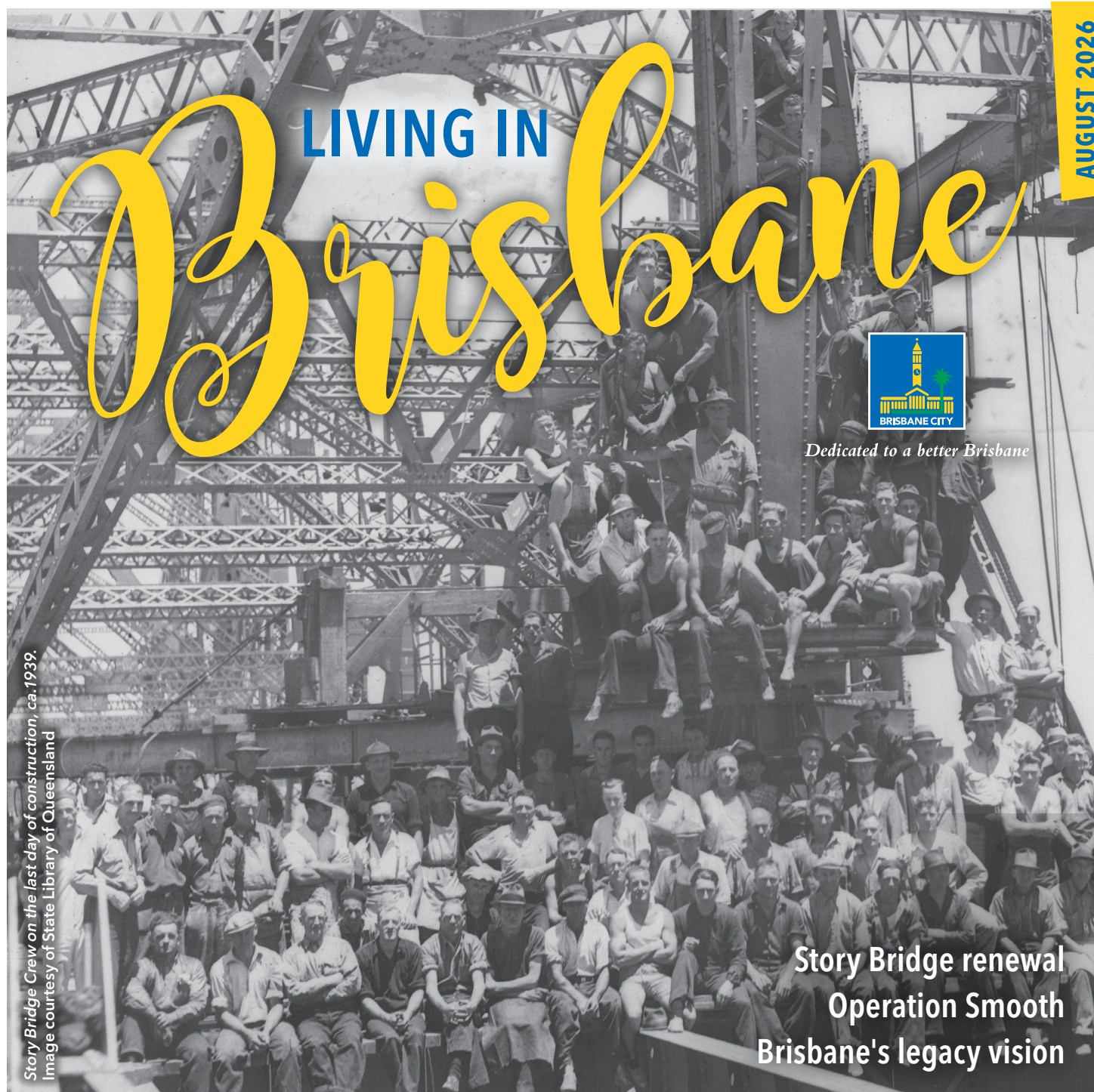




Renewing Queensland's most iconic story: Lord Mayor

Every good story deserves a sequel.

For 86 years, the Story Bridge has connected our suburbs, carried millions of journeys and become one of Queensland's most recognisable landmarks.

Now, we're writing its next chapter.

Our ongoing maintenance of the Story Bridge will ensure it reaches its 100th birthday.

Our long-term Story Bridge Renewal Program will ensure this Queensland icon is ready to celebrate its 200th birthday.

By maintaining the bridge today and planning for its renewal tomorrow, we're preserving Brisbane's history while building a stronger future for Australia's lifestyle capital.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Backing future champions

We're backing the next generation of Brisbane athletes in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In partnership with the Aussie Athlete Fund (AAF), we've established the Team Brisbane AAF Athlete Scholarship Program, with 12 Brisbane-based athletes selected as members.

We've allocated \$100,000 to the program, with Team Brisbane members eligible for up to \$10,000 to help cover the rising costs of competing at an elite level.

These athletes represent a range of sports from boccia to water polo and include both emerging stars and established competitors performing on the world stage.

Head to our website and search 'Aussie Athlete Fund' to view Team Brisbane athletes.



Water polo athlete,
Brisbane's Tenealle Fasala



Brisbane's legacy vision takes shape

Brisbane's Legacy Plan, *Brisbane Beyond the Games*, is now available and showcases how your ideas are helping shape an exciting legacy for our city.

It's our roadmap to make the most of this once-in-a-generation opportunity and leave a legacy for Brisbane in the lead-up to and beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We've already started on some legacy initiatives, including investing billions in critical transport projects.

We're also delivering the biggest boost to free and affordable activities in the city's history through Move Well Brisbane, while revitalising parks across the city.

Plus, we're building our reputation as a leading global event city by securing events like the Anzac Day Bledisloe Cup and NRL Magic Round through to 2032.

Visit our website and search 'Brisbane Beyond the Games' for more information.



Operation Smooth rolls out across Brisbane

We're delivering a record investment in road resurfacing through Operation Smooth.

The program will deliver smoother streets across Brisbane, helping make everyday trips easier and more comfortable for residents.

Over the past month, works have started on roads including Waterworks Road, The Gap; Bridgeman Road, Bridgeman Downs; Winslow Street, Darra and Wynnum Road, Tingalpa.

Alongside ongoing pothole repairs, this large-scale resurfacing effort is part of our continued commitment to looking after our road network, supporting a growing city and helping to keep Brisbane moving.

A good story needs a sequel – the next chapter for the Story Bridge

For 86 years, the Story Bridge has helped shape Brisbane's skyline, connecting our community across the city.

Today, it remains one of Queensland's most vital river crossings, carrying more than 100,000 vehicles every day, along with thousands of pedestrians and cyclists. In fact, more than 43% of bridge users come from outside of Brisbane – so we know that the Story Bridge is important beyond our city.

But the Story Bridge was built for a very different Brisbane. The bridge is now approaching the end of its 100-year design life after decades of carrying more traffic and heavier vehicles as our city continues to grow.

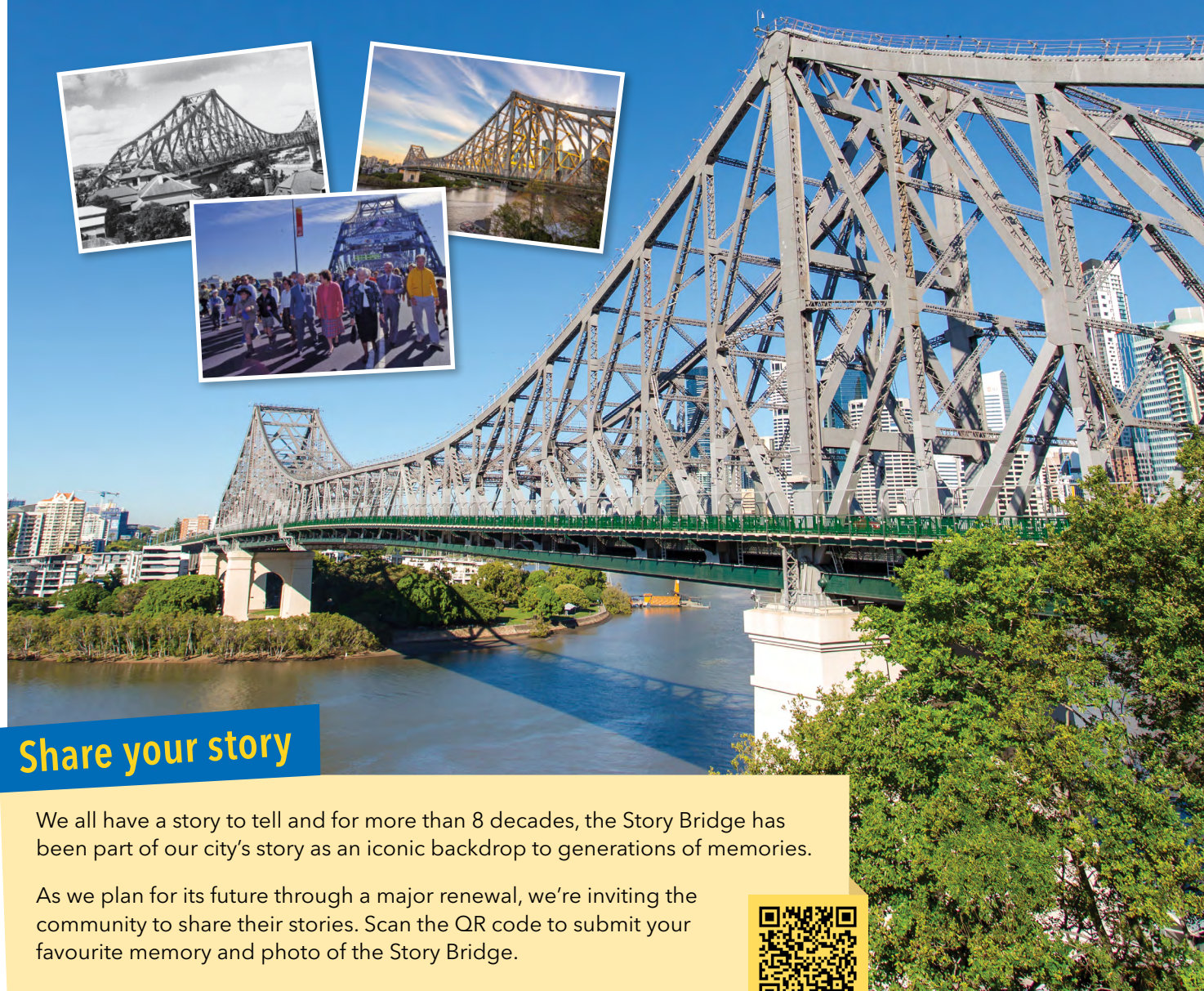
Since the Queensland Government handed over the bridge in 1947, we've maintained, operated and invested in the Story Bridge. In fact, more than \$120 million has been dedicated towards improvements and repairs over the past 20 years, helping the bridge serve Queensland safely and reliably.

However, ensuring the bridge's future will require more than maintenance alone. We're progressing a long-term renewal program of major works to extend the life of the bridge, strengthen key parts of the structure to support modern traffic demands, upgrade lighting, electrical and safety systems and ultimately, keep this important cross-river connection operating while protecting an icon that is part of Brisbane's identity.

We've been working to finalise the Story Bridge Renewal Business Case.

From there, we'll continue to work with the Queensland and Australian governments to secure funding and progress the renewal needed to keep this Brisbane icon serving the city for generations to come.

For more information, visit our website and search '**Story Bridge renewal**'.



Share your story

We all have a story to tell and for more than 8 decades, the Story Bridge has been part of our city's story as an iconic backdrop to generations of memories.

As we plan for its future through a major renewal, we're inviting the community to share their stories. Scan the QR code to submit your favourite memory and photo of the Story Bridge.



Local news



FREE GREEN WASTE DROP-OFF

Get ready for summer with our free green waste drop-off weekends on 12-13 September and 10-11 October. Bring green waste to our resource recovery centres at Chandler, Ferny Grove, Nudgee and Willawong from 6.30am to 5.45pm. Head to our website and search 'green waste' for more information.

HOWZAT! TOOMBUL

We've started work at the Toombul District Cricket Club to build 2 new changerooms, a new toilet block and a covered walkway connecting the new amenities to the croquet club. Works are due to be completed later this year. It's part of our commitment to investing more than 80% of our budget in the suburbs to ensure Brisbane remains the best place to live, work and relax.

YOUNG ARTISTS BRIGHTEN BEAMS

Northside students are leaving their mark on Beams Road through a co-designed community mural. Local artist, Simon Degroot, is bringing their ideas to life following workshops with nearby schools and kindergarten students. The mural is being painted in the pedestrian underpass connecting the Cabbage Tree Creek Bikeway as part of the Beams Road upgrade, with completion expected soon.

Have your say on the future of Kedron Brook

We want you to help us ensure Kedron Brook continues to be a great place to visit for generations to come.

The Kedron Brook Draft Vision and Master Plan is our long-term roadmap for the brook to be a leading lifestyle and recreation corridor with a healthier, more resilient and connected waterway.

Shaped by community feedback and technical investigations, the draft plan sets out a vision and proposed strategies to:

- ♦ improve flood resilience
- ♦ strengthen ecological systems
- ♦ enhance recreation and active transport opportunities.

Visit our website or one of our drop-in information kiosks and have your say on the Kedron Brook Draft Vision and Master Plan from Tuesday 11 August.



Supporting Brisbane's local heroes

It's now even easier for community organisations to access grants from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

The Trust now offers grants every quarter, giving charities clearer timeframes and longer lead times to apply.

The Local Impact Grant offers funding of up to \$12,500 for grassroots projects that deliver real community benefit, with Quarter 3 applications closing on Wednesday 30 September.

From food relief to domestic and family violence support, the Trust continues to back people making a difference across Brisbane.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the new grants program and how organisations can apply.



Caring for our heritage bridge

Works are continuing to keep the iconic Walter Taylor Bridge reliable and ready for the thousands of people who use every day.

Crews are now replacing the nodes that connect the bridge's cables to the truss, with some short-term bridge closures required in September and October while this work is carried out safely.

We're also finalising plans to refresh the bridge's distinctive towers, with restoration work set to take place in 3 stages over the coming years.

These important upgrades will help keep the bridge in great condition for years to come, supporting safer, more reliable journeys and keeping Brisbane moving.

To learn more, visit our website and search 'Walter Taylor Bridge'.



Use your free waste vouchers

Every household in Brisbane should have received new waste vouchers, allowing you to take up to 1 tonne of additional garden waste or general waste to our resource recovery centres – that's more than \$250 of extra value each year.

If you have waste vouchers left from the last financial year, you can still use them before they expire on 31 August 2026.

Don't forget you can also drop off accepted hazardous waste, such as paints, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lighting tubes, oils and batteries, for free at our resource recovery centres in Chandler, Ferny Grove, Nudgee and Willawong.

Visit our website for more information.

Be prepared this bushfire season

Bushfires can happen anywhere, anytime, particularly during bushfire season, which, in Brisbane, is usually from August to December.

Find out your property's bushfire risk using the bushfire postcode checker on the Queensland Fire Department website, **fire.qld.gov.au**

Make your bushfire survival plan, including an evacuation kit and a list of emergency contacts.

Remember that even if your home isn't located near bushland, it only takes one floating fire ember for conditions to change.

For more tips on preparing your property, scan the QR code and search 'Be prepared' on our website.



DID YOU KNOW?

Nominations for the 2027 Lord Mayor's Australia Day Awards close on Monday 28 September. Nominate a local legend and help celebrate the people making a difference in our community. Visit our website for details.

What's On



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FREE



BRISBANE KITE FESTIVAL, 10AM-3PM, SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Minnippi Parklands, Tingalpa

A wonderful free family event full of fun for all ages with food trucks, children's rides, face painting and lots of kites. Bring your own kite or choose one from the wide variety on sale. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



NIGHT FEAST, UNTIL 23 AUGUST

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Brisbane's much-loved culinary playground, Night Feast, is back, bringing an after-dark celebration of food, art and music to Brisbane Powerhouse. nightfeast.com.au

VARIOUS



BIGSOUND, 1-4 SEPTEMBER

Fortitude Valley

From breakthrough acts to industry leaders, BIGSOUND turns Fortitude Valley into Australia's music capital, with live performances, expert panels, workshops, networking and more. bigsound.org.au

VARIOUS



BRISBANE FESTIVAL, 4-26 SEPTEMBER

Various locations

Switch on, light up and come alive as Brisbane Festival returns with something for everyone, transforming Brisbane into a vibrant playground of theatre, music, dance, circus, visual art and more. brisbanefestival.com.au

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FREE



RIVERFIRE BY AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST, 5 SEPTEMBER

Brisbane City

Celebrate the start of Brisbane Festival with one of Australia's most electrifying fireworks displays and an unforgettable night of community celebrations. brisbanefestival.com.au

VARIOUS



TRANSURBAN BRIDGE TO BRISBANE, 13 SEPTEMBER

Various locations

Whether you're chasing a personal best, running with friends and family, or supporting a cause close to your heart, Bridge to Brisbane is an event for everyone. Register today. bridgetobrisbane.com.au



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

3-5 YRS

FIRST 5 FOREVER STEAM STORYTIME

24 August 10-10.45am,
Chermside Library, Chermside
Challenge your child's thinking
and problem-solving skills.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

3-8 YRS

KICK START KIDS

26 August, 3.30-4.30pm,
Decker Park, Brighton
Kids will love this active
introduction to soccer-style
fun and games. To book,
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

GARDEN WORKING BEE

9 September, 9.30-11am,
Grange Library
Join the crew to tend citrus
and help with easy gardening
tasks. Everyone is welcome.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$25

OVER 55 YRS

SILVER SWANS BALLET CLASSES

25 August, 9-10am,
Hamilton Town Hall, Hamilton
Gentle ballet classes to improve
strength, posture and mobility.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$5

GERANIUM SOCIETY PLANT SALES DAY

5 September, 10am-3pm,
Albion Overpass Park, Albion
See and buy a wide range of
geraniums and gardening
classics. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

VOLUNTEER BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

13 September, 7-10am,
Curlew Park, Sandgate
Join in to help protect and
restore Brisbane's unique
biodiversity.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

26 August, 2-3pm,
Everton Park Library
Troubleshoot technical issues
and improve online confidence.
Bookings essential.
brisbane.qld.gov.au

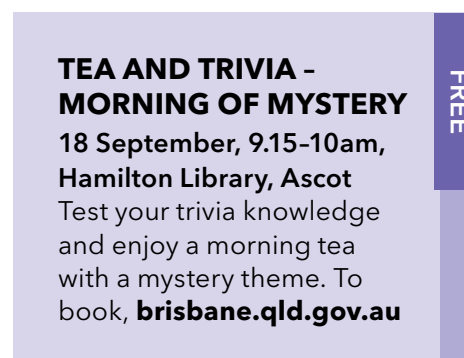


FREE

5-15 YRS

JUNIOR BIKE SKILLS

6 September, 10-11am,
Teralba Park, Everton Park
Riding-based games suitable
for young riders confident on
2 wheels. Bookings essential.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

TEA AND TRIVIA - MORNING OF MYSTERY

18 September, 9.15-10am,
Hamilton Library, Ascot
Test your trivia knowledge
and enjoy a morning tea
with a mystery theme. To
book, brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Festival season kicks off

Spring into festival season as Brisbane comes alive with colour, culture and celebration.

While Brisbane Festival brings the city to life from 4-26 September, there's plenty of festival fun further afield.

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable cultural experience at the Brisbane Serbian Festival on Sunday 30 August in Dutton Park.

Experience the beauty, energy and spirit of Japan at Matsuri Brisbane 2026 in Camp Hill on Saturday 5 September.

Celebrate community at the Nundah Festival from 9am to 3pm on Sunday 13 September, with live music, food, stalls, rides and more.

Head to our website and search 'what's on' to find more festivals and events near you.

Plan your PlatyMonth

Did you know platypuses live in Brisbane's waterways?

Join us during PlatyMonth, this August and September, to discover more about these unique animals and learn how you can help protect the waterways they call home.

Take part in free activities, including Platypus Watch Walk and Talks, Bush Kindy sessions and library events. You can also get involved and report any platypus sightings at platy-project.acf.org.au

Head to our website and search 'PlatyMonth' to find out more.



Win tickets to Brisbane Festival

To celebrate Brisbane Festival, we're giving away one double pass to *ESCAPE - DIAVOLO | Architecture in Motion*, at 6.30pm Saturday 26 September at the Playhouse Theatre, QPAC, in South Brisbane. *ESCAPE* will leave you breathless with an undefinable blend of dance, stunt work, acrobatics, circus acts and movement. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 4 September.



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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