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Delivering more where it counts: Lord Mayor

As Brisbane continues to grow, we're spending less where we can so we can deliver more where it counts.

We're investing in the roads, public transport and infrastructure our growing city needs.

We're unlocking more homes in the right places to support our growing population and workforce.

We're revitalising suburban centres to create local jobs, back local businesses and strengthen communities.

These investments will keep Brisbane moving, support our economy and protect the lifestyle that makes our city the best in Australia.

Through sensible financial management, we're building a stronger Brisbane for today and the future.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner



Investing in local precincts to drive business growth

Our 2026-27 Budget invests in precincts that attract visitors and create more opportunities for Brisbane businesses.

We'll continue to expand the Queen Street Mall and Albert Street precincts in partnership with the Queensland Government, unlocking more outdoor dining, entertainment and experiences.

Delivered alongside the Queensland Government's Cross River Rail project, the expansion will drive commercial activity for retailers, hospitality venues and service providers.

We're also investing in suburban precincts, including streetscape upgrades in Indooroopilly and Salisbury to create accessible retail hubs that support thriving local economies and boost foot traffic.

This builds on our Suburban Renewal Precinct program, which unlocked more homes and business opportunities in the right places, with plans for Sandgate, Alderley, Cannon Hill, Mt Gravatt, Upper Mt Gravatt and Chermide progressing this financial year.

Search 'vibrant precincts' or 'suburban renewal precincts' on our website to see how we're creating thriving precincts in Brisbane.

Celebrate Brisbane success stories and build connections

Get your tickets for the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards, an inspiring evening celebrating Brisbane's multicultural business community, on Thursday 22 October at Brisbane City Hall.

Now in its 20th edition, this flagship event celebrates the creativity, innovation and resilience of multicultural business leaders, bringing together more than 500 key influencers from the region's multicultural community and business sectors.

Event proceeds support the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarship Program, funding training and development for emerging multicultural business leaders.

Search 'Multicultural Business Awards' on our website for more information.

Protect your business from cyber threats

We know that scams, payment fraud and cyber attacks can be costly to Brisbane small businesses, so we asked cyber security expert Cameron Bell about the simple things you can do to improve your cyber security.

"It's about arming yourself with the knowledge before it happens," says Cameron. "Being safe online isn't the role of IT but of the people using the technology."

Simple steps like checking payment requests, using strong passwords and turning on multifactor authentication can make a big difference.

Search 'cyber security' on our website for Cameron's practical tips to protect your business today.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [BRISBANE.QLD.GOV.AU](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au) OR PHONE 3403 8888



What's on

DIGITAL MARKETING FOR SMALL BUSINESS

**21 July, 9am–12 noon,
Indooroopilly Library, Free**

Understand how to run effective ads on the right channels, read analytics and turn clicks into customers.

eventbrite.com.au

MENTORING FOR GROWTH

**19 August & 9 September,
9am–3pm, Suburban Business Hub,
Nundah, Free**

Register for a confidential mentoring session where you'll be matched with experts who can share tips, information and resources.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

BRISBANE POP-UP

**3 September, 11am–2pm,
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition
Centre, Free**

Planning an event? Meet the businesses behind Brisbane's event venues, hospitality and service suppliers.

beda.brisbane.qld.au

Visit our website and search 'business events' for more events near you.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

A world of opportunity for business

With 6 years to go until the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we're focused on creating long-term opportunities for Brisbane businesses.

A new Sister City agreement with Los Angeles, host of the 2028 Games, will strengthen trade links through business delegations, joint projects and investment opportunities.

At home, local businesses can tap into procurement opportunities, with billions of dollars' worth of goods and services to be sourced between now and the Games.

Opportunities span construction, technology, logistics, creative services, professional services and event delivery, with a strong focus on small and medium enterprises and local suppliers.

Now is the time for Brisbane businesses to get supply-ready and position themselves on the global stage.

Visit our website and search 'Brisbane 2032' for more about business opportunities.



Grants for Brisbane's young climate leaders

The Youth Climate Action Fund supports initiatives that tackle climate change and deliver meaningful benefits for our city and local communities.

We're one of 300 cities worldwide to receive Youth Climate Action funding through Bloomberg Philanthropies, with grants available for projects led by people aged 15–24.

Local organisations are encouraged to partner with, mentor and support applicants to turn their ideas into action.

Projects could focus on making more sustainable neighbourhoods, cutting waste, improving water quality or encouraging more sustainable transport.

Search 'Youth Climate Action Fund' on our website to learn more and get involved. Applications close on Wednesday 26 August.

Turn your activation ideas into foot traffic

We're helping local businesses turn great ideas into vibrant events and activations, inviting people to explore and shop in Brisbane's suburban precincts.

From street markets and live music to pop-up experiences, our practical guide offers tips to plan, promote and deliver activities that attract visitors and boost trade.

The guide also outlines how events help showcase local businesses, attractions and dining, while encouraging customers to stay longer and return more often.

It's part of our commitment to creating Australia's most small-business-friendly city, supporting your business to grow, connect and thrive.

Search 'activation ideas' on our website for more information.



Free tools and advice to help your bottom line

Minimise everyday business costs with our free resources and advice.

- Reduce energy bills with tips and support from the Brisbane Sustainability Agency.
- Call our Business Hotline (133 263) for information on everything from food licensing to tenders.
- Speak to our planning officers about your development proposals, before incurring any related costs.
- Build your skills with our free workshops, events and training.
- Lower overheads with free co-working spaces at our Suburban Business Hub in Nundah.

Find out more at brisbane.qld.gov.au/business

Be bushfire ready

Bushfires can happen anywhere, anytime. With bushfire season just around the corner, now is the time to prepare your business.

Find out your property's bushfire risk using the bushfire postcode checker on the Queensland Fire Department website, fire.qld.gov.au

Don't forget to make your bushfire survival plan, including an evacuation kit and a list of emergency contacts.

Even if your business isn't near bushland, a single floating ember can put it at risk. These simple steps can make a big difference.

For more tips on preparing your property, search 'Be prepared' on our website.

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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