

Annual Budget

2024-25



Acknowledgement

City of Moreton Bay acknowledges the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi, and Turrbal peoples and pays respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council recognises that the Moreton Bay region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social, and economic significance to its Traditional Custodians.

Council is committed to reconciliation and working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future for the benefit of all communities within the City of Moreton Bay and beyond.



Message from the Mayor

City of Moreton Bay's 2024-25 budget is aimed at easing everyday cost pressures and building a sustainable future.

We understand the rising cost of living and the challenges faced by our residents.

In a Queensland first, we are helping residents with a one-off \$50 financial relief rates concession for eligible owner-occupied residential properties, which will be automatically applied to the first rates bill.

We are also boosting our support for small businesses and the rural and agribusiness sector by adding an extra \$1 million to our business support initiatives.

These cost-of-living initiatives are fully funded through the sale of our Australian Carbon Credit Units, generated from methane gas captured at our landfill sites.

With the new concession applied, the average total rate rise for an eligible owner-occupied residential property including levies equates to just \$1.35 per week.

For full transparency, when our garden organics service is introduced in December, the total average residential rate rise including levies equates to \$2.10 per week.

So, despite a large increase in land valuations across the city and a cost-of-living crisis, we have minimised rate increases to give back to our residents.

With our rapid population growth, we cannot afford to slow down on infrastructure investment.

Our \$277 million capital works program means we can continue to deliver on some of our key projects such as Youngs Crossing Road, the Suttons Beach Pavilion Redevelopment and Caboolture River Road.

This year's responsible budget delivers value for money to residents. It continues our strong focus and commitment to infrastructure, jobs and innovation to ensure as our population grows, we can sustain the lifestyle City of Moreton Bay is renowned for.

Mayor Peter Flannery
City of Moreton Bay



Council's \$922 million budget will deliver a \$277 million capital works program.

Here's a snapshot of the 2024-25 budget



\$88.5M

Road and transport networks



\$41.3M

Parks and the environment



\$80.1M

Waste management (inc. waste collection)



\$51.6M

253 road rehabilitation and resurfacing projects



\$29.6M

Waterways and coastal areas



\$51.2M

Libraries, arts, history, community facilities and cultural activations



\$16.8M

Sport and recreation projects



78

Footpath projects



\$3.7M

Wildlife initiatives and green infrastructure



Over 40

FREE community events

Your Council

In July 2023, City of Moreton Bay was declared Australia's newest city.

After 15 years as Moreton Bay Regional Council, Council underwent the reclassification under the Local Government (Moreton Bay City Council) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023.

As one of the most rapidly growing local government areas in the country, the reclassification has put Moreton Bay firmly on the map and helped Council take control of its future.

Council 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 city 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 2024.

As community leaders, Councillors are responsible for representing the needs and interests of Moreton Bay and making strategic decisions that guide the future of our city.



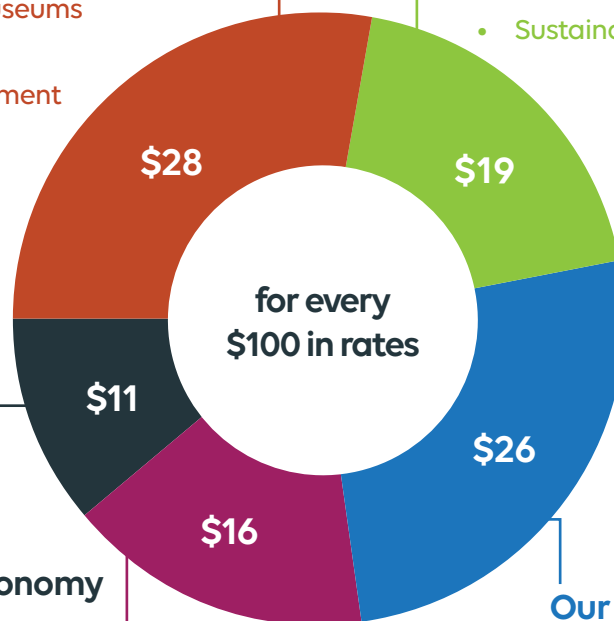
Where your rates go

Our Vibrant Communities

- Sporting Facilities
- Cemeteries
- Public Health
- 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 Corporate Plan and Pillars scan the QR code or visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Rating information



In March 2024 new property valuations were issued by the State Government for the City of Moreton Bay. While the average rise was 36%, the distribution between suburbs and property types was very diverse with property increases ranging from below 20% to in excess of 100%. The diversity in the property valuation increases has resulted in a large variation in the rate rises residents will see. To try and moderate the impact of significant rises in property values, Council has decreased the rate in the dollar applied across all rating categories to help offset the impact of the increases in property values, and maintained rates capping for residential properties at 9%.



The increase in the general rate for an owner-occupied house is 4.9% with the minimum general rate increasing by \$56 per annum to \$1,205 in 2024-25. This is, however, offset by the \$50 financial relief rebate for eligible owner-occupied residential properties. This rebate is being fully funded through the sale of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) generated from the capture of methane gas at our landfill sites. This means that the average total rate rise, inclusive of the financial relief rebate and all utilities and special charges, for an owner-occupied residential property (R1) is 3.8% or \$70.21 per annum/\$1.35 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. Council will also be continuing the remission for self-funded retirees of \$75 per eligible property per annum where the retiree holds a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. These remissions will provide a benefit to over 28,000 properties across the city.



The City Infrastructure Charge for the rehabilitation and enhancement of transport and stormwater infrastructure will increase by \$8 to \$93 per property.



The City Environment Charge which is used to fund a range of environmental initiatives, including the acquisition of environmentally significant land, has increased by \$0.50 to \$26 per property.



Residential waste management utility charge increased approximately 8% per annum. The most popular service (240L refuse bin and 240L recycling bin) increased by \$24 which at \$319 per annum remains one of the lowest charges in SEQ. Additionally, we will be introducing a new garden organics (GO) collection service for eligible households from December 2024. This service will cost households \$39.08 for the remainder of the 2024-25 financial year.

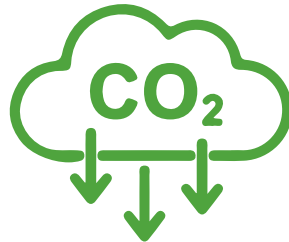
Our new garden organics (GO) service

In December 2024, City of Moreton Bay will be launching a new garden organics collection service.

Why is a GO bin important for our city?



It will divert 15,000 tonnes of material from landfill each year.



It will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, supporting our goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2039.



It will move us towards a circular economy model of reuse, reduce, and recycle.

Residential properties with a land area between 300 to 2,000 square metres will automatically receive a 240-litre GO bin. This will make it easy for residents to recycle their garden organics without having to leave home.

The charge for this new service will be \$67 per year. This will be charged on a pro-rata basis, meaning the cost to households from when the service starts in December until the end of the 2024-25 financial year will be \$39.08.

Property owners or authorised agents of residential properties can apply to opt out from the garden organics service from 10 July to 10 August 2024 if they:

- use a professional gardening service that removes the garden organics from the property, or
- use a commercial garden organics collection contractor.

Those with a land size smaller than 300 or larger than 2,000 square metres can also apply to opt in to the GO service from 1 March 2025.

Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO to find out more.

Get set to GO!

Key infrastructure investments

Moreton Bay's top 20 projects for 2024-25*	\$
1. Youngs Crossing Road - Bridge and Road Construction	\$28 million
2. Road rehabilitation works at Rowley Road, Burpengary	\$6.5 million
3. Old Gympie Road Corridor upgrade	\$6.4 million
4. Upgrade of Caboolture River Road at Morayfield	\$6 million
5. Upgrade of the Francis Road, Sparkes Road and Ellis Street intersection at Lawnton	\$5.8 million
6. Upgrade of the Gordon Road and Ferny Way intersection at Ferny Hills	\$4.8 million
7. Upgrade of the William Berry Drive and Dickson Road intersection at Morayfield	\$4.7 million
8. Samford Parklands development	\$4.7 million
9. SES Depot redevelopment at Deception Bay	\$4.5 million
10. Peninsula Support Hub construction	\$4.1 million
11. The Mill at Moreton Bay - Mill Central Stage 2 works	\$4 million
12. Road rehabilitation works at Oakey Flat Road, Narangba	\$3.6 million
13. Landfill cell construction at Caboolture Waste Management Facility	\$3.5 million
14. Bray Park district recreation park development	\$3.4 million
15. Shared pathway from Esme Ave to Caboolture River	\$3 million
16. The Mill at Moreton Bay - Lakes precinct upgrade	\$3 million
17. Shared pathway at Henry Road, Griffin	\$2.8 million
18. Upgrade of the Young Road and Oakey Flat Road intersection at Narangba	\$2.6 million
19. Suttons Beach Pavilion facility redevelopment project	\$2.5 million
20. Flood works at Mathew Crescent and Rowley Road, Burpengary	\$2.5 million

* Some of these projects are delivered with the support of the state and federal government. Subject to funding approval.