



Community News

Brought to you by Cr Jodie Shipway, Division 4



Protect what matters most

How to plan, prepare and survive during bushfire and severe weather season

Heavy rains, floods and bushfires can strike with little warning. Taking simple steps now can help keep your family safe, reduce damage to your home and make recovery easier.

Here's how to get prepared this season:

- **Know your risk:** Use City of Moreton Bay's Flood Check Property Reports to check your property's flood risk
- **Make a plan:** Create a household emergency plan
- **Pack an emergency kit:** Include essentials to stay safe and self-sufficient for at least three days
- **Prepare your home:** Clear gutters, trim trees, check your roof and secure loose items
- **Stay informed:**
 - Bookmark Council's Disaster Dashboard for real-time updates, road closures, weather alerts and more at disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au
 - Refer to the Bureau of Meteorology for weather updates and warnings
 - Register to MoretonAlert for notifications on severe weather, bushfires, Council's planned burns and potential flash flooding.



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THE LIVING CITY UPDATE With Mayor Peter Flannery

As 2025 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible accomplishments we've shared as a community. This year we celebrated many milestones including being named host city for the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup Finals in 2027, seeing construction begin on the vital Youngs Crossing Road upgrade, preparing for early works to commence on Caboolture River Road over the coming months, and putting the final touches on the new SES Depot at Deception Bay as we head into disaster season.

When ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred struck earlier this year, our community proved just how resilient we are when we work together. I'm proud of the way everyone stepped up to support one another, and it was a powerful reminder of the strength, spirit and care that makes our community so special. As we again move into severe weather season, it's important people prepare.

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage everyone to continue supporting local businesses and to look out for your friends, family, and neighbours. Now is the ideal time to get involved in our free and low-cost events, from our much-loved Christmas Carol events and community workshops to exploring the city's beautiful museums and green spaces.

I want to sincerely thank my fellow Councillors, our Council staff, volunteers, and every resident who helps make City of Moreton Bay such a vibrant and connected community.

Wishing you all a safe, restful Christmas and an exciting year ahead.

Holiday closure update

As the festive season approaches, our administration and customer service centres will close from 12 noon, Wednesday 24 December, reopening from 8:30 am Monday 5 January.

Many of our facilities, including libraries, galleries, museums, swimming pools, and waste facilities, will have adjusted operating hours over the holidays.

Our call centre will be available throughout the break for urgent matters and to report emergencies. You can reach us on (07) 3205 0555 or 1300 477 161.

Household waste collections will continue as normal without interruption during this time.

You can find more details about our opening hours at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/closures





DIVISION 4 UPDATE

With Cr Jodie Shipway

Welcome to our new residents and I hope you find this information helpful.

As the local Councillor, I visit most P&C meetings as regularly as possible. The common theme of concern in recent meetings is the use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Please speak to your children about the importance of obeying the road rules. The Queensland Government has some simple rules that must be adhered too. Please see below details and a link for further information.

Rules for personal mobility devices

You can use a broad range of personal mobility devices in Queensland. They are a type of vehicle so you must comply with the rules for personal mobility devices and the general road rules.

To ride a personal mobility device, you must be either:

- at least 16 years or,
- at least 12 years and supervised by an adult while riding the device.

Remember, people of all abilities use our paths and not everyone can easily move around a device that might be blocking the path.

If when riding a personal mobility device you break the road rules, you may be given the same fines as motorists but you will not accumulate demerit points.

qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/personal-mobility-devices

I recently held a 'Coffee with a Cop' session at Degani in Mango Hill. It was well attended by residents and businesses sharing concerns and feedback and educating themselves on how to better protect their property and businesses. The single biggest message from the QPS was to ensure you report all incidents.

Police resources are distributed based on these statistics and the absence of reporting may see a decline in patrols and attendance in our area.

For non urgent reports please call 131 444 or visit **police.qld.gov.au/police-link-reporting**

For life threatening emergencies use 000

Report all incidents of hooning to the hooning hotline on 13HOON or online at **forms.police.qld.gov.au/launch/Hooning**

Until next time, stay safe and reach out to my office if you would like to discuss any council related matters.

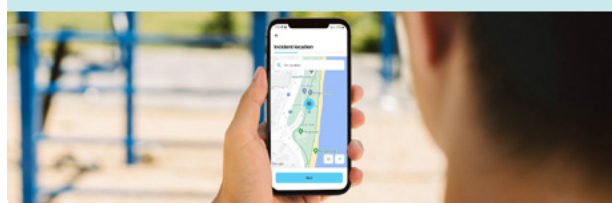
Dumped shopping trolleys

Council is aware of an increase in the illegal dumping of shopping trolleys. Council management have convened meetings with relevant Senior Management from various retailers to ensure compliance with the Shopping Trolley Containment System local law provisions. If you see a dumped trolley, report it using the Snap Send Solve app.



Snap Send Solve

The Snap Send Solve app offers residents a simple and quick way to report problems across the city. Simply snap an image, confirm the location and the issue is sent directly to the relevant authority to solve. You can snap things like footpath problems, illegally dumped rubbish, fallen trees, graffiti, and more. You can download the app on your phone's app store for free. For more information visit **snapsendsolve.com**





Summer fun starts here

Make this summer one to remember with hundreds of free and low-cost activities across Moreton Bay. Whether it's fitness, fun or family time, there's something for everyone.

- Get active, have fun and make social connections. Our Healthy & Active Moreton program has over 100 activities on offer each week in Moreton Bay. There are activities for all ages, fitness levels and abilities.
- Keep the kids smiling during the school holidays with our Active Holidays program. All activities are either free or \$5 and provided by qualified instructors in a safe and inclusive environment.

Find an activity near you at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/healthyactive

Share the streets this Christmas

With the festive season upon us, our streets and shopping areas will be busier than usual. As you head out to enjoy Christmas events and holiday shopping, please remember to park responsibly. Some areas across the city are regulated parking zones to help keep traffic flowing and ensure fair access for everyone. Take note of the signs, be mindful of time limits, and avoid parking illegally. Let's all do our part to make parking easier for everyone.

Moreton Bay to host 2027 Women's Softball World Cup Finals

City of Moreton Bay has been selected to host the prestigious WBSC Women's Softball World Cup Finals in April 2027, marking the first time Australia has welcomed the event since its 1965 debut at the inaugural Softball World Championships. This will be the largest ever sporting event held in our city. Eight nations will compete at Talobilla Park in Kippa-Ring from 5–11 April, bringing international attention, an estimated 10,500 visitor nights, and around \$6.3 million in economic benefit. Hosting the World Cup will showcase local talent, inspire the next generation of players, and build excitement in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.





\$180m resort and commercial project set for North Lakes

North Lakes is set to become home to a landmark \$180 million tourism and dining precinct featuring an upscale 5-star hotel, high-end restaurants and boutique retail. Dubbed a 'mini-James St', the proposed development features 130 hotel rooms, a substantial accommodation boost as City of Moreton Bay heads towards being a host venue for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. There is something for everyone in this development.

City of Moreton Bay has awarded local developer Comiskey Group the tender to deliver the transformative development on a 1.72-hectare site in the heart of North Lakes, formerly known as the Laguna site. This site is located on North Lakes Drive opposite Westfield North Lakes.

We put the call out last August for an iconic development that would elevate City of Moreton Bay on the tourism map, and Comiskey Group's vision ticks every box with world class design by Bureau Proberts, genuine community benefit, and serious economic horsepower for our city.

Local residents and businesses will benefit greatly from the planned development. Over its first five years alone, this proposed resort will inject an estimated \$538 million into the local economy and support 883 jobs in construction and operation. Currently, we have 2,796 residents working in the accommodation and food services industry with almost 1,500 of those having to find work outside of the area. By creating 335 new jobs on site and through local supply chains, this proposed precinct will let many more in our community have careers closer to home and lift local spending.

The development is set to be a boon for City of Moreton Bay's major events industry, which was valued at more than \$50 million last year although its growth has been hamstrung by a lack of hotel rooms. It's also poised to capture a new and untapped business events and conference market and serve as a base for training camps for national teams and major sporting events.

The resort will blend luxury accommodation with premium food, boutique retail, generous green spaces and event experiences to create a destination locals will love, and visitors will travel for. Designed by Bureau Proberts, the visionary architects behind West Village at West End, the new precinct will create a vibrant cultural hub in the centre of North Lakes. Detailed design and approvals for the landmark North Lakes tourism and commercial precinct are expected to progress this year, with construction scheduled to begin in 2026.

Council will continue working closely with the Comiskey Group to maximise local procurement, training and tourism marketing opportunities.

About the proposed landmark \$180 million North Lakes tourism and commercial project:

- Stage 1: A 130 room, 5 star resort featuring a luxury lagoon pool, high end dining, boutique retail, an upscale Signature Comiskey Group hospitality venue and event spaces for up to 800 guests.
- Stage 2: Expansion of the retail and dining village and other complementary experiences.
- New economic activity of \$538 million in the first five years.



Christmas in Moreton Bay

Celebrate the festive season with joyful carols, fireworks, family fun and of course, a visit from Santa! From 4 pm to 8 pm, experience the holiday cheer at one of five free events across Moreton Bay.

North Lakes | Kinsellas Sports Fields | Saturday 29 November

Caboolture | Centenary Lakes | Sunday 30 November

Murrumba Downs | John Oxley Reserve | Saturday 6 December

Redcliffe | Nathan Road Sports Complex, Rothwell | Sunday 7 December

Pine Rivers | Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine | Sunday 14 December

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/community-events-calendar

WHAT'S ON

Story Dogs

When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! With their calm and loving nature, dogs provide a magical environment that helps children relax, improve their literacy skills, and confidence. Book your child for a 15-minute, individual session.

Bribie Island, Deception Bay and North Lakes libraries



Quiet hour at the library

City of Moreton Bay Libraries have Quiet Hour sessions every week. The aim is to create a low sensory setting to make our libraries accessible to our diverse community. Our sensory-friendly hours are open to all ages and are family friendly. No bookings are necessary. At your local library, every week.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



Music in the Park – Australia Day

Enjoy a relaxing day at Music in the Park at either Bribie or Scarborough featuring live entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

Bribie Island | Brennan Park, Bongaree | 1 pm to 5 pm

Scarborough | Scarborough Beach Park | 1 pm to 6 pm

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