



# Boothy's Bulletin

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 2

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## Moreton Bay, the best place to live work and play!

### As we enter 2024 I wanted to reflect on what an incredible year 2023 has been.

Together, we have achieved so much, laying the groundwork for the transformation from a region into the vibrant and dynamic new City of Moreton Bay. Last year was a true coming-of-age for our community, as we have worked together with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to shape the future of our city.

With a rapidly growing population, we understand the challenges that come along managing this growth in a sustainable and coordinated manner. But with challenge comes opportunity, and I am proud to say that we have taken control of the future we want for our city. With more than 240 new residents joining us every week, we have set out on a course to ensure that our city continues to thrive and evolve.

The transformational projects highlighted in our journey to becoming a national player are ambitious and inspiring. As a home to over half a million people, we deserve to be recognised for the incredible community we have become. Council has implemented an aspirational roadmap to guide our growth and evolution, ensuring that we preserve the natural beauty of our city, maintain affordable and active lifestyles, and provide access to valued services and facilities.

We have set out a refreshed long-term vision for the future of Moreton Bay, with the 2022-27 Corporate Plan and a suite of five long-term strategies developed in consultation with the community. This has been the first year of delivering against this new plan, and despite the tough economic times, we have strategised our investments in a way that

secures our future without going beyond our debt limits.

Our record \$816 million budget has enabled us to prioritise what the community wants, with a \$266 million capital works program. We have focused on greater investment in waste management, stormwater, waterways, and coastal areas, all while maintaining our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Speaking of which, our commitment to environmental initiatives has been unwavering. We have set an ambitious goal of protecting 75% of Moreton Bay's landmass from development, developed a Living Coast Plan to improve coastal resilience, provided more trees and habitat to the koala cradle of Moreton Bay, and delivered the inaugural Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2042 with a net zero climate target for Council operations by 2039.

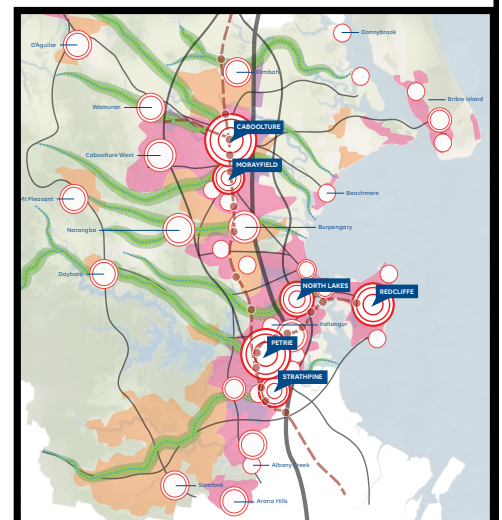
As our city grows and changes, we have recognised the need to provide affordable housing and access to a wide range of activities and events for our diverse community. Our Attraction of Affordable Social Housing Policy has been implemented to tackle supply shortages and high rents, while our investment in free and low-cost activities and events has allowed our communities to celebrate our city's vibrancy and cultural diversity.

In the midst of all this, we have continued to provide sport and recreation programs, attract visitors to our galleries, libraries, and museums, and ensure that Moreton Bay remains a vibrant and inclusive community. I am so proud of what we have achieved

together, and I want to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment to shaping the future of our city.

As we look to the future, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. Our ambition knows no bounds, and as we continue to work together, I am confident that the Moreton Bay lifestyle we all know and love will only continue to flourish.

Thank you, Moreton Bay community, for your unwavering support and dedication. I am inspired by our shared vision, and I look forward to the incredible journey that lies ahead. Together, let's bring our bold aspirations to life, and continue to take pride in the vibrant and dynamic city we have become.



## Stay Updated During Disasters

# DISASTER DASHBOARD



When a natural disaster hits, have all the information you need at your fingertips.

As your Councillor I know how important it is that Council ensure the safety and well-being of our residents, especially during times of natural disaster.

This is why I am excited to share with you the **City of Moreton Bay Disaster Dashboard**, an innovative, user-friendly tool designed to provide up-to-date information and resources during times of crisis.

In recent years, our region has experienced a number of natural disasters, including floods, bushfires, and the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. These events have tested the resilience of our community and it has become increasingly clear that access to accurate and timely information is essential for ensuring the safety of our residents.

The Disaster Dashboard is a comprehensive platform that consolidates essential resources and information in one easily accessible location. From road closures and power outages to weather warnings and breaking news, the dashboard provides a wealth of critical information to help residents make informed decisions during challenging times.

I am particularly reminded of the devastating floods that impacted parts of Moreton Bay in 2022, resulting in the destruction of homes and displacement of many residents. During this time, the council worked tirelessly to keep the community informed about changing weather conditions, location of sandbags, and details about evacuation centers. The launch of the Disaster Dashboard now makes this vital information readily available to residents, allowing them to access it from their phones or computers during a natural disaster.

One of the key features of the Disaster Dashboard is its user-friendly interface, which has been designed to make navigating the platform easy and intuitive for all

residents. Whether you are seeking information about evacuation procedures, emergency contacts, or essential supplies, the dashboard is designed to provide quick and reliable access to the resources you need to stay safe during a crisis.

As we enter a period of increased bushfire risk in South East Queensland, the Disaster Dashboard will be more important than ever. I urge all residents to take the time to familiarise themselves with the platform, bookmark the webpage, and have a browse through the available resources. By doing so, you will be better prepared to access critical information in the event of a disaster in the future.

The Disaster Dashboard represents a significant step forward in our efforts to enhance community safety and resilience. By providing residents with easy access to important information during times of crisis, we are taking a proactive approach to disaster management and working to ensure the well-being of all members of our community.

Stay safe and informed, Moreton Bay. Together, we can weather any storm.



To access the Dashboard scan the QR code above, then remember to add to your home screen or favorites so its there when you need it.

## High Chance of Showers in Beachmere!

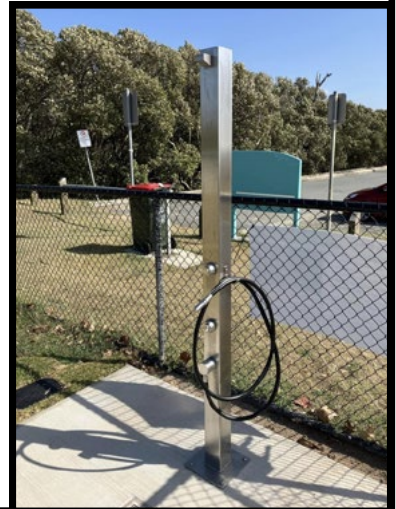
Even if it's fine and sunny there's now 100% chance of showers at Beachmere! That's because the brand-new beach shower at T.E Bonney Reserve, Beachmere is ready for use.

Due to the nature of activities undertaken at the off leash dog beach we made sure the beach shower incorporated our furry friends' needs too, the team installed a custom vandal-resistant wash-down hose as part of the shower. This hose is perfect for rinsing off kayaks and your furry friends after a fun day at the beach.

I hope these improvements will further enhance your time spent at our beautiful reserve.

It's little projects like this that mean a big deal to residents, if you have anything you would like to see in

your neck of the woods big or small send my office an email and lets make some magic happen!



## Wheely Fun Times Ahead!

We have listened across the board to your requests for more recreational infrastructure for kids, teens, and adults, and we have delivered with this year's budget!

We recognised the need for more equipment and activities for pre-teens and teenagers and so far, our Council has delivered things like the Ninja Warrior Courses in Burpengary and Beachmere, as well as several half court upgrades around the Division.

But we're not stopping there! I'm excited to share that City of Moreton Bay will be introducing our first Mountain Bike Trails north of the Pine River.

Located in the beautiful Grogan Park bush land on the edge of the Burpengary and Morayfield boundary, we will be delivering over 3 kms of tracks ranging from beginner to intermediate levels.

These tracks will feature log berms, step-ups, switchbacks, rollers, and built dirt jumps and table tops to test your skills through a range of green, blue, and black trail sections.

Council has worked closely with staff and mountain biking professionals to ensure that the trails will be suitable and usable for everyone, from beginners to seasoned adult experts. So, perfect to hone your skills before taking on the bigger downhill tracks at Bunya.

Construction is planned to start around April-June 2024, and this is just the beginning of what's in store for the Grogan Road Precinct over the coming years.

I can't wait to see our community enjoy these new facilities and have some fun in the great outdoors.

Stay tuned for more updates!



### FEATURE KEY

#### GREEN SECTION

- Curved boardwalk transition structure one
- ▲ Green level jump structure

#### BLUE SECTION

- Curved boardwalk transition structure two
- ▲ Blue level jump structure

#### BLACK SECTION

- ▲ Black level jump structure
- Black whale tail jump structure
- Black wall ride structure
- Trail overpass structure one
- Trail overpass structure two

\*Concept may be subject to change

# How is stormwater managed in new developments?

Historically, homes have been built in floodplains for a variety of reasons, some of which pertain to the attractiveness of the land and its proximity to water sources. This led to the establishment of towns and communities in flood-prone areas. However, without comprehensive flood data, settlements were often established in areas that were ultimately vulnerable to flooding.

In the past, flood modeling was not as refined, which created a lack of accurate information on flood risks.

The development of flood models has improved steadily over the last few decades, but there will come a point where the accuracy and precision of these models will be difficult to improve further. The devastating rainfall events in February 2022 provided a rare opportunity to test and review flood modeling in a real-world scenario, and served as an opportunity to ground truth and peer review the existing models. This event allowed for a better understanding of the accuracy of current flood modeling, as it was the largest rainfall event in 130 years.

Council has taken steps to manage flood risk in existing developed areas, including the development of a floodplain risk management framework. Moreover, in 2016, the council integrated flood risk into its Planning Scheme, containing a flood hazard overlay and a coastal hazard overlay to identify areas at risk of flood hazards and coastal hazards. Any proposed development within the mapped extent of these overlays must demonstrate compliance with their requirements to minimise flood risks and prevent additional impacts.

Council also provides Flood Check Development Reports for those proposing new building and development works to understand the flood-related requirements of the Planning Scheme.

**New developments under the 2016 MBRC scheme must demonstrate greater than 1% AEP (1 in 100) flood immunity as part of any approvals, and cannot use fill to achieve this.**

While historical decisions cannot be changed, the state, federal and local governments have worked collectively to right historical 'wrongs' where possible. The opportunity exists for residents to do a free flood check before purchasing a property, which is important given the limitations of the flood hazard mapping in the planning scheme. There is also provision for developers to vary flood hazard overlays if they believe the data is incorrect or out of date.

The effort to incorporate up-to-date flood data and advance flood modeling is essential to mitigating the risks associated with flood-prone areas. By acknowledging historical decisions and integrating more precise data into planning schemes, local governments can better understand and manage flood risk. The availability of free flood check reports and the opportunity for developers to challenge flood hazard overlays reflects a commitment to improving flood risk management and ensuring the safety of residents in flood-prone areas.

## Did you know?

City of Moreton Bay was the first local government in Queensland to include flood risk in a Planning Scheme.

Being able to manage stormwater is crucial to our region. We do this by slowing down water from running into drains, rivers, and creeks to reduce localised flooding. This is called stormwater attenuation.



## The effects of stormwater runoff

On undeveloped land, the rain will mostly soak into the ground or flow through the soil into streams. As buildings are developed, there are more hard surfaces, meaning the rain can no longer soak into the ground.

## What is a stormwater attenuation area?

A stormwater attenuation area is land near a river or stream that is allowed to flood. These are often called detention basins. This helps control future floods and may also create a 'wetland habitat' for local animals.

## Managing natural and developed site water flow.

To balance natural water flow in developed areas, engineers create systems that store water during rain and storm events. Tools like detention basins are used. These basins are designed to help slow down the release of water into local waterways, helping to prevent flooding.

## How are these basins designed?

Engineers use computer modelling when new buildings or land are developed. This allows them to check how the detention basins and pipes will respond to various rain conditions. By doing this, they can see if peak stormwater flows exiting the development site match natural runoff stormwater flow rates. These scenarios include common events as well as once in a 100-year rainfall events, to ensure the most suitable solutions are built.

## Who manages the stormwater detention basins?

Stormwater detention basins are managed by the developer, their contractors and engineers for the first 12 months. Council then inspects the basin for damage and issues after this time, before taking over management.

## When do new developments need to have stormwater attenuation?

There are many state and local government policies covering the management of stormwater runoff on new development sites. The policies state that every new large development site in Queensland must have an attenuation strategy in place. All stormwater systems in Queensland are designed by experienced and registered stormwater engineers.

When new developments are built, the developers and engineers are required to design detention basins that capture and slowly release the water flow to limit the impacts of development. This helps keep creeks and rivers from getting too much extra water all at once.

## Do more rooftops equal more water?

Building new developments, the increase in roofs and roads means rainwater can rush quickly to other places. This leads to increased runoff because there are less grassy areas to soak up excess rainwater

## Does this mean more water will be directed to our creeks and rivers?

If stormwater isn't managed properly, the increase in water to creeks and waterways means they could suffer. Because of this, every new development has the responsibility to protect the local waterways. They do this by making sure that the area handles water in a way that is similar to predevelopment conditions.

## To what level or flood event do new Developments need to be constructed?

The level and rainfall intensity event assessed for each development varies. It depends on the vulnerability of the land use, the potential damage to property and the safety of road users. As a minimum all areas of new development must be outside of the 1 in 100-year flood extent, as defined in Council's planning scheme.

Stormwater detention systems must capture all runoff from new development sites up to and including the 1 in 100-year flood event.

Roads are part of the stormwater conveyance system in large rainfall events and are designed to be relatively flood free in smaller more frequent rainfall event.

## How do I check if my property is affected by flooding?

Council offers Flood Check Reports for those planning to build in the area. These reports tell you if your property is in a flood or coastal hazard area and provides the information you need to meet Council's Planning Scheme requirements. Scan the QR Code to access these Flood Check Reports.



# Our City of Moreton Bay

With Mayor Peter Flannery



## DISASTER DASHBOARD

We all know that living in Moreton Bay means being prepared for extreme weather all year round, but this summer is particularly unpredictable with bushfires and storms both presenting a threat.

City of Moreton Bay is helping you prepare should the unthinkable happen, by providing a free emergency warning system called MoretonAlert.

Receive real-time SMS, email or voice message before and during an emergency weather event by signing up today at [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)

The success of this service relies upon having accurate information, so now is the time to make sure your details are correct and up to date so you don't miss out on critical information that could save your life.

Current SMS subscribers will have already received a text message from the number (04 0817 0536) to update their details, so it's safe to save this number and be confident that it isn't spam. We will be following up with an email next month.

For all other information during an emergency event, please visit Council's Disaster Dashboard to get updates on bushfire warnings, sandbag stations, evacuation centres, road closures, and so much more.



Scan and bookmark the Dashboard via the QR code or visit [disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

I trust you had a good break over the holiday season and here's to 2024!

In our first full year as a city, 2024 will see Council continue to focus on the needs of our communities first, including advocating for our fair share of funding especially for infrastructure, while also conserving our distinctive lifestyle and wildlife corridors, against the backdrop of population growth.

Realising our priority of 'going green as we grow', Council will roll out the first phase of a dedicated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste kerbside collection service from late 2024. Phase one will see the introduction of a garden organics collection service (GO) where lime green lidded bins will be distributed. Once processing facilities have been secured, waste collection will transition to a complete FOGO service. FOGO will increase our city's recycling rate, reduce landfill and see resources produced from recovered materials.

Another significant step forward is the allocation of council-owned land at Dakabin for the construction of a dedicated wildlife hospital. Currently, a gap in the SEQ wildlife hospital network means injured wildlife rescuers travel up to two hours for animal care. We're urgently seeking financial support from state and federal governments to bring this vital facility to fruition.

Council's ambitious goal of protecting 75% of City of Moreton Bay's landmass from development will ensure that housing and infrastructure to accommodate a booming

population is balanced with the preservation of our flora and fauna.

This commitment to balance growth extends to housing and homelessness challenges. The Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) outlines key activities addressing affordability and homelessness over the next five years. We're offering council-owned land in Morayfield and Caboolture for potential social, affordable or crisis housing developments, guided by changes in our Community Leasing Policy.

We're also continuing the Attraction of Affordable Social Housing Development Policy, waiving fees for developers. Already, this initiative has helped people experiencing homelessness secure accommodation at Bric Housing's recently completed 18-dwelling accommodation block at Redcliffe with more to be realised this year.

And we're taking the cost-of-living pressure off families with Council's extensive calendar of free events from movie nights to Lunar New Year celebrations.

Council looks forward to continuing to support our communities, protect and enhance our natural spaces, and maintain sustainable lifestyles this year as we work together to bring our living city vision to life.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2024 in City of Moreton Bay. There's nowhere else I'd rather be!

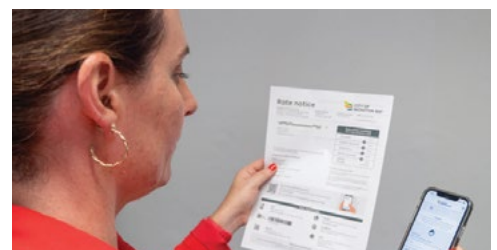


### Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

Council delivers a wide range of community services and programs to drive healthy and active lifestyles in Moreton Bay.



Scan the QR codes or visit [moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles](https://moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles) to check out what's on in your area and get started today.



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