

LIVING IN Brisbane



Dedicated to a better Brisbane



New Farm Park

Get moving, Brisbane
School holiday fun
Spot a KangaCat



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

More ways to move, for less: Lord Mayor

We're providing more ways for you to get active, try something new and enjoy our incredible lifestyle for less.

Move Well Brisbane is the biggest boost to free and affordable activities in our city's history, with more opportunities from dawn to dusk.

Whether it's Pilates in the park, going for a run with friends or learning to cook something new, there'll be something for everyone.

It's all about creating more to see and do for less, while making Brisbane an even better place to live, get active and enjoy Australia's best lifestyle.



Have you spotted the KangaCat yet?

We're embracing our role as an Olympic and Paralympic City by making waves on the Brisbane River with the green-and-gold KangaCat.

The Boxing Kangaroo-themed CityCat is now carrying passengers on regular CityCat services between Northshore Hamilton and UQ St Lucia.

As the official mascot of the Australian Olympic Team, the Boxing Kangaroo is helping to celebrate the countdown to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

KangaCat joins our CityDogs, Bluey and Bingo, as iconic members of our CityCat and ferry services, which carried a record 6.8 million passengers in the last financial year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Voting for the WasteSMART Awards People's Choice opens on 28 September. Visit **wastesmartawards.com.au** to cast your vote for Brisbane's sustainability champions by 12 October.



Celebrating half a century in bloom

Help us celebrate Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha's 50th birthday by sharing your favourite memories of the gardens.

From family picnics to wedding photos and peaceful walks, submit your cherished photos, videos and written reflections and we'll curate your memories into a special exhibition at the gardens opening in October.

Be part of celebrating one of Brisbane's most iconic landmarks and beloved tourist destinations.

To find out more and submit your memories, search 'Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha' on our website.

Submissions close Monday 21 September.



Stepping Stone Clubhouse, a charity supported by the LMCT Christmas Grant 2025

Christmas grants spread joy

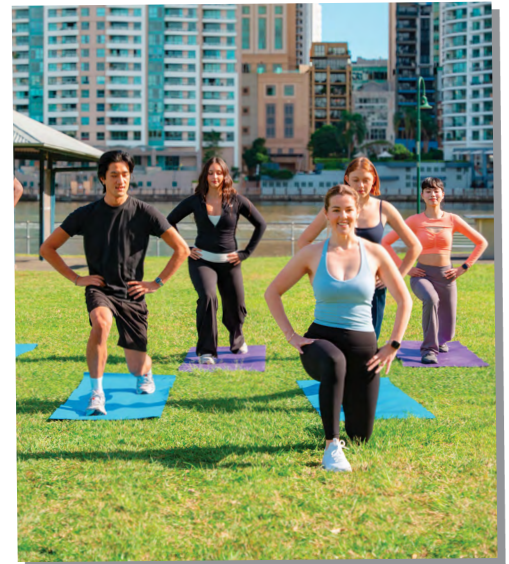
Christmas is a time for connection, generosity and creating special memories with loved ones.

To spread festive cheer across Brisbane, the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust (LMCT) Christmas Grant Round provides funding to local charities, supporting those doing it tough.

From volunteer celebrations and Christmas and New Year meal services to toys for vulnerable families, these grants help more Brisbane families share in the joy and warmth of Christmas.

Applications close Wednesday 30 September. Scan the QR code to find out more.





A good story needs a sequel

For generations, the Story Bridge has been the backdrop for some of our city's most memorable moments.

1930s

The Great Depression: The bridge was conceived and built by the Queensland Government to create jobs for Queenslanders.

1940

World War II: Opening less than a year after Australia entered WWII, the Story Bridge became a vital transport route for Australian and American forces.

1954

Queen Elizabeth II's first visit to Brisbane: The Story Bridge was lit up in honour of the monarch's arrival.

1974

Brisbane floods: During the devastating floods, the bridge stood strong, serving as a symbol of Brisbane's resilience.

1988

World Expo '88: As we welcomed millions of visitors, the Story Bridge formed part of the city's internationally recognised skyline.

1998

Riverfire: Since the birth of Riverfire, the bridge has played a starring role in this annual celebration of our city.

Find out how we're preserving the Story Bridge and share your memories of this iconic landmark. Search 'Story Bridge renewal' on our website or scan the QR code.



Get moving, Brisbane

Move, connect and recharge with our new Move Well Brisbane program, offering more free and affordable activities for all ages citywide.

From sunrise hikes to yoga at dusk, run clubs to healthy cooking classes in the park, it's never been easier to make time for wellbeing.

Move Well Brisbane is the biggest boost to free programs we've ever had, doubling the number of sessions over the next 2 years and bringing more activities to more places.

Search 'Move Well Brisbane' on our website to find out what's on and start planning your wellness journey.

Be bushfire ready this spring

As we enter the warmer months, now is the time to prepare for bushfire season.

We work year-round to reduce bushfire risk with planned burns and vegetation management, but everyone can take simple steps to help protect their homes and families.

- ◆ Clear leaves and debris from gutters and around your home.
- ◆ Keep your lawn and gardens well maintained.
- ◆ Prepare an emergency kit and household plan.
- ◆ Sign up for our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service to stay informed.

A little preparation now can make a big difference if bushfire conditions develop.

Visit our website and search 'be prepared' to learn more.

ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

Outdoor gym circuit: Use park equipment for full-body conditioning.

Parkside plates: Prepare healthy, tasty meals on a barbecue.

Prenatal yoga: Relax, move and build strength.

Sunrise trail experience: Kick-start your day with a guided, scenic hike.

Local news



SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTIES TICKETS

Mark your calendars! Pre-sale tickets for the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties go live online at 10am Thursday 1 October. Shows will be held 7-12 December with multiple shows daily. Remaining tickets go on sale at 10am Thursday 15 October. Search 'seniors Christmas parties' on our website for details.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

We're giving the Enchanted Forest playground in Ashgrove a storybook transformation upgrade. Think whimsical woodland characters, imaginative new play zones, smoother pathways for little adventurers and easier access for carers, plus more comfortable spots to sit and stay a while. We're starting construction later this year.

A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE

Getting out on the trails is now easier for more Brisbane residents with a new 5 km adaptive-friendly mountain bike trail in Mt Coot-tha Reserve. The beginner-friendly Carpet Snake Trail welcomes riders of all abilities, helping more people enjoy the outdoors, stay active and explore Brisbane's mountain bike network with confidence.



Learn, explore and be prepared

Get ready for a fun and informative day out at the Brisbane Emergency Services Expo from 9am to 2pm on Saturday 10 October, where you can meet the people who help keep our city safe.

The free community event at Playground One, 7th Brigade Park, Chermside, near the corner of Newman Road and Delaware Street, brings together emergency service agencies, interactive displays and vehicle demonstrations. It also features family-friendly activities including Paw Patrol, face painting and a jumping castle.

Learn important safety tips, explore emergency response equipment, gain practical knowledge and be prepared for severe weather and other emergencies.

Visit our website and search 'Brisbane Emergency Services Expo' for more information.



More ways to call Brisbane home

More housing choices are coming to Brisbane, making it easier for more people to find a home that suits their needs close to shops, services and public transport.

From mid-September, changes to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* will support more duplexes, row houses and low-rise apartments in the Low-medium density residential zone.

The changes will make it easier to build new homes on smaller lots and simplify the approval process. There will also be more opportunities to build more homes closer to suburban shopping centres.

The reforms are expected to support around 6,000 additional homes by 2032 while maintaining Brisbane's suburban character. For more information, visit our website and search 'More Homes, Sooner'.



New cameras to protect our suburbs

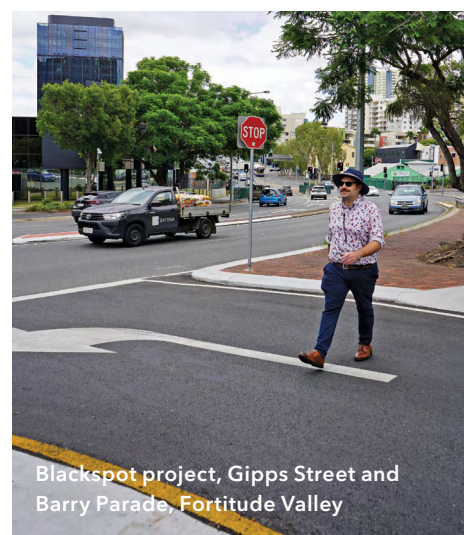
Brisbane has the best lifestyle in Australia, and we're determined to keep it that way by boosting safety in Brisbane's local business precincts.

We're installing new CCTV cameras this financial year, adding them to our CitySafe network in Milton, Spring Hill, New Farm, Bowen Hills, Woolloongabba, the CBD, Fortitude Valley and Wynnum.

The expanded coverage, part of the Secure Communities Partnerships Program with the Queensland Government, will help deter crime, reduce vandalism and support police investigations.

The cameras join our network of more than 4,700 CCTV cameras across Brisbane.

For more information, visit our website and search 'safety camera network'.



Blackspot project, Gipps Street and Barry Parade, Fortitude Valley

Keeping Brisbane moving

Getting around Brisbane will soon be even easier with our upcoming intersection upgrades.

New traffic lights, dedicated turning lanes and improved crossings will help reduce congestion and improve safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Intersection projects currently under construction include:

- ◆ Cavendish Road, Holdsworth Street and Kitchener Street, Coorparoo
- ◆ Esher Street and Toohey Road, Tarragindi.

We're also upgrading road signals at Archerfield Road, Azalea Street and Pine Road in Inala, with work expected to start later this year, and continuing to investigate upgrade opportunities across Brisbane.

Thank you for your patience during construction as we continue investing in safer, more connected roads for Brisbane's suburbs and communities.

Search 'intersections' on our website to stay up to date with projects in design and in construction.

Green bin know-how for a cleaner Brisbane

Spring is the perfect time to tidy the garden ahead of storm season.

Use your green bin to recycle loose garden waste into mulch and compost, keeping it out of landfill.

Yes, put these in your green bin	No, keep these out
◆ Grass clippings ◆ Palm fronds ◆ Garden cuttings and prunings ◆ Weeds, flowers and small plants ◆ Leaves and loose bark ◆ Small branches and bamboo plants	◆ Food scraps ◆ Animal waste ◆ Plastic bags or any bagged waste ◆ Loose dirt, soil, rocks or fill ◆ Treated timber, large branches or stumps ◆ General waste or recycling

Make sure to cut your branches and palm fronds so they can fit in the bin with the lid closed.

Have extra garden waste? Mark 10 and 11 October on your calendar for this year's last free green waste drop-off weekend at our 4 resource recovery centres.

What's On



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

VARIOUS

BRISBANE FESTIVAL, UNTIL 26 SEPTEMBER

Various locations

The city comes alive with the freshest theatre, circus, cabaret, dance and comedy performances. From big shows with the wow factor to interactive workshops, everyone's invited to get involved. brisbanefestival.com.au

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VARIOUS

FESTITALIA, 10.30AM TO 6PM, 20 SEPTEMBER

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

Celebrate the vibrant spirit of Italy. Experience a lively showcase of Italian food, music, art and traditions bringing together community, heritage and la dolce vita. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE

MOON FESTIVAL, 26 SEPTEMBER

Chinatown Mall and surrounds, Fortitude Valley

Experience traditional lion dances, music and dance performances, workshops, roving acts and more in one of the Valley's biggest cultural celebrations. myvalley.com.au/moon-festival

FREE

VALLEY FIESTA, 3 OCTOBER

Brunswick Street Mall, Fortitude Valley

Brisbane's biggest annual street party returns with a jam-packed program of music, culture and community. See headline acts and homegrown talent in an inclusive, all-ages environment. myvalley.com.au/valley-fiesta

VARIOUS

BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL, 8-11 OCTOBER

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

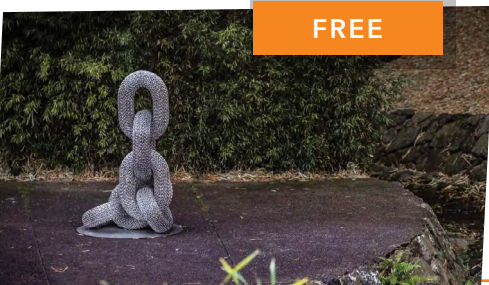
Readers and writers rejoice! Australia's oldest continuous writers' festival is back, celebrating creativity, sharing stories and inspiring ideas through author panels, speeches and performances. bwf.org.au

FREE

BRISBANE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL, UNTIL 30 OCTOBER

Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha

Explore an outdoor sculpture trail transforming the gardens into an open-air gallery. Discover unique artworks of all shapes and sizes carefully crafted by Queensland sculptors. 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
OVER 18 YRS

PARKSIDE PLATES

19 September, 1-2.30pm,
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
Mt Coot-tha

Create budget-friendly family meals. Bookings essential.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE
8-17 YRS

TEAM FITNESS CHALLENGE

23 September, 10am-12 noon,
J.C. Slaughter Falls,
Mt Coot-tha Reserve

Relays, tyre-pulling, tug of war and more. Bookings essential.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE
OVER 16 YRS

KENMORE CRAFT

25 September, 9am-12 noon,
Kenmore Library

Get creative, get chatting and meet like-minded crafty peers. BYO craft project.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE
0-3 YRS

FIRST 5 FOREVER

22 September, 9.30-10am,
Mt Coot-tha Library

Sing songs, share rhymes, and learn through play and stories with little ones.

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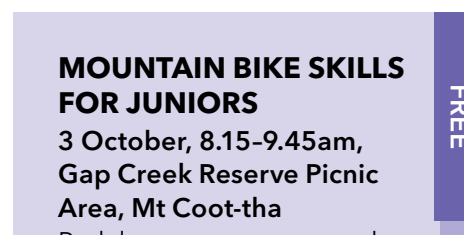
FREE
12-25 YRS

JAM SESSION

23 September, 5-7pm,
Visible Ink, Fortitude Valley

Learn new music skills and strum, sing and connect with fellow music lovers.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



FREE

8-12 YRS

MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS FOR JUNIORS

3 October, 8.15-9.45am,
Gap Creek Reserve Picnic Area, Mt Coot-tha

Pedal your way to new and exciting mountain bike skills. Bookings essential.

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FREE

GUIDED WALK

23 September, 10-11.30am,
City Botanic Gardens

Enjoy this special walk to learn all about our fantastic figs. Bookings essential.

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FREE
4-17 YRS

FREESTYLE SCOOTER CLINIC

24 September, 10-11am,
Ferry Grove Picnic Ground Park

Shred your way to new tricks with tips from the pros.

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FREE

BUSHCARE WORKING BEE

11 October, 8-10am,
Ashgrove Avenue Park

Join your local Habitat Brisbane group to protect and restore our biodiversity.

brisbane.qld.gov.au



Listen on Council's website, Spotify or wherever you listen to your favourite podcasts.





School holiday fun springs into action

Keep kids entertained during the school holidays with a range of free and affordable activities across Brisbane.

From Move Well Brisbane sessions to hands-on workshops and creative experiences at our libraries, there's something for every age and interest.

At Brisbane Powerhouse, *The Librarian* blends clowning, physical theatre and the circus arts, from 1-3 October.

Budding astronomers can learn about space exploration at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, while Museum of Brisbane offers free, family-friendly experiences in the heart of the city.

There's also plenty happening across Brisbane's cultural precincts, with Brisbane Festival, Valley Fiesta and other major events bringing the city to life.

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



A world-class lifestyle destination

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the Draft Kedron Brook Vision.

Spanning 14 suburbs in Brisbane's north, the Brook features 20 km of pathways used by more than 600,000 cyclists and pedestrians each year linking more than 30 parks, reserves and sports fields.

Your feedback will help shape the final long-term vision for the catchment, ensuring Kedron Brook remains one of Brisbane's great lifestyle destinations.

Once finalised, the plan will be delivered in stages over the coming decades in partnership with the community and other levels of government.

For more information, search 'Kedron Brook Vision' on our website.



Win passes to the Brisbane Writers Festival

Five lucky winners will each receive a double pass to an event of their choice at the Brisbane Writers Festival on 8-11 October. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Friday 25 September 2026.

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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