

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

**Brisbane in bloom
Story Bridge memories
Seniors Month**

Japanese Garden, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha.
Photo: Kara Hamilton



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Using technology to keep Brisbane moving: Lord Mayor

Brisbane is growing quickly, so we need to find smarter ways to get more out of the roads we already have.

That's why we're launching Australia's largest trial using AI technology to help traffic lights respond to changing conditions in real time.

From early 2027, we'll use the technology at 37 intersections along Kelvin Grove Road and Logan Road, helping reduce queues, improve safety and get people where they're going sooner.

We've already bucked the trend, with Brisbane being the only major Australian city to reduce congestion in 2025, according to the TomTom Traffic Index.

Now we're using smarter technology to build on that progress and give people more time back in their day.



Students helping students, one lunch at a time

The Tukka Project's Kids Feeding Kids model is helping students facing food insecurity.

The program brings students and volunteers together to make nutritious lunches for children who may otherwise go without a meal at school.

With many families doing it tough, The Tukka Project focuses on nutrition and dignity, so children can eat with their friends without feeling singled out.

A recent Local Impact Grant from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust will help fund another 2,000 lunch packs this year.

Last year, the organisation delivered more than 10,300 lunch packs to Brisbane schools.

Eligible charities can now apply for up to \$12,500 through the Local Impact Grant Quarter 4 round. Applications close Thursday 31 December 2026.

Scan the QR code for more information.



Make the most of Seniors Month

October is Seniors Month, and we're celebrating with a packed program of free and low-cost activities.

Keen to stay active and make new friends? Join one of hundreds of Move Well classes across the suburbs, with everything from yoga to aqua aerobics to keep you moving.

See talented seniors take centre stage at the Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret Gala, *Legends and Icons*, at Brisbane City Hall on Sunday 25 October.

Grandparents Day on Sunday 25 October is the perfect opportunity for a picnic with the grandkids in our botanic gardens, bushland reserves, forests and wetlands.

Head to our website and search 'seniors' to find out more.



Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret, 2025

Are you prepared for storm season?

Storm season is here but there's still time to tick off some simple tasks to help protect your home and yard.

Check your roof, clear gutters and drains, trim trees and secure outdoor furniture and other loose items on your deck or in your garden.

Dispose of garden waste using your green bin or waste vouchers to recycle it at our resource recovery centres.

Visit our website and search 'be prepared' for more tips.





The Brook, Mitchelton

More places to stay in Brisbane

Your local pub could soon offer more than a meal and a brew, with practical changes on the way to help deliver more suburban stays.

We've been working with pub owners, operators and industry groups to explore updates to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* to support new accommodation at suburban pubs.

Our strategy would encourage investment in larger pub sites, creating more places to stay for visiting family and friends, while supporting businesses and jobs closer to home.

Search 'Suburban Pub Stays Strategy' on our website to find out more.



Operation Smooth is coming to a road near you

From major routes to local suburban streets, our record investment in resurfacing roads across Brisbane makes everyday journeys smoother, safer and more comfortable.

In July and August alone, we resurfaced 57 roads and laid more than 52,500 tonnes of asphalt.

We've rolled out Operation Smooth on Waterworks Road at The Gap, Toombul Road at Northgate, Old Cleveland Road at Camp Hill and Beenleigh Road at Sunnybank, just to name a few.

Whether you're driving to work, dropping the kids off at school or heading out on the weekend, these upgrades are helping improve the roads you use every day and keeping Brisbane moving.

Share your Story Bridge memories

From much-loved family photos to cherished snapshots of special occasions, people have shared their memorable Story Bridge moments as part of our Share Your Story initiative.

Linda shared how the Story Bridge became part of her family's story (pictured below) after migrating to Brisbane in 1950 and building a life in New Farm.

In the early 1970s, David Halliday produced a music video for Johnny Chester's 'Glory, Glory, I'll Be Back to See the Storey [sic] Bridge', a love song with Brisbane at its heart.

As we plan for the bridge's future, these stories remind us why it remains a treasured Brisbane icon.

To explore more stories, or for more information, search 'Story Bridge renewal' on our website or scan the QR code.

Photo courtesy of Linda Zaklikowski



Local news



BRISBANE REMEMBERS

On Wednesday 11 November at 11am, we pause to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. For more information on the Anzac Square event, local services near you and how to commemorate, visit **remembertoremember.com.au**

PLAYTIME GETS AN UPGRADE

Construction is well underway on Carindale Recreation Reserve's exciting upgrade, with improved shared paths, a new 2-lane park entry road and safer internal crossing points paving the way for the planned new playground. This first stage of works is due to finish later this year, with the upgrades to play spaces starting in 2027.

HELP SHAPE OUR BAYSIDE

We're planning the renewal of the Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores and we want you to be part of shaping the bayside's future. Community engagement on our draft 20-year master plan will open soon. Register for updates by searching 'Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores' on our website.



Buy Nothing New Month

There's no better time to save money and reduce waste than Buy Nothing New Month in October.

Explore quality pre-loved furniture, homewares, books, toys and sports equipment at our Treasure Troves in Geebung and Acacia Ridge.

You can also borrow books, magazines and more from our 33 libraries.

Looking to stay active? Make use of our outdoor gyms and Move Well Brisbane sessions to boost your fitness without the cost.

Search 'Move Well' on our website to find more ways to stay fit, have fun and connect with others without buying anything new.

Stay pool safe this spring



As Brisbane warms up, take a moment to refresh your water safety knowledge.

If you have a pool, check it meets safety requirements, including a compliant barrier, self-latching gate, non-climbable zones and a visible CPR sign.

Help keep our pools safe and enjoyable for everyone by following the Conditions of Entry, including not using recording devices such as AI glasses without consent. Always stay alert and keep children within arm's reach at all times.

Learn-to-swim classes are available at our pools for all ages and abilities.

Find a pool near you by searching 'swimming pools' on our website.



Passengers boarding a Brisbane City Council bus, George Street, Brisbane, 1950.
Photo courtesy of the State Library of Queensland

Marking a century of Brisbane buses

For more than 100 years, Brisbane's buses have been helping residents get to school, work and the places they love.

What began with just 6 buses in 1925 has grown into Queensland's largest bus network.

Today, more than 1,200 vehicles connect communities across our city and provide more than 80 million bus and metro trips each year.

To celebrate this milestone, a specially wrapped bus will soon take to Brisbane's streets.

It will showcase the evolution of our bus services through historic images of the vehicles and people who have kept Brisbane moving for generations.

Keep an eye out for this tribute on wheels celebrating a century of Brisbane buses.

Creative ideas spark into action

We're encouraging Brisbane creatives to take their next big step, with applications now open for the Creative Sparks Grants Program and Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships.

The Creative Sparks Grants Program, in partnership with the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, offers up to \$15,000 for artists and not-for-profit arts, cultural and historical organisations to create projects for public audiences. Applications close 3pm Monday 9 November.

The Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships offer professional development opportunities here and overseas, with up to \$10,000 available to emerging creatives. Applications close 3pm Monday 16 November.

Previous recipients have gone on to perform at major festivals, develop award-winning productions and undertake international training experiences.

To learn more and apply, search 'Creative Grants' on our website.



Celebrating 30 years of care and support

Our Contact Centre has been supporting Brisbane residents for 30 years.

Last financial year, our dedicated team answered more than 710,000 calls, including everyday enquiries and urgent issues such as lost animals, property matters and public safety concerns.

Congratulations to our wonderful Contact Centre staff on this special milestone and their dedication to helping Brisbane residents, businesses and visitors, day and night, when they need it most.

AQUILA
Dancers: Jordan Lennon and Rafaela Morel
Photo: Neil Waters
Emrys Goldsworthy, 2024-25 Creative Sparks recipient



What's On



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FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS

FREE

BRISBANE PORTRAIT PRIZE, UNTIL 8 NOVEMBER

Level 2, SLQ Gallery, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane

This exhibition of 2026 prize finalists has something for everyone, with artists celebrating the stories and lives of the people and personalities that make up our city. brisbaneporraitprize.org

VARIOUS

MAKE, BELIEVE, MAGIC: THE WORLDS OF THE JIM HENSON COMPANY, UNTIL 18 APRIL 2027

Gallery of Modern Art, South Brisbane

Explore the imaginative storytelling and world-building of The Jim Henson Company in this magical exhibition. qagoma.qld.gov.au

VARIOUS

MELT FESTIVAL, 21 OCTOBER-8 NOVEMBER

Brisbane Powerhouse and venues across Brisbane

Celebrate queer arts, culture and community with theatre, music, cabaret, comedy, visual arts and more. Plus, see the giant 15-metre rubber duck on the Brisbane River throughout the festival. brisbanepowerhouse.org

VARIOUS

4MBS BRISBANE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, 31 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER, Roma Street Parkland

Forsooth, why not pack a picnic and step into Shakespeare's world? Enjoy open-air performances, swordplay demonstrations, Renaissance dance and family-friendly activities. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

BRISBANE CITY HALL ORGAN RECITAL: JENNIFER CHOU, 1.15-2PM, 10 NOVEMBER

Brisbane City Hall, Brisbane City

Experience the power and beauty of City Hall's historic pipe organ with one of Australia's leading performers. brisbane.qld.gov.au

VARIOUS

GAMING, HOBBY AND MODEL EXPO, 21 AND 22 NOVEMBER

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

Gamers, collectors and hobby enthusiasts will love this interactive expo. Discover cosplay, tabletop gaming, model displays, workshops and hands-on activities designed for all ages. ghmx.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

4MBS: SHAKESPEARE'S KINGS AND QUEENS

22 October, 11am-12 noon,
Carindale Library

Meet Shakespeare's royals
with music and stories. To book,
visit brisbane.qld.gov.au



\$6

SENIORS & KIDS

STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING

25 October, 9-10am,
Bayside Park, Manly

Learn stand-up paddle
boarding. Bookings essential.
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

FAMILY HISTORY IN ACTION

29 October, 10am-12 noon,
Wynnum Library

Learn research skills to discover
your family story. To book, visit
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

PRESERVING AND JAM MAKING

24 October, 10am-12 noon,
West End Library

Learn preserving and making
sugar-free jams. To book, visit
brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

OVER 18 YEARS

PARKSIDE PLATES

27 October, 9.30-11am,
Colmslie Beach Reserve,
Murarrie

Recreate your favourite
takeaway at home. Bookings
essential. brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

LIT UP BY THE BAY

29 October, 6.30-7.55pm,
Wynnum Library

Join fellow book lovers for an
enjoyable evening of literary
discussion and reading.

Everyone is welcome.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

SPOOKTAKULAR SATURDAY

24 October, 3-7pm,
Porter's Paddock Park, Tingalpa

Join this spooky, family-friendly
Halloween celebration.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

MENTORING FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

28 October, 9am-3pm,
Wynnum Library

Connect with experienced
mentors for business advice. To
book, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

HOCUS POCUS

31 October, 3pm,
Bulimba Memorial Park

Dress up and enjoy
entertainment, food trucks
and community spirit at this
well-loved annual event.

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Explore Brisbane in bloom

Brisbane is alive with colour as jacarandas, tabebuias and other flowering trees transform parks, gardens and streets across the city.

From the iconic purple canopy at New Farm Park (pictured) to stunning displays in our botanic gardens, nature's flower show is now on display.

Now is the perfect time to pack a picnic, take a stroll and discover a new corner of Brisbane.

Roma Street Parkland is renowned for its glorious seasonal garden bed plantings.

And if green is more your thing, head to Sherwood Arboretum, our botanic garden dedicated to trees.

Visit our website and search 'Brisbane in bloom' for more spring outing inspiration.

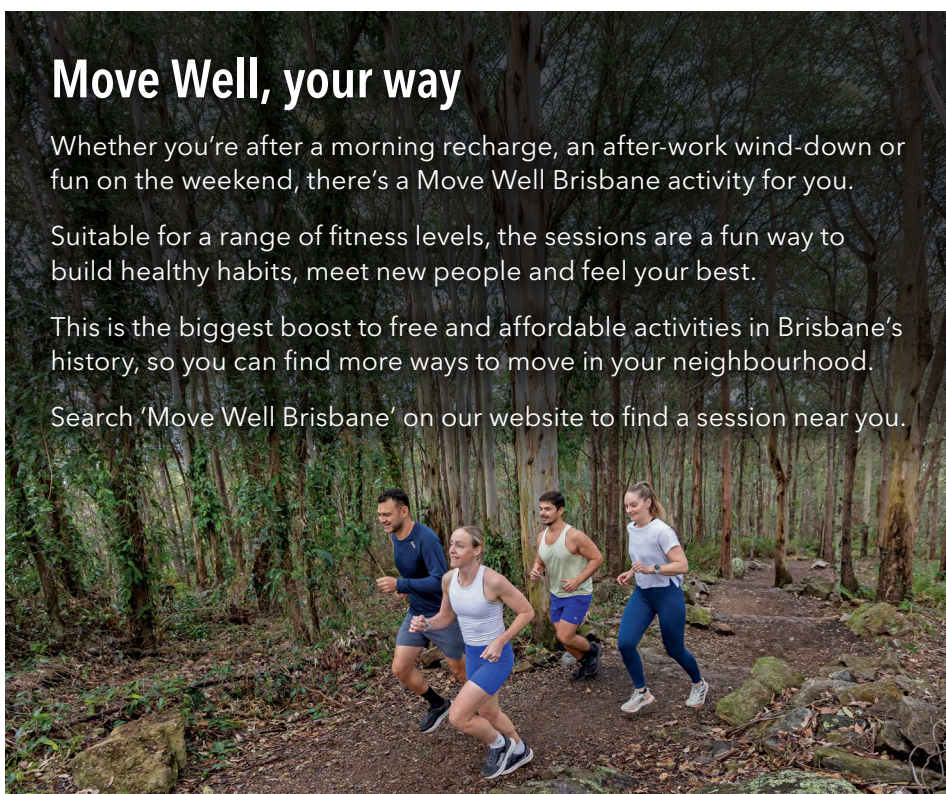
Move Well, your way

Whether you're after a morning recharge, an after-work wind-down or fun on the weekend, there's a Move Well Brisbane activity for you.

Suitable for a range of fitness levels, the sessions are a fun way to build healthy habits, meet new people and feel your best.

This is the biggest boost to free and affordable activities in Brisbane's history, so you can find more ways to move in your neighbourhood.

Search 'Move Well Brisbane' on our website to find a session near you.



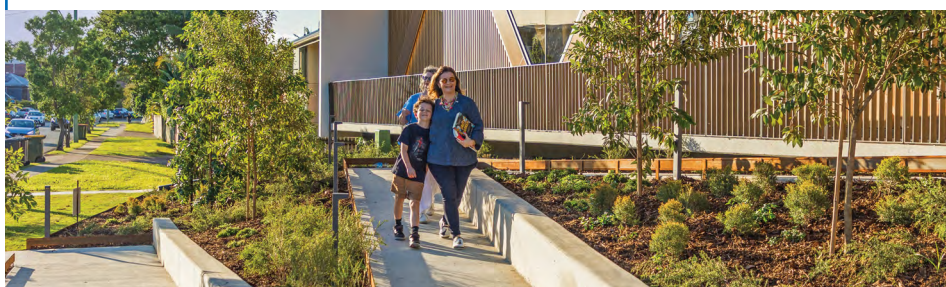
Curiosity starts at our libraries

There's a world of adventure waiting for you at your local library.

More than 8,000 Gold Star and Little Stars participants explored their love of books in this year's reading challenge, and our Summer Reading program is just around the corner.

You can also learn, create and make new friends, with sessions on Halloween crafts, robotics and more.

So, what are you waiting for? Visit our website to find out what's on.



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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