

# LIVING IN Brisbane



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

Kalinga Park, Clayfield



Investing in Brisbane suburbs  
Coffee carts in parks  
Brisbane's newest park



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schinner

## What's next for Brisbane's parks: Lord Mayor

From pocket parks to destination playgrounds like Bradbury Park and the Archerfield Wetlands, we're creating more places to explore and enjoy right across the suburbs.

It's no surprise families love it here, with Brisbane recently ranked the world's most family-friendly city, recognising our parks, outdoor lifestyle and safer suburbs.

As we improve playgrounds, upgrade paths and keep our parks clean, we're making sure more people can enjoy Brisbane's great lifestyle close to home.

So get outside, explore your local park and discover something new in Brisbane.

## BrisSizzle and Sounds returns

Head to Roma Street Parkland on Saturday 9 May for a free family day out at BrisSizzle and Sounds from 10am, organised by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

Enjoy an exciting lineup of local artists, a variety of food trucks, fun activities for kids and everyone's favourite sisters, Bluey and Bingo, live on stage.

A highlight of the year for the Trust, this event has raised more than \$1 million for local charities since 2006.

Proceeds from this year's BrisSizzle and Sounds will go to longstanding beneficiaries Foodbank Queensland and DrugARM in their mission to help Brisbane's most vulnerable residents.

Scan the QR code to learn more about this year's event.



Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks

## Delivering for the suburbs

We've invested more than 80% of our budget in the suburbs this financial year to ensure Brisbane remains the best place to live, work and relax.

We're delivering vital projects and initiatives for Brisbane residents including:

- ◆ launching the Safer School Precincts program in Kedron, Mansfield and Wynnum Manly
- ◆ rolling out more than 160,000 new green bins
- ◆ launching Brisbane Food Trucks and Coffee Carts in Parks, creating more to see and do in our parks, sports grounds and foreshores
- ◆ continuing road improvements, including Beams Road
- ◆ upgrading parks, including Rocks Riverside Park
- ◆ developing concept plans for Carindale Recreation Reserve and Dorrington Park, Ashgrove
- ◆ releasing concept plans for the Pallara and Ellen Grove district sports parks
- ◆ developing plans for suburban precincts in Mt Gravatt Centre, Stones Corner and Wynnum Centre.

For more information, visit our website and search 'budget initiatives'.



## Get ahead of storm season.

Create, review and update your emergency plan.

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Be prepared



## Parks, coffee and good times

The weather is cooling but our parks are heating up thanks to the local food trucks and coffee carts vendors popping up in 98 locations across the city.

Go to [bnefoodtrucks.com.au](https://bnefoodtrucks.com.au) for a real-time map that shows you where Brisbane's food trucks and coffee carts are serving near you.

You can even search by your favourite traders and cuisines.

It's just one way we're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better, because nothing beats a hot coffee and a walk in the park.



## Working together for a safer Brisbane

Brisbane has the best lifestyle in Australia and we're determined to keep it that way.

Our Safer Suburbs Grants have provided \$981,318 to boost security for community-leased facilities, since they were introduced in 2024.

We regularly work with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Crime Stoppers QLD to make sure our community stays safe.

We've worked closely with QPS, councillors and the community to introduce 26 mobile and fixed CCTV cameras across Brisbane, expanding the network to around 4,500 cameras in the last financial year.

We're also installing new and improved lighting in targeted locations and continuing our 18-year partnership to support Crime Stoppers' work in our community.

Visit our website and search 'community safety initiatives' to find out how we're protecting our incredible lifestyle by keeping Brisbane safe.

## Transforming Oxley Creek corridor

We're creating more to see and do in the suburbs by working with Brisbane Sustainability Agency to bring the Oxley Creek Transformation Master Plan to life.

Works will soon be underway on the first stage of Graceville Riverside Parklands, which includes upgrades to the existing playground, new picnic facilities, an event-ready community lawn and native landscaping and revegetation.

Further revegetation is progressing along the Oxley Creek corridor as part of the Archerfield Wetlands Northern Ponds Habitat Transformation Project.



## Want to help transform this significant habitat?

Join one of our Oxley Creek corridor community planting days to dig in and help shape local habitat. To find out when they're on and to register, visit [sustainablebrisbane.com.au](https://sustainablebrisbane.com.au)

## Local news



### WOMEN'S BUS DRIVER CAREER DAYS

We're hosting a special behind-the-scenes experience for women considering a career as a bus driver. Get behind the wheel of a bus with a qualified instructor, explore the depot and speak with our drivers, trainers and our recruitment team during open days on Saturday 2 May at Sherwood bus depot and Saturday 16 May at Eagle Farm bus depot. Visit the 'what's on' pages of our website and search 'depot open day' to register.

### UPGRADING BRIGHTON FORESHORE

Work has started on the Brighton Foreshore to create an accessible parkland for everyone to enjoy. Plans include more flat lawns, better beach access and new picnic and barbecue facilities. We're creating more for you to see and do while ensuring we protect the foreshore.

### NEW COMMUNITY STORAGE

We're supporting community clubs and sporting groups to make Brisbane an even better place to live by offering affordable storage facilities to keep their equipment safe. Local clubs will soon be able to access new purpose-built storage facilities in Ferguson Park, Enoggera and Murray Duus Park, Wavell Heights.

## Small donations make a big difference

You can now drop off donations for our Homeless Connect event at Council ward offices and libraries.

The free, one-day event brings together essential services in one place for people experiencing homelessness or doing it tough.

Our next event will be held on Wednesday 13 May at the Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills, with the help of dedicated volunteers.

Since 2006, Homeless Connect has helped more than 24,000 people, thanks to the generosity of schools, businesses and locals like you.

Search 'Homeless Connect' on our website to see how you can help.



## Boosting housing supply in Brisbane

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities and we're helping deliver new homes sooner, waiving more than \$2.7 million in infrastructure charges for new community housing developments.

The waivers form part of our *Housing Supply Action Plan*, which accelerates building new homes by reducing charges, streamlining assessments and advocating for planning reform.

The savings have helped the Brisbane Housing Corporation (BHC) deliver 2 new affordable housing projects this year - a 92-apartment development in Chermside and an 82-unit development in Stones Corner.

We've also donated land to BHC for a pilot project to deliver 3 affordable townhouses in Chermside.

It's all about striking a balance to encourage more homes in the right places while protecting Brisbane's low-density suburbs and our incredible lifestyle.





## It's game on for free shuttle services

Nothing screams Brisbane pride quite like being among the action and cheering on the Broncos and Lions at their home grounds.

We're making it even easier and more affordable to see our Brisbane NRL and AFL heroes by offering free shuttle bus services to Suncorp Stadium and The Gabba on game days for ticket holders and stadium members.

The shuttles depart from Chermside, Carindale, Eight Mile Plains, The Gap (for Suncorp games only) and Brisbane CBD approximately 2 hours before kick-off. Return shuttles to these locations then operate for one hour after the game ends.

Ticket holders and stadium members can also travel for free on our regular Council bus and metro services 4 hours before and after each game, so you can leave the car at home.

All you need to do is show your pre-purchased event ticket when boarding the vehicle and, of course, don't forget to wear maroon!

## Rebates to help you compost at home

We're making it more affordable to get started on composting and food waste recycling at home with our Compost Rebate Program.

You can apply for up to \$100 for the purchase of eligible composting or worm farm equipment.

You can also claim up to \$200 for eligible food waste recycling equipment like food waste dehydrators and in-sink food disposal systems.

Composting is a small change with a big impact.

It diverts waste from landfill and creates a nutrient-dense, natural fertiliser that your gardens will love.

Get started composting and food waste recycling today.

Visit our website for eligibility criteria and to submit a claim.

## Better roads for a growing Brisbane

We're keeping Brisbane moving by resurfacing roads across the city, with key projects now completed in Virginia, Holland Park West, Eagle Farm and Keperra.

These upgrades are part of our commitment to maintaining safer, smoother and more reliable streets as our city grows.

Better roads help you get around sooner and safer.

Visit our website to report a pothole or road damage or find information on road projects.



Mildmay Street, Fairfield



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



VARIOUS  
OVER 16 YRS

**CLUBBERCISE FITNESS**

21 April, 6.30-7.45pm,  
Bracken Ridge Hall  
Get a workout dancing to club anthems from the '90s to now. Bookings essential.  
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FREE

**BUSHCARE WORKING BEE**

28 April, 8.30-11.30am,  
McDowall Reserve, McDowall  
Protect and restore Brisbane's unique biodiversity with our Habitat Brisbane program.  
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FREE

**NUNDAH EVENING BOOK CLUB**

6 May, 5.30-7pm,  
Nundah Library, Nundah  
Meet other booklovers and discover great reads.  
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FREE

**KRAV MAGA**

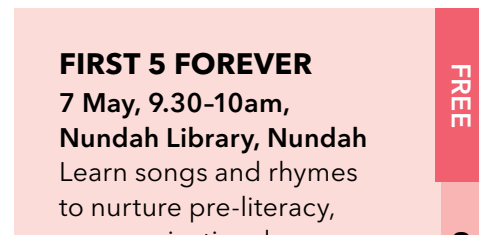
23 April, 7-8pm,  
Zillmere Hall, Zillmere  
Level-up your fitness while learning basic self-defence skills. Bookings essential.  
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\$25  
OVER 55 YRS

**SILVER SWANS BALLET CLASS**

30 April, 9-10am,  
Hamilton Town Hall, Hamilton  
Improve balance, move and meet new people.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

**FIRST 5 FOREVER**

7 May, 9.30-10am,  
Nundah Library, Nundah  
Learn songs and rhymes to nurture pre-literacy, communication, language and social skills.  
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0-1 YRS



\$15

**LINE DANCING**

27 April, 6.30-8.50pm,  
Northgate Hall, Northgate  
Learn boot scooting in classes for beginners, followed by intermediate level.  
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**FAMILY RIDE**

3 May, 10-11.30am,  
Kalinga Park, Kalinga  
This guided ride of up to 5 km has rest stops and discoveries along the way. To book, visit  
[eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)



FREE

**NORTHEY STREET MARKETS**

10 May, 6-11am,  
Northey Street City Farm, Windsor  
Shop for organic produce, meat, seafood, dairy and more.  
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## Keeping a local icon strong

Around 32,000 people cross between Indooroopilly and Chelmer on the Walter Taylor Bridge every day.

We're doing important renewal works to keep this much-loved local landmark safe and looking its best.

We've begun a multi-year project to inspect and refresh the bridge's tower facades. Initial inspections are underway and will help us plan staged renewal works into the future.

Meanwhile, from early May, we'll start replacing several steel nodes that connect the bridge's cables to its truss to keep the bridge safe and reliable.

To carry out this work safely, the bridge will be closed to vehicles on selected weekends in May and June.

Footpath access will be closed from mid-April, with pedestrian and cyclist detours in place.

Visit our website for more information.

## QUBE Effect finalists announced

Check out this year's QUBE Effect finalists featuring some of Brisbane's best and brightest emerging musical talent.

The 12 finalists will begin working with industry mentors to develop their skills, create their own music video, take part in live performances and compete for the People's Choice Award.

Search 'The QUBE Effect' on our website to find out more about their musical journey.

Since launching in 2015, the program has supported more than 350 young Brisbane musicians develop and grow their careers here and abroad.



The QUBE Effect 2025 Original Song Award winner, Rexy.

## Win tickets to the Affordable Art Fair

WIN

We're giving away 5 double passes to the Brisbane Affordable Art Fair on 7-10 May at Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills. Whether you're a lover of landscape, smitten with sculpture or an adorer of abstracts, you'll find something to suit your taste, space and budget. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 24 April.



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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