Roma Street Parkland

Dive into Summer Dips: Lord Mayor

It's time to beat the heat and cool off with the return of $2 Summer Dips.

From the first day of summer to the last, you can cool off with $2 entry fees at any of our 22 public pools across the suburbs.

Since the program began, more than 1.4 million residents have made a splash, saving around $5 million while staying active and enjoying our unbeatable lifestyle.

The program is all part of our plan to keep costs down while delivering more to see and do.

So, grab your towel, round up the crew and head to your local pool.

Because nothing says 'summer' like a $2 dip!

Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Christmas in the suburbs

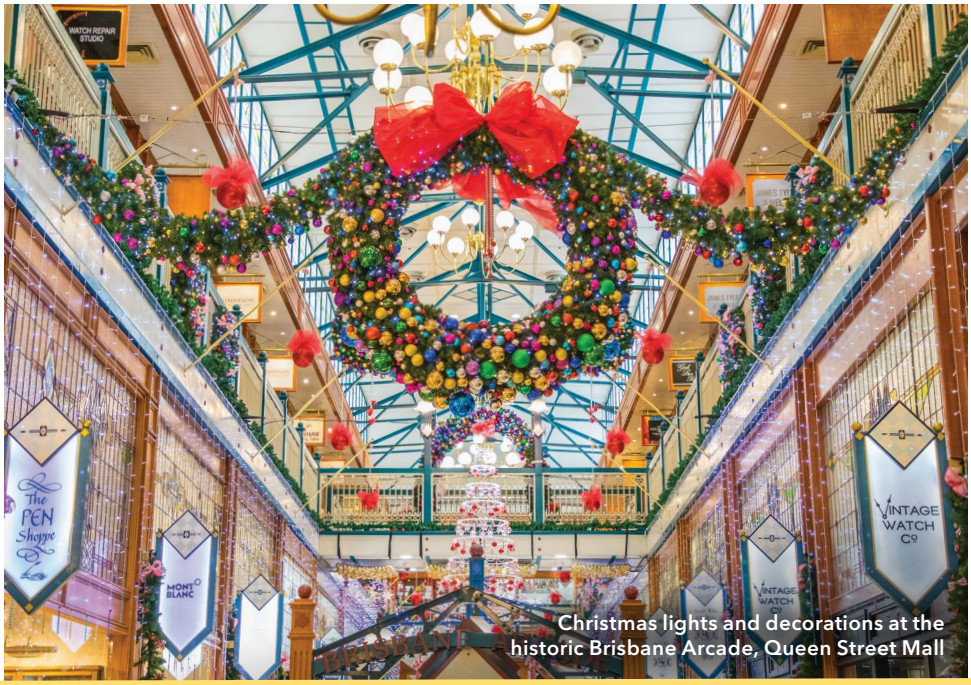
There's plenty to see and do in the suburbs to get you into the Christmas spirit! Here's just a sample.

There's free, festive fun for the whole family including live entertainment and outdoor games at Christmas Fest, 3–6pm, Saturday 13 December at Guyatt Park, St Lucia.

Bring along your picnic rugs, camping chairs and glow sticks to the Bracken Ridge Carols Spectacular, from 4–8pm Sunday 14 December.

From 9–19 December, join us and have some festive fun at our 3 environment centres with nature journaling, wildlife experiences and games.

And don't forget that Brunswick Street Mall, Fortitude Valley, comes alive with end-of-year celebrations, roaming acts and pop-up performances daily. For more festive events across Brisbane, visit the 'What's on' page on our website.



Christmas lights and decorations at the historic Brisbane Arcade, Queen Street Mall

Christmas in Brisbane

This December, Brisbane City transforms into a Christmas wonderland with an exciting program of free and festive events.

Get into the Christmas spirit with pop-up festive performances in Queen Street Mall from 5 December.

Visit King George Square for the City Hall Lights show throughout December. The dazzling light display runs every 15 minutes from 7.30pm to midnight, creating a magical atmosphere for families and friends.

While you're at King George Square, don't miss Brisbane's beautiful Christmas tree, plus, take advantage of great shopping options nearby to tick off your Christmas shopping list.

Make a night of it and head to Roma Street Parkland for The Enchanted Garden, Brisbane's most anticipated light show (see page 10).

Visit **christmasinbrisbane.com.au** for the full program.

Who lives behind the tiny doors that have popped up in the city this Christmas? Find all 14 whimsical doors for a magical family outing. For locations, visit **christmasinbrisbane.com.au**

LORD MAYOR'S
CHARITABLE TRUST

Christmas Appeal

Your support, no matter how big or small, can bring joy to vulnerable families this Christmas. Please consider giving now to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust Christmas Appeal!

www.lmct.org.au

Free and affordable school holiday fun

School holiday adventures start in Brisbane with a wide range of activities for all ages and interests.

City Hall comes alive with free fun

Start your school holidays with Museum of Brisbane's free Little Artist's Eye Spy and Micro Museum sessions or step into history with a Clock Tower Tour.

Embrace the outdoors

Try something new with fishing, stand-up paddle boarding, scootering, yoga, cycling and skateboarding sessions. Search for sessions and book on our website.

Get creative

There's plenty on offer for teenagers and young people under 25 too. Make your creative dreams a reality at Visible Ink, Fortitude Valley, with free rehearsal spaces, a recording studio and a wide range of equipment to use.

Pallara sports park preview

A sports field and clubhouse have been unveiled in the concept plan for the southside's Pallara District Sports Park.

The concept plan follows the community's feedback about the area and also includes an on-site car park and bus drop-off.

It's all part of our commitment to create more to see and do in the suburbs and enhance and maintain more than 2,180 parks across the city.

To view the concept plan, visit our website and search 'Pallara District Sports Park'.

Brisbane's newest playgrounds

We've been working to make Brisbane's lifestyle even better by delivering major parks and park upgrades.

Discover the super-fun playground, water-play area, sandpit and basketball courts at our award-winning Archerfield Wetlands District Park (below).

But that's only the beginning. Take the family out to explore this year's hottest upgraded parks, including:

- Glindemann Park, Holland Park
- Wynnum Wading Pool Park playground
- Taringa Playground Park
- Pickleball court at Dash Street, Keperra
- Macaranga Crescent Park, Carseldine
- Jamboree Park, Jamboree Heights
- Martindale Street Park, Chermside West.

Visit our website and search 'parks' to find your next big outdoor adventure.

Beams Road snapshot

We've been working on Beams Road to help ease congestion and keep Brisbane moving. It's been a big project involving some big numbers.

The equivalent of 1,000 wheelie bins of concrete have been poured on the project, including on the Cabbage Tree Creek culverts, stormwater pits and new footpaths.

Here's a few more statistics on construction so far:

- 150 metres of new reinforced concrete stormwater pipes laid
- 8 power poles removed and replaced with new ones
- 2 gas utilities upgrades completed, including 225 metres of new gas pipeline
- 390 metres of new communication conduits and cables installed, including Telstra and NBN cabling
- 115 metres of electrical conduits installed for lighting and intelligent communications.

'Tis the season to be mowing

Our mowing schedule ramps up in summer as we maintain more than 70,000 hectares of grass across the city during peak growing season.

We usually mow parks every 2 weeks, with our more popular green spaces getting a weekly snip.

Significant rainfall can disrupt our grass cutting scheduling, but you can be sure our crews will be out as soon as they can to keep our parks green, safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Story Bridge footpaths now open

New decking is now in place on both sides of the Story Bridge, ensuring safe access across the iconic bridge for pedestrians, cyclists and everyone on mobility devices.

Works were completed ahead of schedule, with crews using a purpose-built rolling rig to lay the custom decking over the ageing footpaths.

In 2026, we'll finalise the Story Bridge Restoration Business Case, jointly funded with the Australian Government, to plan for the bridge's crucial restoration over the next 15 to 20 years.

A century of shaping Brisbane bus services

Since December 1925, our bus fleet has shaped the way Brisbane lives, works and travels. What began with 6 buses has grown into Queensland's largest bus network with turn-up-and-go, high-capacity and fully electric metros keeping Brisbane moving into the future.

1925

Our first bus service rolls out on 1 December, with just 6 buses.

1940

We launch cross river services with the opening of the Story Bridge.

1948

We acquire 20 private bus companies, becoming the biggest bus operator in Queensland.

1969

Tram services cease on 13 April and are largely replaced with 340 new Leyland Panther buses, giving us a total fleet of 700 vehicles.

1974

We employ our first female bus drivers.

1994

Electronic ticketing replaces pre-printed tickets.

2019

We launch free off-peak travel for seniors on our buses.

2022

The first metro vehicle arrives in Brisbane ready for testing.

2024

We introduce metro vehicles as a trial on Route 169 services.

2025

We launch Brisbane Metro M1 and M2 routes as part of Brisbane's New Bus Network. The network provides an additional 160,000 trips each year.

Visit our website for more on Brisbane's proud bus history.

Road upgrades keep Brisbane moving

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing cities, which is both a challenge and an opportunity when it comes to our roads.

We're keeping Brisbane moving with clearway reviews and road upgrades.

Safety upgrades in Moorooka, Red Hill and Morningside, as well as new crossings and resurfacing works, are making travel smoother and safer.

The next stage of the Beams Road upgrade is underway, and our crumbed rubber trials are paving the way for longer-lasting roads.

We're also designing safety and accessibility improvements at the intersection of Archerfield Road, Azalea Street and Pine Road in Inala and Richlands, and at the intersection of Esher Street and Toohey Road in Tarragindi.

With year-round pothole repairs, road resurfacing, and Black Spot upgrades, we're committed to easing congestion and making it easier for you to get where you need to be sooner and safer.

Local news

POOL SAFETY AT HOME

Keep friends and family safe around the pool this summer. Make sure your pool fence is secure with no gaps along the pool fence boundary greater than 100 mm and no objects nearby within 900 mm of the fence that can be climbed. Check that gates are self-latching and are kept closed at all times, and always supervise children in pool or spa areas.

NEW LOOK FOR YOUTH CLUB

The Mitchelton Youth Club roof repairs and coaching facilities upgrades are almost complete. This project was jointly funded with the Queensland Government under the Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program that the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games are assisting to deliver.

WALK IN HISTORY

Before you start your Indro Christmas shopping, download the Indooroopilly Heritage Trail map to explore the area's history. Mid-century architecture fans will love the Holy Family church built in 1961–63, one of Australia's finest Modernist examples. Go to our website to learn more.

Green bins: The gift that keeps on giving

Make good use of your green bin this summer to keep your garden jolly and thriving.

Hoe, hoe, hoe your weeds before they seed to stop them spreading.

Fa-la la la lawn care: Mow regularly during the cooler parts of the day and avoid cutting the grass too low to keep your lawn lush in the heat.

'Tis the season for light trimming, so stick to light pruning and gentle maintenance. Heavy cuts in extreme heat can stress your trees.

Start 2026 on the right foot by embracing better garden waste recycling habits – new year, new bin, new routine!

For more information, search 'green waste recycling service' on our website.

Tips to keep mozzies and flies away

We're ready for mozzie and fly season with our spraying program underway. Are you? Everyone can follow these tips to reduce the risk of getting bitten by mosquitoes.

- Wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing with long sleeves and pants.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin and avoid mosquito-prone areas at dawn and dusk.
- Use mosquito coils, lanterns and insecticide devices.
- Ensure windows and doors are screened, remove any standing water in containers and check rainwater tank screens are intact.

To reduce flies, keep outdoor areas clean, secure bin lids and promptly clean up pet food and waste.

For more information, search 'invasive plants and animals' on our website.

Crews clean up after the weather event in October

Be prepared for storm season

Storm season is here and can be unpredictable. A fine, sunny day can turn into a heavy, thundering sky within minutes.

Sign up for our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service to hear if your nominated address is at risk of severe thunderstorms, destructive winds or potential flooding. We'll automatically share updates, including forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology warnings (these may appear in your phone as BoM Update).

You can register as many Brisbane addresses as you like to receive alerts for your workplace, school, friends and family.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service and how to register.

Pack an emergency kit

Having an emergency kit ready can offer peace of mind when severe weather strikes. Your emergency kit should have what your household needs including items for babies, pets or people with disabilities.

Items to pack include:

- an emergency plan, cash and important documents
- torch and portable battery-operated radio (with spare batteries)
- chargers for mobile devices
- first aid kit with essential medications and copies of prescriptions
- drinking water and non-perishable food (minimum 3 days' supply)
- sealable waterproof bags and waterproof gloves
- manual can opener, pliers and a utility knife.

For more information, search 'Be Prepared' on our website.

Helpful contacts in case of an emergency

Police, Fire or Ambulance Services
(for life-threatening situations)
000

Brisbane City Council Contact Centre – 24/7
3403 8888

State Emergency Services (SES)
(storm and flood assistance)
132 500

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)
131 450

Queensland Health (13 HEALTH)
(for non-urgent medical help)
13 43 25 84

Energex – emergency
(for life-threatening emergencies always call 000 first then report fallen powerlines or shocks)
13 19 62

Energex – power outages
13 62 62

Urban Utilities
(for water outages, emergencies and faults)
13 23 64

QLDTraffic
(to report a road hazard or incident)
13 19 40

TransLink
13 12 30

Community Recovery Hotline
(for information about disaster recovery funds and connections to social support services)
1800 173 349

Scan the QR code to register for creek alerts, planned burns, flooding and thunderstorm warnings.

We love our libraries!

We're always looking at ways, big and small, to improve our library services.

In 2025, we started major works on a roof replacement at the heritage-listed Sandgate Library. We also completed improvements at Garden City and Mt Ommaney libraries.

Our libraries offer more than book borrowing. Did you know you can record your own podcast with our podcast equipment? You can also digitise your audio, visual and other media files, book meeting rooms and enjoy free Wi-Fi.

Members can also access library resources and collect holds using our 24/7 library lockers. Find out more about our libraries on our website.

Gear up for Summer Reading Challenge

Experience the joy of reading and win prizes in our Summer Reading Challenge.

- Readers of all ages can register on our website.
- Pick up your Summer Reading challenge card from your local library.
- Earn points by completing weekly challenges, tracking your reading, attending library events and borrowing items.
- Every point is worth one entry into the weekly prize draw – there are seven $50 book vouchers to be won each week!
- Once you have completed the challenge, visit the library to collect your commemorative Summer Reading bookmark.

Look out for bonus points hidden in your library or on the Brisbane Libraries social media. Claim your bonus entry from library staff.

Red-hot summer reads

Dive into summer reading with Brisbane libraries' author recommendations.

Adult literature

- Crime fiction addicts will enjoy Chris Hammer and Sulari Gentill.
- Fall in love with romance novels by Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood.
- Literary fiction doesn't get better than Elif Shafak and Coco Mellors.
- Non-fiction enthusiasts should try Peter FitzSimons and Grantlee Kieza.

Junior fiction

- Solve a mystery with Dav Pilkey and Robin Stevens.
- Share in the magic with Tui T. Sutherland and Katie and Kevin Tsang.
- Roll on the floor laughing with Aaron Blabey and Tristan Bancks.

Young adult fiction

- Indulge your romantasy obsession with Holly Black and Stephanie Garber.
- Explore coming-of-age stories with E. Lockhart and Claire Zorn.
- Escape to other worlds with Zana Fraillon and Isobelle Carmody.

Search for more authors, book titles and genres on the BNELibraries app.

DID YOU KNOW

You can download the BNELibraries app to manage your checkouts and holds, store your library card, get notifications when your holds arrive and much more. Go to our website for more information.

Volunteers at Mt Coot-tha Trail Care

Connect with nature and your community

Make a fresh start this new year by caring for the environment and connecting with like-minded people.

There are 160 Habitat Brisbane groups across the city and joining your local group is a great way to meet people, develop new skills and support your local environment. You can also join a community-based catchment group to help improve the health of Brisbane's creeks.

If you love the outdoors and want to keep mountain bike trails safe, fun and sustainable, the Mt Coot-tha Trail Care program is for you.

You can also volunteer at one of our local environment centres to learn more about Brisbane's plants and animals, and how to care for them.

Get active in 2026

Looking to boost your health and meet new people in 2026?

Our Active and Healthy program offers free or low-cost fitness activities across the city, with something for everyone, no matter your age, ability or experience.

From fun group classes like Zumba, dance and aqua fitness to yoga and Tai Chi in the Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) program for seniors, it's the perfect chance to move more and enjoy Brisbane's great outdoors.

With sessions held in local parks and community spaces, it's easy to join in. Visit our website to find a new activity near you today.

Upcoming kerbside large item collection

Put items on the kerb no earlier than the weekend before collection. Piles should be no larger than 2 cubic metres.

Suburbs
Ferny Grove, Gaythorne, Keperra, Mitchelton, Upper Kedron

Place on kerbside from
6 December 2025

Collection starts
8 December 2025

Suburbs
Brisbane City, Fortitude Valley, New Farm, Newstead, Spring Hill, Teneriffe

Place on kerbside from
17 January 2026

Collection starts
19 January 2026

Suburbs
Alderley, Ashgrove, Grange, Wilston

Place on kerbside from
24 January 2026

Collection starts
26 January 2026

Suburbs
Enoggera, Enoggera Reserve, Newmarket, The Gap

Place on kerbside from
31 January 2026

Collection starts
2 February 2026

Suburbs
Bowen Hills, Everton Park, Herston, Kelvin Grove, Windsor

Place on kerbside from
7 February 2026

Collection starts
9 February 2026

What's On

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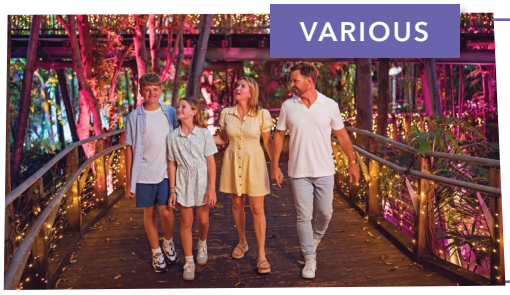
FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS



VARIOUS

THE ENCHANTED GARDEN, UNTIL 20 DECEMBER

Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane City

Experience the joy, wonder and beauty of Enchanted Eve in a dazzling new spectacle of holograms, lasers, video projections, art installations and more. **enchantedgarden.com.au**

FREE

OUTDOOR GALLERY – *AMPLIFY ME!*

Various locations, Brisbane City

Walk through Brisbane's city streets to find our latest Outdoor Gallery exhibition, *Amplify Me!*, a celebration of Brisbane's diversity through artwork by artists with disability. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

VARIOUS

OLAFUR ELIASSON: PRESENCE, FROM 6 DECEMBER

Gallery of Modern Art, South Brisbane

Take an expansive journey to the edges of perception at this exhibition from one of the world's most influential living artists, including brand new works exclusive to GOMA. **qagoma.qld.gov.au**

FREE

BRISSTYLE TWILIGHT MARKET, 4–9PM, 19 DECEMBER

King George Square, Brisbane City

Shop for unique gifts amongst hand-crafted goods made by local designers and artists, including all-natural skincare, ceramics, wall art and more. Set against the spectacular City Hall Lights. **brisstyle.com.au**

FREE

LORD MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS, 31 DECEMBER

South Bank Parklands, Brisbane

Start planning now to ring in 2026 with spectacular fireworks displays set against the Brisbane River and CBD skyline. Make a day of it and secure a good spot. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

VARIOUS

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL PRESENTED BY ANZ

4–11 JANUARY 2026, Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson

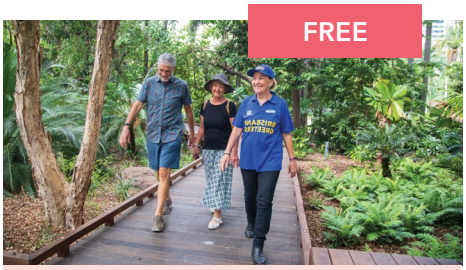
The Brisbane International is back for its 15th year, bringing the world's top players to centre court for an unforgettable week of world-class action and excitement. **brisbaneinternational.com.au**

CUT OUT WHAT'S ON AND STICK IT ON YOUR FRIDGE!

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

GUIDED TOUR

Various times and days, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha

Take a guided walk to learn about plants and features of the gardens. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

21 December, 8–10am, Purtell Park, Bardon

Help protect and restore Brisbane's unique biodiversity. Bookings essential, visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

12-17 YRS

OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

15 January, 9.30–11.30am, Guyatt Park, St Lucia

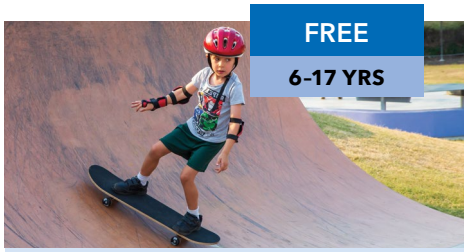
Challenge your whole body with this introduction to obstacle course racing. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

BROOKFIELD BUSH CHRISTMAS

12 December, 4–9pm, Brookfield Showgrounds

Celebrate Christmas with rides, music, kids' activities and markets. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



FREE

6-17 YRS

LEARN TO SKATE

10 January, 11am–12.30pm, Neal Macrossan Playground Park, Paddington

Skateboarding lessons for all skill levels. No bookings required. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

SUNRISE MARKETS AT WITTON BARRACKS

FREE

18 January, 8am–1pm, Witton Barracks Park, Indooroopilly

Start your Sunday at this vibrant community market. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

KIDS YOGA

FREE

5-10 YRS

20 January, 9–9.45am, Kings Park, Keperra

Breathe in the fresh air, stretch like your favourite animals and try out some awesome poses under the trees! **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

0-5 YRS

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME IN THE PARK

19 December, 9.30–10am, Dorrington Park, Ashgrove

Stories and songs for young children at the pop-up library. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

5-17 YRS

MARTIAL ARTS

13 January, 2–2.45pm, Frew Park, Milton

Join a fun-filled session to learn the basic techniques of martial arts. To book, email **davidkingtkd@gmail.com**

LIVING IN Brisbane LIVE!

Listen on Council's website, Spotify or wherever you listen to your favourite podcasts.

CUT OUT WHAT'S ON AND STICK IT ON YOUR FRIDGE!

$2 Summer Dips are back!

Fancy a budget-friendly day out that will keep family and friends entertained and cool?

You're in luck, because our $2 Summer Dips are back until 28 February 2026.

For just $2 entry per person you can splish and splash all day at any of our 22 pools.

Many of our pools offer amazing pool play equipment, including Bellbowrie Pool and Musgrave Park Swimming Centre.

Some also have refreshment kiosks for when it's time for a drink or snack.

Our $2 Summer Dips is just one of the ways we're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better while keeping costs down for everyone.

With so much on offer, visit our website to find the perfect pool for you.

$2 Summer Dips terms and conditions apply.

Happy Birthday, Kangaroo Point Bridge

We're celebrating the first birthday of a true Brisbane icon – the Kangaroo Point Bridge, which is transforming active travel and connecting our city like never before.

More than 3.3 million trips have been taken over the 460-metre-long bridge since it opened, including 250,000 e-scooter, 450,000 bike and 2.6 million pedestrian trips. The bridge has dedicated cycle and pedestrian paths, as well as 2 unique dining venues, Mulga Bill's and Stilts.

ANZ's Walk This Way by Craig and Karl, Brisbane Festival 2025

Win passes to BrisAsia Festival

We're giving away passes to the 2026 BrisAsia Festival in February. Prizes include food vouchers for Lunar New Year at Southside Restaurant and tickets to the ON:STAGE KPOP Showcase, Hyoshi in Counterpoint and the BrisAsia Comedy Gala. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm, 23 December.

WIN

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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