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Cleaning up at Wynnum after Tropical Cyclone Alfred



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Brisbane bounces back: Lord Mayor

Brisbane has been through its fair share of natural disasters, but a tropical cyclone was a first for many of us.

Despite damaging winds and the wettest day in 50 years leading to flooding, I am so incredibly proud of how our community rallied together.

One fantastic example of this was the Ute Army that helped clear away thousands of tonnes of green waste in record time.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped Brisbane prepare and respond to Tropical Cyclone Alfred including council workers, emergency service personnel and community volunteers.

When challenges come our way in Brisbane - our community always comes together.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Brisbane's response to severe weather

Brisbane prepared, came together and cleaned up after Tropical Cyclone Alfred dumped the heaviest rainfall since Cyclone Wanda in 1974.

Our city has been through its fair share of natural disasters and one thing is for certain – our community always comes together.

The numbers speak volumes*:

- ◆ 470,000 sandbags collected
- ◆ 5,792 tonnes of green waste dropped off at resource recovery centres
- ◆ more than 4.4 million Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts were sent via SMS, email, voice message and push notification
- ◆ 19,000 Contact Centre calls received
- ◆ 3,000 fallen trees reported
- ◆ 375 traffic signal faults repaired.

Visit our website to get the latest recovery updates.

**Numbers correct as of 17 March 2025.*



Community Clean-Up Payment

We stepped in to help local sports and community groups clean up after Tropical Cyclone Alfred, getting them back up and running safely.

Payments of \$7,500 were made available to not-for-profit community organisations to support clean-up and minor repairs.

Community groups are the heart of our suburbs, with more than 600 facilities across Brisbane for sports clubs, historical societies, men's sheds and craft groups to call home.

After the 2011 and 2022 floods, we provided similar financial assistance that was received by more than 430 clubs.



Report a pothole

Have you spotted a pothole in your local area after recent flooding? Help us get you home sooner and safer by reporting it. Some Brisbane suburbs recorded more than 600mm of rain during Tropical Cyclone Alfred last month.

With so much water on the roads and traffic pushing water into the road surface, you may see new potholes. Potholes not only damage vehicles but also pose a risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

If you spot a pothole, log a job at brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone our Contact Centre on **3403 8888**. Your report will help us assess and repair the pothole efficiently. Working together, we can ensure our roads are safe for everybody.



Cultural Centre station nearing completion

Brisbane Metro works are almost complete at the Cultural Centre station, boosting capacity at one of Brisbane's busiest bus stations.

We've extended platforms one and two and are nearing completion on the new bus platform on Melbourne Street for services to West End and Highgate Hill. The station is now more spacious and accessible, with wider platforms and digital screens to help you plan your journey.

We've also refreshed the entrance to the Cultural Centre precinct with new lifts to the overpass, an upgraded QPAC Green, new landscaping, seating and loads more public space.

Moving around the city will soon be easier with a new cycleway connecting South Brisbane to the CBD, a new bike path on Grey Street and upgraded walking paths on Victoria Bridge. It's all part of our commitment to keep Brisbane moving.



Discover the Brisbane Metro

The metro is here and it's more than just a ride – it's an experience.

Metros display real-time journey information on digital screens in each compartment.

To help you explore the best of Brisbane, the screens also show places of interest when the metro approaches a station, as well as connections to other high-frequency bus, ferry and train services.

The metro's next stop announcements are voiced by Melanie Zanetti, best known for her voicework on the well-loved hit TV show, *Bluey*.

There are free Wi-Fi and USB charging ports and listen out for the signature metro sound – a uniquely Brisbane sound inspired by City Hall's clock tower bell.

The fully electric turn-up-and-go services create a more convenient, efficient and affordable way for residents to leave their cars at home.

So, get out there and enjoy our city in style.

Moggill Road works wrapping up

The final road resurfacing on the Moggill Road Corridor Upgrade Project is almost complete.

We replaced the Indooroopilly roundabout with a new overpass, making it safer and easier to merge from Coonan Street while keeping traffic on Moggill Road flowing. We added new shared paths for walking and cycling, planted trees, upgraded underground utilities, plus installed seating and a water bubbler with a dog bowl.

Keep an eye out on the overpass for the new artwork by First Nations artist, Jenna Lee, which is inspired by the Brisbane River.

Thank you for your patience while we have undertaken these critical works to get you home sooner and safer.



Local news



NEW TREES TO SHADE BUS STOPS

We're planting more than 350 trees near 192 bus stops across 80 suburbs to help improve shade, comfort and reduce heat and sun exposure while you wait for the bus. We will look after the trees throughout their life, nurturing clean and sustainable streets.

LEARN BIKE MAINTENANCE

We're offering free workshops on how to maintain your bike in Mansfield, Wynnum West and West End. Includes basic, intermediate and women only classes. Bookings are essential. Go to our website and search 'bike maintenance' in our What's on in Brisbane page for details.

ENJOY SUN-SAFE PLAYGROUNDS

We've installed new shade sails at playgrounds in Biran Street, Camp Hill and Barramundi Street in Manly West as part of the Sun Safe Suburban Playground Program. The new shade sails allow families to enjoy our playgrounds in a cooler and sun-safe environment.



Lest we forget

On Friday 25 April, we remember the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who faced the first major battle of World War I. We honour their legacy and those who have followed in their footsteps.

We are working hard to get the city's memorials ready, ensuring monuments are given the respect they deserve.

Plan your Anzac Day and find a service near you at anzacspirit.com.au



Brisbane's Smarter Suburban Corridors

Cutting-edge technology in transport will be key to keeping our growing city moving.

Brisbane's Smarter Suburban Corridors project will create safer and more reliable journeys for all road users.

We'll do this by engaging with industry experts to upgrade our existing transport management system.

We manage more than 5,800 kilometres of road, more than 1,000 signalised crossings and intersections, and 18 key traffic corridors.

The project will focus on Brisbane's busiest suburbs to help residents spend less time sitting in traffic and more time doing what they love.

BrisSizzle and Sounds at Roma Street Parkland



Enjoy a free family day out at BrisSizzle and Sounds this May, brought to you by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust and sponsored by Council.

This year's event features an exciting lineup of local artists, food trucks, kids' activities, and live interactive sessions with everyone's favourite characters – the loveable Bluey and her sister Bingo!

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust supports local charities by fundraising for longstanding beneficiaries, Foodbank Queensland and DrugARM. Since 2006, the event has raised more than \$1 million for Brisbane-based causes.

Join us at Celebration Precinct, Roma Street Parkland from 10am–2pm on Saturday 10 May for a fantastic day of entertainment, food and community spirit.

For more information, head to lmct.org.au/brissizzle-and-sounds

Safer Suburbs

Sixty-nine Brisbane sports and community clubs, such as Karana Downs Pony Club and Chermside Bowls Club, shared more than \$500,000 thanks to the Lord Mayor's Safer Suburbs grants.

The grants have proved popular with community groups and were open to all Council-leased sports and community clubs to enhance security and deter crime.

The grants of up to \$10,000 per organisation will help deliver:

- ♦ security screens
- ♦ CCTV cameras
- ♦ new locks
- ♦ improved patrol services
- ♦ alarm systems.

There'll be another \$500,000 round of The Lord Mayor's Safer Suburbs grants announced later this year. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

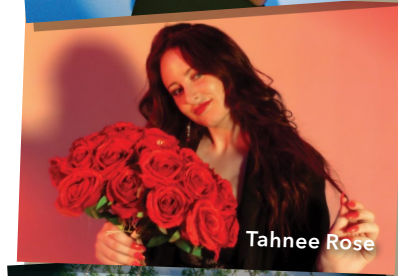
The QUBE Effect People's Choice voting opens

While The QUBE Effect finalists take the spotlight with their live performances on Sundays 13, 20 and 27 April, you can have your say by voting in the People's Choice Award category.

The song with the most popular original music video wins the People's Choice Award, so check our website for more information on how to vote.

The People's Choice Award is just one of the 5 award categories up for grabs to recognise our talented local artists.

Award winners will be announced at the awards night in May.



What's On



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VARIOUS

BRISBANE COMEDY FESTIVAL, 23 APRIL-25 MAY

Various locations

Spanning across 4 iconic Brisbane venues, this year's program is brimming with more than 130 artists, including Ross Noble, Jimeoin and Melanie Bracewell. Tickets available now. brisbanecomedysfestival.com

FREE

2025 ANZAC DAY PARADE BRISBANE, 25 APRIL

Adelaide Street, from George Street to Creek Street

Come together to recognise all who have served and continue to serve our country. The annual parade to honour Australian and New Zealand soldiers starts at 10am. Plan your Anzac Day at anzacspirit.com.au

FREE

BRISCON, 17-18 MAY

Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, Mount Gravatt

Enjoy a wide range of role-playing, historical and tabletop games, tournaments, demonstrations and a bring-and-buy stall at Brisbane's largest tabletop gaming convention and gathering. briscon.com.au

FREE

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE GREEN

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE GREEN, 11 MAY

Victoria Park, Herston

Get the family together and spoil Mum this Mother's Day with a special Sunday morning at Victoria Park, featuring live music, flower giveaway, fun craft activities and delicious food trucks. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

TRUCK WEEK 25, 12-18 MAY

South Bank Parklands, South Bank

Truck Week 25 has heaps to see and do for truck aficionados, including a display of Australia's best custom trucks, family entertainment and a careers hub at TAFE Queensland, South Bank. brisbanetruckshow.com.au

VARIOUS

PANIYIRI GREEK FESTIVAL, 17-18 MAY

Musgrave Park, South Brisbane

It's that time of year again for one of Brisbane's most beloved and iconic cultural festivals, inviting everyone to dine like a king, dance up a storm and celebrate all things Greek. paniyiri.com



Please check details and confirm with organisers that events are still going ahead before you make plans.



Check out the
Brisbane app for
more event listings!

REGIONAL EVENTS



FREE

YOGA

26 April, 7.30-8.30am,
Captain Burke Park,
Kangaroo Point

Stretching, breathing, strength and balance exercises. For all abilities. brisbane.qld.gov.au



POOL ENTRY

AQUA FITNESS

28 April, 5.30-6.30pm,
Musgrave Park Pool,
South Brisbane

Enjoy a low-impact workout in the water. To book, visit irelaaquaandfitness.com



FREE
GOLD

TENNIS

1 May, 9-10am,
Morningside Tennis Centre
Social and fun coaching lesson with qualified tennis coaches for all abilities. To book, call **3899 8110**.



\$6

OVER 10 YRS

STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING

27 April, 8-9am,
Bayside Park, Manly

Learn the basics of stand-up paddle boarding. To book, visit scsurfschools.com.au



FREE

GOLD

TAI CHI QIGONG

30 April, 7-8am,
C. B. Mott Park, Holland Park

Rejuvenate your body and feel relaxed, refreshed and calm. Suitable for seniors. brisbane.qld.gov.au

VOLUNTEER BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

2 May, 7.30-10am,
Seven Hills Bushland Reserve
Lend a hand to protect and restore Brisbane's precious biodiversity. To book, call **3398 1739**.

FREE



FREE

2-5 YRS

MUSIC BEAT KIDS GROUP

28 April, 9.30-10am,
Wynnum Wading Pool Park
Enjoy the great outdoors with your little ones while you move and make music together. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

3-5 YRS

BAZIL GRUMBLE PLAYTIME

30 April, 10am-12 noon,
Orleigh Park, West End
Play with balls, hoops, puppets and music. To book, bazilgrumble.com

ADULT RUN SQUAD

2 May, 5-6pm,
Murarrie Recreation Ground
Meet up with others to learn techniques that will help you run stronger and smarter. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

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LIVE!

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Donate to Homeless Connect

You can drop off donations for Homeless Connect at ward offices and Council libraries around Brisbane from 28 April to 6 June.

Homeless Connect is our annual one-day event that provides free services to people experiencing homelessness, and those at risk of homelessness.

The next Homeless Connect will be held at the Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills on Thursday 19 June 2025.

The project has helped more than 22,320 people since 2006 and relies on donations from schools, businesses and residents.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Homeless Connect' to see what items are needed as donations and how you can get involved.

What might be a small thing to you may mean a lot to those in need.



Brisbane's CityGliders chalk up 15 years

This month marks 15 years since our first CityGlider services started, setting the standard for high-frequency public transport across Brisbane.

CityGliders were the first buses in the city to be fully cashless, paving the way for this feature to be implemented across the bus network and enabling front and rear door boarding, which is now prevalent in Brisbane Metro and CityGlider services.

Since they started, CityGliders have moved more than 48.9 million travellers, making the Blue and Maroon CityGliders 2 of the most popular routes in Brisbane.

We're dedicated to providing a world-class public transport network to accommodate our city's growing population and help people get around our city sooner and safer.

Batteries don't belong in bins

Safely recycle batteries and flammable items for free at any of our 4 resource recovery centres located in Chandler, Willawong, Nudgee and Ferny Grove. Free household hazardous waste days are also held at our centres during the year.

It's important to dispose of hazardous waste correctly to reduce the risk of fire, injury, pollution and contamination. To find out more visit our website or download the Brisbane Bin and Recycling app for helpful tips on how to dispose batteries, flammable or hazardous items and general waste.

Brisbane City Council acknowledges this Country and its Traditional Custodians. We pay our respects to the Elders, those who have passed into the Dreaming; those here today; those of tomorrow.



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