

# 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 **[remember.toremember.com.au](http://remember.toremember.com.au)**

### SENIORS' ART TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Marvel at artworks by Brisbane's talented seniors at the 50 Plus Centre's Seniors Art Week Exhibition at Brisbane City Hall from 12-16 October. Located in the basement level of City Hall, our 50 Plus Centre is a vibrant hub for creativity, art, music, fitness and friendship. Visit our What's on in Brisbane web page and search '50 Plus' for details.

### PARK PLANS REVEALED

Big ideas are on the table for 2 much-loved Brisbane parks. View the final concept plans for Wittonga Park, The Gap, and Keating Park, Indooroopilly. From upgraded playgrounds to improved spaces to relax and stay longer, the plans reveal an exciting future for both parks. Search 'Council projects' 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



**×-×-× FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS ×-×-×**



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. **brisbaneportraitprize.org**



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



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](http://brisbanepowerhouse.org)**



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**



Experience the power and beauty of City Hall's historic pipe organ with one of Australia's leading performers. **[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)**



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



\$4

### AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

17 October, 9am-3pm,  
Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic  
Gardens Mt Coot-tha  
Plants for show and sale and  
growing tips. Children get in  
free. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

### YOGA

20 October, 4.30-5.30pm,  
E.E. McCaskie Oval,  
Kelvin Grove  
Ease into your evening with  
mindful movement and  
stretching. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

SENIORS & KIDS

### MARTIAL ARTS

25 October, 10-10.30am,  
New Farm Park  
Learn martial arts moves  
together in a fun family activity.  
Bookings essential.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

SENIORS

### COME AND TRY LAWN BOWLS

18 October, 10.30am-12 noon,  
St Lucia Bowling Club  
Discover the fun and friendly  
game of lawn bowls. Bookings  
essential. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

SENIORS

### INTRODUCTION TO MEMOIR WRITING

21 October, 10.30am-12 noon,  
Indooroopilly Library  
Turn your memories into  
stories. To book, visit  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

### SUNSET AT WITTON BARRACKS

6 November, 4-8pm,  
Witton Barracks Park,  
Indooroopilly  
Enjoy a relaxed evening of  
live music, local food, market  
stalls and drinks.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

FREE



FREE

SENIORS

### SWISS BALL FITNESS

19 October, 9.30-10.30am,  
Witton Barracks Park,  
Indooroopilly  
Build strength, balance and  
flexibility. Bookings essential.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

OVER 18S

### CARDIO TENNIS

24 October, 7.30-8.30am,  
Roy Emerson Tennis Centre,  
Milton  
Combine tennis and fitness  
in this top workout. To book,  
visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

### CPR AWARENESS

14 November,  
10.30am-12 noon,  
Kenmore Library  
Learn CPR and defibrillator  
skills for an emergency. To  
book, visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

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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.

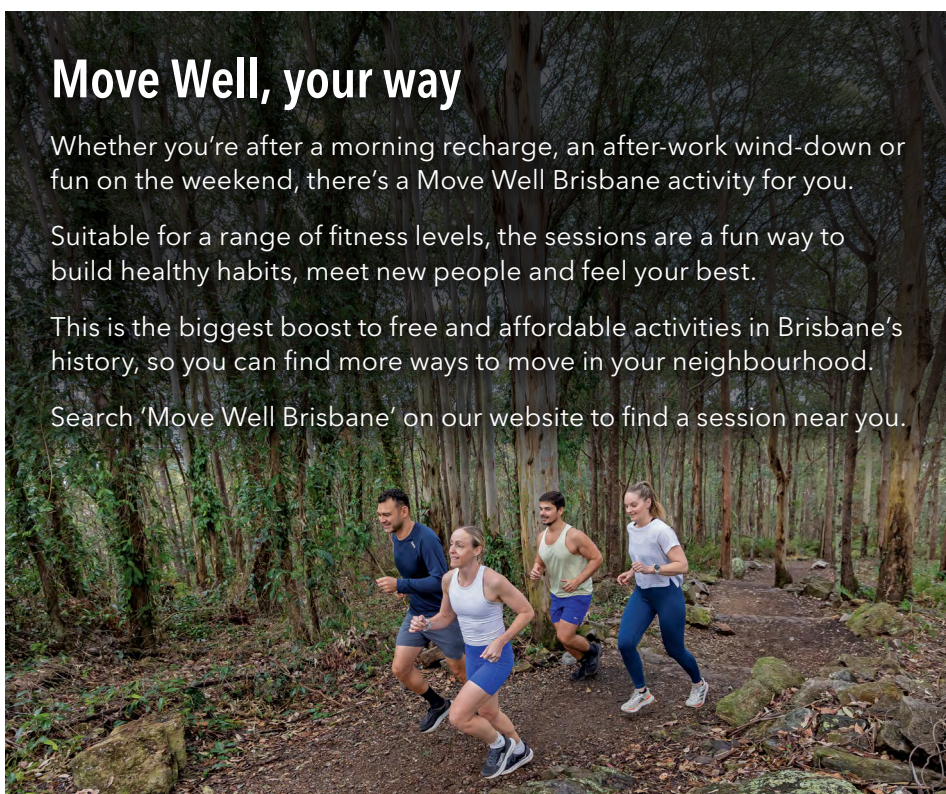
## Move Well, your way

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.



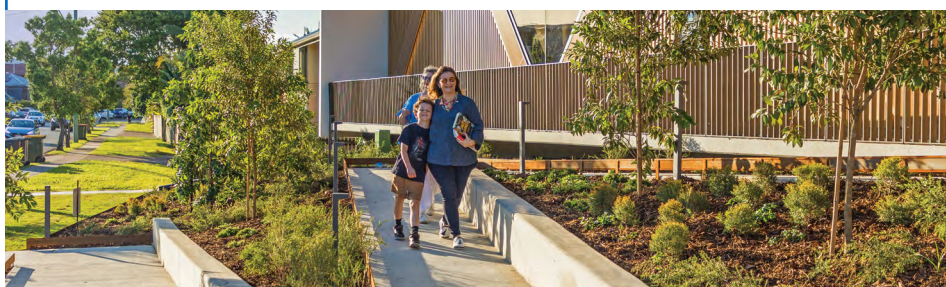
## Curiosity starts at our libraries

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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