

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane



**Brisbane in bloom
Seniors Month
Ride2Work Day**

Tunnel opens to keep Brisbane moving: Lord Mayor

The new Adelaide Street tunnel is now open, marking another major milestone for Brisbane Metro.

By moving buses and metro services underground, we're helping to break the bus bottleneck in the CBD to help keep Brisbane moving.

Since Brisbane Metro launched, more than 3.4 million trips have been taken, showing how quickly our city is embracing the step change from public transport to mass transit.

This first stage lays the foundation for future expansions, which have been identified in the Queensland Government's 2032 *Delivery Plan*.

Our focus remains on delivering more services more often so you can spend less time travelling and more time enjoying our city.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

100 years of our great city

This month, we're celebrating 100 years since 18 local councils and 2 boards merged to form what would become Australia's largest local government by population, Brisbane City Council.

Back in 1925, local leaders decided managing roads, rubbish, parks and planning separately was ineffective and made the decision to merge and be governed by a single council.

On 1 October 1925, the City of Brisbane was officially formed, bringing together these bodies to create a united council for better services, smarter planning and a stronger future by working together.

The bold step has helped shape Brisbane into one of the best places in the world to live, work and relax.

(From top) First meeting of the Greater Brisbane Council, 1925; City Hall opening, 1930.

Brisbane in bloom

Check out Brisbane's spring blooms in these top spots. Take a CityCat to New Farm Park to admire the picturesque rose gardens and jacaranda trees or visit Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha to admire flowering native plants and the tranquil Japanese Garden.

Bougainvillea is in bloom at iconic spots like Kangaroo Point Cliffs. There are hidden gems in our suburbs too, such as Bougainvillea Gardens at Sir John Chandler Park, Indooroopilly, and Jacaranda Park, Yeronga.

Search 'parks and playgrounds' on our website to find your perfect park.



Sir John Chandler Park,
Indooroopilly

Spreading Christmas cheer



Did you know the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust provides festive season support to Brisbane charities?

Eligible charities can apply for cash grants to:

- host a Christmas celebration for volunteers
- provide meal services for the vulnerable over the Christmas period
- purchase gift cards for clients needing a helping hand over Christmas.

In addition to grant funding, charities can also apply for toys for children up to the age of 12 who might otherwise go without a gift this Christmas.

Eligible charities can apply on the Trust's website before 5pm, Friday 17 October. Scan the QR code to learn more. These Christmas grants are one of several grant rounds offered by the Trust each year. Visit lmct.org.au/grants to find out more.



Image courtesy of the Children's Hospital Foundation,
a recipient of the 2024 Christmas Grant.





Artist's impression: Adelaide Street tunnel portal

Adelaide Street tunnel now open

Brisbane's bus network has received another massive boost with the opening of the Adelaide Street tunnel in the CBD, providing a dedicated link for buses and metros between North Quay and King George Square bus station to keep Brisbane moving.

With more than 1,300 buses and metros using the tunnel each day, we're making it easier for you to leave your car at home.

The 225-metre tunnel was constructed using a shallow-tunnelling method that was an Australian first for an inner-city project. We excavated more than 39,500 cubic metres of soil during construction, which is enough to fill 16 Olympic-size swimming pools.



More river tourism on the horizon

We want to make Brisbane's lifestyle even better by opening our pontoons and jetties to more exciting tourism and recreational activities, creating more opportunities for local business.

Our River Access Network is made up of 8 river and recreation hubs, with most sites designed for short-term use for activities such as kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and jet skiing, and pick-up and drop-off by tourism and recreation vessels. We want to tap into growing demand for our pontoons and bring better and more exciting river experiences for locals and visitors to enjoy.

We're working with the Queensland Government to review the future use of our river network and the former Gardens Point moorings near the City Botanic Gardens.

Kedron Brook Vision in the pipeline

Kedron Brook is a much-loved destination for locals that helps build Brisbane's reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital.

We're working on a 20-year vision and master plan to rejuvenate the Kedron Brook catchment, so it continues to be a great place to visit for generations to come.

Hundreds of residents shared their ideas for the Kedron Brook Vision and Master Plan in the first round of community engagement through an online survey, drop-a-pin activity, 6 in-person information kiosks and a stand at the Sustainable BNE Festival.

We're now collating this feedback to help shape the draft vision and master plan.

Scan the QR code to find out the latest information about the Kedron Brook Vision and Master Plan and to register your interest in receiving project updates.



Local news



DONATE TO HOMELESS CONNECT

Help to support people in our community who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by dropping off non-perishable food and toiletries at ward offices and Council libraries until Friday 31 October. The next Homeless Connect event will be held at the Brisbane Showgrounds on Friday 7 November. Visit our website for more information.

GREENSLOPES DRAINAGE UPGRADE

We're upgrading stormwater drainage at Ridge Street, Greenslopes to improve flood resilience for the local catchment and make the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Works include new culverts, pipes and path upgrades, which are on track to be completed in the coming weeks.

HI-TECH KOALA MONITORING

We're working with The University of Queensland to help ensure Brisbane continues to be Australia's koala capital by using heat-seeking drones to track koalas in our bushlands, including Brisbane Koala Bushlands, Burbank and Whites Hill Reserve, Camp Hill. This new, non-intrusive technology helps researchers to locate and monitor our local koala population.

Brisbane remembers

On Tuesday 11 November at 11am, we pause in silence to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

For more information on services, events and how to commemorate, visit remembertoremember.com.au



Celebrate Seniors Month

October is Seniors Month and we have plenty of ways to celebrate, with free and affordable activities across Brisbane.

Our seniors' program is part of our commitment to create more to see and do in the suburbs and help to make Brisbane's lifestyle even better.

Try a new experience with our Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) program of activities, including Tai Chi, Zumba, yoga and Bollywood dance.

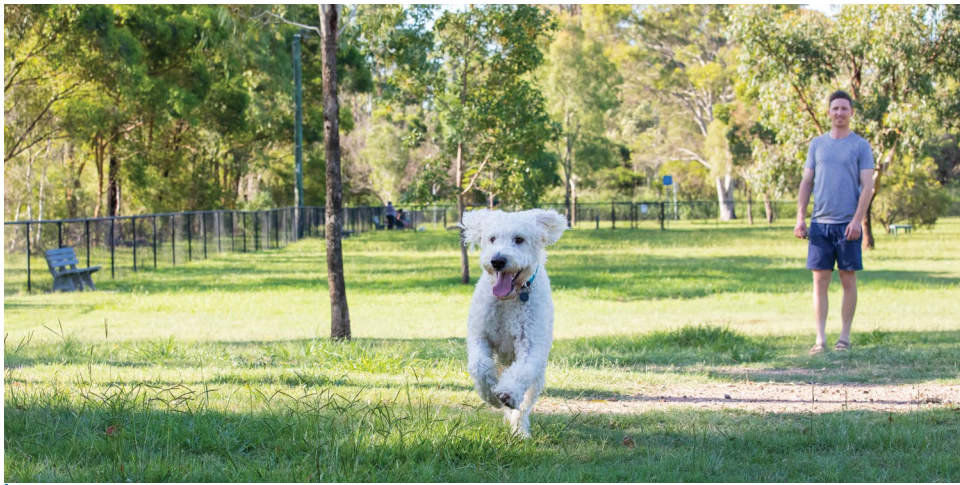
Enjoy a musical journey through the decades at the Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret Gala on Sunday 19 October. See spectacular performances by local seniors and special guests at Brisbane City Hall.

Search 'Seniors Month' on our website and start planning.



DID YOU KNOW

Brisbane pensioners can receive rates rebates of up to \$1,298 per year, after we increased the amount by an additional \$50 this financial year.



More fun for 4-legged friends

Upgrading our dog off-leash areas is just one of the ways we're ensuring Brisbane remains the best place to live, work and relax.

We've recently upgraded or opened new dog off-leash areas in Hyde Road Park, Yeronga; Paten Park, The Gap; Green Hill Reservoir Park, Chapel Hill; Newbury Place Park, Carindale; Bulimba Riverside Park, Bulimba; Anzac Park, Toowong and Calamvale District Park, Calamvale.

Search 'dog off-leash areas' on our website to find dog parks and off-leash dog beaches in Brisbane.

Be prepared for severe weather

Storm season is here, so don't wait until it's too late to prepare.

Start by tidying your yard – trim branches, mow the lawn, clear gutters and secure loose items like outdoor furniture.

Prepare an emergency kit ready for evacuation or if you lose electricity or water, and include a plan for what to do in case of a crisis.

Make a list of key contacts so you're not scrambling later.

Stay informed by signing up for our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service and follow us and the Bureau of Meteorology on social media.

Search 'be prepared' on our website for more tips to prepare.



FREE GREEN WASTE DROP-OFF

Prepare your home for summer storms with our free green waste drop-off weekends at our 4 resource recovery centres.

- ◆ 11 and 12 October
- ◆ 1 and 2 November

Turn your creative ideas into a reality

Applications are now open for grants and fellowships supporting Brisbane's artists, arts workers, cultural workers and creative producers.

The Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships provide funding of up to \$10,000 for professional development opportunities.

The Creative Sparks Grants Program, in partnership with the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, offers up to \$15,000 for new works to share with the people of Brisbane.

Applications close Monday 10 November for Creative Sparks, and Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships close on Monday 17 November.

To learn more about our grants and apply, search 'creative grants' on our website.



Jessie Hughes 20th Pictoplasma Festival. Photo by Diego Castro

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✕-✕-✕ FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS ✕-✕-✕



Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Nathan

See elite and emerging international athletes with intellectual impairments competing proudly at the highest level. sportinclusionaustralia.org.au



slq Gallery at State Library of Queensland, Brisbane City

View finalists' artworks telling the stories of the courageous, creative and passionate people who make up our city. **brisbaneporraitprize.org**



Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Explore a temporary village of delicious cuisine, neon, art installations and performance, and indulge in a month-long celebration of food and art at Brisbane's home for contemporary culture. **nightfeast.com.au**



Various venues

Melt Festival is back city-wide, celebrating queer culture, arts, ideas and allies. Events include workshops, sports, music, theatre, film and the annual River Pride Parade flotilla down the Brisbane River. **melt.org.au**



King George Square, Brisbane City

Everyone is welcome to join this joyous celebration and enjoy all the colour, sights, sounds and tastes of this uplifting event. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City

From textiles to tin toys and micro-architectural marvels to marine treasures, delve into the incredible stories behind Brisbane's prolific collectors and their remarkable keepsakes. **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

2-5 YRS

MUSIC BEAT KIDS GROUP

13 October, 10.45-11.15am,
Preston Road Park, Carina
Enjoy the great outdoors with
your little ones while you move
and make music together.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

JAN POWER MANLY MARKETS

18 October, 6am-12 noon,
Little Bayside Park, Manly
Enjoy bay breezes and shop
for premium fresh produce.
brisbane.qld.gov.au

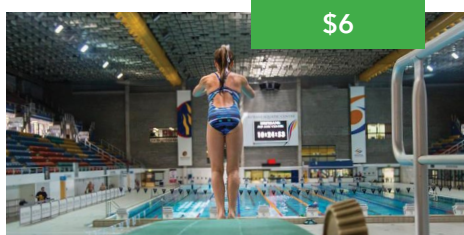


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OVER 10 YRS

ABSEILING

24 October, 6-8pm,
Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park
Conquer your fears and
experience abseiling with
qualified facilitators. To book,
visit pinnaclesports.com.au



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SPRINGBOARD DIVING

15 October, 9.30-11am,
Sleeman Sports Complex,
Chandler
Learn how to dive off a
springboard or platform. To
book, visit divingqld.org.au

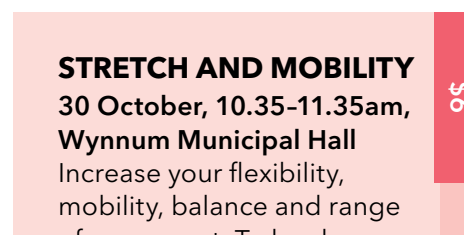


FREE

OVER 18 YRS

PILATES

20 October, 9-10am,
Ray Lynch Park, Holland Park
Start the morning with gentle
exercise to improve your
balance, posture and stability.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$6

STRETCH AND MOBILITY

30 October, 10.35-11.35am,
Wynnum Municipal Hall
Increase your flexibility,
mobility, balance and range
of movement. To book,
visit [bookwhen.com/
lizkingfitness](http://bookwhen.com/lizkingfitness)

GOLD



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TENNIS

16 October, 9-10am,
Morningside Tennis Centre
Social and fun coaching
lesson with qualified tennis
coaches for all abilities. To
book, call **3899 8110**.



FREE

GOLD

YOGA

22 October, 9.30-10.30am,
The Y Cannon Hill
Community Centre
Gentle exercise for strength
and balance. Must book,
visit brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

5-7 YRS

WHEELY FUN

8 November, 8.30-9.30am,
The Common Park,
Coorparoo
Our trainer will help get your
young ones confident on 2
wheels. Bookings are essential,
visit. eventbrite.com.au

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Repurpose your food scraps

Thinking about how you can reduce food waste at home?

Take advantage of our sustainable rebates of up to \$100 for compost bins, worm farms and bokashi bins, plus rebates of up to \$200 for food waste recycling equipment like a food waste dehydrator or in-sink food disposal system.

Composting is a simple way to cut down your household waste and reduce food waste going to landfill while creating a rich mix for your garden.

Our online resources can help you choose the best composting method to suit your home, plus you'll find handy videos with composting tips and tricks.

Visit our website and search 'Compost Rebate program' for eligibility criteria and some great ideas for composting.



Wheely fun way to get to work

Jump on your bike and experience how our bikeways keep Brisbane moving on National Ride2Work Day on Wednesday 15 October.

Try these top local bike routes to take your commute to the next gear.

- ♦ North Brisbane Bikeway
- ♦ Western Freeway Bikeway
- ♦ Kangaroo Point Bikeway
- ♦ Indooroopilly Riverwalk
- ♦ Lores Bonney Riverwalk
- ♦ Veloway 1 (V1)
- ♦ Kedron Brook Bikeway
- ♦ Bicentennial Bikeway
- ♦ CityLink Cycleway

Visit our website to find interactive Community Maps to plan your next ride.

Search 'riding in Brisbane' on our website for more information, including bike parking and facilities in the CBD and safety tips.

DID YOU KNOW

We provide hundreds of free bike workshops every year. Search 'bike' on our What's on in Brisbane page to find them.

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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