

LIVING IN BRISBANE

November 2020

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A message from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

The newly-completed upgrade of Kingsford Smith Drive is showcasing our beautiful city as the new gateway to Brisbane. This major arterial will help future-proof growth in the northern corridor and provide a new expansive riverwalk and cycleway for wider community use.

Kingsford Smith Drive has been delivered well under budget which has allowed us to offer a special one-off rebate to ratepayers of about \$30 off your next rate notice from 1 January next year. This is extra help for residents, businesses and community groups experiencing hardship.

We're also continuing to back small business with the opening of the Brisbane Business Hub, a dynamic and friendly space in the CBD for established and budding small business owners to kickstart their recovery post-COVID.

Some of our biggest city-shaping projects are underway, helping streamline Brisbane's economic recovery and giving way to local supplier and job opportunities. Early works are underway on Brisbane Metro and residents are encouraged to give their feedback on our proposed green bridges and transport proposals for Brisbane's growing north western suburbs.

Meanwhile, our KittyCats will purr down the Brisbane River this November and service our cross-river and CityHopper routes.

Adrian Schrinner
LORD MAYOR

Citywide projects boosting local jobs

We're investing \$11.7 million in government funding to upgrade community facilities and infrastructure citywide, supporting local jobs and helping our economy bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic.

Roof repairs to Mt Coot-tha's heritage-listed Summit Restaurant, sports field lighting, safety repairs across 60 sporting clubs, painting and maintenance at Council's environment centres and libraries, and stage repairs in Queen Street Mall are just some of the 24 projects supported by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The projects will create supplier opportunities for local businesses and help maintain the local community lifestyle we love.





NEXT STEPS FOR BRISBANE'S MAJOR PROJECTS

We're moving full steam ahead on a range of major projects to boost jobs and supplier opportunities and to plan for Brisbane's future growth.

This month, consultation begins on two new green bridges for West End and the north west transport network. Our new KittyCats will be making a splash too.

Brisbane Metro is moving forward, after reaching agreement with State Government to further progress the design for the major infrastructure.

Visit our website for project details and updates.

PROJECT		STATUS
Toowong to West End Green Bridge	Linking the West End community to the Toowong business area.	Community consultation begins this month.
St Lucia to West End Green Bridge	Linking UQ St Lucia, West End, Highgate Hill and the CBD.	
Kangaroo Point Green Bridge	Linking the eastern suburbs to the CBD.	Search for contractors is underway. Construction from 2021.
Breakfast Creek Green Bridge	Linking the Lores Bonney Riverwalk along Kingsford Smith Drive to the inner city.	
North west transport network	Helping to reduce congestion on Brisbane's north west transport network.	Community consultation as part of Stage 2 of the business case development opens this month.
Brisbane Metro	Providing a greater transport network connecting the city and suburbs.	Early works are underway in South Brisbane, with major construction expected to start in late 2021.

Get ready to fiesta

Valley Fiesta is back for 2020 with a jam-packed program of live music and entertainment from 19-22 November.

Helping the live music industry get back on its feet, this year's festival will be hosted across multiple COVID Safe venues in Fortitude Valley – Brisbane's premier entertainment precinct.

Produced for Council by QMusic, Valley Fiesta will showcase new and established artists, public art activations and more.

The Valley Laneway Markets will also be in full swing on the weekend, so you can enjoy live music while shopping for one-of-a-kind artisan goods by local makers.

So, come ready to shop and support the local traders that make the Valley great.

Visit qmusic.com.au for the full program of Valley Fiesta events and ticketing information.



Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11 November marks 102 years since the end of World War I. This year, RSL Queensland asks everyone to "Remember to Remember" and pause for one minute of silence at 11am to honour those who served.

You can also commemorate virtually with live broadcasts by the Australian War Memorial and RSL, or visit the State Library of Queensland for e-books, blogs and films about the war.

For local Remembrance Day commemorations, visit rslqld.org or call 134 RSL (134 775).



Explore your own backyard

It's more important than ever to buy local and show Brisbane businesses that they're not alone as we recover from the impacts of coronavirus.

We're shining a spotlight on some of the local businesses that make the westside great.

Are you a green thumb? Paten Park Native Nursery in The Gap has you covered.

If you're a foodie looking for inspo, check out Kai Kai Chicken in St Lucia for a Korean fried chicken buffet or head to Loaded Co Café in The Gap for brunch and a mug of their specialty coffee.

Support local at The Bread Hound in St Lucia, where Aussie-grown flour is used to create their fresh bread, baked daily.

Looking for ways to stay active while having fun? Jump in the saddle at Wattle Creek Equestrian Centre in The Gap or play a round of Garden Golf at St Lucia Golf Links Putt Putt.



Paten Park Native
Nursery, The Gap

Watch the Brisbetter local videos on our website for more to see and do and ideas on how you can support local business. #Brisbetter



Improving safety on our roads

We're improving safety for all road users by upgrading four traffic black spots in Wacol, Belmont, St Lucia and Annerley.

The Federal Government's Black Spot Program will fund the installation of traffic signals and roundabouts at these high-risk crash zones. The first upgrade will be on the London Road and Stanbrough Road black spot in Belmont, where we'll replace the existing stop signs with a roundabout.

These projects follow past upgrades including the Old Cleveland Road and Leicester Street black spot at Coorparoo, which has resulted in no recorded accidents since completion in 2017.

For more information, search 'road and intersection projects' on our website.

Slam dunk for community sport

Council is supporting local sport with a range of projects and initiatives.

Across Brisbane more than 550 sports fields will get upgrades from our Sports Field Improvement Program, helping community organisations to improve field conditions and turf coverage.

In Sunnybank, our \$1 million investment in a new FIFA-grade synthetic multi-sports field is complete and kicking goals.

Through Council's Inclusive Brisbane Plan, selected sporting clubs, including North Brisbane Rugby Union Club in Wavell Heights and Easts Mt Gravatt Junior Rugby League Club in Mansfield, will get accessibility upgrades for parking and entrances, new paths and unisex accessible toilets.

These upgrades follow Council's one-off \$5000 water rebate to eligible sports clubs and the Lord Mayor's \$3 million COVID-19 Direct Assistance Program, which helped not-for-profit lessees during coronavirus-related closures.



IN BRIEF

\$30 SAVINGS ON GREEN BINS

Council is helping to keep your garden tidy by waiving the \$30 establishment fee when you order a new green waste recycling bin. Join more than 100,000 Brisbane households that have ordered a green bin and are saving garden waste from landfill. Search 'green waste' on our website for details.

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TALK TO A PLANNER NEAR YOU

Free 'Talk to a Planner' sessions are now held weekly across the city, so you can speak with a Council officer and ask questions about City Plan requirements and steps to modify or renovate your property. Visit our website to find a session near you.

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CALLING YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Be the Year 10 voice that shares youth issues with Council in 2021. Brisbane high schools can nominate a student for the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council by 5 February 2021. Talk to your school about applying and search 'youth advisory' on our website for more information.

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AERIAL SPRAYS COMBAT MOZZIES

Council is preparing to take to the skies with aerial sprays, targeting the city's aggressive saltmarsh mosquitoes with an environmentally friendly treatment. Prepare your home for mozzie season by emptying water-holding containers, screening windows and clearing gutters. Search for more tips on our website.

Ready, set... splash!

No matter your stroke style, we have a pool for you.

Water play: Frolic under fountains and water jets at Chermside Pool, the Acacia Ridge Leisure Centre, Manly Pool or Bellbowrie Pool.

Laps: Try Ithaca Pool, Hibiscus Sports Complex Pool, Jindalee Pool or the Sandgate Aquatic Centre.

Parties: Celebrate at the Colmslie or Parkinson Aquatic Centre or Newmarket Pool with options including catering and games.

Pool operators have increased sanitation and crowd management under COVID Safe Industry Plans. Contact your pool for site-specific operating conditions before your visit.

Find contact and facility information on these locations and more by searching 'pools' on our website.



Runcorn Pool



22 COUNCIL POOLS
ACROSS THE CITY



16 WITH WATER
PLAY ACTIVITY AREAS



21 WITH CAFÉ AND
KIOSK FACILITIES

Fun ways to get fit at local parks

Warmer days and later sunsets make this the perfect time to visit your local park for fun and fitness. We have outdoor gyms in more than 170 parks, which include static equipment for chin-ups and step-ups as well as interactive equipment for cardio and resistance.

Want a challenge? Take on the fitness challenge course at Guyatt Park in St Lucia or hit the multi-use hard courts in more than 200 parks citywide.

From Zumba to yoga, there's lots to enjoy about our free or low-cost Active and Healthy classes across the city too.

Search 'outdoor activities' on our website for a full range of classes and fitness options close to home.



Guyatt Park, St Lucia



TREAT TIME

BUY LOCAL

Local businesses are at the heart of our community, making our neighbourhoods great places to live, work and relax.

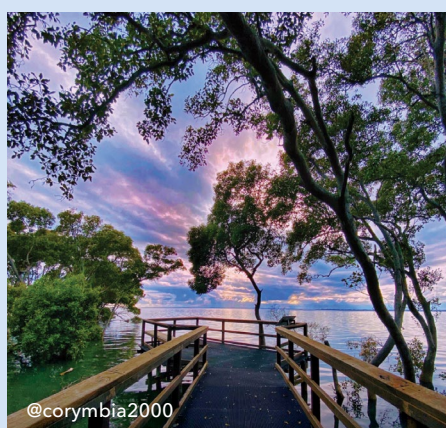
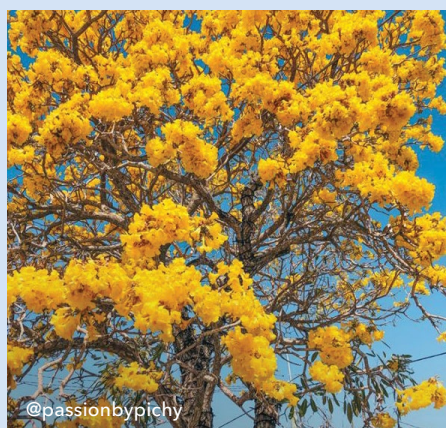
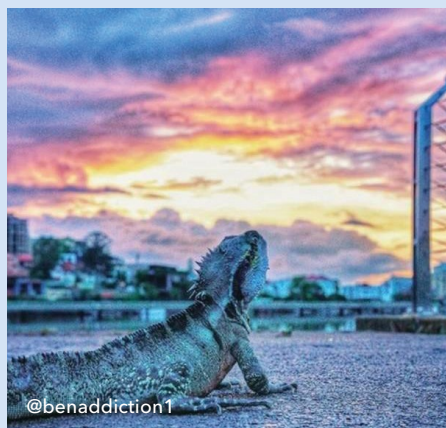
It's never been more important to buy local. Together, we can help Brisbane businesses get back on their feet.

Visit our website for more on how we're showing up for our suburban businesses.

Jindalee

Your Views of Brisbane

Thanks to everyone who shared their amazing Views of Brisbane. Simply share your photos on Instagram using #viewsofbrisbane or join our Views of Brisbane Facebook group for your chance to be featured.



Students lead with green hearts

Congratulations to Earnshaw State College and its Green Heart Schools Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN) representatives, Ryan Abraham and Maddie Sheahan (pictured) for inspiring their community to keep Brisbane clean and green.

This year, 34 schools and 79 students participated in SELN, Council's learning and leadership program that empowers young leaders to create change in their school community.

Ryan and Maddie, along with their student environment group, introduced a new recycling system linking the school's waste disposal stations to the Containers for Change scheme. They also gave assembly presentations and produced motivational videos and posters.

Apply for the 2021 Lord Mayor's Young Environmental Leadership Network on our website by 5 February 2021.

Water-saving tips for home

As dam levels drop and the mercury rises, try these tips to save water:

- › Water your garden at dawn or dusk.
- › Use a broom and not the hose for outdoor cleaning.
- › Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when full.
- › Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and shaving.

Council is saving water by installing water efficient showers at pools, reusing storm or rainwater where possible and installing Smart Water Meters to monitor water use in real-time at more than 100 Council facilities.

For more information about dam levels and how you can save water, visit seqwater.com.au or urbanutilities.com.au

Green Heart Fair goes virtual

Tune in for sustainable summer tips when the popular Green Heart Fair goes virtual on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November.

The online event will host everything from sustainable school holiday activities and eco-friendly gift ideas to sustainable living tips from local experts and exclusive discounts and giveaways.

Just head to the Green Heart Fair Facebook and Instagram pages to take part.

Recycling made easy

When it comes to keeping our city clean and green, recycling is one of the easiest places to start.

This National Recycling Week (9-15 November), avoid the fuss by downloading Council's free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app, and feel confident you're putting the right thing in the right bin.

Discovering that plastic bags don't go in your recycling bin, but pizza boxes do, is easy with the app's search function. Whether at home, work or out and about, we can all do our bit to ensure valuable resources are recovered instead of wasted in landfill.

Look out - local wildlife about!

Keep an eye to the sky for swooping birds until December, as our native birds guard nests of chicks for about six weeks after hatching.

Be aware of known hotspots in your 'hood, which can often be marked with a warning sign. For tips on how to avoid protective plovers, magpies, butcherbirds, crows and pee-wees, search 'swooping birds' on our website.

The warmer weather has other local wildlife out and about too. If you see injured or orphaned native wildlife, call RSPCA on **1300 264 625** in the first instance or call Council on **3403 8888** and ask for help from our animal ambulance.



Cannon Hill golf course construction tees off

Brisbane's first new public golf course in more than 70 years is under construction as part of the Cannon Hill Community Links project. It's the first of its kind on the southside, joining the ever-popular St Lucia golf course by offering something for everyone.

Championship enthusiasts will have a new 18-hole course, while golf newbies can start on two nine-hole courses and a shorter six-hole course.

With project completion expected in 2022, locals can look forward to more to see and do close to home.

Council has been working closely with Urbex (a BMD company), who designed the project, to begin construction.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Local habitat warrior

They say many hands make light work; something The Gap resident Diane Allen believes in. @x

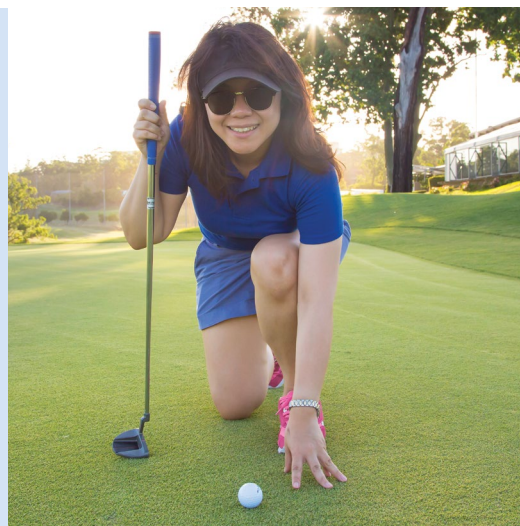
Diane says volunteering for Habitat Brisbane and being part of groups of dedicated locals who work to revegetate bushland in their suburb, is the perfect fit for her and her partner.

"We love walking around our suburb and are constantly amazed by the wildlife we encounter," Diane said.

"By participating, we share the responsibility - it blows my mind what we can achieve in just a couple of hours every month."

This year marks Habitat Brisbane's 30th anniversary. With more than 4000 volunteers working across 167 groups to restore the city's habitats in parks, wetlands and waterways, there's a lot to celebrate.

Find out how to get involved by searching 'habitat' on our website.



Please check event details and confirm with organisers that events are still going ahead before you make plans.



LORD MAYOR'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

30 November-9 December, various times, Brisbane City Hall, \$5

Ring in the festive season with light refreshments and a show. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



CIRCUS IN NEW FARM PARK

Sundays, 10am-12 noon, New Farm Park

Unlock your inner acrobat and learn how to handstand, tumble and balance with Circa lessons. To book, visit circa.org.au

FREE



PILATES

Mondays, 5.30-6.30pm, Grinstead Park, Alderley

Stretch and strengthen your spine, muscles and pelvis with abdominal-based exercises outdoors. BYO mat. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



REIMAGINE 2020

1-14 November, various times, online event

Follow the Luminous lantern parade and enjoy Mosaic Multicultural Festival workshops and performances. multiculturalaustralia.org.au

FREE



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

14-15 November, from 4pm, Roma Street Parkland

Pack a picnic and sit back to enjoy Shakespeare's classic, complete with live music and swordplay. brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



VALLEY RECORD FAIR

7 November, 10am-3pm, Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley

Find your new favourite or relive old times with classics among the 20,000-plus records for sale. brisbane.qld.gov.au

BLAST BY TOUR DE BRISBANE

15 November, various times and prices, Brisbane CBD

Walk, run or ride across the Story Bridge, or sign up for the duathlon or the cycle sprint. brisbaneblast.org

POTTERY WHEEL FUNSHOP

20 November, 9.30-11.30am, Upper Brookfield State School, \$5

Artists guide you through using a pottery wheel and sculpting. Suitable for seniors. To book, visit bazilgrumble.com