

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

**Green bin rollout
Plans for Brisbane Metro
Coffee carts in parks**

Keeping Brisbane moving: Lord Mayor

We're striking the right balance between keeping costs down and keeping Brisbane moving.

With many households feeling the pressure of higher living costs, we're delivering the lowest rates in South East Queensland.

We've done this while investing a record amount into better public transport, and delivering Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network.

We're also rolling out green bins to every eligible household that wants one, installing new decking on the Story Bridge footpaths and developing a long-term plan to protect and enhance the much-loved Mt Coot-tha precinct.

With 85% of this year's Budget being invested in the suburbs, we're delivering real value for Brisbane residents, while enhancing our incredible lifestyle and building a better Brisbane.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Brisbane delivers lowest rates in South East Queensland

We're committed to maintaining a balanced budget, so we don't add unnecessary costs on to Brisbane residents.

Our 2025-26 Budget is all about striking the right balance between keeping costs down and keeping Brisbane moving.

This year's \$4.1 billion Budget will deliver the cheapest rates in South East Queensland and the most generous pensioner rebates in the state.

We're committing 85% of this year's Budget to projects in the suburbs, including upgrades to parks, playgrounds and retail precincts, and we're continuing to support free and affordable events across the city.

A record investment in Brisbane's public transport and even more investment in road resurfacing will help keep Brisbane moving.

This Budget will deliver real value for Brisbane residents and enhance our reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital.



Citywide rollout for green bins

Brisbane households have embraced green bins in a big way and we're rolling out even more.

Whether you're mowing, mulching or trimming hedges, there's now a green bin ready for every eligible house.

The green bins will be rolled out to every eligible house from August to December. Multi-unit dwellings will not automatically receive a bin. Contact us to see if you are eligible to opt-in.

It's all about keeping Brisbane clean, and maintaining our reputation as Australia's most sustainable capital city.

Transforming the Mt Coot-tha precinct

We're working to protect and enhance one of Brisbane's most prized natural assets, Mt Coot-tha, to create a must-do ecotourism destination and make Brisbane's lifestyle even better.

Brisbane Sustainability Agency will develop a long-term vision for the area which will focus on protecting its most precious natural areas and creating new nature-based destinations and attractions.

The long-term plan will include transforming the Mt Coot-tha Quarry, which will continue to operate for another decade.

The master plan will draw inspiration from other award-winning nature and park precincts, including Kings Park in Western Australia, The Butchart Gardens in British Columbia and Gardens by the Bay in Singapore.

With Brisbane riding a wave of international popularity as a tourism destination and the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the way, now is the time to start planning more to see and do in our city.



Keeping Brisbane moving into the future

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing cities, which is why we're investing even more into building better roads and a record amount into subsidising public transport to keep Brisbane moving.

Brisbane is the only council in Australia to fund major public transport improvements and a record amount will be invested this year to support more services, more often.

Brisbane Metro is already proving a major success and we are progressing plans to expand it so even more people can benefit from this world-class bus rapid transit system.

By investing in a network that supports our city's growth, we can keep Brisbane moving for years to come.



Smooth roads ahead for hundreds of Brisbane streets

We work around the clock to keep our roads smooth and safe, but recent wet weather has taken its toll.

That's why we're investing even more into road resurfacing over the coming year.

This includes road resurfacing along:

- ♦ parts of Ipswich Road in Annerley and Rocklea
- ♦ Zillmere Road in Aspley and Zillmere
- ♦ Waterworks Road in Ashgrove and The Gap
- ♦ Compton Road in Kuraby and Sunnybank Hills.

We're investing in our roads now to make it easier for you to get around.

It's just one of the ways we're keeping Brisbane moving.

Coffee lovers, rejoice!

Brisbane is Australia's lifestyle capital and we're making sure it continues to be the best place to live, work and relax.

That's why we're making it easier than ever to grab a coffee and a bite to eat in your local park.

We've expanded our popular food truck initiative to include coffee carts and there are now more than 100 locations where vendors can set up shop.

We've also made it easier to find coffee carts and food trucks near you. Visit bnefoodtrucks.com.au for locations or search 'food trucks' on brisbane.qld.gov.au for more information.



Local news



WASTESMART NOMINATIONS OPEN

Do you know a waste warrior who helps keep Brisbane clean and sustainable? Nominate them for a WasteSMART Brisbane Award. Nominations close on Friday 29 August. There are 12 categories and awards with a prize pool of more than \$4,000. Visit wastesmartawards.com.au

BRIGHTENING YOUR LOCAL PARK

We're installing new lighting along Fig Tree Point Park pathway in Lota. The 6 new lights will improve visibility to help keep our community safe and protect our incredible lifestyle.

EXCITING PARK UPGRADES COMING

We're upgrading Bill Hewitt Reserve to create more to see and do in Camp Hill. New facilities will include a scooter track, basketball half-court, learn-to-ride and picnic shelter with seating and connecting footpaths. Look out for more opportunities to make the most of our outdoor lifestyle.



Building a better lifestyle

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

Brisbane's community clubs and suburban festivals are really important for bringing our community together and providing free and affordable fun in all corners of our city.

That's why we're boosting funding for suburban and multicultural festivals and partnering with community and sports clubs to help boost our reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital.

By continuing to invest more than 80% of our Budget in the suburbs, we are creating even more to see and do in your neighbourhood and ensuring Brisbane's lifestyle keeps getting better.



New Stones Corner Heritage Trail

There's more to see and do in the suburbs with the launch of our new Stones Corner Heritage Trail.

Simply access the guide on your mobile device or download it from our website and take a self-guided walking tour of the historic precinct that's been a lively retail hub for more than a century.

Starting on Logan Road, the 2.3-kilometre trail offers a glimpse into the precinct's stylish past, with Art Deco buildings and historic landmarks.

Our 24 heritage trails are an easy and affordable way to uncover Brisbane's history. Visit our website and search 'Heritage Trails' for details.

Restoring a Brisbane icon

The Story Bridge is just like a grand old Queenslander home.

You can keep up with regular maintenance, but eventually a restoration is inevitable, and you need to replace the roof and redo the stumps.

That's why we're progressing a business case so our much-loved bridge can be restored over the next 15 to 20 years in partnership with all 3 levels of government.

We're also installing replacement footpath decking, with at least one side of the footpaths expected to be open before the end of the year.

We have invested more than \$120 million into the Story Bridge over the past 20 years, however, the bridge is 85 years old and was only built to last 100 years. A long-term restoration will ensure it can serve our region into the next century.



FIND OUT MORE

Scan the QR code or search 'Story Bridge restoration project' on our website for more information.



Pine Mountain makeover for koalas

Brisbane is renowned as Australia's koala capital and we're progressing plans to rehabilitate the former Pine Mountain Quarry into koala habitat and green space.

The site is located next to Whites Hill Reserve and is currently used as a Council depot.

Our plan builds on the success of Whites Hill Reserve which was a former landfill site that now supports a thriving koala population and busy recreation facilities.

The operational Council depot will remain while rehabilitation work, led by Brisbane Sustainability Agency, progresses.



Whites Hill Reserve

Beams Road next stage works underway

We've started the next stage of the Beams Road upgrade to help keep Brisbane moving, with works expected to be completed by late 2026.

The works between Carselgrove Avenue and Handford Road will:

- ♦ **improve traffic flow** by widening the road to 2 lanes in each direction, removing the bottleneck at Cabbage Tree Creek
- ♦ **enhance safety and accessibility** with a new shared path and pedestrian underpass giving walkers and riders a separate passage to travel along the Cabbage Tree Creek Bikeway
- ♦ **deliver environmental benefits** with new trees, shrubs and ground covers, as well as improvements to the downstream channel to reduce erosion in Cabbage Tree Creek
- ♦ **improve fauna connectivity** with new fauna ledges, fish passage improvements, glider poles and fauna rope ladders across Beams Road.

Upgrading Beams Road is part of our commitment to help you get home sooner and safer.

What's On



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FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS

FREE

MUSEUM OF BRISBANE QUIET AFTERNOONS, 2-5PM, TUESDAYS, Brisbane City Hall, Brisbane City

Explore exhibitions and the stories of our city with sessions for visitors who may benefit from or prefer a quieter experience including a break-out area for extra quiet time with low sensory impacts. museumofbrisbane.com.au

VARIOUS

2025 BRISBANE ANYWHERE FESTIVAL, 17 JULY TO 3 AUGUST

Various locations

Brisbane's Anywhere Festival is back, transforming unexpected spaces across Brisbane into stages for exciting and innovative performances. There's something for everyone. anywhere.is/brisbane

VARIOUS

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!, 30 JULY TO 16 AUGUST

La Boite Theatre, Kelvin Grove

La Boite and Dead Puppet Society present a world premiere. This production is billed as a "high-octane comedy that will leave you on the edge of your seat". Recommended for audiences 13 years and over. laboite.com.au

FREE

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY, 3 AUGUST

Brisbane Botanical Gardens

Experience Japanese culture and surroundings in the Japanese Garden and surrounds.

CANCELLED

Japanese Garden and surrounds. Includes Ikebana displays, calligraphy, food, drinks and more. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

LORD MAYOR'S PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS EXHIBITION, 4-27 AUGUST

Brisbane Square Foyer and the People's Gallery, Brisbane City Hall

See the best of Brisbane, captured by local photographers. This year's theme celebrates 100 years of Greater Brisbane. brisbane.qld.gov.au

Sky Fire photographed by Ronald Maynard

VARIOUS

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW (EKKA), 9-17 AUGUST

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

Queensland's iconic celebration of agriculture, community and connection. Enjoy gourmet tastes, live entertainment, championship competitions, and family-friendly fun. Country spirit, city heart. ekka.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



\$6
GOLD

STRETCH AND MOBILITY

24 July, 10.35-11.35am,
Wynnum Municipal Hall
Increase your flexibility,
balance, mobility and range
of movement. Bookings
essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



VARIOUS

MT GRAVATT SHOW

26-27 July, various times
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds
Enjoy a family day out where
the city meets the bush. It's
bigger and better than ever.
mtgravattshow.com.au



POOL ENTRY
OVER 16 YRS

AQUA FITNESS

28 July, 5.30-6.30pm,
Musgrave Park Pool,
South Brisbane
Low-impact strength and
mobility workout. To book,
visit irelaaquaandfitness.com



FREE
7 YRS & OLDER

FAMILY STEAM

24 July, 4.30-5.30pm,
Garden City Library, Mt Gravatt
Join in games and activities
exploring science, technology,
reading and art. To book, call
3403 7745.



FREE
OVER 18 YRS

WRITING MONDAYS

28 July, 9am-2pm,
Wynnum Library
Connect with other writers in
your community to make the
most of your creative time.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE
OVER 18 YRS

'THE CHURCHIE' 2025 FINALISTS EXHIBITION

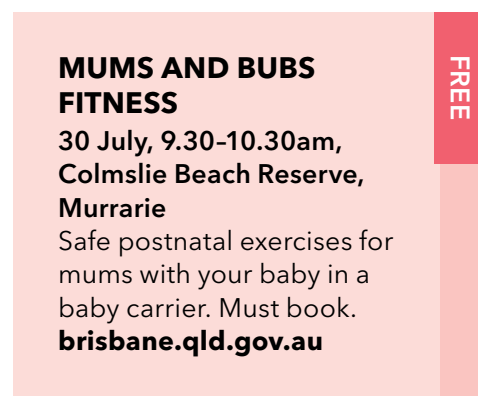
25 July to 10 August,
Metro Arts, West End
See Australia's longest-running
art prize for emerging artists.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

SUSTAINABLE BUDGETING

28 July, 11am-1pm,
Carindale Library
Learn new tips and tricks for
sustainable living on a budget
and start saving. To book, call
3407 1490.



FREE

MUMS AND BUBS FITNESS

30 July, 9.30-10.30am,
Colmslie Beach Reserve,
Murrarie
Safe postnatal exercises for
mums with your baby in a
baby carrier. Must book.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

GOLD

YOGALATES

5 August, 8-9am,
Bulimba Memorial Park
Combined pilates and yoga
exercises for improved
flexibility in the outdoors.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



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wherever you listen to
your favourite podcasts.





New kerbside collection calendar

Our new kerbside large item collection calendar is out now. Here are some tips to make sure you are ready when collection comes to your suburb.

- ◆ **Place items on the kerb by 6am on the first day of the collection period** and no sooner than the weekend before your collection is scheduled to start.
- ◆ **Ensure your pile of items is no larger than 2 cubic metres** or the size of a small box-trailer.
- ◆ **Keep your pile of items tidy** and away from the footpath or roadway.

Most items from large item collection go to landfill. Items that are in good condition should be upcycled, sold or donated, where possible.

Visit our website or scan the QR code and download our free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app for tips on what you can (and can't!) place on the kerb for collection.



Koalas are on the move

Koala breeding season can start as early as July in Brisbane.

It's a time when koalas are on the move to find a mate or establish new territory, so slow down and be vigilant on roads near koala habitat areas.

Koalas are one of Brisbane's animal emblems and help shape our incredible lifestyle.

We're investing in programs like Koala Research Partnerships and Wildlife Movement Solutions to tackle threats to koalas, build animal crossings and manage harmful pests to ensure koalas remain the Brisbane icon they are for years to come.

To learn what you can do to keep our koalas safe, visit our website and search 'koala conservation'.



Are you ready for bushfires?

Prepare your property by following our simple tips.

brisbane.qld.gov.au [Be prepared](#)

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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