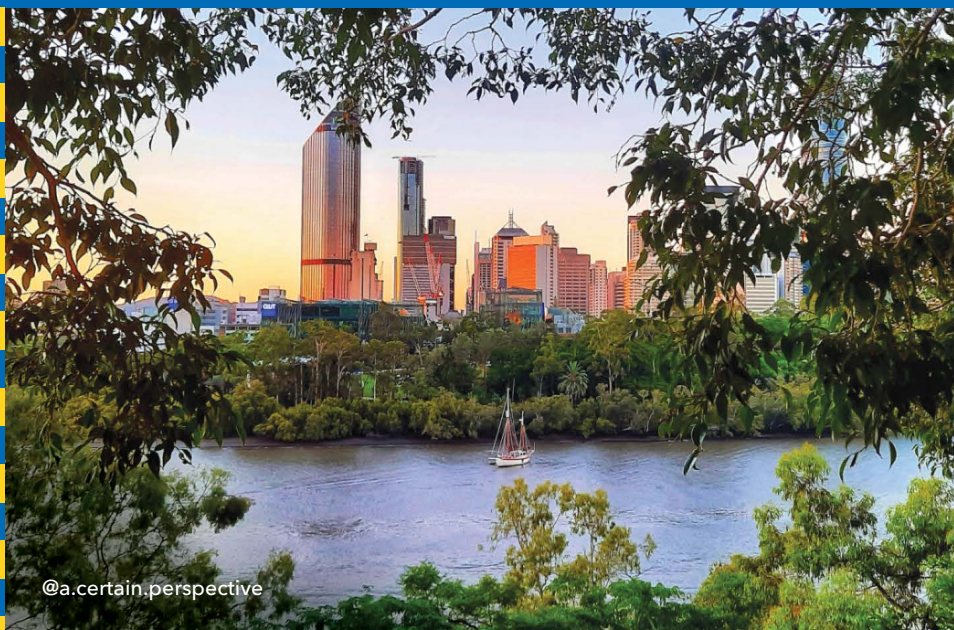


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March 2021

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Dedicated to a better Brisbane



A message from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

2020 may have been the year of cancellations but 2021 couldn't be any different with family-favourites like Curiosity Brisbane, the World Science Festival, Brisbane Cycling Festival and Outdoor Cinemas in the Suburbs back on Brisbane's calendar of events.

Brisbane's Big City Barbecue will also return on Friday 26 March, featuring food trucks, the Channel Nine newsreader desk and entertainment under the stars in King George Square - all to help raise money for some of Brisbane's most vulnerable residents.



It's not just the events industry keeping Brisbane busy, with more than 3000 jobs being supported through the construction of new green bridges, the Indooroopilly Riverwalk, another double-decker CityCat, new ferry terminals and early works on our award-winning Brisbane Metro project.

While Brisbane residents have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with great resilience, keeping local industries moving is essential to ensuring a strong economy and Brisbane City Council remains committed to supporting local jobs wherever possible.

Adrian Schrinner
LORD MAYOR

Explore, create and play at Curiosity Brisbane

Science, art and technology collide as Curiosity Brisbane returns from 12-28 March.

Spark your imagination with interactive installations ('Curiocities') from around the world dotted across the City Botanic Gardens, South Bank, South Brisbane's Cultural Precinct and the Brisbane CBD.

See Curiocities created by students in the Queensland Schools Challenge and observe a series of Curious Conversations about our future and the role of science, art and technology, hosted by author and columnist Benjamin Law.

The popular World Science Festival Brisbane returns to Queensland Museum from 24-28 March, and GOMA's *The Motorcycle: Up Late* features a line-up of live music, DJs and dining from 19-20 March.

Find out what's on at curiositybrisbane.com





After a quiet year on the events front, your favourite Brisbane events are set to make a comeback in 2021. Remember, check the event details closer to the date, before making plans.

Year round

Markets, including The Collective Markets, Brisbane City Markets and the Jan Powers Farmers Markets.

24-28 March, World Science Festival

Explore the wonder of why with talks, workshops, loggerhead turtle hatchlings and more. worldsciencefestival.com.au

9-12 April, Tour de Brisbane

Sign up for the ultimate Sunday ride, with up to 110 km of road to explore. tourdebrisbane.org

7-16 May, Botanica

See the City Botanic Gardens come to life after dark with art installations. brisbane.qld.gov.au

22-23 May, Paniyiri

Don't miss Queensland's signature festival of all things Greek. paniyiri.com.au

6-23 May, Anywhere Festival

Catch incredible live performances from artists in the most unlikely venues. anywhere.is

10-11 July, Brisbane Open House

Discover what lies beyond the doors of some of our city's most interesting buildings. brisbaneopenhouse.com.au

16 July to 8 August, Brisbane Comedy Festival

Get set for laughs and giggles. brisbanecomedyfestival.com

7-15 August, Ekka

Enjoy the much-loved competitions, sideshow alley, showbags and more. ekka.com.au

September, Brisbane Festival

Join in the month-long celebration of music, theatre, art and more. brisbanefestival.com.au

October, Oktoberfest Brisbane

Immerse yourself in German culture, food and entertainment – prost! oktoberfestbrisbane.com.au

December, Christmas in Brisbane

Get into the festive spirit with a program of family-friendly events. christmasinbrisbane.com.au

Plan an 'egg-cellent' Easter staycation

Whether you've got a couple of hours or a whole day, our city has lots to see and do to keep 'every-bunny' entertained.

Hop on the ferry to Moreton Island and stay at Tangalooma Island Resort for sand tobogganing, snorkelling shipwrecks and feeding the wild dolphins.

Skip the hustle and bustle of the city and visit Mt Coot-tha. Wander or picnic in the tranquil Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha or get your heart pumping with a hike or ride to the summit.

Jump in the car and head seaside to Wynnum and Manly for sailing, kayaking and water play at Wynnum Wading Pool. Top it off with a local serve of fish and chips.

Visit the Brisbetter Explore page on our website for more to see and do in the holidays.



Future-proofing Brisbane's transport network

We're working hard to improve our roads and public transport to create more travel options and reduce congestion for our growing city.

Search for these city-shaping projects on our website to stay up to date with community consultation opportunities and construction details.

PROJECT	STATUS
Brisbane Metro: Two new Metro lines getting you around the city and suburbs with turn-up-and-go services - no timetables needed.	Early works continue at Rochedale for the Metro depot, with main construction set to commence late 2021.
Double-decker CityCats: Giving up to 170 passengers a more comfortable commute, with mod cons including USB charging ports and lounge seating, plus panoramic views from the top deck.	CityCat24 to begin service in mid-2021, and construction is underway on CityCat25.
KittyCats: Stopping at North Quay, South Bank 3, Maritime Museum, Riverside, Holman Street and Sydney Street.	In service.
CityLink Cycleway: A network of two-way bikeways to improve safety for riders, encouraging more people to leave the car at home.	First stage (Elizabeth and Edward streets) open. Next stage construction (William Street to Grey Street via Victoria Bridge) is underway.
E-mobility Strategy: Making the use of e-bikes, e-scooters and other e-mobility devices safer and more accessible.	The e-mobility tender is currently under evaluation.
Ferry terminals: A new terminal at Howard Smith Wharves and upgrading the terminal at South Bank.	Onsite works are starting at Howard Smith Wharves this month, and in South Bank in mid-2021.
Green Bridges: Making it even easier to get around our city on foot, by bike or scooter, or by connecting with public transport.	Consultation on the West End Green Bridges closes 31 March. Construction for Kangaroo Point and Breakfast Creek Green Bridges starts late 2021.
Indooroopilly Riverwalk: Providing a safe and accessible two-way cyclist and pedestrian riverwalk.	On track for completion with 80% of works finished.
North west transport network business case: Identifying solutions to reduce congestion in Brisbane's north west, from Bald Hills to Toowong.	Community feedback is being evaluated to help inform Stage 2 of the business case.
Roads: On-going investment on major upgrades across Brisbane's road network to cater for current and future growth.	Chelsea/Rickertt roads intersection upgrade starts this month. Montague Road/Victoria Street upgrade on track for completion by mid-2021 and Hoyland Street by late 2021.



IN BRIEF

HELPING LOCAL CLUBS

We're helping community groups in Council-leased venues to save on energy and water bills as they recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. Our Resilient Clubs Support Program, delivered in partnership with CitySmart, will invest \$3.3 million over two years into conducting energy and water efficiency audits, and helping clubs implement action plans.

MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarship Program and Mentoring Scheme are now open. There are more than 100 scholarships, from one-day workshops to masters degrees, and twenty 12-month mentorship placements. For more information, visit our website.

LOCAL CRICKET WIN

We're supporting the next generation of cricketers with a \$1 million investment in the National Cricket Campus in Woolloowin, which has funded lighting, sightscreens, solar panels, landscaping and synthetic turf. The world-class campus is a partnership between the Australian Government, Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket, Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club, the Queensland Government and Council.

EVERYBODY SING

Queensland Music Festival is calling everyone from shower singers to choir pros to join Australia's largest vocal group, 'Absolutely Everybody'. Register at qmf.org.au/everybody for everything you need to start rehearsing, then head to Riverstage on Saturday 15 May to film a (COVID safe) music video.

Fishing for on-river fun?

Make the most of our iconic river! Brisbane has eight recreation hubs, plus public boat ramps, canoe ramps and pontoons for the perfect day out.

Best for fishing: If you're after a relaxing late afternoon, try casting a line from our fishing platforms, with Hamilton, Nudgee Beach and Tinchi Timba Wetlands offering some of the best fishing in town.

Best for fitness: Paddling on the river means you can also take in our iconic sights. Try the 5 km route from West End Recreation Hub to the Kangaroo Point Pontoon.

Best for a pit stop: Out on your vessel and want to stop for a riverside picnic? The New Farm Park River Hub and City Botanic Gardens River Hub are available for docking.



Search 'River Access Network' on our website for locations.

5 family-friendly things to do for under \$10

You don't need to spend big to enjoy family fun in Brisbane.

1. Go on a 'park crawl' via CityCat, stopping at Guyatt Park, New Farm Park and South Bank Parklands - kids under 14 ride free on weekends!
2. Hone your freewheeling, flairs and flat spins at our free world-class BMX facilities in Fitzgibbon and Darra - two of the biggest tracks in Australia!
3. Explore our city's vibrant art, culture and history on a free Museum of Brisbane tour. The Clock Tower Tour is a 'must-do.'
4. Enjoy hours of fun at our free or low-cost Active and Healthy activities, including abseiling, putt putt golf and more.
5. Catch a movie under the stars at our free Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs events.

For more ideas, visit our website and read the blog '12 things to do with kids in Brisbane for under \$10'.



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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.



Check before you chop

Brisbane is loved for being a green city, with an urban forest that includes trees and other vegetation on public and private land. The trees contribute to our subtropical character and biodiversity, helping to cool urban areas and providing food and habitat for wildlife.

Our urban forest is protected under Council's *Natural Assets Local Law 2003*, which means you may need a permit before pruning or removing vegetation around your home.

Our new Protected Vegetation Enquiry (PVE) tool makes it easier than ever to find out if a property has protected vegetation.

To request a free map and report on your property using the PVE tool, visit our website and search for 'protected vegetation'.



Join your local habitat carers

With Clean Up Australia Day just around the corner on Sunday 7 March, there's no better time to pitch in to look after our local environment.

The Habitat Brisbane program brings locals together to help restore natural habitats in parks, bushland, wetlands and along waterways.

Gavin Blakey (pictured) joined a bushcare group in Ashgrove 20 years ago.

"I've always loved being in the bush, and this was one small way I could help maintain and expand our bush in the suburbs," he said.

"I've met delightful people from a range of backgrounds, all of whom care about our creek and our city. Volunteering gives me a real sense of satisfaction, contribution and community."

Search 'habitat' on our website to find your nearest Habitat Brisbane group.





Embark on a nature adventure

Our three environment centres at Boondall Wetlands, Downfall Creek and Karawatha Forest are the perfect places to explore Brisbane's diverse bushland, wetlands and forests.

Each centre offers a unique experience of nature, with opportunities to learn about local flora and fauna, as well as free or low-cost activities to explore our habitats first-hand.

Learn about our wetlands through interactive displays, dioramas and more at **Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre**.

Check out interactive displays and discover the importance of preserving our city's natural habitats at **Downfall Creek Bushland Centre**.

Brush up on your knowledge of local habitats, including eucalypt forest, wetlands and freshwater lagoons, and native wildlife and plant species at **Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre**.

See our website for opening hours and events at each centre.



Uncover our wartime heritage

Did you know Brisbane was home to the WWII headquarters of the Allied South West Pacific Area command? From July 1942 to October 1944, US General Douglas MacArthur commanded the war in the region from an inner-city building, which is now known as the MacArthur Museum.

Located in the MacArthur Chambers building on Edward Street, at the end of the Queen Street Mall, the museum houses wartime documents and artefacts, including the conference table used by MacArthur and his staff. The museum also explores the wartime experience of children and the impact of restrictions on food, fuel, clothing and personal freedoms.

The MacArthur Museum is open from 10am-2.30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Visit mmb.org.au

Save the date - Youth Week is back!

Call up your friends and get set to celebrate when Youth Week returns from 10-18 April.

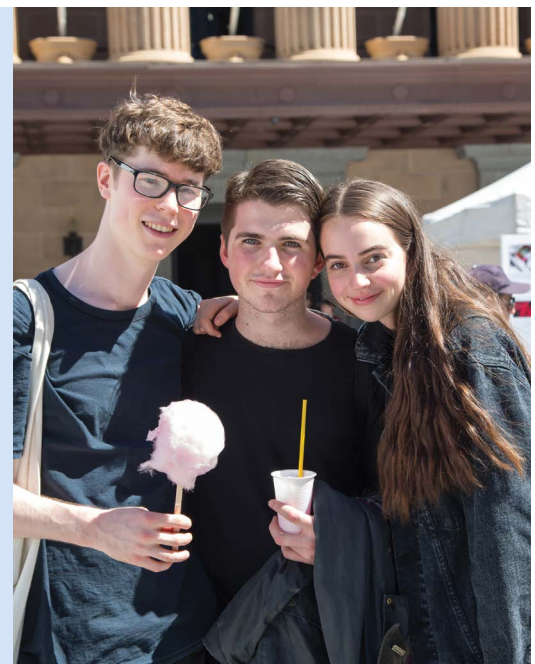
This year's program includes live performances by the 24 finalists of The QUBE Effect 2021, as well as Twilight Skate, which will see selected skate parks buzzing with live music, DJs and food stalls after dark.

There are also some cool activities presented by our Chillout program, including yoga, BMX and scooter coaching, fishing and kayaking.

Youth Week is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution young people make to our community.

Council continues to do this all year round through youth programs including Visible Ink, the Developing Artist-in-Residence program and the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Visit our website for more information and Youth Week events.



WHAT'S ON

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bne.cc/whatsonbne

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



BRISBANE CYCLING FESTIVAL

24 March-12 April, various locations, times and prices

Enjoy an action-packed program including Tour de Brisbane riding events, workshops and more. Visit the Festival Village at Brisbane Showgrounds for the Active Lifestyle Expo, family fun, activities and stalls.
brisbanecyclingfestival.com

FREE



POWERKIDS

Wednesdays until 31 March, 9am-12 noon, Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Storytelling, music and visual arts ignite the imagination of kids under five.
brisbanepowerhouse.org or call **3358 8600**.



WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL

24-28 March, various times and prices, Cultural Precinct, South Brisbane

Satisfy your curiosity about the world around us and beyond, through events and activities for all ages. **worldsciencefestival.com.au**

FREE



BIG CITY BARBECUE

26 March, 4.30-7.30pm, King George Square, Brisbane City

Enjoy fantastic food, great entertainment and plenty of fun at this annual charity event.
lmct.org.au

FREE



THE NEW TALES OF QUINN

10 April, 1pm, SunPAC, Sunnybank

Embark on a mystical adventure where the audience gets to choose what happens next. Suitable for 5-10 years. **sunpac.net.au**

FREE



BRISASIA STORIES: TAMMY LAW

Until 18 April, 10am-5pm (Tuesday-Sunday), Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City

A family's history of forced migration is retold with photos and interactive activities.
museumofbrisbane.com.au

IN YOUR REGION

OUTDOOR CINEMA IN THE SUBURBS

6 March, 6-9pm, Huxtable Park, Chermside, FREE

Pack your picnic rug and enjoy a movie under the stars, with live music, food stalls and fun activities.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

BLUES FEAST

10 March, 9.30am-12 noon, Bracken Ridge Hall, Bracken Ridge, FREE

Pick up a new musical skill and learn to combine the blues box guitar and harmonica. This is a GOLD event suitable for seniors. To book, call Dale on **0422 323 242**.

LEARN TO SKATEBOARD WORKSHOP

10 March, 4-5.30pm, Bracken Ridge Skate Plaza, Fitzgibbon, FREE

Gain confidence, improve your balance and start a new hobby. Suitable for 17 years and under. To book, email **office@australianskateboarding.com**

NIGHT ADVENTURE

12 March, 6.30-8pm, Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, Chermside West, FREE

Explore the forest and learn about native flora and fauna with a guided tour by moonlight. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

NORTHEY STREET ORGANIC FARMERS MARKETS

14 March, 6-11am, Northey Street City Farm, Windsor, FREE

Pick up delicious organic goodies, check out the farm nursery and join in free kids' activities. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

PILATES

24 March, 5.30-6.30pm, Keong Park, Stafford, FREE

Stretch and strengthen your spinal and pelvic muscles through abdominal-based exercises. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

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