunny, live entertainment, kids workshops and food and craft markets.
 - The 11th annual What's Cooking in the Gardens event held in August at the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens received a 49% increase in attendance. The event included cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs such as Dominique Rizzo, gardening talks from renowned horticulturalists as well as workshops, food, drink and market vendors with environmental displays from various local community groups.
 - 1,615 people (1,242 adults and 373 children) from 74 different countries pledged their commitment to Australia across 13 citizenship ceremonies, including two major services on Australia Day.
- The top five countries of origin were:
- United Kingdom – 36.2 per cent (584 people)
 - South Africa – 13.9 per cent (224 people)
 - New Zealand – 8.6 per cent (139 people)
 - India – 7.5 per cent (121 people)
 - The Philippines – 6.5 per cent (105 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 2014 at Strathpine, Scarborough and Caboolture.
 - Christmas in the Park at Strathpine included performances by well-known Irish-Australian singer-songwriter Damien Leith, Kiara Rodrigues and Candice Skjonnemand. The event was hosted by radio personalities Loretta Lynch and Donna Ryan and also featured Santa's Village, which was home to craft activities, an animal farm and a Santa photo booth.
 - Santa visited Scarborough Beach Park to celebrate Christmas by the Sea in December. The event included street carols and main stage entertainment, headlined by Craig Martin and his big band.
 - Residents celebrated Christmas under the Stars in Caboolture Town Square in December, enjoying performances by local musicians, entertainment, fireworks and the classic family movie, Miracle on 34th Street.
 - 226 Year 6 students from 11 local schools took part in the region's annual Battle of the Brains competition in September.
 - Chaplaincy Support Breakfasts were held at Redcliffe, Caboolture and Pine Rivers raising more than \$67,500 for chaplains in 56 schools across the region. The charity breakfasts included presentations by Heather Foord and Petero Ciconiceva.





Burpengary War Memorial

Council marked the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing with a number of commemorative projects including the completion of a \$500,000 ANZAC memorial at Burpengary.

The memorial remembers and honours the contribution of local men and women, past and present, who have served our country not only in times of conflict but also peace.

It features an eternal flame that uses electronic lighting inside a lectern adjacent to a glass panel aligned with the rising sun on Anzac Day.

Surrounding semi-circular concrete panels are designed to represent bunkers from military campaigns across Europe and those built on Bribie Island to protect the southern Queensland coast during World War II.

A stand of 11 illuminated totem poles commemorate the nation's key military campaigns and missions abroad.

The Progress Road memorial is opposite the "Remembrance House" Queensland headquarters of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia.

Moreton Bay Regional Council funded the \$500,000 monument at Buchanan Park with the help of a \$79,000 contribution from the Federal Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

Parks

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

Highlights

- \$38.9 million was spent on local parks in the Moreton Bay Region.
- The region has 2,700 hectares of environmental reserves.
- Council maintained and mowed more than 3,850 hectares of land across all parks in the Moreton Bay Region.
- Around 4,100 park inspections were completed; ensuring more than 620 playgrounds were safe for the region's youngest residents.
- Council cleaned and maintained more than 160 public amenity blocks.
- Construction commenced on the \$444,000 Pine Rivers Park amphitheatre upgrade, which will include the extension of the existing roof and the installation of a 12 tonne truss and dedicated connection points for additional lighting and sound to support major events.
- Council began works on a \$279,000 footbridge at Durundur Street, Woodford. In addition to connecting pedestrians and horse riders, the footbridge is a key crossing for the Woodford BMX Park.
- Construction began on new toilet facilities for the Samford Showgrounds. The \$130,000 project will support the showgrounds growing popularity among local and visiting horse riders.
- New outdoor fitness equipment was installed at Thurecht Park, Scarborough. The \$45,000 project adds to the park's existing play equipment, bathroom facilities and barbecue amenities.
- A new \$51,000 outdoor skate rink was constructed at Rob Akers Reserve, Strathpine. The 620 m2 coloured concrete rink is built to international standards.
- Council installed a \$40,000 outdoor gym at Clayton Park, Beachmere, which included a cross-training station, shoulder and leg presses, hand wheel and rowing machine. The equipment complements the park's existing facilities such as the skate park, basketball court and off-leash dog park.
- Council began construction of a \$35,600 basketball half-court at Riverbend Crescent Park, Morayfield. Works commenced on a \$37,500 basketball half-court at Summerfields Drive Park, Caboolture.
- Six key events from 2014 were captured in stone for the Narangba Railway Sleeper project at the Narangba Heritage Gardens. Students from local schools worked with local artist Dorle Hannam to design and create commemorative railway sleepers marking the 100th anniversary of WWI, 150th anniversary of the birth of Banjo Patterson and G20 Summit in Brisbane.
- As part of its \$3 million Seven Energy Saver Groups program with the Federal Government, council installed new generation electric barbecues and energy-efficient LED footpath lights across the region's parks. The new barbecues are free to use, fast heating and can be found at various locations including:
 - Bicentennial Park, Woody Point
 - Pelican Park, Clontarf
 - Toorbul Esplanade Park, Toorbul
 - Apex Park, Deception Bay
 - Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara.





Rodeo round up at Dayboro

Council's upgrade of the Dayboro Showgrounds' rodeo arena was completed, delivering a new, \$240,000 holding yard and spectator stand.

Steel was used to build the new holding yard and spectator stand, not only to increase animal and spectator capacity, but also durability.

The renovation will give rodeo events space to grow at Dayboro and the work was completed in time for the annual Dayboro Rodeo spectacular.

Council worked closely with the Dayboro Rodeo Association to design a venue safer for rodeo competitors and spectators.

Council's partnership with the Dayboro Rodeo Association and other organisations across the region is helping to cement the Moreton Bay area as one of South East Queensland's premier sport, tourism and event destinations.

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation programs, activities and facilities.

Highlights

- 2,682 children aged three to 12 years took part in council's free Active Kids holiday program. 84 sessions were held in parks across the region, including a play day at Suttons Beach where 370 children joined in six different activities.
- More than 1,650 teenagers attended School Holiday Activities For Teenagers. The low-cost high-adrenaline activities included sporting and outdoor pursuits as well as sensory activities for young people with special needs or a disability.
- More than 2,600 residents aged 50 years and over participated in Older and Bolder which provided the opportunity to stay active, remain connected to their community and try new experiences.
- 1,058 parents and children took part in council's Outdoor Adventure Families program. It provides opportunities for the whole family to share new and exciting outdoor recreation experiences at a reduced cost.
- More than 400 adults trained in free group fitness sessions in local parks as part of the Spring in Your Step program.
- 1,261 residents joined council's Adventure Program, which delivers low cost sport and adventure activities and the option to continue with local organisations and service providers. The program also included specially designed fitness classes for women, which ran over 14 consecutive weeks and were delivered in conjunction with the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.
- 36 skateboard, scooter and BMX clinics were held across the region as part of the Ramp Up Program.
- More than 1,100 students from eight schools participated in 49 Ramp Up Road Safety clinics as part of a joint initiative between council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- More than 3,600 people took part in Heartmoves, a gentle physical activity program conducted at various locations throughout the region.
- Council published the Healthy and Active Moreton guide, a directory that included more than 200 local, low cost, fitness and sporting activities as well as healthy eating tips and opportunities. The guide also included information about local community organisations that provide services and workshops to assist healthy living.
- More than 3,000 people currently receive the monthly Healthy and Active Moreton e-Newsletter which promotes the range of physical activity and recreation programs offered by council as well as healthy eating options to encourage better lifestyle choices.
- Council received the Use of Technology award from Parks and Leisure Australia (Queensland) for the development of a Sports Demand Modelling Tool which projects future requirements for sports facilities.
- Four workshops were held for sport and recreation volunteers to develop and improve skills and knowledge that will assist in the management of local sport and recreation organisations.
- Council contributed \$543,000 towards eight facility improvement projects as part of the Queensland Government's Get Playing initiative, including \$40,000 for female-friendly change rooms at the soccer fields at A.J. Kelly Park in Kippa Ring.
- Construction commenced on the \$10.5 million southern precinct development at South Pine Sports Complex which will include a fully-lit senior Australian Rules football field, plus shared clubhouse and car parking for use by the Aspley Hornets Australian Football and Sporting Club, Albany Creek Cricket Club and Pine Rivers-St Andrews Hockey Club.
- Council completed construction of a \$375,000 tennis clubhouse at Roderick A Cruice Park, Dayboro to minimise the impacts of severe weather events.
- The \$507,000 Beachmere Sports Complex clubhouse extension was completed and provides additional change rooms and canteen facilities for the local rugby league clubs.

