

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane



Hibiscus Skate Park, Upper Mt Gravatt

BrisAsia Festival
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Shaping Brisbane for 2032



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

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Metro keeping Brisbane moving: Lord Mayor

It's been a year since Brisbane Metro services kicked off and we've already had an incredible 6 million people jump on board.

With more than 600 people moving to Brisbane every week, better public transport is key to keeping Brisbane moving.

That's why we've delivered the biggest boost to bus services in a decade.

Commuters now have more services to more places, more often and all for just 50 cents per journey.

With Brisbane 2032 on the horizon, we're working with all levels of government to deliver a lasting public transport legacy that extends well beyond the Games.



Celebrate BrisAsia Festival 2026

BrisAsia Festival returns on 13-22 February with 10 days of vibrant events and activities celebrating Lunar New Year and the Year of the Horse.

BrisAsia is one of the ways we're creating more to see and do, so come along to enjoy live performances, art, food and culture.

Save the date for these festival highlights.

Southside by Night, free
Willawong, 13 February

BrisAsia Comedy Gala
Brisbane Powerhouse,
14 February

Lunar New Year in the Gardens, free
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
Mt Coot-tha, 15 February

Soul Gazing under the Cosmic Skydome
Sir Thomas Brisbane
Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha,
20 February

BrisAsia libraries program, free
Various libraries and dates

Lunar New Year Rooftop Party, free
Sunnybank Plaza,
28 February

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'BrisAsia' for the full festival program.

Help shape Brisbane towards 2032

We want you to make your mark and help shape our city's Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy leading up to and beyond the Brisbane 2032 Games.

Water taxis, 24-hour entertainment precincts, sports parks in unexpected places and wilderness trails are just some of the ideas received so far.

Brisbane's young people, businesses, sports stars and residents are all having their say about their ideas to create a lasting legacy for our city.

Search 'Making our Mark' on our website to like and share your favourite ideas.



Artist's impression: Loving the Leftovers, an idea for imaginative spaces in unexpected places

Don't miss all the action of the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina on 6-22 February and Paralympic Winter Games on 6-15 March.



Be prepared for storm season

Living in Brisbane means being prepared for severe weather and possible emergencies during storm season, which typically lasts until March.

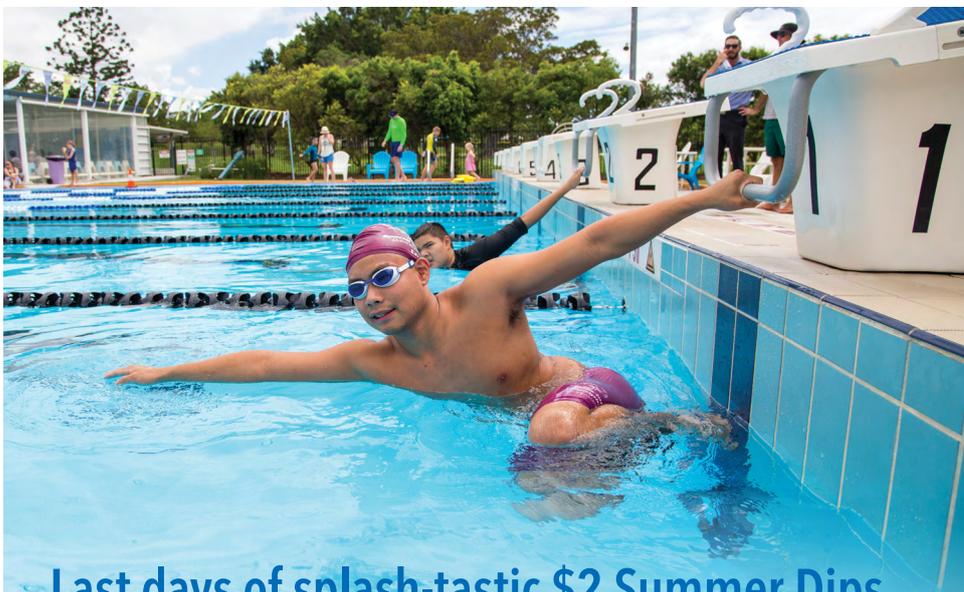
We can't prevent flooding in Brisbane, but being prepared can make a huge difference.

Our website has a range of resources to help you protect your home, loved ones and business.

These include YouTube videos on how to prepare and what to do during severe weather, and tips to help you prepare your emergency kit and plan.

Scan the QR code to find these resources and more.





Last days of splash-tastic \$2 Summer Dips

Grab your togs, towels and loose change for general entry and dive into \$2 Summer Dips before the offer wraps up on Saturday 28 February.

There's still time to stay cool for less, as we deliver on our commitment to address the challenges of rising living costs.

There's no limit to how many times you can save this summer, with a trip to the local pool a great way to entertain the kids, cool off or stay active.

To find a local pool near you, visit our website and search 'Summer Dips'. Terms and conditions apply.



Safer and healthier school travel

We're investing in happier and healthier Brisbane kids by helping them be active and stay safe when travelling back to school.

There are 139 Enhanced School Zone signs at 74 schools across Brisbane to remind drivers to slow down when they're entering an active school zone.

More than 14,000 students joined our Active School Travel program in 2025 to walk, ride, scoot, use public transport or carpool to school, building healthy lifestyle habits.

Our Safer School Precincts program combines community engagement, infrastructure improvements and changing behaviour to create safer, more sustainable transport options around schools.

Find out other ways we support safe travel around schools on our website.

Supporting local charities this Easter

Easter can be a tough time for many Brisbane families, and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust is here to help.

Eligible charities can apply to the Trust for Easter Grants to support community meals for vulnerable people and provide Easter eggs for those who would otherwise go without.

In 2025, 25 charities from across Brisbane received an Easter Grant to share Easter eggs and bunnies with vulnerable families.

Applications are open from Monday 23 February until Friday 6 March. Scan the QR code or visit [lmct.org.au/grants](https://www.lmct.org.au/grants) to learn more.



Local news



CALLING ALL LIBRARY LOVERS

Saturday 14 February is Library Lovers Day. Celebrate the role our 33 libraries, and the people who work in them, play in our community. Look out for special book displays and events at your local library or search 'library lovers' on our website.

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Businesses on Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne, and Stones Corner are encouraged to take part in free business skills and professional development support through our Growing Precincts Together program. Businesses can sign up for one-on-one digital support, an Artificial Intelligence Masterclass, a Food Business Program or a Retail Visual Merchandising Masterclass. Visit our website to learn more.

SAFER ACCESS IN COORPAROO

We've made it safer to move through Saint Leonards Street at Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo by installing a new pedestrian island, upgraded kerb ramps and fresh line marking to improve visibility for pedestrians and motorists. These upgrades are part of our Local Access Network Improvements program.



Walter Taylor Bridge celebrates 90 years

Love is in the air as Brisbane celebrates the 90th anniversary of the beloved Walter Taylor Bridge this Valentine's Day.

Our historic bridge is currently preparing for birthday maintenance on its distinctive towers for future generations to enjoy.

Named after its designer, Walter Taylor, the iconic bridge connecting Indooroopilly and Chelmer opened on 14 February 1936, becoming the longest suspension bridge in Australia at the time.

The towers were originally home to the toll master and his family, with the last resident moving out in 2010.

Find out more about the bridge and surrounding area by searching 'Indooroopilly Heritage Trail' on our website.



Make the most of your green bin

Since our citywide rollout wrapped up in November, more than 310,000 households have green bins, making it easier than ever to recycle garden waste.

You can use your waste vouchers to drop off oversized garden waste items to our resource recovery centres, or take advantage of our free green waste weekends.

If you're unsure about what to put in your green bin, download the Brisbane Bin and Recycling app or go to our website and search 'green bins' for more information.

DID YOU KNOW

While you can't throw food in a green bin, our Compost Rebate program makes it more affordable to recycle your food scraps by composting at home. Search 'composting' on our website to find out more.



Upcoming kerbside large item collection

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

Suburbs Balmoral, Bulimba, Cannon Hill, Morningside, Murarrie
Place on kerbside from 21 February
Collection starts 23 February

Suburbs Hawthorne, Hemmant, Lota, Lytton, Wynnum
Place on kerbside from 28 February
Collection starts 2 March

Suburbs Belmont, Chandler, Gumdale, Manly, Ransome, Wynnum West
Place on kerbside from 7 March
Collection starts 9 March

Visit our website or scan the QR code to download our free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app for tips on what you can (and can't) put out for collection and other ways to reduce waste to landfill.



Marking one year of Brisbane Metro

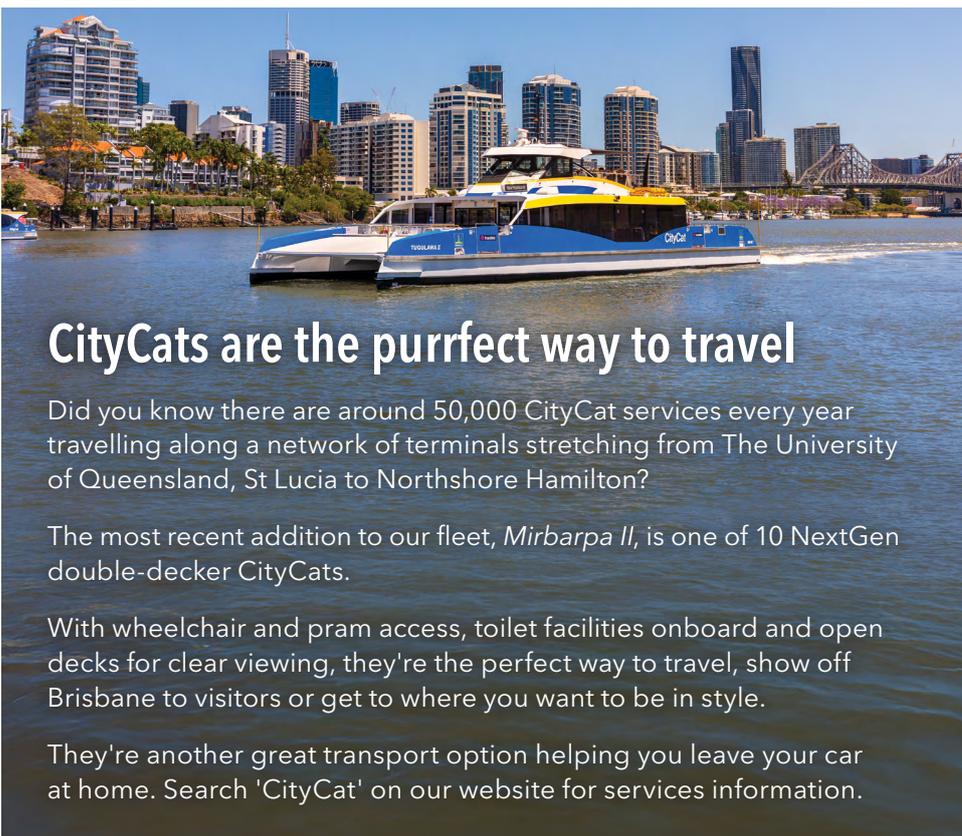
We're celebrating the one-year anniversary of turn-up-and-go metro services, which have transformed public transport in Brisbane and improved how people get around our city.

In January 2025, we launched the M2 metro route between UQ Lakes and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Soon after, in June 2025, the M1 route between Eight Mile Plains and Roma Street commenced alongside Brisbane's New Bus Network.

Since launching, more than 6 million passengers have travelled on a metro, with routes now including the underground Adelaide Street tunnel that opened in September 2025.

We're committed to keeping Brisbane moving and continue to work with the Queensland and Australian governments to explore expanding metro services to Springwood, Capalaba, Carseldine and Brisbane Airport.



CityCats are the purrfect way to travel

Did you know there are around 50,000 CityCat services every year travelling along a network of terminals stretching from The University of Queensland, St Lucia to Northshore Hamilton?

The most recent addition to our fleet, *Mirbarpa II*, is one of 10 NextGen double-decker CityCats.

With wheelchair and pram access, toilet facilities onboard and open decks for clear viewing, they're the perfect way to travel, show off Brisbane to visitors or get to where you want to be in style.

They're another great transport option helping you leave your car at home. Search 'CityCat' on our website for services information.

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

MUMS AND BUBS FITNESS
18 February, 9.30-10.30am,
Colmslie Beach Reserve,
Murarrie

Enjoy a safe postnatal mums and bubs workout. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

WEST END MARKETS
21 February, 6am-2pm,
Davies Park, West End

A weekly community event with music, fresh produce, healthy fast food, gifts and more. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

BEGINNER LINE DANCING
2 March, 5.30-6.30pm,
Wynnum Municipal Hall

Improve your memory, stay active and have a great time in this beginner class. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



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SPRINGBOARD DIVING
18 February, 9.30-11am,
Sleeman Sports Complex,
Chandler

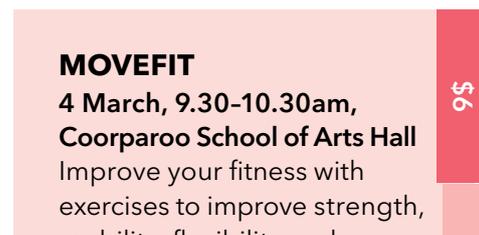
Learn diving off a springboard and platform. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

YOGA
22 February, 7.30-8.30am,
Majestic Park, Coorparoo

Stretching, breathing, strength and balance exercises to relax the mind and body. brisbane.qld.gov.au



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MOVEFIT
4 March, 9.30-10.30am,
Coorparoo School of Arts Hall

Improve your fitness with exercises to improve strength, mobility, flexibility and balance. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au

GOLD



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KAYAKING
19 February, 9.30am-12.30pm,
Lota Camping Reserve, Lota

Join us for a fun paddling adventure to explore your local waterway. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

GOLD

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS
25 February, 8-9am,
Drevesen Park, Manly

Improve your balance, stability, co-ordination and strength for healthy ageing. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

WAX FLOWERS
7 March, 10am-12 noon,
Garden City Library,
Mt Gravatt

Learn all about native and non-native hoya plants with horticulturalist Paul Plant. To book, call **3403 7745**.

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More to see and do in February

From international sport to spectacular shows, there's plenty to enjoy in Brisbane this month.

Live music performances

The free Lord Mayor's City Hall Concerts are back for 2026, including Echoes of Cirque on Tuesday 24 February, blending the spirit of Django Reinhardt with modern energy.

Space exploration

Time travel billions of years into the past and millions of years into the future with the American Museum of Natural History show, *Encounters in the Milky Way*, narrated by Pedro Pascal, at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha.

Cultural shows and art

Head to Queen Street Mall to experience Gathering, a weekly showcase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performances, and join this amazing celebration of culture, music and storytelling.

International sport

Get yourself to Allan Border Field in Albion on Tuesday 24 February as Australia takes on India in the opening Women's One Day International. Don't miss the world's best cricketers going head-to-head.



The best things in life are free

You can't put a price on love, but you can enjoy a memorable and romantic Valentine's Day in Brisbane without spending a fortune.

- ◆ Pack a picnic and head to Highgate Hill Park (pictured) and soak up sweeping city views as the sun sets.
- ◆ Lovers of culture can wander through the city's public art trails for Instagram-worthy moments, completely free!
- ◆ Prefer something simple? Take a sunset stroll along the Brisbane River, watching the city lights shimmer on the water.
- ◆ Indulge in literature's greatest love stories at your local library.

Visit the 'Your Brisbane' section on our website for more inspiration.



Win planetarium tickets

Get a front-row seat to explore the universe with a show in the Cosmic Skydome at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. We're giving away a family pass (4 tickets) to any show of your choice. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close at 5pm on Friday 20 February.

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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