



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Cath Tonks, Division 9



Creating a resilient city

Resilience starts with the community and once again City of Moreton Bay banded together to show its spirit in the face of a potential natural disaster.

While Tropical Cyclone Alfred didn't quite hit with the gusto that was initially forecast, we still received over 300 requests for fallen trees, there were 62,000 properties affected by power outages, over 120 roads were flooded, and 1,800 tasks were recorded with the Moreton Bay SES Unit.

It took a major effort from residents, emergency responders and Council staff working together to get the city ready to face the cyclone and then back on its feet as soon as possible.

Our Local Disaster Coordination Centre worked day and night to manage the preparation and response, while providing key information to the public and emergency services. Part of that included the distribution of over 3,000 tonnes of sand and over 300,000 sandbags in three days,

which is three times the amount we had ever gone through for a single weather event. We applaud everyone for their preparation, patience and understanding through such a stressful time.

Our City Flood Database and flood mapping was updated in late February, and was critical to accurately predict potential flooding around the city and send real-time messages through our MoretonAlert system.

Look out for our 'Know Your Risk' campaign, so you can understand your risk to floods, and update your emergency plans to prepare for the next flood event.

We'll be rolling out a number of projects and initiatives, all outlined in our Environment and Sustainability Strategy, over the coming years to continually build on our city's resilience to all natural hazards.



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

It's in times of disaster that you really understand just how resilient and supportive our community is. Tropical Cyclone Alfred tested us, but our community spirit shone through. Thank you to all of you, our residents, who worked alongside our emergency responders and the Council team to ready the city for the cyclone, and then again in the aftermath.

It was timely that our City Flood Database and flood mapping had only recently been updated, ensuring a more accurate response to potential flooding risk. This new flood mapping also means residents themselves can more easily access, and better understand, their own flood risk. Be sure to download your Flood Check Property Report and familiarise yourself with the Moreton Bay Flood Viewer.

We're also continuing to advocate to other levels of government for funding to support our city's growth, liveability, sustainability and resilience. As part of this, we're seeking \$30 million to build a new Local Disaster Coordination Centre in Petrie, which will better support first responders and communication during emergencies. You can read more about our priorities at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/matters

Know your risk



Know your flood risk

New flood mapping is now available, using updated data and technology for greater accuracy. Some areas now show higher or lower risk. Check your Flood Check Property Report and explore the Moreton Bay Flood Viewer to understand your risk.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/knowyourrisk

Keep your pet's details up to date

Have you moved house in the past year? Has your cat or dog recently been desexed or microchipped or sadly passed away? Keeping your pet's registration details up to date ensures we maintain accurate records and helps us reunite you with your furry friend if they go missing.

Update your pet's details today at

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animals

GO like a PRO!

Residential properties with a land size smaller than 300 or larger than 2,000 square metres can now apply to opt in to the GO service. Additional GO bins can also be requested. Remember, only garden organics material is accepted in your GO bin. Please ensure no contamination of any kind is disposed into your bin. For more info or to apply visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/GO

Hints to keep your bin as fresh as possible

- Line your bin with leaves or sticks first and add lawn clippings last.
- Put your bin out for collection every fortnight. This reduces odour!
- Mow your lawn as close to bin collection day as possible.



This initiative is supported by the Queensland Government's Recycling and Jobs Fund



2025 Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the outstanding individuals who were recently honoured for their exceptional efforts in improving the lives of others and contributing to their communities at the City of Moreton Bay 2025 Australia Day Awards.

Citizen of the Year Award: Robert Hopkinson

Mayor's Community Spirit Award: Emily Finn

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Local resident Rob Hopkinson is an ultra-marathon runner from Eatons Hill who founded 'Run with Rob,' a thriving running club promoting inclusivity and health while raising over \$230,000 for charities like Small Steps for Hannah and A Brave Life. Through his leadership, Rob inspires others in Moreton Bay to embrace community, generosity, and active living. The next Run with Rob Gala will be held on the 30 August, please get in touch for details.

These awards shine a light on the unsung heroes of our city. To learn more about all the 2025 Australia Day Award winners, visit

moretonbay.link/Australia-Day-Awards



Congratulations to local residents who were recognised in the 2025 Dickson Community Awards:

- Dr Sudipto Roy & Mindy Robinson - Eatons Hill Bike Bus
- Tony Dooley - Albany Creek Excelsior Football Club
- Paul and Jason - Yard Empire at Brendale
- Christine West - Albany Creek Rotary and Scouts
- David Williams - Eatons Hill Santa.

Local residents Keith Boulton and Amanda Young were also acknowledged this year with Australia Day Honours. Congratulations on this prestigious recognition!

moretondaily.com.au/news/australia-day-honours



DIVISION 9 UPDATE With Cr Cath Tonks

It has been a busy and unprecedented start to the year, with Tropical Cyclone Alfred impacting City of Moreton Bay. Despite this, our local projects are progressing, and delivery is continuing as planned.

Recovery and clean-up efforts will take some time, but it has been heartening to hear stories of neighbours supporting each other through this trying time. That community spirit is what makes City of Moreton Bay such a great place to live.

Despite the weather, we were still able to hold our local movie nights at Warner and Eatons Hill - although the Warner event tuned out to be a stormy one! Events like these, along with Aussie Arvo on Australia Day, are more than just entertainment - they bring the community together. A huge thank you to our incredible local businesses and community groups for helping make them a success.

Keep any eye on the back page for upcoming local events, and if you have any ideas or suggestions for our community, I'd love to hear from you!

Mobile offices

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 30 May - Frank Nichols Reserve

Thursday 26 June - Albany Creek Library

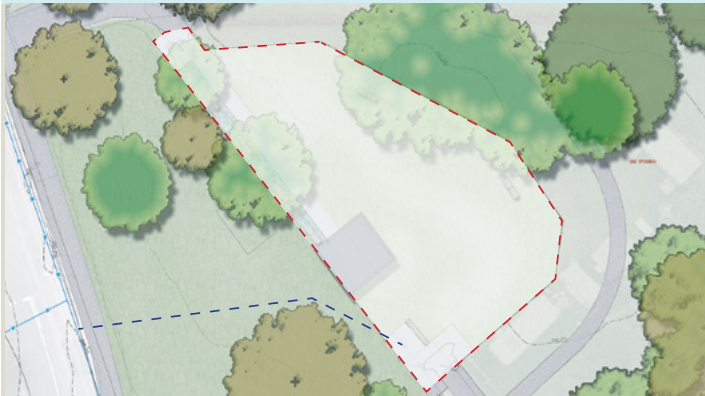
As always if the mobile office dates don't suit you, please let me know so we can arrange another time.

PROJECTS

Commencing soon

Bleakley Park, Albany Creek - Dog Off Leash Area

I am very pleased to advise that procurement is well underway and we are looking forward to works beginning on this long-awaited project. At the time of going to print, we are aiming for works to begin on the ground in July/August subject to contractor availability.



In progress

Silverash Court, Warner - playground renewal

Work commenced late January and should be close to completion, weather permitting.

Greenview Park, Albany Creek (near library)

Fitness equipment works expected to begin in May.

Pathway projects

- Drapers Road, Eatons Hill
- South Pine Road, Brendale

Pedestrian bridge renewals

- Gordons Crossing Road over One Mile Creek
- Kumbartcho Reserve

Youngs Crossing project update

The new river crossing involves construction of a new bridge that is approximately 200 metres in length and the tender has been under evaluation with Council's project team. It's anticipated the successful contractor will be known soon with construction expected to start mid this year with completion in 2027 - pending confirmation of the successful contractor's construction plan. Early service relocation works will continue, and some internal road upgrades in Old Petrie Town have already been completed. For project updates visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Youngs-Crossing

Completed

Brendale Street Dog Off Leash Area

I am so pleased to have been able to bring this long-anticipated facility to the Brendale community. The official opening was very well attended by residents and their well-behaved fur babies. A ribbon was cut, and all the four-legged stars walked the red carpet into the off-leash areas. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the successful opening. I hope you continue to enjoy this facility as much as we all did that afternoon.

Brendale Street Park now includes a relocated cricket pitch net, two separate off-leash areas which include a shelter, seating, water bubblers and dog water bowls, waste bin, dog agility equipment, pathway access, bench seats and new turfing.





ENVIRONMENT

Would you like to help the environment? Are you fascinated by bugs? Do you enjoy native birds? Thrilled to spot a platypus or koala? Share your passion and make a difference with **Bushcare volunteering!**

Supported by professional and friendly Council staff with decades of experience, Bushcare offers a rewarding way to get active outdoors for a great cause. Visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers



I spy with my little eye, birds!

Birdwatching is an affordable and fun hobby for people of all ages and abilities, City of Moreton Bay has over 30 locations where you can spy a range of native birds including some great local locations, such as Kumbartcho Sanctuary, Warner Lakes and the hidden green oasis Waterbird Reserve on Robertson Street, Brendale.

Get your binoculars and look for kookaburras, kingfishers, honeyeaters, owls, parrots and more. Most areas are wheelchair accessible with barbecues, picnic tables, toilets, and bushwalking trails. For more information on popular locations, visit

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Birdwatching



COMMUNITY

Brisbane's newest badminton club, the **Brisbane Badminton Academy** (BBA), is making waves with its inclusive and engaging programs. The club, based at the South Pine Sports Complex, has already become a hub for physical activity, community connection, and fun.

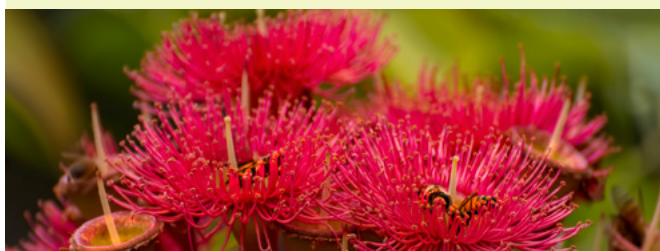
The BBA offers a range of sessions to cater to all age groups and skill levels:

- **Tuesday:** Adults session, 6 pm to 9 pm
- **Wednesday:** Juniors session, 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm
- **Friday:** 'New Strings' program, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, the BBA provides a welcoming environment for everyone.

For more information, visit the South Pine Sports Complex during one of the sessions or contact the club to join the growing badminton community in Eatons Hill and surrounds.

BrisbaneBadmintonAcademy.com



Albany Creek Garden Club

Albany Creek Garden Club now meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, January to November, commencing at 9 am, at the Albany Creek Community Centre. New members are always welcome, and they have some wonderful events and sessions planned for the year ahead. If you're looking for some tips and tricks to help your green thumb, get in touch with the club via email; albanycreekgardenclub@gmail.com



Exciting free events in Moreton Bay

Indulge in live music, fine wine, and local cuisine at Jazz and Shiraz, or enjoy a magical family evening under the stars at Movie in the Park. Experience a fiesta of fun, food and entertainment at The Hills Carnivale, or soak up the sounds at Music in the Valley. And for dog lovers, treat your four-legged friend to a day of tail-wagging fun at Pooches in the Park! Mark your calendars and join the fun!

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar

Make Music Month

Each June, we turn up the volume at our galleries, museums, libraries and beyond with a month-long music trail. Enjoy free events, live performances, jam sessions, workshops, and more, as we put music on the map in Moreton Bay!

1 - 30 June 2025 | Various locations
moretonbay.link/makemusicmonth



WHAT'S ON

Anywhere Festival

The annual Anywhere Festival Moreton Bay will be taking over the nooks and crannies of City of Moreton Bay in May.

8 - 25 May 2025

Various locations

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/

Anywhere-Festival



Celebrating 150 Years!

Come along and join in the fun at the Albany Creek State School Winter Carnival as they celebrate 150 years.

Saturday 21 June

Albany Creek State School

Pine Rivers Model Train and Hobby Expo

All aboard for a weekend of incredible model train displays and fascinating hobby exhibits - there's something for everyone to enjoy!

12 & 13 July

South Pine Sports Complex

For more details including ticket information visit

rmcq.org.au



Moreton Bay PrideFest

Celebrate love, diversity, and inclusion at Moreton Bay PrideFest, a vibrant festival featuring live entertainment, dazzling performances, and family-friendly fun!

Saturday 14 June | 1 pm to 9 pm
Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
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