

#### 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.



# **HAVE YOUR SAY**

# 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.



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.



## 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.



#### 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*.



#### 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.



# 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.



# 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'.

# COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Help make Brisbane shadier, greener and more attractive by coming along to our free and family-friendly community street tree planting event in Richlands. You're invited to join us on Saturday 8 November from 9am to 12 noon. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and take home a free native plant. Search 'community street tree planting' on our website.

# SAFE PASSAGE FOR WILDLIFE

We're installing a fauna crossing under Toohey Road to provide a safe wildlife passageway within Toohey Forest. We share Brisbane with our furry friends, and we want to make sure our iconic Australian animals can move around safely. Works are expected to begin later this year.

#### 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.





#### **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.



#### **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.



### 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.

# **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.







#### 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.



# **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** 



# 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** 



#### 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.



# 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** 



#### **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** 





Check out the Brisbane app for more event listings!

#### **X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-REGIONAL EVENTS - X-X-X-X**



#### **YOGA**

10 November, 9-10am, The Lake Parklands, Forest Lake Stretching, breathing, strength and balance exercises to relax the mind and body.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



### SHERWOOD COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

15 November, 2-8pm, Sherwood Arboretum Come along for food trucks, free rides, face painting and more. brisbane.qld.gov.au



#### **BASKETBALL SKILLS**

19 November, 3.30-5pm, Julie Road Park, Ellen Grove Skill development and fun games with basketball drills and 3x3 action. To book, visit madeconceptspty.com



#### **FUN SOCCER**

11 November, 9.30-10.30am, Yeronga Memorial Park Boost confidence, coordination and teamwork and discover the joy of soccer. To book, visit gingersport.com.au



### FIRST 5 FOREVER TODDLER TIME

17 November, 9.15-9.45am, Annerley Library Meet parents and toddlers for a fun session of singing and dancing. brisbane.qld.gov.au



23 November, 7.30-10am, Wolston Creek Bushland, River Hills

Protect Brisbane's biodiversity. To book, email **thelongtons1205@gmail.com** 



#### **NIGHT WRITERS GROUP**

12 November, 6-8pm, Mt Ommaney Library Bring along your stories and connect with other writers in the community.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



#### **AQUA AEROBICS**

17 November,
11.30am-12.30pm,
Jindalee Pool, Jindalee
Low-impact strength and
mobility workout in the water.
brisbane.qld.gov.au

#### **CENTENARY CAROLS**

7 December, 3.30-8pm, Peter Lightfoot Oval, Middle Park

Now in its 38th year, everyone is welcome to this free, family-friendly event.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE



# **Keep braille trails clear to help others**

Have you seen the pavers with raised dots and dashes on footpaths of busy areas like Queen Street Mall?

They're part of our braille trails, which help people with visual impairment to move around the city safely and easily using a cane.

The braille trails run from Reddacliff Place, down Queen Street Mall and on to Anzac Square.

Help keep our braille trails clear for people using it to navigate by:

- not walking on the braille trails
- not placing bags or other items on the braille trails
- not standing on the braille trails.

By keeping our braille trails clear, we can all help make Brisbane's lifestyle even better for everyone.



#### **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.



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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