

Annual Budget

2022 - 23





Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Turrbal Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways of the Moreton Bay Region, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise that the Moreton Bay Region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to First Nations people.

We are committed to working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and other First Nations communities to shape a shared future that celebrates First Nations history and culture as an irreplaceable foundation of our region's collective identity.

Message from the Mayor

There's no sugar-coating the difficulties of the current global market.

The continuing impacts of the pandemic, flood clean-up bill, soaring power prices, as well as rising fuel expenses and a 14% increase in the costs of goods and materials for Council have combined to create a perfect economic storm.

So I've been humbled by the resolve of Councillors through this year's Budget planning process in agreeing that it's more important than ever to deliver a full program of works and increase Council's services to our community, if we are to deliver on your expectations.

This year will be a record \$816 million Budget with \$259 million for capital works. It will be funded by a general rates rise of 4.8% to ensure we can continue providing the infrastructure your neighbourhoods need now. Historically Moreton Bay has always been one of the lowest rating Councils in SEQ and I'm proud to say that even with this increase, that still remains true compared to our neighbours. But our affordability is a double-edged sword, in the sense that it's also a driver of our accelerating population growth. Which is why we need to act now to preserve the identity, character and lifestyle of this place we all love.

So while the media headlines about Budget 2022-23 will be about the rate rise, what I hope you see in this document is a fundamental shift in the philosophy, organisation, and priorities of this Council to better align our actions with your values. In particular the environment, as part of our objective to 'Go Green As We Grow'.



The extensive community consultation we undertook via the Moreton Says Survey revealed park maintenance, environmental protections, and sustainability (particularly in waste management) were top order priorities for locals.

We've listened and we're increasing the environmental component of the Regional Infrastructure and Environment Charge by \$6, from \$16 last year to \$22 in 2022-23 to fund land buyback and green initiatives.

The survey showed locals also wanted greater lifestyle considerations like the provision of cultural activities, festivals and events as well as investing in an efficient road network to reduce congestion. So I'm proud to say we're bringing events and vibrancy back to Moreton Bay in a big way, by adding another 20 free community events on top of the 23 we currently run as well as 10 ticketed events - which means there'll be a celebration somewhere almost every week of the year.

While Moreton Bay is not immune to market volatility, Council's not shrinking its ambitions or shirking its responsibilities in facing the challenges ahead. We are being pragmatic about our immediate needs and strategically investing in our future, without going beyond our debt limits.

Peter Flannery
Mayor Moreton Bay Regional Council

Solar panels have been installed on 16 community halls across our region and another two facilities will get upgraded this financial year

Did you know?

Your Council

Moreton Bay Regional Council was established in 2008, employs over 2,000 team members and delivers a wide range of services, projects and programs designed to support our growing population and enhance our region as a great place to live, work and visit.

Our Mayor and Councillors are elected by our communities for a four-year term. The current Council was elected in March 2020.

As community leaders, Councillors are responsible for representing the needs and interests of the entire local government area and making strategic decisions that guide the future of our region.



**Did you
know?**

**Mulch is available
at select facilities free of
charge to local residents!**

Fees apply for mulch to be used at commercial properties and is available at Bunya, Caboolture and Dakabin waste facilities. Check mulch availability prior to attending a waste facility.

Visit [mbrc.qld.gov.au/
waste-facilities](https://mbrc.qld.gov.au/waste-facilities)

Budget highlights

Council's **\$816 million budget** will deliver a record **\$259 million capital works program** with a focus on the transport network. Here's a snapshot of the 2022-23 budget:



\$174.2M

Road and transport networks

same as 21-22 FY



\$69M

Parks and the environment

12% increase*



\$62.4M

Sustainable waste management

4% increase*



\$43M

Towards 155 projects including road rehabilitation, resurfacing and construction



\$31.8M

Waterways and coastal areas

22% increase*



\$20.4M

Libraries, arts, community facilities and history

1% increase*



\$19.7M

Sport and recreation



148

Footpath projects - construction planned or underway



\$1M

to convert gravel to sealed roads



\$350K

to develop a new Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) business case and facility design



53

Festivals and events - including 43 FREE community events



Free Tipping

capped at 3 tonnes or 26 visits each financial year per eligible household[#]

*increase from 2021-22 Financial Year

[#]For eligible residents and eligible ratepayers. Up to 3 tonnes or 26 loads (whichever is reached first) total domestic general waste, green waste, clean concrete, clean soil, per household, per financial year. Additional limits apply to select products, as per current fee schedule and/or Council's website. See details of the Disposal of Waste Free of Charge Policy here www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/files/assets/public/services/policies/disposal-of-waste-free-of-charge-1-7-22.pdf

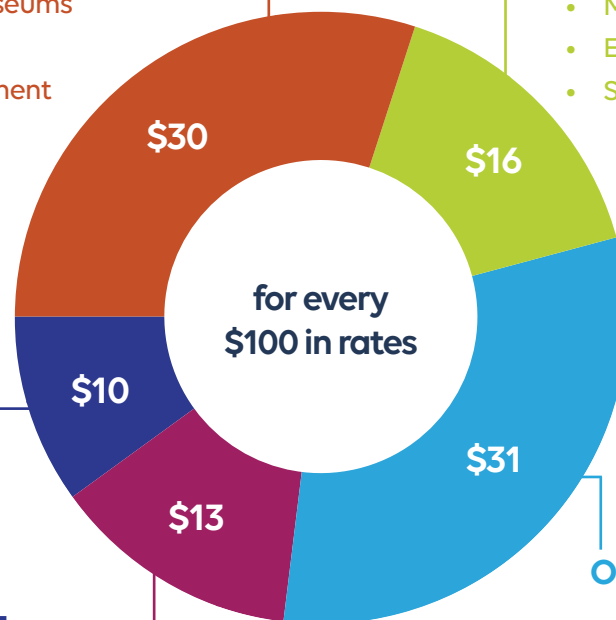
Where do your rates go?

Our Vibrant Communities

- Sporting Facilities
- Cemeteries
- Public Health (immunisation)
- Libraries
- Disability Access & Inclusion Planning
- Art Galleries & Museums
- Community Halls
- Disaster Management
- Major Venues
- Local Laws

Our Healthy Environments

- Pest & Weed Management
- Waste & Recycling Services
- Beaches & Coastal Areas
- Bushland Conservation
- Mosquito Management
- Environmental Centres
- Sustainability Planning



Our Progressive Economy

- Local Business Support
- Investment Attraction
- Major Event Attraction
- Regional Promotion
- Job Creation

Our Engaged Council

- Customer Service
- Technology Services
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Anzac Day Services
- Community Engagement
- Council Operations

Our Well-Planned Places

- Road Construction & Maintenance
- Transport Planning & Design
- Cycleways & Pathways
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Building & Plumbing Services
- Landscape & Street Design
- Fauna Infrastructure
- Traffic Management

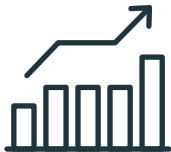
For more information on our new Corporate Plan and Pillars scan the QR code or visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au



Rating information



General rate increase for an owner-occupied house is 4.8% with the minimum general rate increasing by \$51 per annum from \$1,049 in 2021-22 to \$1,100 in 2022-23.



Average total rate increase for an owner-occupied house is 5.6% or \$89.16 per annum (\$1.71 per week).



Council's pensioner remission will continue at \$250 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner is in receipt of the maximum rate of pension, and \$100 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner is in receipt of a part pension. The remission will provide a benefit to approximately 26,500 pensioner owned properties across the region.



The environment component of the Regional Infrastructure and Environment Charge has increased \$6 from \$16 in 2021-22 to \$22 in 2022-23.



Residential waste management utility charge increased approximately 8% per annum. The most popular service (240L refuse bin and 240L recycling bin) increased by \$20 which at \$268 per annum remains one of the lowest charges in SEQ.



Council has rates capping in place to ensure there is generally an upper limit on the rate rise that can occur per annum regardless of the property valuation set by the State Government's Valuer General. For the 2022-23 financial year the increase in general rates for a residential property is capped at 9%.

Did you know?

48% of residents pay the minimum general rate which is the lowest level of rates charged by Council

Did you know?

You can upgrade the size of your recycling bin for free!

No fee is applicable when reducing the size of a general waste bin or increasing the size of a recycling bin.

Visit mbrc.link/change-your-bin-size

Biggest infrastructure investments

"There's no denying the global economic difficulties we face, nor can we ignore the infrastructure needs of locals. Council is stepping up to the challenge of managing both."

- Mayor Peter Flannery



Top 12 Investments Across Moreton Bay	\$
1. Youngs Crossing Bridge & Road Construction, Joyner	\$30 million
2. Boundary Road Depot Development, Narangba	\$26.5 million
3. South Pine Sporting Complex Upgrade, Brendale	\$16.6 million
4. Henry Road and Dohles Rocks Road Reconstruction, Griffin	\$13.8 million
5. Old Gympie and Boundary Roads Intersection Upgrade, Dakabin	\$5.2 million
6. Parks, Playgrounds and Placemaking, Bribie Island	\$4.93 million
7. Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex Soccer Stage 2, Burpengary	\$4.5 million
8. Boundary Road Intersection Change and Road Rehabilitation, Narangba	\$4.5 million
9. Petersen Road Sportsground Clubhouse Redevelopment, Morayfield	\$4.15 million
10. Transport Upgrades and Road Safety Improvements in Samford and Mount Nebo	\$4.1 million
11. Klingner Road and Boardman Road Intersection Upgrade, Kippa-Ring	\$3.25 million
12. South Pine Road and Plucks Road Intersection Upgrade, Arana Hills	\$2.58 million

Moreton Says

Moreton Says is a major engagement program Council is delivering to bring the voices of our communities into our planning and decision-making. The program involves a series of region wide surveys to better understand and keep track of the things that matter most to our communities. In this budget, we've considered the issues and challenges you've raised through Moreton Says to help improve your daily life.

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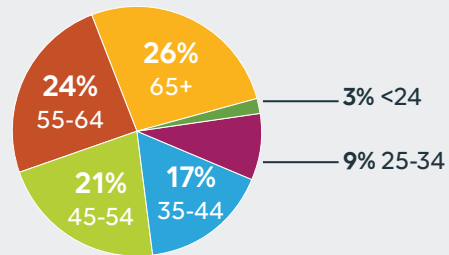
Total survey participants

60+ events where we engaged with **4,400+** community members

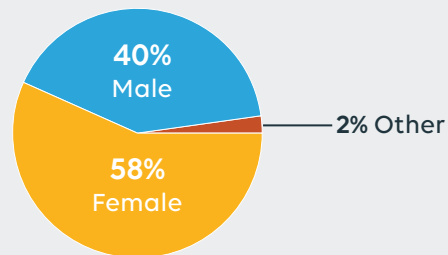
Years lived in the region*	
Less than 1 year	5%
1-3 years	10%
4-6 years	11%
7-9 years	9%
More than 10 years	53%
Entire life	8%

*4% of survey participants live outside the region

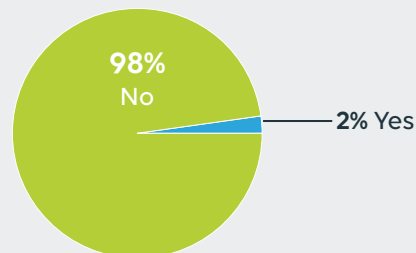
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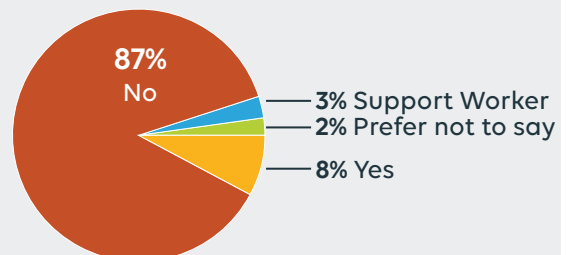
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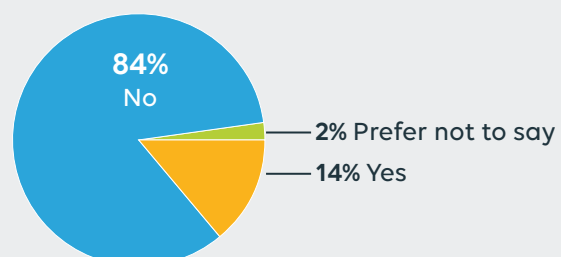
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



Disability Status



Runs a business in the region



What you have told us...



Parks

94% of participants considered Council's role in maintaining public spaces to be "very important" or "extremely important".

63% of residents also reported they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with Council's performance in this area.



Environmental preservation

90% of participants indicated Council's role in environmental preservation was "very important" or "extremely important".

18% of participants indicated they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" and **41%** indicated they were "somewhat satisfied" with Council performance in this area.

Those that had lived in the region longer tended to have lower levels of satisfaction in Council performance in environmental preservation.



Waste

87% of participants considered Council's role in managing waste and recycling to be "very important" or "extremely important".

65% of participants reported they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with Council's performance in this area.



Sport & Rec

72% of participants reported that sport and recreation facilities were a "very important" or "extremely important" area of Council work.

64% of participants reported they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with Council's performance in this area.



Cultural Services

60% of participants said Council's role in supporting arts, culture and heritage was "very important" or "important".

49% of participants are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with Council's work in providing arts and cultural events and programs through galleries, museums and libraries.



Roads

In every area of Moreton Bay, roads and traffic were one of the most frequently raised issues with **49%** of participants saying that they were concerned about traffic congestion. Residents have told us clearly that they want better planning to ensure our transport infrastructure keeps up with the number of people using it.