

# LIVING IN Brisbane



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

Hibiscus Skate Park, Upper Mt Gravatt



**BrisAsia Festival**  
Be prepared for storm season  
Shaping Brisbane for 2032



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

## 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](http://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://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.

### NEW SPORTS PARK FOR ELLEN GROVE

We're creating more to see and do in the suburbs with the final concept plan for the future Ellen Grove District Park. A modern playground with active and quiet play areas, new tennis courts, picnic shelters and a community clubhouse will transform the area into a hub for sport and recreation.

### FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

You can dispose of corrosive, flammable, toxic or poisonous waste for free at the Willawong Resource Recovery Centre, 7.30am-3.30pm Saturday 7 March. Items like empty paint cans, gas bottles and batteries can be recycled for free all year round at our resource recovery centres. Visit our website for a full list of acceptable items.



## 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.





## 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.

## Salisbury is getting even better

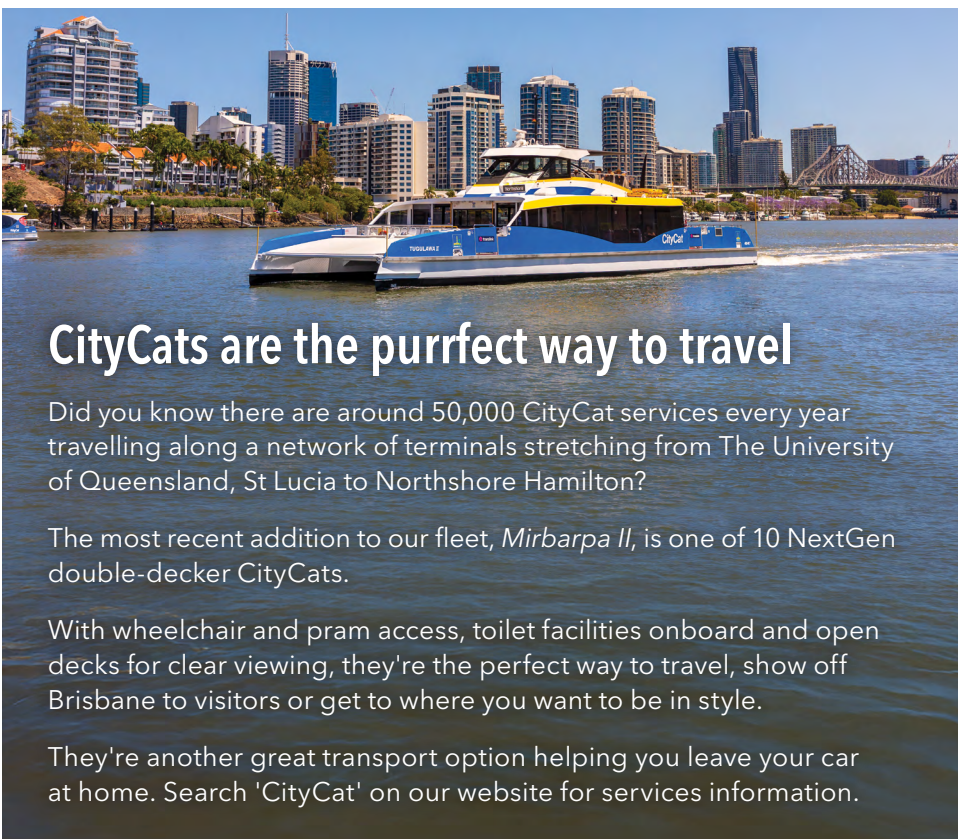
We're making Salisbury an even better place to live, work and relax with our Better Suburbs - Places and Spaces program.

After collecting community feedback and ideas on how to improve the streetscape of the Ainsworth Street shopping precinct, we're working on a draft concept design.

Our plan will be available for community feedback in mid-2026.

As part of our commitment to creating more to see and do in the suburbs, this exciting project may consider improved pedestrian crossings, footpath upgrades, additional street trees and gardens, and upgrades to public lighting.

Visit our website and search 'places and spaces' to find out more and to stay up to date with project information.



## 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.

## DID YOU KNOW

Recycling is free, 365 days of the year at Council's 4 resource recovery centres. They accept batteries, empty gas bottles, e-waste, paint cans, cardboard and more.



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**✕-✕-✕ FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS ✕-✕-✕**

A fleet of sailboats is shown racing on a body of water under a clear blue sky. The sailboats have white sails with black text, including 'ALIN RUA' and 'RUE'. A purple banner in the top right corner of the image contains the word 'FREE' in white capital letters.

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly**

See sailors from Australia and the world compete in the Australian Finn National Championships, the prestigious Finn Gold Cup and the Finn World Masters for veteran sailors. **rqys.com.au**

**Brisbane City Hall, Brisbane City**

Enjoy free weekly concerts every Tuesday from February to November, featuring everything from tribute bands and jazz to classical, opera and organ performances. **[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)**

## Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Play your way through 9 adventurous mini golf holes, each designed by leading female artists, in this interactive exhibition of rebellion. Suitable for ages 9 and over. **[brisbanepowerhouse.org.au](http://brisbanepowerhouse.org.au)**

## Various locations

Help keep our city clean and sustainable by teaming up with your family, friends and neighbours for Australia's largest community-based environmental event. To register, go to **[cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)**

A man in a white shirt and a woman in a black polka-dot shirt are standing in front of a pink food truck. The truck is decorated with colorful murals of skeletons and hearts, typical of the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) celebration. A yellow box with the word "FREE" is overlaid on the top right of the image. The truck has a sign that says "Tacos, Tequila, and Margaritas" and "FREE" in a yellow box. The man is looking at the woman, and she is looking at the truck. The truck is parked outdoors, and there are string lights hanging above it.

### Cnr Waterworks Road and Kullaroo Street, The Gap

Don't miss this festival of creativity with spectacular art, live music, food trucks, raffles and more. Find out why this leafy part of Brisbane is fast becoming the creative destination of choice. **artandeats.com.au**



VARIOUS

## Mortimer Road Park, Acacia Ridge

Get ready for massive colour blasts every hour, live Dhol drumming and high-energy DJ lineup with Bollywood, EDM and Punjabi remixes. There's food, drinks and fun. **[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.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

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### YOGA FOR MOBILITY

18 February, 8.30-9.30am,  
John Walker Place, Yeronga

A gentle movement class blended with yoga to improve your strength, balance and posture. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



POOL ENTRY

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### DEEP WATER AQUA

20 February, 9.30-10.30am,  
Jindalee Pool, Jindalee

This is an aquatic workout that uses all major muscle groups. To book email [info@donnadobbsdesign.com.au](mailto:info@donnadobbsdesign.com.au)



FREE

### SALSATION

25 February, 5.30-6.30pm,  
C.A. O'Sullivan Park,  
Acacia Ridge

Fitness meets salsa in this dance-based workout. To book, text **0405 569 094**.



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### ZUMBA® GOLD

19 February, 11.30am-12.30pm,  
Forest Lake Community Hall

Combining the dance moves you love at a lower intensity. Bookings essential. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

OVER 7 YRS

### OBSTACLE TRAINING CIRCUIT

20 February, 4.30-5.30pm,  
Graceville Riverside Parklands

Have fun navigating obstacles while building fitness. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

### SCREEN SANITY

19 February, 6-7pm,  
Mt Ommaney Library

Learn tips and strategies for digital safety and balance. Ideal for parents and carers. To book, call **3407 7010**.



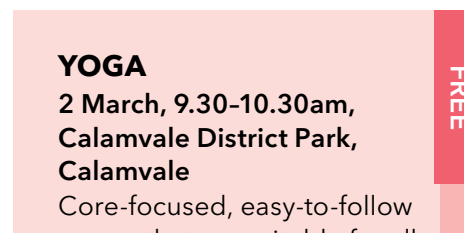
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2-5 YRS

### FUN SOCCER

25 February, 9.30-10.30am,  
Ducie Street Park, Darra

Kickstart the fun with sessions all about play, laughter and learning. To book, visit [gingersport.com.au](http://gingersport.com.au)



FREE

### YOGA

2 March, 9.30-10.30am,  
Calamvale District Park,  
Calamvale

Core-focused, easy-to-follow moves that are suitable for all ages and fitness levels. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

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### BOLLYWOOD FITNESS

2 March, 10-11am,  
Sherwood Neighbourhood  
Centre

Have fun and learn simple dance steps to Bollywood beats. Bookings essential. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

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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

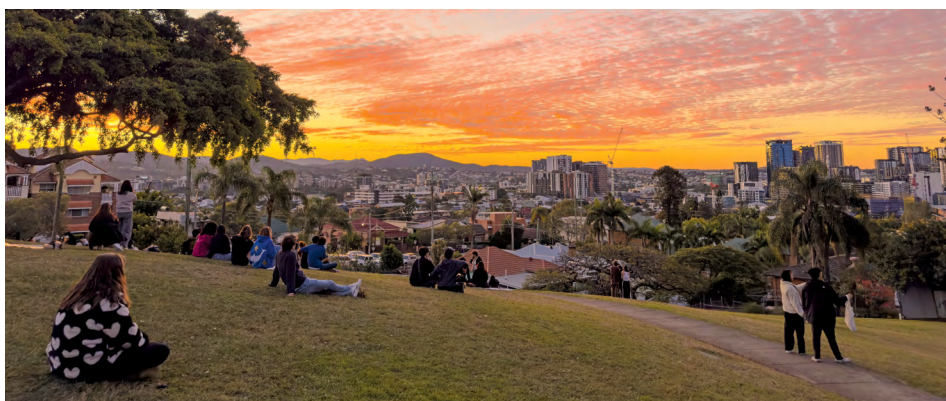
Time travel billions of years into the past and millions of years into the future with the American Museum of Natural History show, *Encounters in the Milky Way*, narrated by Pedro Pascal, at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha.

### 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

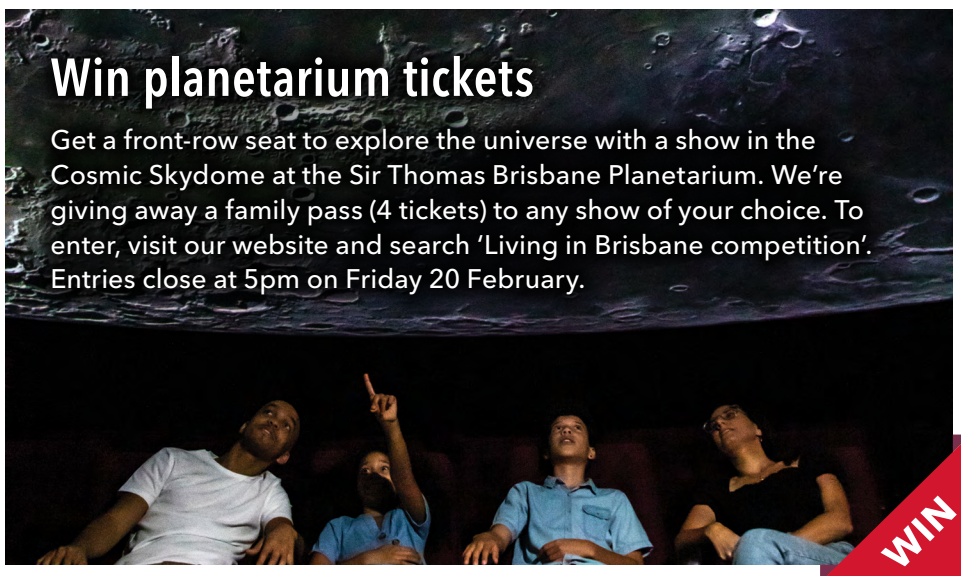
You can't put a price on love, but you can enjoy a memorable and romantic Valentine's Day in Brisbane without spending a fortune.

- ◆ 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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