



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Sandra Ruck, Division 5



Spring into better bin habits

*Get your garden thriving
and your bins sorted the
right way*

As the weather warms up and gardens begin to grow, it's a great time to refresh your outdoor spaces and bin habits. Your green bin helps turn garden waste into rich compost, your yellow bin gives recyclables a second life, and your red bin is there for the things that can't be recovered, like soft plastics, coffee cups and greasy boxes. If you're pruning trees or mowing the lawn, remember to GO like a PRO: only clean, loose garden waste in the green-lid bin. That means no bags, no food, no rubbish. And while you're at it, think about your recycling habits. Rinse your containers, keep items loose and help make sure more of what you bin gets a second chance. Every bin has a purpose. A few simple habits can make a big difference for our environment and City of Moreton Bay.



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

Spring has sprung in City of Moreton Bay, and it's the perfect time to soak up the sunshine and explore everything our diverse backyard has to offer. We're spoiled for choice with our great parks, green spaces, walking trails and public pools, as well as our 294 kilometres of beautiful coastline and estuaries. Why not get involved in one of Council's free or low-cost activities such as yoga in the park or one of our walking groups. This time of year is great to get outside with friends and family before the summer heat sets in.

The warmer weather is a good reminder that severe weather season is just around the corner. Now's the time to know your risk, make a plan and get prepared. You can find more information on Council's website, including how to sign up for MoretonAlert, our emergency notification system. By staying prepared, we can help look after each other and our community.

Get Ready Queensland Week returns 6–12 October

Severe weather season is on the way and now is the perfect time to get ready for storms, fires and floods with this handy checklist:

- Clean up your property – clear your gutters, mow your lawn and tidy the yard
- Know your risk and check your household flood check property report and our flood maps
- Prepare an emergency kit containing supplies that last 3 days with no electricity or water
- Have a plan – make a household emergency plan so everyone knows what to do in the event of a disaster
- Sign up for MoretonAlert – get notifications for bushfires and severe weather in your area
- Check out our Disaster Dashboard – find road closures, power outages and more.

Don't get caught out, for more information on how you can plan, prepare and survive, visit **[moretonbay.link/disaster-management](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/disaster-management)**



Cat and dog registration due

With more than 90,000 registered pets across our city, registration helps us get your pet home safely if they go missing. Annual dog and cat registrations are due by 30 September 2025. Look out for your renewal notice in the mail or go paperless by registering online. Pet registration, microchipping and ID tags are mandatory for all cats and dogs, and are key in helping us reunite you with your pet if they ever wander off. Haven't received a registration renewal notice? Contact Council on 3205 0555 or visit **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animals** to have your details updated and complete the renewal.

Protect your pets, renew their registration and update your details to keep them safe.



New Peninsula Support Hub opens in Redcliffe

A brand new support hub is now open in Redcliffe, offering vital help to people experiencing homelessness.

Located on the corner of Portwood Street and Oxley Avenue, the Peninsula Support Hub is a purpose-built facility designed to bring essential services together under one roof.

This \$6.7 million project was made possible through Council's \$3.7 million investment and a further \$3 million from the State Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

The hub will be home to local organisations The Breakfast Club and The Salvation Army, supporting them to reach community members in need.

- The Breakfast Club will offer a friendly space where anyone can get a warm meal from the commercial grade kitchen, access the shower and laundry facilities, and share conversation with old and new friends.
- The Salvation Army will offer case management, housing referrals and access to specialist services in a welcoming, safe environment.

City of Moreton Bay developed the hub in close partnership with both tenants to ensure the building meets their needs and supports the delivery of critical frontline services. To further support their work, both tenants have been granted a peppercorn lease of just \$1 a year.

If you're interested in making a donation or volunteering with The Breakfast Club please reach out to the team online:

thebreakfastclubredcliffe.org.au

Phins for Life: celebrating our city's team

City of Moreton Bay has teamed up with the Dolphins NRL to launch Phins for Life, a powerful new campaign celebrating our city's deep connection to the red and white.

Launched at the Dolphins' home game on 17 July 2025, Phins for Life shares heartfelt stories of local people and the lifelong bond they feel with our team. From backyard footy games to cuppas in later years, the Dolphins are part of life's journey.

Created on a shoestring budget but fuelled by passion, the campaign brings together volunteers, local talent and small businesses proud to back our team and our city.

The Dolphins aren't just a team that plays here, they were born here. Founded in Redcliffe in 1947, their growth from local legends to national icons mirrors that of City of Moreton Bay.

Their impact goes well beyond the field, boosting our economy, supporting small business, driving tourism and creating local jobs. Running throughout the 2025-26 season, Phins for Life is a celebration of community, pride and belonging. Because in City of Moreton Bay, it's not just about sport, it's about legacy, identity and lifelong pride. We are Phins for Life!



Arts Grants available now

Whether you're an emerging artist, established creative or part of a community arts group, Council's RADF Creative City Grants offers up to \$12,000 to support projects promoting arts, culture, and heritage across our city. Applications close 30 September, so don't miss your chance to turn your idea into reality. For more information visit **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/RADF**

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is delivered as a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and eligible local councils across the state.

Deception Bay Housing Development designed for First Nations Peoples

643-651 Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay

This project, designed specifically for First Nations peoples aged over 55 years, will provide culturally respectful and suitable housing solutions for our community. This project is supported by State funding under **QuickStarts Qld**.

This is one of many projects where Council is working with community organisations across 15 suburbs through waiving development fees and infrastructure charges for affordable and social housing. Other initiatives include offering leases of Council-owned land to community housing providers Bric Housing and Coast2Bay Housing Group Ltd, committing \$3.7 million to the new Peninsula Support Hub, and supporting the Redcliffe Sleepbus (now Redcliffe Safe Sleepz). With a population influx heading for City of Moreton Bay there is a need for greater diversity in housing for our communities. This project will mean freeing up much needed 2-3 bedroom homes for families within our community. This is a great example of the right housing in the right location, the project is a short walk to the bus stop and within minutes to local supermarkets, waterfront, and health facilities.

This initiative will deliver 53 one-bedroom and 22 two bedroom units on three levels above undercroft car parking, all designed with the highest standards of sustainability and community focus.



Hon Sam O'Connor Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Services (ATSICHS), Deputy Mayor Cr Jodie Shipway and myself were able to undertake a site tour recently.



Discover our libraries, galleries and museums

City of Moreton Bay's libraries, art galleries, and museums are bringing you the best of the best! Whether you're diving into a new book at one of our vibrant libraries, exploring inspiring exhibitions at the art galleries, or stepping back in time at our fascinating museums, there's always something exciting to discover. With a wide range of free events, workshops, and collections, these venues offer something for everyone, from young explorers to lifelong learners. Visit today and experience the rich culture and creativity that makes City of Moreton Bay a truly special place to explore!

Family Environment Day

In June, Council held a pop-up event at the Deception Bay Environmental Hub to hear community ideas for the next stage of the Joseph Crescent project. This was part of a Family Environment Day hosted by the Redcliffe Environmental Forum Inc, with free kids activities, wildlife walks and a sausage sizzle. A workshop and online survey also ran throughout June to gather more feedback on how the space could be used.



Community highlights across Division 5

Moreton City Pickleball Club held its first Fast and the Furious DBay Drift, packed with action, food trucks, a car show and plenty of fun. Thanks to Ray White Deception Bay for donating sausages and helping with the sausage sizzle.

The Rumble Roadshow at Deception Bay Skate Park was a great day with skate demos, clinics, giveaways and a best trick comp. Locals met Olympian Haylie Powell and pro skater Josh Birtwistle. A lucky winner took home a custom-designed City of Moreton Bay mangrove-themed skateboard.

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Redcliffe on 45 years of empowering women. At their AGM, guest speaker and CEO, Barb Power OAM, gave an inspiring talk about community and positive change.

Congratulations to Peter Morley, who recently received the Queensland Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award for his decades of service through groups like the Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise.

The Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise hosts its breakfast meetings at The Jetty Cafe on Wednesday mornings 7:15 am – 8:15 am. As a past member of the club for 12 years and now a current honorary member, it's always such a pleasure to catch up and learn about their many current projects. I recently joined them for a talk by guest speaker, John Oxenford from RC Bribe Island, about sustainable projects in Cambodia.

The Anglican Men's Society in Deception Bay hosted a friendly Men's Breakfast focused on mateship, connection and support. Thank you for the warm welcome.

It was a pleasure to attend the Lions Club of Redcliffe Central Inc Changeover Dinner at Redcliffe Leagues Club with Cr Winchester and Emma Comer MP. Congratulations to new President Linda Schier, Auxiliary President Jo Quinn and all office bearers.

Redcliffe has won bronze in the 2025 Queensland Top Tourism Town Awards. We already know this is one of the best places to live, with incredible local hospitality, small businesses, and stunning natural beauty so it's fantastic to be recognised by the State's peak tourism organisation.

Congratulations to Kairos Community College on its 10 Year Reunion at the Deception Bay campus. The event brought together past students, families and staff, and marked the launch of the Kairos Alumni Program.





Music in the Park

Join us at Music in the Park Woody Point to enjoy live local music, delicious food, and a wonderful afternoon by the seaside.

Sunday 26 October | 2 pm – 6 pm

Apex Park, Woody Point

**[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
community-events-calendar](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar)**

School holiday fun is here!

Looking for FREE or low-cost ways to keep the kids happy and busy these school holidays? Check out our line-up of exciting activities that spark creativity, burn energy and make memories.

See the full line-up at **[moretonbay.link/
moreton-bay-school-holidays](http://moretonbay.link/moreton-bay-school-holidays)**



Sensory Tours

Experience an exhibition at the gallery through sight, sound, smell and other sensations. Tours can be adapted to support sensory activities, so let the gallery know prior to your visit. Perfect for all ages.

Redcliffe Art Gallery

Tuesdays | 3 pm – 3:30 pm

**[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/
Galleries-Museums](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums)**

Moreton Bay Eco Fest

Celebrate sustainability with eco-markets, hands-on workshops, live music, native wildlife encounters, and fun activities for the whole family!

Sunday 9 November | 10 am – 2 pm

UniSC Moreton Bay, Petrie

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WHAT'S ON

Deception Bay Library

Story Dogs

2nd & 4th Thurs of the month

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

When children read to a dog, the results are amazing! With their calm and loving nature, dogs provide a magical environment that helps children relax and improve their literacy skills and confidence.

Redcliffe Library

Meet the Author: Toni Jordan

Tuesday 9 September | 6:30 pm

Join us for a special in-conversation event with award winner and book club favourite, Toni Jordan.

Set in 1970s Brisbane, *Tenderfoot* is an exhilarating and heartfelt exploration of a young girl's coming of age.

Lego Engineers Club

Tuesdays | 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Develop design thinking and engineering skills as you build and create with LEGO bricks. Meet other brick fans and complete challenges, group builds and more! Ages 5–12.

Minecraft Club

Tuesdays | 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Complete challenges, learn new skills and connect with other Crafters on our library server. Book a spot to play from home using your own Bedrock or Java account or come and use the library computers and accounts. Beginners to advanced players. Ages 6–7.

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