

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Captain Burke Park, Kangaroo Point

Brisbane's balanced Budget
Move well, live well
Record roads investment

We're delivering more where it counts: Lord Mayor

We're spending less where we can so we can deliver more where it counts.

We've made tackling cost of living a priority while we continue to invest in the infrastructure and services needed for our growing city.

Record investments in smoother roads and public transport will help set a new benchmark and are a critical part of our commitment to keep Brisbane moving.

As Brisbane grows, we're also continuing our efforts to unlock thousands more homes in the right places.

Sensible financial management means we're reducing unnecessary spending while investing more in the infrastructure and services that help shape our reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Brisbane's balanced Budget

Brisbane residents will continue to pay less and get more in our cost-of-living Budget.

We're investing more than 90% of our \$3.9 billion budget in our suburbs through our suburbs-first guarantee, delivering better parks and facilities for everyone to enjoy.

Residents will pay hundreds of dollars less per year on average for minimum general rates than other South East Queensland councils and we're increasing the pensioner rates rebate by \$52 to \$1,350 per year.

We're investing in better roads and core services that help shape our reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital, including a record \$110 million on road resurfacing as part of Operation Smooth.

We're also bringing back our popular \$2 Summer Dips and free off-peak travel for seniors on CityCats and buses.

We're committed to investing in what matters most to Brisbane and delivering a balanced Budget that provides real value for residents.

For more information, search 'Budget initiatives' on our website.



Move more, live well

Our new Move Well Brisbane program will make it even easier to stay active, learn new skills and enjoy our outstanding lifestyle.

We're scaling up the number of our free and affordable wellness sessions from 9,000 to 20,000 over the next 2 years with more locations around Brisbane and more dawn, dusk and weekend options available.

We'll also be partnering with more local businesses and organisations including Nutrition Australia to offer new experiences like preparing nutritious, tasty and budget-conscious meals.

The Move Well Brisbane program is the biggest boost to free and affordable activities in Brisbane's history and will launch later this year.

For more information and to find a class near you, visit our website.



Even more reasons to love our lifestyle

Brisbane has the best lifestyle in Australia and we're committed to keeping it that way by investing in our parks and playgrounds and creating more to see and do in the suburbs.

We're upgrading and building new parks in all corners of the city.

We're also planning and delivering destination sports parks for everyone to enjoy with a range of facilities at Pallara, Ellen Grove and Rochedale.

We'll be releasing the anticipated Kedron Brook Vision and Master Plan to revitalise and rejuvenate the catchment and finalising the design for The Greenway – a green spine connecting the Brisbane River at Oxley and Archerfield Wetlands.



Future-proofing the iconic Story Bridge

For 86 years, the Story Bridge has been both a critical transport connection for Queenslanders and a much-loved icon of Brisbane.

It was built to last 100 years and we're progressing a business case that will provide a blueprint to ensure it's around for another century and more.

In 2026-27, we'll continue working on the bridge and finalise the business case for the Story Bridge Renewal Project, which will guide the renewal works for the next 20 years.

More than \$120 million has been invested over the past 2 decades to maintain and renew the bridge.

The Story Bridge is one of Queensland's most important transport and heritage assets, and that's why it's important for us to plan its long-term future to keep Brisbane moving today, tomorrow and into the future.



Record investment in Operation Smooth

We're investing more than ever in road resurfacing this financial year to get you home sooner and safer.

Our teams are busy year-round maintaining our 5,800-kilometre road network and now we're ramping up work for an even bigger year of road resurfacing.

Approximately 340,000 tonnes of asphalt will go towards resurfacing 190 locations over the coming year, including:

- ◆ Elizabeth Street, Brisbane City
- ◆ Hamilton Road, Chermside/ Wavell Heights
- ◆ Hawken Drive, St Lucia
- ◆ Ipswich Road, Annerley
- ◆ Logan Road, Upper Mount Gravatt
- ◆ Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche/ Windsor
- ◆ Mains Road, Sunnybank.

We're keeping Brisbane moving and building better roads for today and the future.

Safer roads and footpaths

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing cities which is why we're investing even more in important infrastructure to get you home sooner and safer.

We're upgrading more intersections across the city and suburbs to help keep Brisbane moving.

We're delivering more Black Spot projects, signalling intersections, creating new footpaths and upgrading existing ones around Brisbane.

Improving safety in Brisbane's growing school precincts will continue in 2026-27 with Safer School Precincts projects progressing in Kedron, Mansfield, Wynnum and Indooroopilly.



Local news



NOMINATE A WASTE WARRIOR

Brisbane is full of WasteSMART heroes – from local legends, waste smart schools and businesses to community groups and volunteers. If you know someone taking action to help make Brisbane a cleaner and more sustainable city, nominate them in the 2026 WasteSMART Brisbane Awards today. Learn more at wastesmartawards.com.au

FINAL PLAN FOR 7TH BRIGADE PARK

We're planning exciting new upgrades to create more to see and do at 7th Brigade Park in Chermside. Visit our website for the final plan to make the popular 73-hectare park even better. Search '7th Brigade upgrade' for more information.

FREE GREEN WASTE DROP-OFF

We're helping you create a cleaner, more sustainable Brisbane with free household green waste drop-off at Nudgee Resource Recovery Centre on 8 and 9 August from 6.30am to 5.45pm. Check our website for details of other free green waste drop-off weekends. Outside these weekends, you can dispose of green waste using your waste vouchers or household green waste recycling bin.

Youth grants now available

We've been selected to receive Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund support to help young people aged 15-24 to put climate solutions into action.

Grants are available for youth-led, practical initiatives that support our climate priorities to benefit our city and suburbs.

Successful projects will be delivered right here in Brisbane and could include ideas for cooling and greening neighbourhoods, reducing waste, improving water quality, providing climate education or encouraging walking, cycling and using public transport.

Applications close on Wednesday 26 August. Learn more by searching 'Youth Climate Action Fund' on our website.



Team up for the Live Like Her Challenge

On Thursday 3 September, workplace teams and community members will spend the night sleeping in their cars at Brisbane Skygate DFO (Brisbane Airport) to raise vital funds for The Forgotten Women.

Funds raised in the Live Like Her Challenge support providing affordable homes for women over 55 experiencing homelessness. Sadly, this is the fastest growing demographic of homelessness in our city.

The Forgotten Women project is proudly supported by The Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to the challenge, and take a step toward helping homeless women in our city to get back on their feet.



Brisbane Metro keeps millions moving

Brisbane Metro has recorded more than 11 million passenger trips since services first began in 2025.

More residents are getting on board the frequent, turn-up-and-go services for everyday travel to get to the people, places and activities they love.

And it's not stopping there. Planning is underway to expand Brisbane Metro to more parts of the city, with future routes being explored for the north, east, south and Brisbane Airport.

To learn more, visit our website and search 'Brisbane Metro'.



Supporting those who need it most

We're helping Emmanuel City Mission to provide practical support and safe places for people experiencing homelessness and hardships by contributing \$750,000 over the next 3 years.

This builds on an initial \$500,000 contribution in last year's budget that helped deliver female bathroom and sleeping facilities, allowing the mission's Night Sanctuary to welcome both men and women for the first time.

Since opening in November last year, the Night Sanctuary has provided more than 600 overnight stays, offering a warm meal, a safe place to sleep and support services that have helped people to find a way out of homelessness.

Search 'homeless support' on our website to learn about the services available including our regular Homeless Connect events.

New kerbside collection calendar is out now

Make the most of kerbside collection when it rolls around to your neighbourhood.

- ◆ Place your items for collection on the kerbside in the front of your property by 6am on the first day of the collection period.
- ◆ Keep piles less than 2 cubic metres or the size of a small box-trailer load.
- ◆ If you have more material than 2 cubic metres, you can dispose of it at our resource recovery centres.
- ◆ Check out the list of acceptable and unacceptable items on our website.
- ◆ Put recyclable items like cardboard boxes in your yellow bin throughout the year.

Search 'kerbside collection calendar' on our website to find out more.

You can also scan the QR code to download the free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app.

You can view the new kerbside collection calendar, set up reminders for when to put your bins out, learn about waste types and make sure the right item goes in the right bin every time.



DID YOU KNOW?

Koalas are on the move from July to December for breeding season. You can help keep koalas safe by looking out for roadside warning signs and slowing down when driving through koala habitat areas.

What's On



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✂✂✂ FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS ✂✂✂

VARIOUS



LE FESTIVAL, 24-26 JULY

Roma Street Parkland

Enjoy a 'pique-nique' in the park like no other with live entertainment, a French market, a children's corner for the littlest Francophiles and a French bar to keep the champagne and more flowing. lefestival.com.au

FREE



NIGHT FEAST, 29 JULY-23 AUGUST

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Get ready for a month-long sensory celebration that brings together food and art in a stunning temporary village. Experience top chefs, immersive art, glowing installations and live performances. nightfeast.com.au

FREE



LORD MAYOR'S PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS EXHIBITION, AUGUST TO NOVEMBER, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane Square and Brisbane Airport

View finalists' photos capturing this year's theme, 'Everyday Brisbane'. Visit our website for dates at each location. brisbane.qld.gov.au

Witnesses by Alberto Omar Perera Perez

VARIOUS



EKKA, 8-16 AUGUST

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

From showbags and sideshow alley to cattle, cats and dogs, the beloved Royal Queensland Show brings the country to the city for 9 unforgettable days of fun, exploration and excitement. ekka.com.au

FREE



GOLD STAR AND LITTLE STARS READING CLUBS, UNTIL 28 AUGUST, Brisbane City Council Libraries

Register for our Gold Star (6-12 years) and Little Stars (up to 5 years) programs. Read your favourite books and discover new ones to develop early literacy skills and a love for books and libraries. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



MUSEUM OF BRISBANE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, UNTIL 6 SEPTEMBER, Brisbane City Hall, Brisbane City

The museum's entryway is transformed by artist Renee Kire with striking vinyl graphics and sculptural timber elements to create a colourful, joyful and thought-provoking welcome. museumofbrisbane.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

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

23 July, 2-3.30pm,
Banyo Library

Get help with devices, apps
and everyday digital tasks to
build confidence online.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$15

BEGINNER LINE DANCING

3 August, 6.30-7.40pm,
Northgate Hall

Have fun in a welcoming class
that combines movement,
music and social connection.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$25

OVER 55 YRS

SILVER SWANS BALLET

25 August, 9-10am,
Hamilton Town Hall

Release your inner dancer,
improve balance, have fun
and meet new people.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

PILATES

24 July, 6-7am,
Arthur Davis Park, Sandgate

Stretch and strengthen
simultaneously through
core-based exercises.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



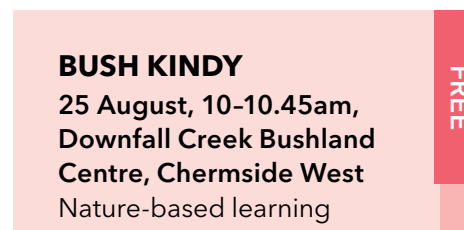
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BUSHLAND WORKING BEE

9 August, 7-10am,
Curlew Park, Sandgate

Help care for local bushland
while making friends and
enjoying light physical activity.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



BUSH KINDY

25 August, 10-10.45am,
Downfall Creek Bushland
Centre, Chermside West

Nature-based learning
session to explore, play
and learn.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

3-5 YRS



FREE

GARDENING

25 July, 10am-12 noon
Banyo Library

Join horticulturalist Claire
Bickle to learn top tips for
gardening. To book, call
3403 2200.



FREE

TEA AND TRIVIA

21 August, 9.15-10am,
Hamilton Library

Test your general knowledge
and enjoy a friendly, social
trivia session over a cuppa.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



ORGANIC GROWERS FAIR

30 August, 8am-3pm,
Albion Overpass Park

Browse organic produce,
plants and sustainable living
stalls at this popular fair.

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LIVE!

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Georgia Scarlett



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Sarah Hamze

Brisbane is alive with culture

From stunning photographs to new sounds that keep Brisbane's live music scene thriving, our city has cultural events everyone can enjoy.

You can support your favourite photo when voting opens in August for the Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards People's Choice award.

From 4 August you can also vote for your favourite music video from our 12 finalists in The QUBE Effect 2026.

Visit our website for more information about both of these initiatives.

Countdown to the Games

In 6 years, we'll welcome the world to our city when Brisbane hosts the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We're getting the city ready by improving our roads, transport, footpaths and active travel options, planting shady trees, creating more opportunities for artworks, and much more.

We'll soon launch our legacy plan to deliver better infrastructure, more ways to get active and healthy, more ways for our community to prosper and create an even more liveable, welcoming city. Search 'Olympic and Paralympic Games' on our website to find out more.



Funding boost to community grants

Brisbane's grassroots clubs are scoring big wins in our 2026-27 Budget, with a major boost to the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants.

An additional \$900,000 will expand the Community Facility category, with grants of up to \$200,000 available to help clubs design and deliver upgraded spaces for community-leased facilities.

The Community Support category will also rise from \$10,000 to \$15,000, helping groups fund essential maintenance, improve sustainability and purchase new equipment. Search 'community grants' on our website.

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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