CITY OF MORETON BAY



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Ellie Smith, Division 11



Plan for the moments that matter

We plan dinners, school runs and birthdays, so let's plan for storms, floods and bushfires too.



Our City is no stranger to storms, flash flooding and bushfires. Small steps today will help you get ready and confidently keep your loved ones, pets and property safe when it matters most.

Here are a few simple ways to get started:

- **Know your risk**: use Council's flood check property report to know your property's flood risk, and Queensland Fire Department Postcode Checker to know your bushfire risk.
- **Make an emergency plan**: ensure everyone in your home knows where to go and what to do if disaster strikes.
- **Pack an emergency kit**: include what you need to last at least three days without power.
- **Prepare your home**: clear gutters, trim branches, check your roof and secure outdoor items.
- **Update your pet's details**: if your pet gets spooked during a storm, keeping their registration details up to date means they can be identified and reunited with you faster.
- **Stay informed**: find everything you need in one place when severe weather hits on Council's Disaster Dashboard, including real-time thunderstorm tracking, updates on power outages, road closures and more.
- **Get weather notifications**: register for MoretonAlert for free local severe weather alerts, flood and bushfire warnings.

Disasters don't always come with plenty of warning, but preparation gives you the best chance to protect what matters most.

Get the latest information at **moretonbay.link/Disaster-Management**



THE LIVING CITY UPDATE
With Mayor Peter Flannery

As 2026 draws to a close, it's a great opportunity to reflect on another year of progress across our City. This year we've seen major milestones reached on projects including the Youngs Crossing Bridge upgrade and Suttons Beach Pavilion redevelopment, while exciting opportunities such as PsiQuantum's world-first utility-scale quantum computer facility at Moreton Bay Central are helping shape the future of our city. Together, these achievements are creating jobs, strengthening our communities and building an even brighter future for City of Moreton Bay.

With the holiday season approaching, it's the perfect time to get out, explore Moreton Bay and spend time with family and friends. From our much-loved Christmas Carols to gallery workshops, library programs, community events and scenic walks through our parks and environment centres, there's something for everyone to enjoy across the City.

If you're looking to stay active over summer, Healthy and Active Moreton and Active Holidays offer a range of free and low-cost activities that make it easy to get outdoors, try something new and make the most of our beautiful City.

While we're hoping for warm sunny days, as Queenslanders we know severe weather can arrive quickly at this time of year. I encourage residents to take a few simple steps to prepare their homes, families and pets for storms, floods and bushfires so you can enjoy the season with greater peace of mind. Don't forget Council's Disaster Dashboard, where you can access real-time weather information, road closures, power outage updates and emergency warnings.

Looking ahead to 2027, we're excited to continue investing in the projects, facilities, events and community programs that make our City such a vibrant place to call home.

Thank you to our wonderful community for your ideas, energy and support throughout the year. My fellow Councillors, Council staff and I wish you and your loved ones a safe, restful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Let's recycle more these holidays

The holiday season often means more cardboard boxes, wrapping paper and other recyclable materials around the home. Unfortunately, many of these items end up in general waste bins when they could be recycled into new products.

Here's how to recycle some common items:

- **Cardboard boxes:** flatten and place in your recycling bin.
- **Plain wrapping paper:** place in your recycling bin. Place glitter or plastic-coated wrapping into general waste.
- **Christmas cards:** recycle cards without embellishments such as glitter, foil or batteries.
- **Glass bottles and jars:** rinse, take lids off, and place in your recycling bin.
- **Plastic food containers:** empty, rinse, and take lids off before placing them in your recycling bin.
- **Solar, LED or battery-operated string lights:** take these to a waste facility for recycling as e-waste, rather than placing them in any household bin.

If you're running out of room in your recycling bin, you can upsize it for free and help keep more out of landfill. Better still, if you also downsize your general waste bin, you'll save at least $28 a year on your rates.

Change your bin size at **moretonbay.link/change-bin-size**

Festive season holiday hours

As the festive season approaches, please note Council's customer service centres will close from **12 pm on Thursday 24 December 2026 and reopen at 8:30 am on Monday 4 January 2027**.

Some facilities, including libraries, galleries, pools and waste facilities, will operate with adjusted hours during this period.

Household waste collections will continue as normal, and our call centre will remain available for urgent matters. You can reach us on **(07) 3205 0555** or **1300 477 161**.

For full details on holiday operating hours, visit **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/closures**

Local funding opportunities could help bring your next goal to life

Whether you're part of a community group, sporting club, arts organisation or an individual representing Queensland or Australia, City of Moreton Bay offers a range of grants and funding opportunities to support local success.

Funding is available for community initiatives, facility improvements, arts and cultural projects, environmental projects, sporting achievements and more.

If you've got a project, event or opportunity on the horizon, now is the perfect time to explore the support on offer and see how funding could help bring your ideas to life.

Learn more at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Grants**



Help shape the future of business in Moreton Bay

Want to help shape the future of doing business in City of Moreton Bay? Council has established Business Voices, a contact register for businesses that want to receive direct invitations to contribute to initiatives and discussions that will help inform decisions affecting our local economy.

It's a simple way to stay informed, share your business insights and expertise, and help inform decisions that support economic growth, investment and business success across our city.

For more information and to register your details, visit: **moretonbay.link/Business-Voices**



DIVISION 11 UPDATE With Councillor Smith

Summer is here, bringing both storm season and the start of the festive season across Moreton Bay. Now is the time to make sure your household is prepared for severe weather by checking your emergency plan, clearing your gutters and securing loose items around your home. We may be in for a prolonged dry period, so ensure you're prepared for that and the bushfire risk that comes with it. A little preparation now can make a big difference.

There's also plenty to look forward to as Christmas approaches. One of the highlights is the Old Petrie Town Twilight Markets, returning in the weeks leading up to Christmas. It's a great opportunity to support local businesses, catch up with friends and neighbours and enjoy the festive atmosphere. You'll find more Christmas events listed in the What's On page.

Here in Division 11, we're continuing to make progress on local priorities, with road and drainage improvements, ongoing park upgrades, investment in community facilities and continued advocacy for key transport projects. I appreciate hearing your ideas and feedback, so please keep it coming!

I look forward to seeing many of you at community events across our beautiful City in the lead-up to Christmas. If I don't, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!

Ellie Smith



Your rates at work when it matters most

When severe weather strikes, there's a lot happening behind the scenes to help keep our community safe.

Long before severe weather season, Council crews are maintaining stormwater systems, clearing drains, managing waterways and preparing critical infrastructure to help reduce the impact of heavy rain, strong winds and flooding.

During a weather event, our teams respond to changing conditions, protect community assets and help keep local roads safe and accessible. Afterwards, they work to clear debris, repair damaged roads, parks and public spaces, and restore the places our community relies on.

It's work many people never see, but it plays a vital role in helping Moreton Bay prepare for, respond to and recover from severe weather.

That's Your Rates at Work – helping our community plan, prepare, recover from severe weather.

Learn more at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/rates**

Work starts on Terrors Creek Active Transport Crossing

A new shared pathway and elevated footbridge is coming to Dayboro, designed to provide a safer route for everyone who walks, rides or explores the area.

It will replace the underpass at Carl Ihm Bridge with a 2.5 metre-wide shared pathway, crossing Terrors Creek and connecting the existing path at Dayboro War Memorial Grounds (Showgrounds) through to Fingerboard Road.

The Mount Mee Road (Terrors Creek) Active Transport Bridge and Pathways Project will support pedestrians, bike riders, people using mobility aids, cattle and horses (riders must dismount) travelling between Fingerboard Road, King Scrub, and 3514 Mount Mee Road, Dayboro.

The project is funded by the Australian Government's Active Transport Fund Program ($2 million) and the Queensland Government's Local Government Grants Program ($2.5 million).



Never bin your batteries

Recycle them at battery recycling drop off points

moretonbay.link/batteries



Innovative green road resurfacing trial complete in Brendale

Our Road Resurfacing and Asset Engineering teams have completed a sustainable road construction trial across four resurfacing projects on Kremzow Road. Teams used recycled materials and a new bio-binder asphalt to reduce our carbon footprint. This new asphalt can cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 60% compared to regular binder!

The trial delivered significant circular economy outcomes, reusing:

- 85 tonnes of recycled glass sand, equivalent to approximately 211,325 glass bottles
- Recycled plastics equivalent to approximately 112,981 plastic bottles
- 11,500 tonnes of repurposed construction materials

This single trial reduced carbon emissions by approximately 238,091 kilograms compared to regular asphalt. What a win for our environment and growing community!

I'm incredibly proud of trials like this. We're always looking for ways to go green as we grow, and this is just one of the sustainable solutions we're exploring.





Half a Million Imaginations comes to City of Moreton Bay

This December, City of Moreton Bay's Outdoor Gallery launches *Half a Million Imaginations*, a free city-wide cultural experience bringing creativity into the places where people live, gather and connect.

Featuring works by up to 18 artists across six locations, the exhibition will transform everyday community spaces into places of inspiration, curiosity and connection. The experience continues from 11 to 22 January 2027 with free artist-led workshops, where participants can meet the artists, hear the stories behind the works and create their own inspired pieces.

Made possible through the South East Queensland City Deal, *Half a Million Imaginations* invites residents and visitors to imagine more, connect with creativity and be part of a shared cultural experience.

Half a Million Imaginations.
One shared experience.

Discover more at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums**

Record-breaking tree planting project

City of Moreton Bay's Green Infrastructure Partnership with Seqwater has delivered the largest tree-planting project in Council's history.

Through the partnership, which began in 2019, more than 50,000 koala and wildlife habitat trees have been planted within the Lake Samsonvale Source Protection Area, including sites at Rush Creek, Strong Road in Dayboro, and Lake Kurwongbah.

Since commencing in 2014, our Green Infrastructure Strategy has delivered more than 152 hectares of native trees across City of Moreton Bay.



Wild Perspectives: Photography and Nature Talks

See the natural world through a different lens with *Wild Perspectives*. This inspiring series of talks and workshops brings together photographers, conservationists and educators to explore wildlife, nature and the art of capturing both. Whether you're an aspiring photographer or a nature enthusiast, you'll leave with a fresh perspective.

- Sat 14 Nov | Introduction to bird photography with Peter O'Brien
- Sat 12 Dec | Snake identification talk with Stuart McKenzie
- Sat 9 Jan | Cyanotype workshop
- Sat 13 Feb | Echidna presentation with Dr Kate Dutton-Regester

Free. Bookings required. Suitable for ages 12+.
Morning tea provided.

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum | Old Petrie Town, Whiteside

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Summer Reading Club

Join the free Summer Reading Club at City of Moreton Bay Libraries from 1 December 2026 to 31 January 2027.

Readers of all ages can log their reading over summer for the chance to win great prizes. Happy reading and good luck!

Find out more and sign up at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries**



WHAT'S ON

Christmas across Moreton Bay

Old Petrie Town Christmas Night Markets
Fri 27 Nov, Fri 4 Dec, Fri 11 Dec
Dayboro Road, Whiteside

Dayboro Progress Association Swaggies Family Christmas
Sat 12 Dec | 3.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Williams Street, Dayboro

Celebrate the festive season at one of Council's magical Christmas carol events. Enjoy live entertainment, family activities, Christmas classics and plenty of holiday cheer.

North Lakes Christmas Carols
5 Dec | Kinsellas Sports Fields, North Lakes

Caboolture Christmas Carols
6 Dec | QSEC, Caboolture

Pine Rivers Christmas Carols
19 Dec | Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

All events: 4 pm – 8 pm

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Community-Events-Calendar

Make this summer one to remember with Active Holidays

Get active with our Active Holidays program, where kids and teens can try sports, recreation and wellness activities for free or as little as $5.

Whether you're entertaining energetic kids, planning family outings or looking for fresh ways to make memories, there's something happening across the city all summer long.

Start planning your summer adventures today at **moretonbay.qld.gov.au**. Search **What's On, Libraries, Galleries and Museums** or **Active Holidays** to discover what's happening near you.





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