



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Karl Winchester, Division 6



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



Volunteer with Council

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, gain valuable job experience, and make a difference in City of Moreton Bay.

We have a range of volunteer opportunities available to choose from to suit your lifestyle. Opportunities include getting involved in our Bushcare program, or helping as a grounds or engagement volunteer at our Environment Centres.

To find out more information on how you can get involved, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers.



Meet your local councillor

Karl Winchester

Drop by, no appointments needed

I will be attending the Redcliffe Library, 476 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe from 10 am to 11 am on the following Thursdays:

- 15, 22 and 29 May
- 5 and 12 June



DIVISION 6 UPDATE

With Cr Karl Winchester

We are enhancing liveability with a number of projects underway, but I also wanted to share the good news that we've secured \$13.6 million of funding across Moreton Bay through the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

This includes:

- **Hornibrook Esplanade Cycleway Stage 2a, Clontarf:** \$1.3 million toward the total cost of \$1.8 million
- **Langdon Park Sports Field Lighting Renewal, Margate:** \$650,000
- **Margate Beach Park Amenities Upgrade:** \$650,000
- **Redcliffe Wayfinding Signage:** \$350,000.

The Hornibrook Esplanade Cycleway Stage 2a is a fantastic win for Clontarf, creating a safer, more accessible space for cyclists and pedestrians. This investment strengthens our focus on active transport and healthier, connected communities.

These projects support local recreation and tourism while creating well-equipped spaces for residents and visitors alike.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karl Winchester".

Local projects

Duffield Road, Margate - repair of road pavement, maintenance of existing drainage infrastructure and approximately 458 metres of road resurfacing works along Duffield Road and Ernest Street, Margate.

Maine Road, Clontarf - repair of road pavement, maintenance of existing drainage infrastructure and approximately 378 metres of road resurfacing works along Maine Road, Clontarf from Duffield Road to Beedham Street.

Silvyn Street, Redcliffe - construction of a concrete pathway on both the eastern and western side of Silvyn Street.

Seawall Renewal - Charlish Park South, Redcliffe - removal and replacement of existing seawall. Improvements to the shared pedestrian and cycle path.

Ella Street, Redcliffe - construction of a concrete pathway on the northern side of the street from Oxley Avenue to Sutton Street.

Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe - footpath renewal along the southern side of Anzac Avenue between Percy Street and Livermore Street. The project will involve removal of the existing 1.2m wide concrete footpath and replacing with a 1.5m wide concrete footpath over approximately 195m. Additional works include renewal of five kerb ramps to facilitate pedestrians crossing at McAneny Street, Tilley Street and Percy Street and reconfiguration of existing traffic refuge islands.

Easier way to recycle

City of Moreton Bay is leading the way with Queensland's largest 'pilot' installation of a new bin innovation.

In partnership with Container Exchange, the not-for-profit that runs Containers for Change, 64 Container Exchange Points have been retrofitted to bins across public spaces in Moreton Bay.

The new collection points, are a safe and efficient resource for community members to dispose of and collect empty drink containers.

Users are encouraged to place empty glasses, plastic bottles and aluminium drink cans into the designated slots, instead of littering or putting them in a landfill bin.

This allows for users to collect empty bottles from the stations in a safe way and collect the 10-cent refund at one of Moreton Bay's Container Return Points.

These stations are a great opportunity for you to make a difference and keep bottles out of landfill.



City of Moreton Bay 2025 Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to three 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 Hopkins

Mayor's Community Spirit Award: Emily Finn

Mayor's Community Spirit Award: Tracy Lech

Local resident, Tracy Lech, founded Salt No Limits Inc in Redcliffe over 20 years ago, creating connection, support and opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people through volunteer-run programs, sports, and workshops. Tracy also opened a cafe to provide a hub for social inclusion, wellbeing, and community connection, with café profits funding further opportunities for young people.

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



Get moving with Active School Travel!

With Term 2 in full swing, it's the perfect time to embrace healthier and safer ways to get to school with the Active School Travel program.

Why not challenge yourself and your family to walk, cycle, scoot, or use public transport at least once a week?

These activities can energise your mornings and strengthens family connections.

Term 2 also coincides with National Road Safety Week (11–18 May), which highlights the importance of safe travel for everyone in our community.

With improved footpaths, upgraded crossings, and cycleways, City of Moreton Bay is committed to making active commutes both enjoyable and secure.

Let's work together to make this term the start of smarter and safer travel habits.

Learn more by visiting

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/roadsafetyandtravel



New murals coming to Gayundah Arboretum, Woody Point

The coastal pathway at Gayundah Arboretum is set to come alive with vibrant new murals as part of City of Moreton Bay's Art at Large program. This initiative brings art into public spaces, transforming everyday infrastructure into creative landmarks that celebrate local stories and landscapes.

Under the program, three artists—Lauren Rogers, Claudio Kirac, and Kylie Harries—have commissioned to paint murals on the lighting plinths along the scenic coastal pathway in May. Each mural reflects the deep connections between land, sea, and community.

As part of the creative process, the artists led community workshops, inviting locals to create their own artwork and share their own stories and memories inspired by Gayundah Arboretum Park.

Keep an eye out for the completed murals soon!

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/art-at-large



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 | Various locations

moretonbay.link/makemusicmonth



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
visitmoretonbayregion.com.au/pridefest

WHAT'S ON

Anywhere Festival

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

8 - 25 May

Various locations

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/

Anywhere-Festival

National Simultaneous Storytime

Join children from all over Australia and New Zealand for National Simultaneous Storytime as we read *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell.

Free. No bookings required.

Facilitated by our friendly staff. National Simultaneous storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Wednesday 21 May
All Libraries

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



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