



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** to have your details updated and complete the renewal.

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

Mobile office

Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with Councillor Barlow at:

Norths Leagues and Services Club

Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

Thursday 11 September

3 pm to 4 pm



Picnic and play at Griffin's newest family friendly park

Riverview Parkway is now home to a \$600,000 park designed with families in mind. The spot offers:

- A fun playground for little adventurers
- Open green space for play, picnics and relaxation
- Fresh landscaping that complements the North Pine River.

Whether you walk or cycle to Riverview Parkway Park, this is the perfect spot to create memories and enjoy the outdoors. Shade sails will be installed soon to make this space even more enjoyable during warmer months.



Pine Rivers Rotary changeover dinner

The Rotary Club's 2025 changeover dinner at Murrumba Downs Tavern brought together members and the community for an evening that celebrated leadership transitions and the club's ongoing service. It was an honour for Councillor Cath Tonks and I to attend and support the incoming President, Darren Limbach. The event marked the beginning of a new chapter for the club, honouring past achievements and looking ahead to future community impact.



Christmas in July at Undurba

Christmas in July brought extra cheer to Inverpine Retirement Village residents and to students of Undurba State School. I was delighted to join residents and the enthusiastic students for a morning filled with laughter, music, and intergenerational magic.

The room lit up with lots of laughter and Christmas tunes, with plenty of giggles and a few surprisingly impressive serenades.

And if you thought table tennis was just for the backyard - think again! Seniors and students teamed up for some spirited matches with lots of clapping and cheering.

Moments like these remind us of the joy that comes from connection, creativity, and community. Huge thanks to the teams at Inverpine and Undurba for bringing generations together in such a festive and heartwarming way.



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



Old Gympie Road Corridor Upgrade

Detailed design is well underway to upgrade the Old Gympie Road corridor between Boundary Road, Dakabin (in the north) and Anzac Avenue, Kallangur (in the south).

Residents and businesses along the road corridor will soon be able to have their say on the design during a consultation period later this year. This consultation will include 'popups' at various locations, which you can attend in person and speak to City of Moreton Bay officers about the project. Details of the consultation later this year, including location and times, are currently being finalised. For project updates visit **yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/old-gympie-road-upgrade-anzac-avenue-to-boundary-road**.



Lions International

It was an honour to be invited to the annual Lions International Changeover Dinner on 10 July at Kallangur Bowls Club. My husband and I were members when the club started 50 years ago!

Members, friends, and dignitaries came together to acknowledge 50 years for the club and reflect on the past year. This incredible group have supported local youth programs and health initiatives while also lending a hand in times of crisis for our community.

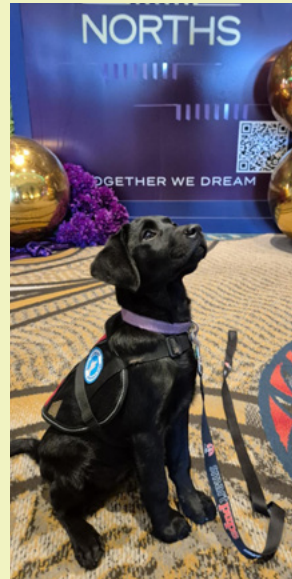
Heartfelt tributes honoured the outgoing President's leadership, followed by the induction of the new President, Belinda Norrie, with the symbolic passing of the gavel. To every Lion, past and present, thank you for your service and your heart. Here's to a great year ahead!

Community comes together at Pooches in the Park

On Sunday 6 July, tails wagged, and spirits soared as the community gathered for Pooches in the Park at John Oxley Reserve in Murrumbidgee Downs. This joyful celebration brought together dog lovers across our city for an afternoon of fun, connection, and puppy-powered smiles. The children loved 'Cooper' our very friendly Pooches mascot, joining in the 'walking the dog doggy march'.

The dog-friendly activities including interactive stalls, agility demonstrations, and local pet services, all helped show how deeply our community values its furry friends.

Beyond the paws and playful energy, Pooches in the Park fostered something deeper: connection. Whether it was neighbours chatting over coffee from the mobile van, children giggling as they patted pups, or volunteers swapping training tips, the event reminded us how community spaces like John Oxley Reserve are vital not only for recreation but for nurturing friendships and inclusivity. Thank you to everyone who came along, for making the event a tail-wagging success.



Bella – the specially trained special needs dog

What a fabulous morning I had catching up with Bella, one of 3 pups sponsored by Norths Leagues and Services Club. These specially trained dogs are to assist special needs children. Families praise these dogs for their ability to predict seizures, reduce anxiety and provide loving companionship. These dogs are more than pets, they are life-changing companions for the families they serve. Thank you to Troy and the team at Norths for your sponsorship.



Dakabin State School Open Day

Congratulations to Principal Michael Drake, his hard-working P&C members, and staff for a wonderful open day. Parents of current students and future students all enjoyed the morning. It was great to catch up with Rachel Smith at the raffle prize stand. It was such a beautiful day.



Teddy Bears Picnic

Join the Teddy Bears Picnic for a morning of singing, dancing, storytelling, and family fun at Pine Rivers Park.

Thursday 11 September

9 am – 1 pm

Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

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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

Moreton Bay Eco Fest

Celebrate sustainability with eco-markets, hands-on workshops, 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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SAVE THE DATE!

Murrumba Christmas Spectacular

Saturday 6 December | 4 pm – 8 pm

John Oxley Reserve, Murrumba Downs



WHAT'S ON

Creative Kids

Bring the kids along to our galleries on the first Saturday of the month for Creative Kids.

During this drop-in session, kids reign supreme as we offer immersive creative activities and experiences that ignite curiosity and imagination.

And best of all – it's free!

For ages 5-10.

Caboolture Regional

Art Gallery

Pine Rivers Art Gallery

Redcliffe Art Gallery

Sat 6 Sep & Sat 4 Oct

10:30 am – 12 pm

Behind the Scenes

Our staff take you behind closed doors and show you why our museums are great places of discovery and storytelling. Ask questions, hear stories, and discover what goes on behind the scenes of our museums!

Free fun for all ages.

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

Thu 18 Sept & Thu 16 Oct

2:30 pm – 3 pm

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Galleries-Museums



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