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Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Brisbane Metro milestones
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Community grants



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schinner

Brisbane's metro success story: Lord Mayor

Brisbane Metro has quickly become one of our city's biggest public transport success stories.

In just its first year, more than 6.8 million trips have been taken, helping drive a 27% increase in bus patronage over the past 2 years.

With high-capacity metro vehicles, the Adelaide Street tunnel and a new bus network, trips through the CBD are now up to 40% faster.

By boosting capacity and reliability, Brisbane Metro is helping to ease congestion and keep Brisbane moving as our city grows.

A MILESTONE MOMENT FOR BRISBANE METRO



Record numbers keep Brisbane moving

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing cities and our transport network is making it easier for people to leave their cars at home.

Brisbane Metro has delivered more than 6.8 million trips in its first year, showing how residents are loving this new way of travelling around our city.

The introduction of metro services forms part of the biggest evolution to Brisbane's bus network in decades, boosting capacity by more than 30 million seats each year.

Before permanent Brisbane Metro services began, 50 cent fares drove an increase in bus trips from 32.7 million to more than 38 million in 6 months.

One year later, the launch of permanent metro services alongside Brisbane's New Bus Network delivered an almost 10% increase, with more than 41.5 million trips recorded.

Together, 50 cent fares, Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network have helped lift bus trips in Brisbane by 27% over 2 years.

M1 and M2 metro services are just the first stage of Brisbane Metro, laying the foundations for better public transport right across Queensland.

Brisbane Metro by numbers*

- ◆ More than 6.8 million trips on M1 and M2
- ◆ More than 4.7 million trips on M2, a 46% increase on the service it replaced
- ◆ More than 2.09 million trips on M1 since June, a 43% increase on previous routes

*As at January 2026

Where to next for Brisbane Metro

We're working with the Queensland and Australian governments to plan future expansions of Brisbane Metro, including route options, depot planning and engagement with industry. This work will support development of a business case for the following corridors.

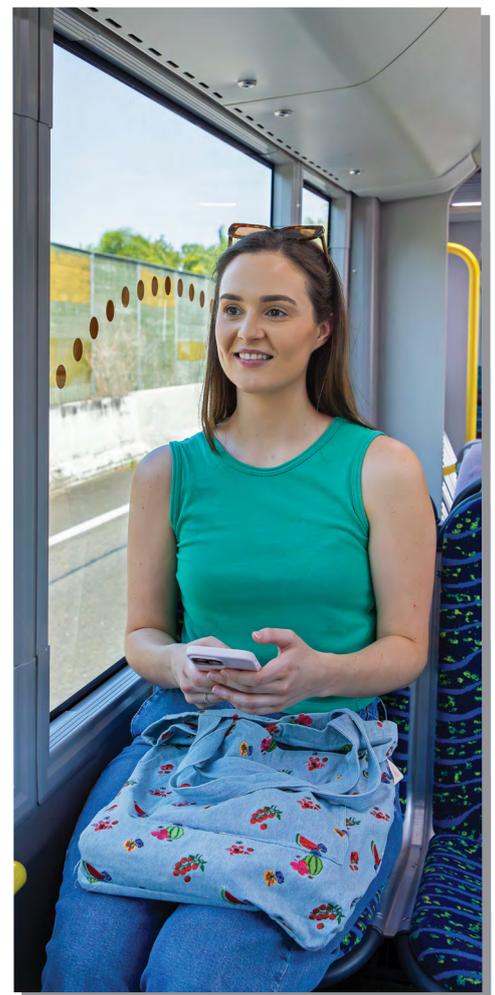
- ◆ Southern Metro:
CBD to Springwood
- ◆ Eastern Metro:
CBD to Capalaba
- ◆ Northern Metro:
CBD to Carseldine
- ◆ Airport Metro:
CBD to Brisbane Airport

Expanding Brisbane Metro will improve reliability and connectivity of our mass transit network by delivering high-capacity and high-frequency services, connecting key precincts with our suburbs and providing more travel options to keep Brisbane moving for decades to come.



DID YOU KNOW?

The new Adelaide Street Tunnel, delivered as part of the Brisbane Metro project, has also been critical in breaking the bus bottleneck in the CBD with around 1,400 bus and metro services now travelling underground each weekday.



More services, faster

The rollout of Brisbane's New Bus Network in June 2025 has further strengthened Brisbane's public transport network.

Brisbane's New Bus Network delivered:

- ◆ 160,000 new bus trips
- ◆ faster trips for more than 45 million people
- ◆ 1.4 million extra kilometres of services across the network
- ◆ 40% faster bus trips between South Bank and Queen Street bus stations.

Linking local buses with turn-up-and-go metro services on dedicated busways is the best way to continue growing the city's bus network, delivering more services to more places, more often.

Local news



FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Did you know you can dispose of pool and cleaning chemicals, smoke detectors, insect sprays, herbicides and weed killers during free hazardous waste drop-off days at Council's resource recovery centres? Mark these dates on your calendar: 6 June at Ferny Grove, 5 September at Chandler and 5 December at Nudgee.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Planting more trees helps make Brisbane's lifestyle even better by adding shade to streets in your local neighbourhood. Join us at Travorten Drive Park in Bridgeman Downs from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 28 March. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and take home a free native plant for your garden. Search 'Brisbane trees' on our website for more information.

NEW BIKEWAY CONNECTION

We've made it easier to leave your car at home with a new 600-metre shared path between Schneider Road, Eagle Farm, and Viola Place, Brisbane Airport, improving connectivity along the Moreton Bay Cycleway. This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program.



Brisbane Netball Association

Bring your community ideas to life

Applications for the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants - Community Support category open on Monday 23 March, offering up to \$10,000 to local not-for-profit organisations to respond to community needs.

In 2024-25, 48 organisations were awarded a total of \$399,323.77 to fund their projects, including:

- ◆ Paten Park Native Nursery at The Gap received \$4,267.09 to install cladding and new shelves in their greenhouse
- ◆ Playlab Inc received \$9,172.49 to deliver free playwriting workshops for school-aged children at the Seven Hills Hub
- ◆ Brisbane Netball Association in Chermside received \$10,000 to replace goal posts on grass courts.

Search 'community grants' on our website for the eligibility criteria and instructions on how to apply.



Supporting local charities for 70+ years

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust is proud to support local grassroots charities making a difference in our community.

Through annual grant rounds and special festive initiatives, the Trust helps provide essentials, meals and joy to those who need it most.

From Easter egg donations to Christmas toys and meal service grants, the Trust works to ensure Brisbane's most vulnerable feel supported all year round.

Want to learn more or get involved? Visit lmct.org.au for details on upcoming grant rounds and ways you can help.



Better roads through Black Spot Program

We're tackling black spot intersections that are in need of safety upgrades to get you home sooner and safer.

Intersections in Fortitude Valley, Morningside and Gumdale have recently received improvements, including new turning lanes, more pedestrian islands, bigger median strips, better signage and clearer traffic signals.

Funded by the Australian Government, these works deliver safety upgrades to meet the demands of our growing city.

The final projects in Fortitude Valley, Spring Hill and Salisbury will complete this financial year's work in Brisbane as part of the Black Spots Program.

Unlocking more homes sooner

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities and we're working to help deliver new homes sooner.

Our low-medium density residential zone review will unlock up to an additional 6,000 new homes by 2032 with changes to building heights, lot sizes, parking and approval processes.

This will boost the number of new townhouses, duplexes, units and smaller homes in suburbs with high-frequency transport and local shops and services, while protecting the character of our neighbourhoods.

We're also bringing new life to under-used areas through our Suburban Renewal Precincts program, which will create opportunities for new homes and jobs in Alderley, Mt Gravatt, Stones Corner, Wynnum and more.

To find out more, visit our website and search 'more homes sooner' or 'suburban renewal'.

Congestion-busting clearways

We're extending clearway operating hours on 2 key corridors to improve traffic flow during peak periods and keep Brisbane moving.

Part of the Brisbane Clearway Action Plan, the corridors are:

- ♦ Abbotsford Road in Bowen Hills, between Edmondstone Road and Sandgate Road
- ♦ Lutwyche Road between Northey Street, Windsor, and Kedron Park Road, Lutwyche.

These roads are vital transport links carrying up to 60,000 vehicles each day, making them important links for commuters and freight.

These changes will help future-proof our transport network for our growing city, improve travel time and make it easier for you to get where you need to be sooner and safer.

What's On



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 **FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS** 



VARIOUS

BRISBANE CYCLING FESTIVAL, 16 MARCH TO 12 APRIL

Various locations

Join this epic celebration of cycling with more than 60 events and activities for all ages and abilities, including the Tour de Brisbane.

brisbanecyclingfestival.com and **tourdebrisbane.org**



VARIOUS

WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL, 20-29 MARCH

Various locations

Explore more than 100 events featuring hands-on experiments, thought-provoking talks and dazzling performances in this celebration of science, art and innovation for all ages. **worldsciencefestival.com.au**



FREE

GUMFEST, 22 MARCH

Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha

Learn about our iconic gum species and the amazing wildlife they support with guided walks, workshops, wildlife encounters and activities for kids and adults. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



VARIOUS

BRISBANE FIESTA LATINA, 1-9PM, 28 MARCH

Mt Gravatt Street Food

Celebrate Latin American culture, food and music at this colourful annual fiesta including folkloric dance, live music, traditional cuisine, arts and crafts, workshops and kids' activities. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

Photo by Luis Elvis Carrasco



FREE

BLUEWATER FESTIVAL, 2-3 APRIL

Moora Park, Shorncliffe

Kicking off at 4pm on Thursday 2 April with a relaxing afternoon by the water, join this iconic local event for live music, rides, markets, food and drink trucks, fireworks and more. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



FREE

PLAYTOPIA, 9AM-1PM, 8-10 AND 15-17 APRIL

Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane City

On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the school holidays, kids can enjoy creative, hands-on experiences designed to spark the imagination and build skills. **romastreetparkland.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
GOLD

PICKLEBALL

20 March, 9-10am,
Shaw Park Tennis Centre,
Wooloowin

Learn this fun sport for all ages and skill levels. Bookings essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

MENTORING

1 April, 9am-3pm,
Suburban Business Hub,
Nundah

Book a confidential session to help grow your business. To book, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE
5-17 YRS

BMX SKILLS

10 April, 10-11am,
Bill Brown Sports Reserve,
Fitzgibbon

Learn new skills at the pump track with an instructor. To book, visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

NATIVE BEEKEEPING

21 March, 10.30am-12.30pm
Chermside Library

Learn the ins and outs of native stingless beekeeping. To book, call **3403 7200**.



FREE

OVER 6 YRS

BATTY BUSH WALK

7 April, 10-11.30am,
Downfall Creek Bushland
Centre, Chermside West

Join a walk to learn about our resident bats. To book, visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

MEET WILDLIFE NEIGHBOURS

12 April, 9.30-10.30am,
Boondall Wetlands
Environment Centre

Join nature experts for an immersive session. To book, visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

3-5 YRS

BUSH KINDY

26 March, 10-10.45am,
Boondall Wetlands
Environment Centre

Enjoy fun activities surrounded by nature. To book, visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

8-12 YRS

TENNIS CLINIC

9 April, 2-3pm,
Northshore Tennis Centre,
Hamilton

BYO racquet for games and activities. To book, call **3185 9256**.



FREE

BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

21 April, 8.30-11.30am,
McDowall Reserve

Connect with nature and join like-minded volunteers to help protect Brisbane's unique biodiversity. brisbane.qld.gov.au

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School holiday fun hopping your way

There's more to see and do these Easter school holidays, with hundreds of free and affordable family activities.

There are more than 70 free Active and Healthy sessions scheduled for kids, as well as plenty of free activities at our 33 libraries.

The Lord Mayor's Children's Program at Brisbane City Hall presents *The Common People Family Challenge* on Wednesday 8 April and *My Big Top Circus Family* on Monday 13 April. There are 2 shows each day and bookings are a must.

While visiting City Hall, take the kids to the Museum of Brisbane to reach new heights on a free Clock Tower Tour.

Find out if plants feel the cold at Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha with Autumn Hub activities throughout the holidays.

For more information, search 'school holidays' on our website.



What's hot in Brisbane in March: Riverstage

Riverstage, Brisbane's iconic open-air venue, is the ultimate destination for live music this month.

Pop fans can relive the magic with the return of Big Time Rush on 20 March, while Magnolia Park brings indie vibes before BABYMETAL and Bloodywood deliver a powerhouse metal spectacle on 22 March.

Nestled riverside in the lush City Botanic Gardens, Riverstage offers an unbeatable experience where world-class acts meet Brisbane's vibrant atmosphere.

Grab your friends, soak up the river views and make March a month of music you'll never forget.

Tickets are selling fast, so secure yours now and be part of the action!
Visit [ticketmaster.com.au](https://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

Win tickets to Brisbane Comedy Festival shows

We're giving away a double pass to the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars on 2 or 3 May and a double pass to Frocking Hilarious on 16 May at Brisbane Powerhouse as part of the Brisbane Comedy Festival. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm, Friday 20 March.

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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