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YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 10

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Representing Arana Hills, Bunya, Draper, Everton Hills, Ferny Hills and parts of Albany Creek.

Free Movie in the Park Lemke Park , Albany Creek



Planning is already underway for Hills Festival 2024, our annual month of celebrations and showcases of the Hills District,

HILLS FESTIVAL

May 2024

If you or your community group would like to **host an event** (*we had over 30 in 2023*), or enquire about participating in market stalls at our signature Hills Carnivale visit hillsfestival.com.au/contact-us

Project Updates

There are a number of projects in Division 10, either recently completed, underway or soon to start.

Council is developing a new version of the My Street App to track development applications and importantly upcoming council works in your neighbourhood. The new system is live for testing, but still missing some project data and integrations with aims to improve the project information in 2024.

James Drysdale Reserve Field Extension



Allamanda Cres, Albany Creek Road Resurfacing



Local Laws Review

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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Local Community Support Grant - up to \$3,000 toward local cultural, sporting and environmental projects. Applications can be submitted at any time until 30 April 2024.

Community Activities Grant - up to \$10,000 toward community events and activities. Applications close 10 March 2024.

Community Facilities Grant - up to \$30,000 toward facility planning or construction and improvement projects. Applications close 10 March 2024.

Individual Achievement Grant, Youth Achievement category - up to \$350 to assist young people to represent Queensland or Australia at events in their chosen field. Applications may be submitted at any time. For more information and to apply visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/grants

Activities at your local library

Arana Hills Library

Playtime - Mon, Thurs & Fri | 9:00am - 10:30am

Baby Rhyme Time - Every Tues, Wed & Sat — 9:30am - 10:00am

Story Dogs - Every Monday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Conversational English - Every Tuesday 2:00pm to 2:30pm

LEGO Engineers Club - second Wed & fourth Wed - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Family history group - First Tue | 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Book discussion group - First Fri | 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Quiet Hour - Every Wed 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Board Game - First Sat - 10.30am to 11.30am

Albany Creek Library

Knit, crochet, donate - Fourth Fri | 10:00am - 12:00

Playtime - Wed & Fri | 9:00am - 9:30am

Storytime - Every Tue | 10:30am - 11:00am

LEGO Engineers - First & Third Fri 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Quiet Hour - Mon | 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Craft Group - Second & Fourth Mon first Mon | 10:00am - 12:00

Next Chapter Book Club - First & Third Wed of each month - 3.30pm — 4.30pm

Baby Rhyme Time - Every Tue 9:30am - 10.00am - Every Wed & Sat 10:30am - 11:00am

Board Game - First Sat - 10.30am to 11.30am

We've changed the way we receive your requests.

Snap Send Solve is a new and improved service that has replaced the MBRC Request App.

Download Snap Send Solve for free to report:

- Fallen trees
- Potholes
- Footpath damage
- Illegal dumping
- Abandoned trolleys
- And much more



Snap Send Solve



Scan the QR for more information
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/mobile-apps



Ready to get active?

Healthy & Active Moreton has an exciting range of free and low-cost fitness, recreation, sport and wellness activities and workshops available each week. Check out what's on in your area and get started today!

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To find out what's on in your division, scan the QR code or visit moretonbay.link/ham-div-10



Healthy & Active MORETON

your library anywhere, anytime.



Your Library- myMBRL app

The Moreton Bay Region Libraries app is a simple tool designed for you to access library resources from your smartphone or tablet, anywhere, anytime. Browse the catalogue, borrow items, manage loans, access eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, films, music and much more! Download the library app from Google Play or the App Store.

The Hills & Districts Chamber of Commerce



In December Council, represented by myself, Mayor Peter Flannery, our CEO Scott Waters and Chief Economic Development Officer Paul Martins attended the Hills & District Chamber of Commerce annual awards.

It is great to see so many local businesses contributing to community and innovating with their product and service offerings.

Our local chamber offers a great opportunity for networking, professional development, advocacy and engagement and in 2024 the Chamber will be trialling a number of new options, times and formats for business owners and their staff to come together and develop their businesses.

Visit hillschamber.org.au for more details.

SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT PARK UPGRADE

Meet Elsa. Young and recently diagnosed with a disability she struggled to enjoy park play time with her big sister, until a request from her parents to Council for assistance. Following investigations the old infant bucket seat was replaced with a high back seat offering more support and the ability for her and others to enjoy and participate outdoor playtime as equals.



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All information stated in this newsletter is correct at the time of printing. For all the latest local information, follow City of Moreton Bay on social media or visit our website.

OUT & ABOUT



Launching the The Cérge Companion App for Moreton Bay Aquatic Facilities with the Mayor and Cr Booth. The app is a free assistive technology for individuals with disability, support worker, carers, and parents to notify participating facilities in advance of your arrival.



Volunteering in the community is so much fun. As a former Patricks Road State School Parent, I love joining the regular Chappy Breakfast every term where we cook up a storm and enable parents and children come together as a community. Have you considered volunteering?

Councillor Catch-up Sessions

All at Kakowan Community Café - James Drysdale Reserve, Jinker Track

January

Monday 8th & 29th 8am-10am

February

Monday 5th & 26th 8am-10am

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.



Scan and bookmark the Dashboard via the QR code or visit 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!

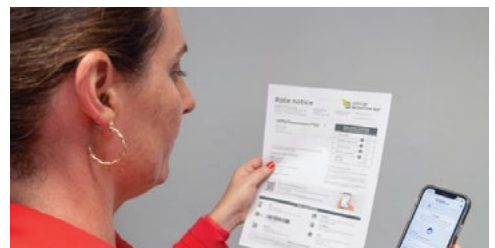


Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

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



A faster, more flexible way to pay your rates is here!

Payble allows you to set up flexible payment plans that can be direct debited on a schedule that works for you.

You can choose to pay your rates in smaller, more frequent payments and never forget a payment again. It's easy to set up, you can check your balance at any time and even adjust how often you pay. Visit payble.moretonbay.qld.gov.au to create a free *Payble* account.