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Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Using technology to keep businesses moving: Lord Mayor

Brisbane is growing quickly, and keeping our city moving is critical for businesses, jobs and our economy.

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 to reduce queues, improve safety and keep people and goods moving.

Brisbane was the only major Australian city to reduce congestion in 2025, according to the TomTom Traffic Index.

Less time stuck in traffic means more productive businesses, more reliable deliveries and workers getting where they need to be sooner.

Keeping Brisbane moving keeps our economy moving too – and smarter technology will help us get more out of the roads we already have.



Planning changes to unlock more pub stays

More accommodation choice could be coming to Brisbane's suburbs, making it easier for family and friends to stay closer to the people they're visiting.

More than 60 Brisbane pubs sit on larger sites, but only 15 currently offer accommodation.

We want to make it easier for suitable venues to add rooms by simplifying approvals, providing more flexibility around height and parking and deferring infrastructure charges.

More suburban stays also mean more investment, more local jobs and more customers for nearby cafes, restaurants and shops.

It's about providing more choice, while supporting local businesses and making better use of existing pub sites across the suburbs.

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

More cameras boost safety for businesses

Brisbane businesses will benefit from expanded CCTV coverage, with new cameras being installed in Milton, Spring Hill, New Farm, Bowen Hills, Woolloongabba, the CBD, Fortitude Valley and Wynnum.

The expansion of our CitySafe CCTV network will help improve safety in busy commercial precincts, supporting businesses, their employees, customers and local residents.

By helping to deter antisocial behaviour, crime and vandalism, the cameras can reduce costs for businesses. They can also provide valuable evidence to assist authorities if an incident does occur.

The \$1.6 million project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government through the Secure Communities Partnership program.

Get storm-ready with our business guide

Being prepared for storm season can help your business minimise disruption when severe weather strikes.

Heavy rainfall, flash flooding and damaging storms can interrupt operations, affect staff and customer access, and cause costly damage.

Taking steps now can help protect your business and support a faster recovery.

Flooding in Brisbane: A guide for businesses provides practical information to help you understand your flood risk, prepare an emergency plan and safeguard important equipment and records.

Don't wait until severe weather is on the way. Visit our website and download our guide today to be prepared this storm season.



What's on

RECLAIM YOUR TIME WITH AI

**28 October, 9.15am–12 noon,
Suburban Business Hub,
Nundah, Free**

Use AI to complete routine tasks, support marketing and save time.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

BECOMING IRREPLACEABLE IN THE AGE OF AI

**29 October, 9.30–11.30am,
Brisbane Business Hub, Brisbane
City, Free**

Understand your strengths, articulate your value and confidently stand out.

businesshub.brisbane.qld.au

HIRING STAFF: PAY, TAX AND SUPER OBLIGATIONS

**11 November, 9.15–11.30am,
Ashgrove Library, Free**

Hear from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) about your employer duties.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR GENUINE ENGAGEMENT

**12 November, 9.30–11.30am,
Brisbane Business Hub, Brisbane
City, Free**

Communicate with clarity, connect with purpose and engage effectively.

businesshub.brisbane.qld.au

CASH FLOW FOR SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS

**18 November, 9.15–11.30am,
Suburban Business Hub, Nundah,
Free**

Learn how to better manage your cash flow, with help from the ATO.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

MARKETING PLAN ON A PAGE

**3 December, 9.30–11.30am,
Brisbane Business Hub, Brisbane
City, Free**

Simplify your marketing strategy into a clear, actionable framework.

businesshub.brisbane.qld.au

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

Make your business event a success

Looking for the ideal destination for your conference, corporate meeting or incentive program?

Brisbane offers world-class venues, excellent connectivity and a vibrant visitor experience that keeps delegates engaged long after the event ends.

Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA) offers free support services to help you plan and deliver successful business events, including venue recommendations, bid assistance and tailored event services.

Bringing an international conference to Brisbane? BEDA's Lord Mayor's Convention Trailblazer Grant offers up to \$5,000 to support Brisbane professionals and researchers bidding to secure global conventions for the city. Applications open on Wednesday 14 October.

To learn more, visit **choose.brisbane.qld.au/events/business-events**



Growing Brisbane's next generation of entrepreneurs

We're helping young people with big business ideas to take the next step in their entrepreneurial journey with the Future Founders Bursary.

The bursary provides fully funded places for Brisbane students in Years 10 and 11 to access business education, mentoring, networking opportunities and hands-on experience so they can turn their ideas into reality.

Applicants can choose from 2 programs.

- Knoei Colab: A 12-month program leading to a Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business.
- Impact Boss: An intensive 2-day course featuring hands-on workshops and mentoring to help participants develop an entrepreneurial mindset and foundational business skills.

For more information and to apply, search 'Future Founders Program' on our website.

Help shape our precincts and public spaces

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities and we're working with communities to help deliver more homes, support businesses and protect our incredible lifestyle.

Have your say on projects shaping Brisbane's future, including the draft Fortitude Valley Sustainable Growth Precinct Plan, which will help support new housing and boost the 24/7 economy ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

Register for updates on current projects to find out about community consultation opportunities, with draft plans underway for Chermide, Cannon Hill and Sandgate centres.

Search 'community engagement' on our website.



Backing Brisbane's MedTech innovators

Nine Brisbane MedTech companies have been selected for BEDA's MedTech Initiative Global Accelerator, connecting local innovators with global investment, growth opportunities and commercial expertise.

Delivered in partnership with US investor platform Life Science Nation, the 6-month program supports companies developing technologies spanning faster stroke diagnosis, neonatal care, neurological disease, women's health and genetic diagnostics.

The program will culminate in January 2027, when the cohort pitches to global investors and partners at J.P. Morgan Healthcare Week in San Francisco.

Now in its fifth year, the accelerator has helped more than 40 companies secure \$391 million in capital and create more than 315 jobs in Brisbane.

To find out more, visit beda.brisbane.qld.au

Reach more customers

If you're creating and selling art, homewares, clothing, accessories, gifts, souvenirs or pet accessories, we want to hear from you.

Expressions of interest are now open for local makers to be featured in our Shop Brisbane Makers online directory.

Let us help you to connect with new customers and increase your visibility, for free, so you can grow your business.

To be eligible, you need to be an established maker producing high-quality goods in the Brisbane local government area and selling online through your own professional, well-stocked website.

Search 'Shop Brisbane Makers' on our website to submit your expression of interest.

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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