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YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 4

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Representing Mango Hill, North Lakes and parts of Griffin and Deception Bay.

Happy 2024 Division 4! I hope the Christmas and New Year period was spent well and some downtime was had. I know I enjoyed a short break with my family.

Thanks to the many people that attended our end of year Christmas Carols events and to the community groups that hosted events and Santa runs. The positive effect this has on our residents doesn't go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.



Pictured with Chris Whiting MP, Cr Barlow and Santa at the North Lakes Carols Event

I ended 2023 with a bang, attending many school graduations and awards ceremonies. It's so heart-warming to see the kids' faces when their hard work is recognised, and the joy when sharing this with their parents and carers, I'm always honoured to attend these events.

Now into Council business and a few things I know the community would like an update on.

The former 'Laguna' site in North Lakes will undergo an expression of interest (EOI) campaign again. The proposal to go back out to market was unanimously

supported by the Councillors at the Council meeting on 16 August 2023. As the local Councillor I can see an exciting opportunity here. Times have changed since the last EOI which had to be withdrawn due to the developer being unable to commence in line with the original agreement. We know our City needs more short term accommodation and I'd love to see this be part of the site in North Lakes. I know the community will expect something spectacular on this parcel of land and I am confident that with our Economic Development Team leading this charge, we will see some exciting results brought back to the Council room by mid-2024.

Henry Road, Griffin is all but complete with just a few maintenance issues that the contractor needs to return to in the new year. This is all part of the original contract with no additional cost to Council.

I have been asked many times if there is a footpath to go up Henry Road and I can confirm that this is to be constructed and has been budgeted for, with the project currently in the planning and approvals stage. As the footpath is going through significant environmental land, several approvals are required which take time. Offset planting will also take place in the new year, at which time the rejuvenation of the area where the dirt is currently stockpiled will be actioned.

Until next time, take care and all the best for the year ahead.

Regards,

Jodie

Whilst every effort is made at the time of print to ensure dates and times are accurate, these are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please check Council's website or Facebook for updates.

Food Organic, Garden Organic Service (FOGO)

City of Moreton Bay has awarded an estimated \$63.5 million organics collection service contract to Cleanaway. Scheduled to commence in December 2024, this new service signals a significant step towards environmental sustainability and proactive waste management within the city.

Our organics collection service is set to unfold in two distinct stages, encompassing an extensive communication and education campaign. Stage 1 will see the implementation of a garden organics (GO) service, with a new 240L lime green lidded bin and a collection service anticipated to start December 2024.

Stage 2 will transition the GO service to a Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) service which will be contingent upon securing access to food and garden organics processing.

Cleanaway's scope of services under this contract involves the supply and maintenance of bins as well as the collection of organic material. Council anticipates \$7.5 million in funding from the Queensland Government's 'Growing the Recovery of Organic Waste via Food Organic Garden Organic (GROW FOGO)' program to support the initial organics bin roll-out.

Specific eligibility criteria for the kerbside organics

service will apply, with the GO and FOGO collection services offering varying bin sizes and collection frequencies.

Food scraps and garden clippings make up nearly half of all waste in our domestic general waste bins, and by processing this waste, the service aims to generate valuable resources, curtail landfill waste, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



This initiative will complement our existing waste collection services and support City of Moreton Bay's Environment and Sustainability Strategy, including the ambitious target of achieving net zero emissions by 2039. FOGO also aligns with City of Moreton Bay's regional waste management plans, Queensland's Organics Strategy 2022-2032 and Council's commitment to the SEQ Waste Management Plan.

For the latest City of Moreton Bay FOGO updates and information, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/FOGO

New Local Laws shaped by community input are now in effect

We put our Local Laws under the microscope to ensure our regulations consider the contemporary needs, expectations and lifestyles of our communities. Thirteen new laws have now taken effect following publication of a notice of making the laws in the Queensland Government Gazette and on Council's website.

To ensure our new laws were fit-for-purpose and better reflect the needs and lifestyles of the residents of City of Moreton Bay, we invited community and stakeholder feedback throughout the Local Laws Review project. Between March 2021 and June 2023, across three phases of engagement, we received more than 21,000 responses from stakeholders and community members. This incredible amount of input from you helped us draft and then refine the proposed Local Laws. We want to again thank everyone who participated in the process - it wouldn't have been possible without you.

For more information and to view the laws, please visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/local-laws

Clean Up Australia Day

Join countless community members, neighbours and friends to help make our local parks, streets and suburbs clean and green on Clean Up Australia Day in March.

Together we can keep City of Moreton Bay a beautiful place to live, work and play.

Register or join a clean-up site with family, friends and colleagues at cleanup.org.au



Mosquito Season

Summer weather provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding but Council's mosquito management program is constantly monitoring and treating to keep their numbers as low as possible. Using aerial spraying via helicopter to target mosquito larvae, and ground treatments to target adult mosquitoes, we have a comprehensive mosquito management program in place.

The Vector Control Team also treat pooling water on Council managed land with specific mosquito products in the form of pellets and briquettes. This treatment targets mosquito larvae and is long lasting, remaining effective for up to 4 to 6 weeks.



Fogging treatments require an on-site environmental assessment before this method is used. Great care must be taken as it is non-target specific and has the potential to impact on species other than mosquitoes.

Residents can assist to reduce mosquito numbers in their local area by:

- emptying any containers around the home that contain pooling water;
- changing the water in bird baths and pet bowls regularly;
- covering rainwater tank gaps with netting.

For further information regarding Council's mosquito management program, please visit: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes

Development Application on the former North Lakes Golf Course

The Development Application on the former North Lakes Golf Course land was due to be debated and voted on at the Council General Meeting on 22 November 2023. Unfortunately, the uncertainty for the community continues as the applicant withdrew the application the day prior to the meeting. Here is an extract of the words spoken by me at this General Meeting in relation to the withdrawn application:

"As the Divisional Councillor, I feel that it is important that I express the views of our community in relation to this withdrawn development application. While this application has been withdrawn, it must be reiterated that our community finds these actions as extremely disappointing; with our community being cognisant that this journey has the ability to continue. Sadly, the withdrawal of this application that has seen over 4000 submissions has been withdrawn at the 11th hour and as a result, the Council as the collective elected representatives of the City of Moreton Bay are now unable to debate the application and the recommendation of the Council Officers."

"As the Divisional Councillor, I would like to thank the community for their engagement relating to this development, the Council Officers for their meticulous assessment of the application; and my fellow Councillors for their interest in understanding the views of all parties in preparing to consider this application and debate the recommendation of Council Officers."

"Again, thank you Mister Mayor for providing the opportunity to address our Council and reiterate the disappointment of our community."

Housing and Homelessness Action Plan

Council has adopted the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), a guide for Council's responses to homelessness over the next five years. The HHAP addresses four key priorities:

- Support for people sleeping rough
- Well-managed public spaces
- Stronger partnerships
- Diverse housing options.



The HHAP will build upon Council's initiatives over the last 12 months, which have been focused on attracting additional social and affordable housing to the city. Another key initiative of the HHAP will be the introduction of Public Space Liaison Officers, with recruitment commencing by early 2024. This will help to balance the support for people sleeping rough with the safe management of public spaces for everyone.

To read the plan please visit: moretonbay.qld.gov.au/HHAP



Friday 26 January 2024
2:00pm - 7:00pm
Lawnton Aquatic Centre

FREE RIDES FREE ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC POOLSIDE DISCO

 **Aussie Arvo**

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

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.

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!

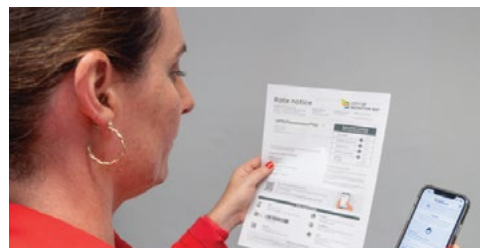


Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

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 to check out what's on in your area and get started today.



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