

# LIVING IN Brisbane



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

School holiday fun  
New park upgrades  
Emergency Services Expo

Castamore Way Park, Richlands



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

## Shaping Brisbane's incredible lifestyle: Lord Mayor

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy everything our city has to offer.

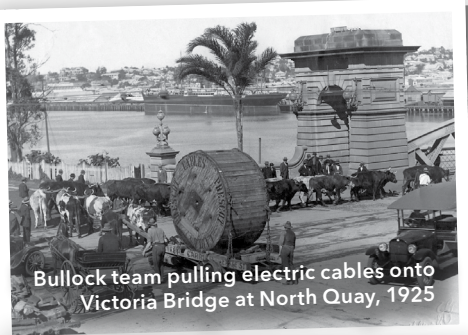
Our support for vibrant precincts like Howard Smith Wharves, West Village, South Bank and Fish Lane has helped shape Brisbane's reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital.

Now we're expanding our popular Coffee Carts in Parks program to make it easier for you to grab a cup of coffee or a bite to eat close to home.

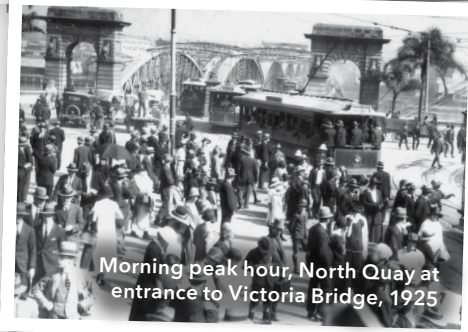
We're investing more than 80% of our budget in the suburbs to make it easier for you to enjoy the best of Brisbane.

It's all part of our plan to create even more to see and do in the suburbs.





Bullock team pulling electric cables onto Victoria Bridge at North Quay, 1925



Morning peak hour, North Quay at entrance to Victoria Bridge, 1925

## Council turns 100

In 1925, the *City of Brisbane Act* brought together several local authorities to form what would become Australia's largest local government by population, Brisbane City Council.

We've been dedicated to a better Brisbane ever since, making Brisbane a great place to live, work and visit.

Join the centenary celebrations, including:

- ♦ **Brisbane 100 - One City Together**, open day at Brisbane City Hall, 10am-4pm Wednesday 1 October
- ♦ **History Conference**, Brisbane City Hall, 8.30am-4pm Saturday 11 October
- ♦ **Memorial plaque unveiling** commemorating Kedron Shire Council, one of the original local authorities to form the new Brisbane City Council, 2-4pm Sunday 12 October, near the Marchant Park gates on Gympie Road.

For more information and centenary events, visit our website and search 'Brisbane City Council centenary'.

## Award-winning photographers revealed

Congratulations to the 2025 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards winners!

The 2025 theme, '100 years of Greater Brisbane', gave photographers the chance to show the places, experiences and events that have helped shape Brisbane into Australia's lifestyle capital.

Eight winners have been announced across 6 award categories, including the LaVonne Bobongie Award and People's Choice Award.

You can see all the winning entries on our website.



Open category winner, *Witnesses* by Alberto Omar Perera Perez

## Park upgrades incoming

More than 80% of our budget is being spent in the suburbs to ensure Brisbane remains the best place to live, work and relax.

We're planning upgrades for Pallara and Ellen Grove district parks, so everyone can enjoy great sports facilities, green spaces and parks that suit our growing communities.

We're also improving Rocks Riverside Park, New Farm Park, Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve and the Brisbane Koala Bushlands at Burbank.

You've shared your ideas for the future of the Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores, and we're now reviewing them to help prepare the draft master plan.

Stay tuned for more updates on these exciting projects!







## Best foot forward for Brisbane footpaths

We're making it easier for you to get around Brisbane with new footpaths.

Since 2018, we've delivered 350,000 square metres of footpaths – more than the distance between Brisbane to Byron Bay, and back again.

You can help keep Brisbane moving by reporting damaged footpaths. Search 'footpath repairs' on our website.

For urgent safety issues, such as structures on a footpath or trip hazards, phone us on **3403 8888**.



## Smoother roads keep Brisbane moving

We're keeping Brisbane moving with road resurfacing and pothole repairs in our suburbs.

Every year, we invest millions to maintain and improve our roads, with teams working day and night to fix potholes quickly and resurface streets.

These works help our roads last longer and make them safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

To report an urgent road safety issue, call us on **3403 8888** or visit our website.

It's all part of our plan to help you get home sooner and safer.

## More metro upgrades

Whether you're travelling on bus, foot or bike, getting around Brisbane has become easier thanks to Brisbane Metro infrastructure upgrades.

Buranda and Cultural Centre bus station upgrades have recently been completed, with longer platforms enabling buses and metros to move seamlessly through these stations.

Significant active transport improvements in the area include 840 metres of new cycleway between Cordelia Street and North Quay and a further 450 metres of upgraded on-road cycle lanes on Grey Street.

There's still more to come, with the soon-to-open Adelaide Street tunnel set to improve the flow of buses and metros underneath our city.



### SAVE THE DATE

You can drop off your green waste for free at any of our 4 resource recovery centres on these weekends.

- ♦ 13 and 14 September
- ♦ 11 and 12 October
- ♦ 1 and 2 November



## Local news



### GET READY FOR MOZZIE SEASON

Warmer months mean more mosquitoes. As part of our mosquito spraying program, we'll spray selected sites on the ground and by helicopter. We encourage everyone to protect themselves from mosquito bites and to eliminate breeding sites at home. Search 'mosquitoes in Brisbane' on our website for tips on protecting yourself and your property from mosquitoes.

### FISH, TURTLES, EELS!

Our City Botanic Gardens Lagoon rehabilitation is going swimmingly, with works on the lagoon complete and animals like fish, turtles and eels ready to return to their homes in the coming months. This upgrade is just one of the many ways we're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better.

### FLOOD CAMERAS

A new flood camera has been installed at Ashgrove. The camera feeds into the emergency dashboard during severe weather events so you can check local road conditions before you leave home. The new camera brings our network total to 57 and is funded by the Australian Government, the Queensland Government's Get Ready Queensland program and Brisbane City Council.

## Family fun at the Emergency Services Expo

Learn how to prepare for storms, floods, bushfires and more at the Brisbane Emergency Services Expo, from 9am to 2pm on Saturday 11 October at Mount Gravatt Showgrounds.

Talk to emergency service crews, including Queensland Fire Department, see the Paw Patrol stage show, have fun on jumping castles and enjoy live music, food trucks and more.

Now in its fourth year, this free family event is part of Get Ready Queensland Week (6-12 October).

For more information about the expo or tips on how to be prepared for severe weather, visit our website.



## Apply for a community facility grant

Applications for the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants (community facility category) are now open.

Eligible not-for-profits can now apply for \$10,000 to \$200,000 in funding to upgrade or maintain their community-leased facilities.

Past grant recipients have used the funds to:

- install or upgrade sports field lighting
- undertake building maintenance
- plan and design works that create more diverse uses of the facility and improve accessibility.

Applications close Monday 27 October. Search 'Better Suburbs Grants' on our website for more information.







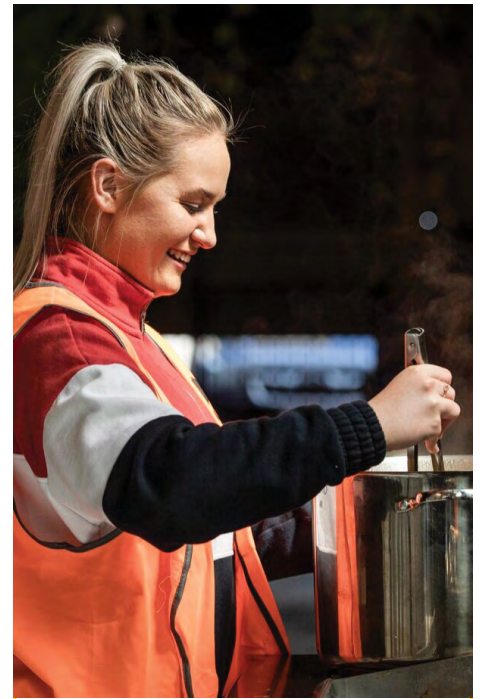
## Spring into school holiday fun

Kids of all ages can join in the fun with our school holiday program, creating more to see and do in the suburbs!

Head outdoors for our BMX skills workshops at D.M. Henderson Park in Macgregor, cast a line for fishing fun in Morningside, make a masterpiece at Chermide Library, or try birdwatching at our Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre.

The Lord Mayor's Children's Program is partnering with Brisbane Festival to bring *TheatreDome* to City Hall on Monday 22 September. Get your free tickets today.

To find out more, search 'school holiday events' on our website.



## Helping Brisbane's vulnerable

Emmanuel City Mission (ECM) is a daytime sanctuary for Brisbane's homeless and vulnerable.

Each day, ECM welcomes up to 400 visitors with meals, laundry facilities, clothing and bedding, toiletry packs, hot showers and, most importantly, a connection to a caring community.

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust is a proud long-term supporter, providing funding that has helped ECM open earlier every day, better serving those in need.

Now, ECM is fundraising so that it can extend its services to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, starting with one night a week thanks to our recent donation to launch the project.

You can support ECM's cause and give the gift of a night of shelter by donating today.

Scan the QR code to support Emmanuel City Mission to help the homeless and vulnerable every single day.



## It's time to party, seniors

Christmas is all about giving, and we love supporting our seniors, which is why we help fund Christmas parties and get-togethers through the Seniors Celebration Donation. Funding between \$100-\$300 is available, with applications closing Tuesday 7 October.

Save the date in your diary to book your tickets to this year's Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties. There will be 15 shows held from Monday 1 December to Saturday 6 December. You can book a limited number of tickets in the online pre-sale from 10am Wednesday 1 October.

Come and see our seniors shine at this year's Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret Gala, held at City Hall on Sunday 19 October. Tickets are just \$5 and will sell out fast. Search 'seniors cabaret' on our website for the latest information.



# What's On

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✂-✂-✂ FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS ✂-✂-✂



VARIOUS

## BRISBANE FESTIVAL, 5-27 SEPTEMBER

Various locations

With more than 100 events over 23 days, this vibrant celebration of arts, culture and good times offers a mix of performances, exhibitions and experiences for all ages. [brisbanefestival.com.au](http://brisbanefestival.com.au)



FREE

## 8TH/9TH BATTALION FREEDOM OF ENTRY PARADE, FROM 9AM, 20 SEPTEMBER

Adelaide Street to King George Square, Brisbane City

Watch this historic parade as soldiers seek permission from the Lord Mayor to exercise their right to Freedom of Entry to the city. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE

## MOON FESTIVAL, 4 OCTOBER

Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley

Join a celebration of one of the most auspicious dates in the Asian calendars when the moon is at its fullest and join an evening of food, culture, community, festivities and fun. [myvalley.com.au/moon-festival](http://myvalley.com.au/moon-festival)



FREE

## THE PEOPLE'S DANCEFLOOR, 10AM-5PM, UNTIL 6 OCTOBER

Museum of Brisbane, City Hall, Brisbane City

Join this immersive experience as Common People Dance Project transforms the Museum of Brisbane into a glittering, high-energy dance party where community stories shine. [museumofbrisbane.com.au](http://museumofbrisbane.com.au)



VARIOUS

## BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL, 9-12 OCTOBER

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Calling all readers and writers! BWF is back with a star-studded line-up of authors including Trent Dalton, Helen Garner, Michael Robotham, Sally Hepworth and Astrid Jorgensen. There's a story for everyone. [bwf.org.au](http://bwf.org.au)



FREE

## VALLEY FIESTA, 11 OCTOBER

Brunswick Street Mall, Fortitude Valley

Brisbane's biggest street party is back with an exciting line-up of artists. With 2 outdoor stages and a packed schedule of music and events, you're sure to find something new and exciting. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.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**  
**UNDER 10 YRS**

### PLATYMONTH STORYTIME

Various days, various libraries  
Celebrate platypuses with  
a special Kamishibai story-  
telling of Pickles the Platypus.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



**FREE**  
**0-5 YRS**

### CHILDREN'S STORYTIME IN THE PARK

26 September, 9.30-10am,  
Dorrington Park, Ashgrove  
Stories and songs for young  
children at the pop-up library.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



**FREE**  
**5-17 YRS**

### KICKBOXING

29 September, 2-2.45pm,  
New Farm Park  
Practice moves in a safe  
environment designed for  
beginners. To book, email  
[davidkingtkd@gmail.com](mailto:davidkingtkd@gmail.com)



**FREE**

### QUEEN'S WHARF BRISBANE ART PRIZE

4-28 September, 10am-3.30pm,  
Wednesdays to Sundays  
3/162 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane  
Brisbane's stories told through  
art. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



**FREE**

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

26 September, 3-4pm,  
Brisbane Square Library,  
Brisbane City  
Make friends and improve your  
English. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

### BRISBANE CITY MARKETS

1 October, 8am-6pm,  
Reddcliff Place, Brisbane  
Shop a wide variety of food,  
drinks, crafts and gifts.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

**FREE**



**FREE**

### SUNRISE MARKETS

21 September, 8am-1pm,  
Witton Barracks Park,  
Indooroopilly  
Explore a treasure trove of  
local products and artisan  
goods. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



**FREE**  
**6-15 YRS**

### MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS

28 September, 9.30-11am,  
Gap Creek Reserve,  
Mt Coot-tha  
Improve off-road skills. For  
all skill levels. To book, visit  
[eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

### LITTLE ARTIST'S EYE SPY

3-4 October,  
Museum of Brisbane,  
Brisbane City  
Transform your museum visit  
into an exciting game and  
discover details you might  
otherwise have missed.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

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## Green bin rollout underway

We're helping households across Brisbane contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable city with our green waste recycling bin rollout.

This year, we added green waste recycling to our standard kerbside bin collection service and in August, we started distributing new green bins to eligible households.

To find out when your green bin is scheduled to be delivered to your home, visit our website and type in the name of your suburb.

All stand-alone households will receive their new 240-litre green bin by December 2025.

Multi-unit dwellings will not automatically receive a green bin. Contact us to check if you're eligible to opt in.

If you don't want to receive a green bin, you can also opt out by submitting an online form by 1 December 2025.

For more information, visit our website or call **3403 8888**.



## Are you bushfire aware?

Prepare for bushfire season by:

- ♦ checking your bushfire risk
- ♦ making or reviewing your Bushfire Survival Plan
- ♦ maintaining your property by mowing, trimming vegetation and clearing leaves or other debris from your roof, gutters and downpipes
- ♦ packing an emergency kit - see our website for what to include
- ♦ registering for free Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts to receive planned burn notifications.

Search 'be prepared' on **brisbane.qld.gov.au** for more information.



## Win passes to the Brisbane Writers Festival

We're giving away 5 double passes to any one event of your choosing\* at this year's Brisbane Writers Festival from 9-12 October. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 26 September 2025.

\*unless sold out prior

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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