



## Community News

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### 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](https://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.



## Reimagining a vibrant new precinct for the Hills District

The Hills District has always been a place where community and nature thrive side by side. Now, we have a unique opportunity to build on that legacy at 303 Dawson Parade.

Since 2019, Council has worked closely with residents to explore how this well-loved site can evolve. With over 670 community responses and strong support for retaining key facilities like the library, PCYC, and community centre, it is clear we need a welcoming and accessible hub.

Imagine a place where families can enjoy a storytime session, teens can access fitness programs, older residents can connect over community events and families can enjoy free movie nights – all surrounded by open space, shaded paths, and native landscaping.

The market sounding process which commenced earlier this year is continuing and we hope to inform the community of its outcomes by the end of 2025 or early 2026.

Starting from design to construction and operation, the precinct will support local jobs and boost the local economy.

The 2025-26 Budget includes funding to progress planning and design, and Council is inviting creative ideas through a market sounding process. These ideas must meet key criteria: delivering essential community facilities, retaining green space, and ensuring financial sustainability.

To stay informed and get involved, visit **yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/hills-district-community-place**

## Ride your own way with City of Moreton Bay

City of Moreton Bay is launching a campaign to encourage more women to embrace bike riding for enjoyment, wellness, and daily tasks. Bike riding offers a fun, low-impact way to stay fit, reduce stress, and connect with nature. Whether you're new to biking or an experienced rider, this campaign highlights the many benefits of biking as a practical and enjoyable mode of transport. Through inspiring stories and helpful resources, we aim to make bike riding more accessible and appealing to women of all ages. Ride your own way and enjoy a healthier, more active lifestyle, visit **moretonbay.qld.gov.au/bike-riding**



## Upcoming Albany Creek Active Transport Project

Works will start in September and will take approximately 30 weeks, weather permitting. The project will include:

- 1,500 metres of upgraded pathway, from Old Northern Road, Albany Creek and extending west by widening the length along James Cash Court
- Pathway upgrades of the existing offroad path network including to and under South Pine Road and Stanton Reserve
- Construction of a new path on the eastern side of Barwing Court and Kingfisher Street through to Faheys Road West.



### Project construction continues

Construction crews are progressing with the works on the Collins Road/Cabbage Tree Creek active transport connection. At the time of writing preparations are being made for the installation of the new creek crossing.

Other projects underway include the second stage area for George Willmore Park and the lighting safety upgrade at James Drysdale Reserve.

### Let's keep it clean Moreton Bay!

Doing the right thing with your bins is easier than you think. Just a few small habits can make a big difference.

Clean recycling keeps more out of landfill so it's important to rinse bottles and jars before tossing them in. For your GO green lid bin, only loose garden waste like grass, leaves and branches goes in. Remember, no bags, no food.

And don't forget, never bin your batteries! Drop them off at your local grocery store, Bunnings or waste facility.

Small changes make a big impact across City of Moreton Bay. Visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/recycling](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/recycling)

### 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](https://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.*



### Your Library – myMBRL app

The Moreton Bay 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.

### Christmas cheer starts here – apply now for event funding!

Is your community group planning a Christmas or end-of-year celebration? Council's Local Community Support Grant offers up to \$5,000 to help bring your event to life!

Don't miss out on making this festive season one to remember, submit your application by 30 September.

For more information or to apply visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au/communitygrants](https://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/communitygrants)



## New home for community groups

Funding has been confirmed in the recent State Budget and Council will now proceed with the design and construction of a new purpose-built facility which will provide a permanent home for Stationery Aid and The Dickson Men's Shed.

Currently, Stationery Aid operates out of "The Green Shed" thanks to the support of GVK Lions, whilst The Dickson Men's Shed meet at the Albany Creek Scout Group facility.

The new facility will be constructed at James Drysdale Reserve, cementing the facility as more than just a sporting facility but also as a community hub capable of hosting world class events. July saw the hosting of the Asia Pacific Buggy Championships with the members and volunteers of Pine Hills Dirt Racing hosting competitors from across the globe for 4 days of high-speed competition.



## Get moving with Healthy & Active Moreton

Ready to get active and have fun? Healthy and Active Moreton is here to inspire you! Whether you're a fitness enthusiast or just looking to get moving, there's something for everyone. From outdoor yoga and group fitness classes to walking groups and cycling events, our programs are designed to boost your health while having a fun time. Join in on the action, meet new people, and experience the joy of staying active in our beautiful city. Let's get moving and make health and happiness a part of your everyday routine. Visit [moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles](https://moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles)



## 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. Here's a taste of what's on:

- Environment Centres – cruise the trails, spot local wildlife, learn about water bugs or get crafty with nature-themed art.
- Art Galleries, Libraries and Museums – enjoy hands-on fun with painting, LEGO adventures, storytelling, crafting, llama petting and more!
- Active Holidays program – dance, ride, fish, boulder or skate your way through the break with heaps of fun active workshops.

See the full line-up at [moretonbay.link/Moreton-Bay-School-Holidays](https://moretonbay.link/Moreton-Bay-School-Holidays)

## Discover the best of the best at City of Moreton Bay's Libraries, Art 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!



### Jazz & Shiraz

Great tunes, tasty vino, and good vibes are on the way. With live local music and a licensed bar, this is one event you won't want to miss.

**Sunday 2 November**  
**2 pm – 6 pm**

**Lemke Park,**  
**Albany Creek**

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



### Calling market stallholders

Stallholder applications are now open for the 2025 Hills Community Carols. The community organising committee is also calling for volunteers to help out on the day. If you'd like to get involved, visit **[thehillscommunitycarols.org](http://thehillscommunitycarols.org)** and mark the date in your diary!

## WHAT'S ON

### Arana Hills Library

**Junior gardeners:**  
**Grow and cook**

Mon 29 Sep, 2 pm – 3 pm

**Family History Group**

1st Tuesday, 6 pm – 7:30 pm

**Genealogy help**

Every Tue, 1 pm – 3 pm

**Knitting Group**

Every Thu, 10 am – 12 pm

**Quiet hour**

Every Wed, 5 pm – 6 pm

### Albany Creek Library

**Llamas in the library**

Fri 12 Sep, 2 pm – 4 pm

**Meet a death doula**

Thu 4 Sep, 10 am – 11:30 am

**LEGO Engineers Club**

1st & 3rd Fri, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Knit, crochet, donate**

Fri 26 Sep & 24 Oct  
10 am – 12 pm

**Next Chapter Book Club**

Wed 1 Oct & 5 Nov  
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Bridge Club**

Every Mon,  
9:30 am – 11:30 am

For more details on library events visit

**[moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries)**



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