

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

\$2 Summer Dips
Festive season fun
Planning suburban renewal

Mowing season in full swing: Lord Mayor

With the warmer weather, you've probably noticed you're mowing your own grass more often and that's the case across our city's parks too.

Each year our crews mow more than 70,000 hectares of grass – the equivalent of mowing Suncorp Stadium 63,000 times over.

November marks the start of our summer mowing schedule, with teams working long days, even through weekends, to keep our parks looking their best.

While the hot weather and summer storms can be great for growing, they're not always easy for mowing.

Our crews will be out whenever the weather allows to help maintain our incredible parks ready for families to picnic and play.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Make the most of your green bin

Green waste recycling is now part of our standard bin collection service for eligible households, with our green bin rollout distributing new bins to more than 318,000 households.

A green waste bin makes it easy to turn garden waste, such as lawn clippings, leaves and prunings, into useful mulch instead of sending them to landfill.

Want to make the most of your green bin? Visit one of our events to chat with our team. We'll share tips, answer your questions and show just how simple green waste recycling can be. Visit our website's What's On in Brisbane page to find an event near you.



A premiership sporting city

Brisbane is the beating heart of Australian sport. Our teams are flying high after the Lions' back-to-back AFL premierships and the Broncos first ever NRL-NRLW double grand final wins in 2025.

With results like this, it is no surprise that we are also Australia's number one sporting city in the 2025 *Burson Ranking of Sports Cities*.

There are still plenty of sporting moments to be excited about this summer, with the Lions AFLW team on the hunt for a third premiership and the Brisbane Bullets, Brisbane Heat, Brisbane Bandits and Brisbane Roar teams back in action.

You can emulate our sporting stars by joining our free and affordable active and healthy classes, heading to our pools for \$2 Summer Dips (starting 1 December) or checking out your local park and bikeway. Visit our website to find sports facilities and activities near you.

Sign up for severe weather alerts

Prepare for severe weather by joining more than 230,000 residents who have signed up for our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service.

Scan the QR code to register and receive warnings if your address is at risk of severe thunderstorms, destructive winds or potential flooding.

We're always working to keep Brisbane prepared, by installing flood monitoring cameras, automated flood awareness signs and cleaning and upgrading drainage systems.

Go to our website to find out more about how to prepare your home and family for severe weather.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Help us better understand the sports and recreational activities you participate in.

Scan the QR code to complete this 10-15 minute confidential and anonymous Australian Government AusPlay survey by midnight on 7 December.



The best time of the year is nearly here!

The festive season is just around the corner and, as always, there's plenty of free and affordable fun to kick off our Christmas in Brisbane program.

It all starts with the Lord Mayor's iconic Lighting of the Christmas Tree in King George Square on Friday 28 November. Soak up the festive cheer as we light the spectacular 22-metre Christmas Tree.

From Friday 5 December, City Hall comes to life at night with captivating visuals, festive sounds and heart-warming storytelling.

The Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols returns to Riverstage on Saturday 6 December with a free livestream event in Roma Street Parkland. The event will be broadcast on Channel 9 and available to stream on 9Now, check local guides for details. Turn to page 8 for our Christmas Carols ticket giveaway.

Visit our website from 6 November for the full Christmas in Brisbane program and look out for our bumper December-January edition of *Living in Brisbane*.



Summer reading reaps prizes

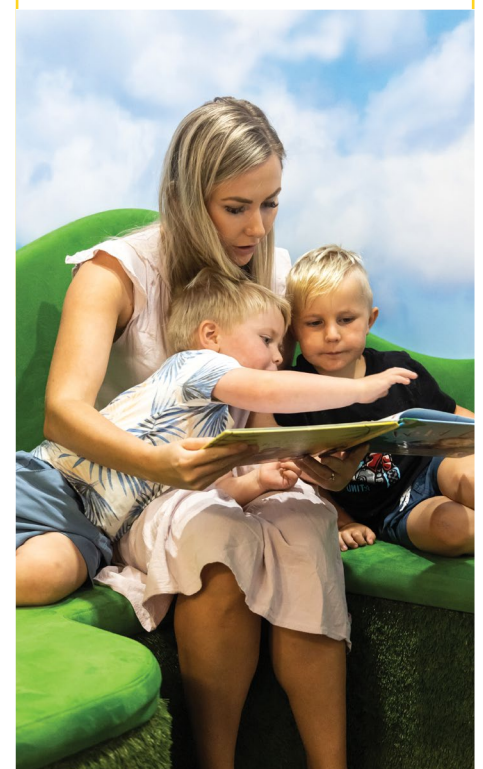
We're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better with the return of our Summer Reading program.

From 1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026, Council libraries are hosting summer reading events for bookworms of all ages, including:

- ♦ author talks and writing workshops
- ♦ storytelling and live performances
- ♦ cartooning and make and create sessions
- ♦ STEAM, coding and robotics events
- ♦ sustainable living workshops.

Head into your local library to register for the program and collect your Summer Reading Challenge booklet.

Receive a stamp each time you complete a challenge to go into weekly draws to win a \$50 book voucher.



Brisbane leads the way in tech safety

Technology can be amazing - until it isn't. Hidden tracking, surveillance and digital interference can turn everyday devices into tools of abuse, often hard to detect without expert help.

Brisbane is now home to the Technology Abuse Detection and Assessment Hub, a national first, created by the Naturalena Foundation.

With support from a recent Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust grant, the hub has provided 30 women with free tech assessments this year, helping restore safety, privacy and peace of mind.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the Naturalena Foundation or to support this vital work by donating.



Local news



MOWING SEASON RAMPS UP

You can expect the fresh aroma of grass cuttings as we enter our peak mowing season. Watch for mowing signs and stay a safe distance from workers. If you see overgrown grass or weeds, you can report it on our website – just search 'grass and weeds'.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

You can dispose of corrosive, flammable, toxic or poisonous waste for free at the Nudgee Resource Recovery Centre, from 7.30am–3.30pm on Saturday 6 December. For a full list of acceptable items, search 'household hazardous waste' on our website.

NEW ROOF FOR SANDGATE LIBRARY

We're making Sandgate Library even better for book lovers and visitors by replacing the roof while preserving its history. Works are underway to upgrade the building and will be completed by early 2026. It's part of our commitment to create more to see and do in the suburbs.

Have your say on suburban renewal

We're planning for Brisbane's future by transforming underutilised areas into vibrant, mixed-use communities for people to live, work and relax.

With more than 600 people moving to our city every week, our Suburban Renewal Precincts program is identifying more housing opportunities in the same way we've done for Teneriffe, Howard Smith Wharves and West Village in West End.

Brisbane's growth is both an opportunity and a challenge and this program strikes the right balance by encouraging more homes near jobs and transport, while protecting our city's tin and timber suburbs.

Have your say on our draft suburban renewal plans for Wynnum, Mt Gravatt and Alderley by scanning the QR code below and subscribing to our Building and Planning e-newsletter to stay up to date.



Logan Road, Mt Gravatt



SPLISH SPLASH! \$2 SUMMER DIPS

Our hugely popular \$2 Summer Dips are back at our 22 pools from Monday 1 December 2025 to Saturday 28 February 2026, helping you stay cool while keeping costs down.

Make a day of it with family and friends, with adults and children all paying just \$2 per general entry.

Set yourself a challenge these holidays and visit as many of our pools as you can, with something for everyone.

Visit our website to find local pools with drop buckets, bubblers, water jets and wading pools. It's just one way we're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better.



Council designed this rolling rig called a Mobile Installation Gantry to lay the decking panels.

Good news for Story Bridge

Works to replace the eastern footpath on Brisbane's iconic Story Bridge are on track to be wrapped up in the coming weeks, following the reopening of the western (city-side) footpath last month.

Works have forged on ahead of schedule, with crews using a purpose-built rolling rig to lay the new custom-made decking over the ageing footpaths. The almost \$7 million investment to install the new decking is in addition to the nearly \$80 million invested in the Story Bridge since 2019.

The new footpaths are part of our long-term restoration plan to keep the 85-year-old bridge in great condition for generations to come.

Keeping Brisbane moving

It's been 'all systems go' in 2025 with the launch of the Brisbane Metro M1 and M2 routes, the introduction of Brisbane's New Bus Network and the opening of the Adelaide Street tunnel.

Since Brisbane Metro services started, more than 4 million trips have been taken.

It has been a game changer, moving more people, more often, reducing bus congestion in the CBD and creating reliable journeys across the bus network.

Brisbane's New Bus Network launched on 30 June, adding 160,000 bus trips to the network annually.

Thanks for coming with us on this journey to keep Brisbane moving - helping you get where you need to be sooner and safer.



Beams Road upgrades well on track

We're making progress on the next stage of the Beams Road upgrade to get you where you need to be sooner and safer.

Over the past 6 months, we've been improving underground drainage and electrical utilities, and now we're reducing bottlenecks by widening the Cabbage Tree Creek bridge to 4 lanes.

We're also building a shared underpass under Beams Road, providing a safe and separate space for people walking and riding along the Cabbage Tree Creek Bikeway.

Beams Road is a vital link for northside residents, and part of our work to improve safety, reduce congestion and keep Brisbane moving.



What's On



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FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS

FREE



STORIES YOU WEAR: MAGPIE GOOSE, FROM 22 NOVEMBER

Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City

Don't miss this new exhibition and connect with the rich and diverse cultural expressions of First Peoples using clothing as a canvas for storytelling. museumofbrisbane.com.au

Image: Country to Couture by Indigenous Fashion Projects. Photo by Dylan Buckee.

VARIOUS



GAMING, HOBBY AND MODEL EXPO, 22-23 NOVEMBER

RNA Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

It's the ultimate weekend of hands-on fun where you can experience hobbies, gaming and creativity at an expo with model kit building, trivia, a cosplay competition and more. Fun for the entire family. ghmx.com.au

FREE



GATHERING END OF YEAR MINI MARKET, 12 noon-1pm, 26 NOVEMBER, Queen Street Mall, Brisbane City

Join this Gathering market to find special and unique creations by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artisans and craftspeople, and meet the artists behind the artworks. brisbane.qld.gov.au

VARIOUS



BRISBANE FIESTA LATINA 2025, 1-9pm, 29 NOVEMBER

Mount Gravatt Showgrounds

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

Photo by Luis Elvis Carrasco.

FREE



LORD MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS LIVE STREAM, 6 DECEMBER, Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane City

Experience all the joy of Christmas at this free live stream of Brisbane's most magical night of the season. Pack a picnic or enjoy delicious fare from food trucks. What a great start to the festive season. brisbane.qld.gov.au

VARIOUS



DENDY POWERHOUSE OUTDOOR CINEMA, VARIOUS DATES

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

From arthouse breakouts to marquee blockbusters and more, enjoy movies on an outdoor screen, lounge chairs with wide armrests and wireless headphones. Every Sunday is dog friendly. powerhouse.dendy.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

NORTHEY STREET ORGANIC FARMERS MARKETS

16 November, 6-11am,
Northey Street City Farm
Shop for organic food and
drinks. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

1-2 YRS

FIRST 5 FOREVER TODDLER TIME

19 November, 10-10.30am,
Bracken Ridge Library
Join parents and toddlers
for a fun session of dancing.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

3-5 YRS

BUSH KINDY

25 November, 10-10.45am,
Downfall Creek Bushland
Centre, Chermside West
Build nature confidence with
bushwalks and more. To book,
visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

7-12 YRS

SHOREBIRD ADVENTURE

16 November, 10-11am,
Boondall Wetlands
Environment Centre
Explore the world of shorebirds
through craft and play. To
book, visit eventbrite.com.au



FREE

PILATES

20 November, 5.30-6.30pm,
Decker Park, Brighton
Improve your balance,
posture and stability with
gentle stretching exercises.
brisbane.qld.gov.au

BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

26 November, 6.30-8am,
Sandgate Second Lagoon
Reserve

Protect and restore Brisbane's
unique biodiversity. To book,
call **0421 488 622**.

FREE



FREE

GOLD

YOGA

18 November, 9.30-10.30am,
Boyd Park, Nundah
Stretching, breathing, strength
and balance exercises to relax
the mind and body.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

GOLD

TENNIS

21 November, 9-10am,
Shaw Park Tennis Centre,
Woolloowin
Join a fun lesson with a tennis
coach, suitable for all abilities.
To book, call **3266 1660**.

JINGLE ALL THE BAY

29 November, 4-9pm,
Einbunpin Lagoon Park,
Sandgate

Have fun with market stalls,
live music, dancing, rides and
the iconic Christmas street
parade. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

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LIVE!

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your favourite podcasts.



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

Gordon Park, Lutwyche, Nundah, Wavell Heights

Place on kerbside from

8 November

Collection starts

10 November

Suburbs

Kedron, Stafford, Stafford Heights

Place on kerbside from

15 November

Collection starts

17 November

Suburbs

Carseldine, Chermside, Chermside West

Place on kerbside from

22 November

Collection starts

24 November

Suburbs

Aspley, Bridgeman Downs, McDowall

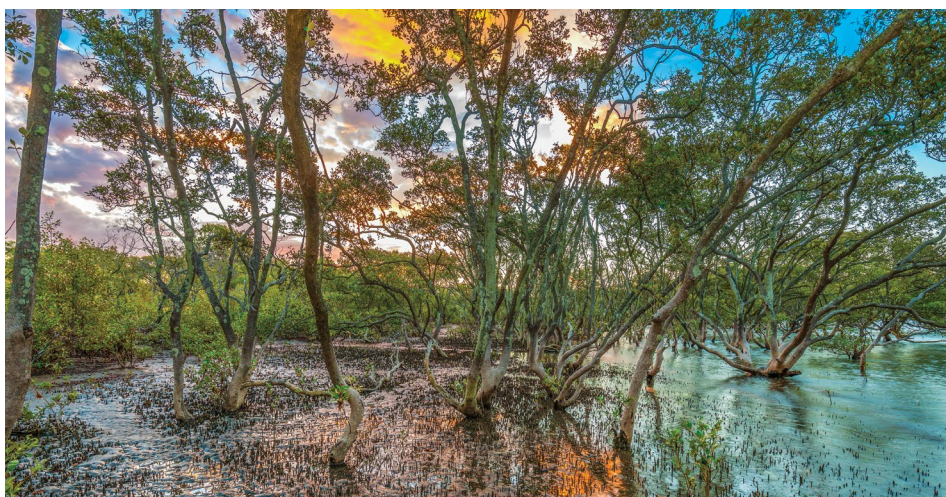
Place on kerbside from

29 November

Collection starts

1 December

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.



Get your lens on Boondall

Our environment centres are hosting a 'Wetlands in Focus' photography competition to celebrate World Wetlands Day, Monday 2 February 2026.

The competition will showcase the beauty and ecological importance of the Boondall Wetlands and is open to everyone and all skill levels.

Visit Brisbane's wetlands, bring your camera and snap a photo of your favourite part of the wetlands to enter. Selected photos will be displayed at Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre and on our website.

Entries open on Saturday 8 November and close on Friday 9 January 2026. Search 'environment centres' on our website to submit your entry.



Win a family pass to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols

We're giving away 2 family passes to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols at Riverstage on Saturday 6 December, with the lucky winners meeting Santa himself! To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 21 November.

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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