

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Mitchelton Library lockers



Library upgrades and anniversaries
Making our Mark
Creating vibrant neighbourhoods



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Making Brisbane's lifestyle even better: Lord Mayor

Brisbane was recently ranked the world's most family-friendly city and it's easy to see why.

We're Australia's lifestyle capital and this recognition paid particular attention to our incredible network of more than 2,100 parks, playgrounds and bushland reserves, which give our residents and visitors more to see and do throughout our suburbs.

With rising living costs continuing to be a challenge, ensuring we deliver more free and affordable programs and events like \$2 Summer Dips, free seniors concerts, free library sessions and story times, free exercise classes and free museums continues to be a key priority for me.

It's all about making sure Brisbane gets even better.

Celebrate our state on QLD Day

On 6 June, we celebrate QLD Day, marking the moment Queensland became its own state and separated from New South Wales.

This year, we're celebrating everything that makes our state great and we want you to be part of it!

There are plenty of ways to celebrate QLD Day your way.

- ◆ Shout out our best by voting for your favourite places across 15 categories from camping spots to bakeries.
- ◆ Celebrate our greats by nominating selfless Queenslanders in the QLD Day Awards.
- ◆ Head to a QLD Day Mega Round sporting event.
- ◆ Join the QLD Day Party on Caxton Street or host your own QLD Day Party... and so much more!

Check out how you can get involved by visiting qld.gov.au/qldday



Your voice helps shape our Games legacy

Brisbane residents have made their mark on the city's future, helping to shape the legacy of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

People viewed our website more than 82,000 times and we received almost 20,000 votes for the ideas people believe will benefit our city before, during and long after the Games.

The most-liked concepts highlight a clear vision for a more connected, active and vibrant city. They include:

- ◆ The Green Grid, a network of green corridors linking Games venues and key destinations
- ◆ The Low Line, a shaded, active and safe public space under the South Brisbane train line
- ◆ 24-hour precincts to support the night-time economy
- ◆ Brisbane Metro expansion
- ◆ Loving the Leftovers, transforming underused spaces into vibrant urban sports parks.

With 6 years to go, your feedback is guiding legacy planning to turn bright ideas into reality.

Do you know your flood risk?

Brisbane is prone to flooding because it sits alongside the Brisbane River, with many nearby creeks and low-lying areas that can be inundated quickly.

Find out how likely your property is to be affected by different types of flooding by entering your address into our online Flood Awareness Map. On our website, you can also access practical tips to help you prepare for an emergency.

Search 'check your flood risk' on our website to learn more.



Creating vibrant neighbourhoods

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities and we're working to deliver more homes sooner in the suburbs, while protecting our incredible lifestyle.

Through our Suburban Renewal Precincts program, we're unlocking the potential of underused land close to public transport, shops and services in the Alderley, Chermside, Mt Gravatt, Upper Mt Gravatt, Sandgate and Wynnum centres.

The goal is to create opportunities for more homes and jobs close to where people already live, work and socialise.

We're working with communities to create neighbourhoods with walkable streets, leafy public spaces, thriving main streets, subtropical buildings and stronger connections to buses, trains and cycling networks.

With community input guiding each plan, suburban renewal is about creating places that feel local, lively and ready for the future. Search 'suburban renewal' on our website for more information.



Our parks receive a glow-up

As part of our investment in the suburbs, we're upgrading our parks and helping to shape Brisbane's incredible lifestyle.

From revamping the popular Rocks Riverside Park water play area in Seventeen Mile Rocks (pictured) and the playground at Greene Park in Wynnum to rebuilding the playground at Fenwick Park in Mitchelton, we're ensuring our parks suit a range of needs, interests and activities.

Swing into Bill Hewitt Reserve in Camp Hill to enjoy the new half basketball court, a new shelter, learn-to-ride track and better connected pathways.

Explore one of our freshly refurbished parks today!

Visit our website to find park facilities and locations.

Beams Road milestone

We've passed the halfway mark on the next stage of works on the Beams Road upgrade.

Traffic has been moved from the southern side of Beams Road to the northern side over Cabbage Tree Creek so we can finish widening Beams Road to a consistent, median-separated 4 lanes between Carselgrove Avenue and Handford Road.

The upgrade will improve traffic flow along the arterial road that links key northern suburbs, keeping suburban traffic and vital heavy freight vehicles moving.

Once works are complete later this year, motorists can look forward to reduced congestion and travel times.



Local news



THANK YOU, BRISBANE VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week, 18–24 May, is our chance to thank the many volunteers who help make Brisbane a great place to live, work and relax. From caring for our environment to welcoming visitors and supporting community services, your time, skills and generosity help make Brisbane's lifestyle even better.

WYNNUM CENTRE RENEWAL

We've reviewed more than 500 submissions and have finalised the Wynnum Centre Suburban Renewal Precinct plan for adoption into *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. Changes respond to community feedback, including improved design requirements, reduced building heights in key locations and a new green corridor along Florence Street linking Wynnum Central Station to the foreshore. Search 'precinct plans' on our website for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for fireworks, rides, food, fun and more when the iconic Mt Gravatt Show returns for 2026 on 25–26 July. Held at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, with various prices for entry, the show has been a beloved local tradition since 1915. Go to mtgravattshow.com.au for more information.

Local charity helps kids return to school

For children impacted by domestic violence, having the basics they need for school can make all the difference.

That's where Brisbane-based Zephyr Education steps in, with volunteers delivering school packs to domestic and family violence service providers across Brisbane, helping children feel supported and ready to learn.

With support from a recent Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust grant, 80 children received uniforms, technology devices and school kits, easing pressure on families and helping children feel confident at school.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Zephyr Education and to donate to their vital work in the community.



Upgrades and anniversaries at our libraries

We're making Brisbane a better place to live by upgrading several of our libraries, so they remain comfortable, welcoming places for everyone to use and enjoy.

Recent works include a new roof at Sandgate Library and completed air conditioning upgrades at Garden City and Ashgrove libraries.

We've also started upgrades at Mitchelton Library, installed new lockers at Ashgrove Library and will begin upgrades to Bulimba Library later this year.

Some libraries are also celebrating big milestones this year, with Mt Coot-tha Library marking 50 years, Carina and Corinda libraries turning 60 and Wynnum Library celebrating its 10th anniversary.



Restoring a national icon

The Story Bridge is one of Brisbane's most recognised landmarks and has kept our city moving for 85 years.

That's why we've invested more than \$120 million maintaining the bridge over the past 2 decades, with work continuing.

In April, more than 70 team members worked day and night to complete concrete repairs and spray works, concrete curing, pothole repairs and asphalt depth testing.

These works, together with 750 metres of new footpath decking installed last year, are part of our constant upkeep of the bridge.

The next round of works will involve significant waterproofing and major resurfacing.

With the bridge built to last 100 years, we're planning a 20-year restoration program so it will last another 100 years and more.

Search 'Story Bridge' on our website for updates.



Reducing bushfire risk to protect Brisbane

With more than 10,000 hectares of bushland, Brisbane's natural areas are a big part of what makes our city such a great place to live, work and relax.

Planned burns help keep these habitats healthy while reducing fuel loads that can drive fast-moving bushfires.

Our specially trained firefighters carefully plan and carry out burns to reduce the build-up of leaves, sticks and ground cover, helping protect nearby homes and wildlife.

Everyone can help be prepared for bushfire season by updating your bushfire preparedness plan and clearing gutters and yards of leaves, branches and debris.

To check upcoming burns and tips for managing smoke, search 'planned burns' on our website.

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

Coorparoo, Norman Park, Seven Hills

Place on kerbside from

9 May 2026

Collection starts

11 May 2026

Suburbs

Greenslopes, Holland Park, Holland Park West, Stones Corner

Place on kerbside from

16 May 2026

Collection starts

18 May 2026

Suburbs

Mt Gravatt, Mt Gravatt East, Upper Mt Gravatt

Place on kerbside from

30 May 2026

Collection starts

1 June 2026

Suburbs

Burbank, Mackenzie, Rochedale, Wishart

Place on kerbside from

6 June 2026

Collection starts

8 June 2026



What's On



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FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS

VARIOUS



DARKNESS TO DAYLIGHT, 28-29 MAY

Brisbane City

Join Queensland's signature fundraising and awareness event for domestic and family violence prevention. Walk or run with funds raised supporting Challenge DV's critical activities. darknesstodaylight.org

VARIOUS



DINE BNE CITY, 1-30 JUNE

Various locations, Brisbane City

Enjoy exclusive offers and special dining experiences in the city's top restaurants and bars. Don't miss this year's new Morning Edition, featuring breakfast and brunch offers. dine.brisbane.qld.au

FREE



PARKINSON MULTICULTURAL AND DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 7 JUNE, Ken Fletcher Park, Tennyson

Experience the excitement of professional and amateur teams racing in a thrilling showcase of strength and teamwork. Featuring free entertainment, multicultural performances and diverse food stalls. brisbane.qld.gov.au

VARIOUS



EVA AIR BRISBANE MARATHON FESTIVAL, 7 JUNE

City Botanic Gardens, Brisbane City

Don't miss one of Brisbane's favourite running events, with distances for everyone. Enjoy a high-energy, feel-good morning out on the city streets for runners and supporters alike. brisbanemarathon.com.au

VARIOUS



UCI BMX RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17-25 JULY

Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler

See the world's best BMX riders compete in an adrenaline-charged showdown. Feel every jump, turn and sprint to the finish. Enjoy expo activations, fan zones and food outlets. bmxworlds2026.com

VARIOUS



BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE, 18-19 JULY

Various locations

Step inside fascinating buildings with behind-the-scenes access to iconic and innovative spaces. Discover hidden stories, subtropical architecture and the design shaping our future. brisbaneopenhouse.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

TEA AND TRIVIA

29 May, 10-11am,
Garden City Library,
Mt Gravatt

Test your trivia knowledge and make new friends. To book, call **3403 7745**.



FREE

OVER 16 YRS

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

30 May, 10.30-11.30am,
Wynnum Library, Wynnum

Meet with other book lovers to discuss *My Brilliant Career* by Miles Franklin. To book, call **3403 2199**.



FREE

GOLD

YOGALATES

2 June, 8-9am,
Bulimba Memorial Park

Pilates exercises to improve core strength and flexibility in the great outdoors.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

2-5 YRS

FIRST 5 FOREVER

29 May, 10.30-11am,
Carina Library, Carina

Enjoy listening to stories, connecting with parents and helping your child thrive.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

OVER 16 YRS

CREATE A REPEAT PATTERN

31 May, 1-3pm,
Carindale Library, Carindale

Make a pattern tile to print on wallpaper, fabric and more. To book, call **3407 1490**.



FREE

WEST END MARKETS

13 June, 6am-2pm,
Davies Park, West End

Shop for fresh produce and healthy fast food, fashion and gifts under a canopy of fig trees. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



FREE

BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

30 May, 8.30-10.30am,
Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve

Connect with nature and join like-minded volunteers to help protect local habitat.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

2-7 YRS

BALL SPORTS

1 June, 10-10.30am,
Orleigh Park, West End

Help kids build social skills and coordination while having fun. Bookings essential.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

OVER 18 YRS

BUILDING A RESILIENT ORGANISATION

13 June, 9.30am-4pm,
Garden City Library,
Mt Gravatt

Learn strategies to keep your community organisation thriving. Bookings essential.

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Brisbane's best eco day out

Brisbane's favourite lifestyle and sustainability festival is back on Sunday 24 May, from 9am-3pm, at Roma Street Parkland.

Sustainable BNE Festival is a free, all-ages event where you can discover how fun, easy and rewarding sustainable living can be.

Learn from eco experts, get hands-on with workshops, receive tips on saving money on your household bills and shop artisan stalls.

There's something for everyone, including yoga classes, face painting, food trucks and even a visit from Brisbane's favourite Heeler, Bluey (your pet pooch is welcome to join, too).

Start planning your day and find out what's on at sustainablebrisbane.com.au

It's time to get snapping to win

Brisbane's story is written in everyday moments – capture yours and enter the Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards 2026.

This year's theme, 'Everyday Brisbane', celebrates the people and places that make Brisbane the best city to live, work and relax.

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or a first-time entrant, if you live, work or study in Brisbane, you can enter to win up to \$5,000. Entries open at 10am Friday 1 May and close 4pm Friday 5 June. Search 'Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards 2026' on our website for details.



LaVonne Bobongie Award winner 2025: *Reflections* by Daniel Fewquandie

Win tickets to Brisbane Open House

WIN

To celebrate Brisbane Open House weekend, on 18-19 July, we're giving one lucky winner a double pass to a ticketed building as well as a double pass to a Brisbane Open House event of their choice. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 12 June.



Wolston Farmhouse, Wacol

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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