

LIVING IN BRISBANE



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Dedicated to a better Brisbane



A message from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

Despite a few bumps in Brisbane's road to recovery, our community is going from strength to strength.

We're focused on getting on with job-creating projects that make life better in Brisbane and have just completed our third double decker CityCat *Mianjin II* with six more on the way, all built by locals in Murarrie.



We've also just started work on a new ferry terminal at Howard Smith Wharves, making it easier to travel to one of Brisbane's most exciting riverside dining and entertainment precincts.

No matter where you live in Brisbane, there are exciting things on offer that make life better, safer and even greener. Ways we're helping you be more sustainable at home include free kitchen caddies for fruit and veggie scraps, compost rebates of up to \$70 and free-to-order green bins.

Over the next few months, you can expect some great changes in your neighbourhood with a range of new playground upgrades on the way and improvements to local shopping precincts to make them more attractive and accessible for you to shop, visit and dine.

Adrian Schrinner
LORD MAYOR

Park hour! Move, rest and play

Looking for a good spot to soak up Brisbane's winter sun? Council has more than 2160 parks perfect for meeting up with friends and staying healthy.

From free outdoor gyms, hardcourts, playgrounds and barbecues to Active and Healthy fitness classes, there's something for everyone.

This year, Council has 14 major park upgrades in the pipeline. Look out for an upgrade at Colmslie Beach Reserve, where we'll add new picnic shelters, pathways and landscaping. Across the river, we're opening a new park on Chalk Street in Lutwyche, with a playground and fitness equipment by mid-2021.

Victoria Park's transformation is beginning too, with the golf course closing on 30 June so we can begin early works to create Brisbane's biggest new park.

Search our website for more information on these projects.





Building blocks for home improvers

Thinking of giving your home a facelift, but not sure where to start?

Whether you're adding a carport or putting in a pool, home renovation projects may be subject to many different considerations. This includes zoning, heritage, overlays, vegetation protection, and planning and building approvals.

Factors to consider when planning your renovations

Brisbane City Council Plan 2014 (City Plan)	The overarching guide to how land in Brisbane is to be used and developed.
Zoning	Land in Brisbane is divided into zones, which guide land use or type of development allowed on a site.
Neighbourhood Plans	Some suburbs have more detailed plans to guide building in local areas.
Overlays	The unique characteristics of a property you might need to consider, such as features to protect heritage or design for flooding levels.
Traditional building character overlay map	Shows the location of groups of character homes in Brisbane. The traditional building character must be protected in these areas.
Natural Assets Local Law (NALL)	Protects Brisbane's natural assets, including bushland, wetlands, waterway corridors and trees in urban areas. You can request a NALL map and property report on your land using Council's online Protected Vegetation Enquiry Tool.

Use the online mapping tool on our website to research key facts about your property. For further questions, talk to one of our Town Planners by calling **3403 8888** or head to a Talk to a Planner session.

Local projects boosting jobs

We're kicking off upgrades to community facilities and building new infrastructure across the suburbs worth more than \$40.7 million over the next eight months.

A bikeway in Minnippi Parklands in Cannon Hill, new playgrounds and sports field lighting upgrades for community clubs across Brisbane are just some of the 41 projects supported by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

These citywide projects will support 320 jobs, create supplier opportunities for local businesses and help maintain the local community lifestyle we love.

Visit our website for information on current upgrades and infrastructure projects.



More ways to get around the river

Planes, trains and automobiles have their place, but when you live in the River City, the water transport and facilities are top-notch too!

We're launching our new double-decker CityCat, *Mianjin II*, this month. Hop aboard to see the city from new heights on the upper deck. *Mianjin II* is the third double-decker CityCat to hit the river, with six more on the way as part of Council's \$37.1 million commitment to delivering a modern, accessible fleet.

At Howard Smith Wharves, piling works for the new ferry terminal are underway, with the terminal scheduled for completion by the end of the year. Meanwhile, on-site works are starting soon on the South Bank ferry terminal upgrade, ensuring accessibility and usability for our residents and visitors. Visit our website for project updates.

Looking to start, run or grow a local business?

Council offers a range of free and low-cost support to all kinds of suburban businesses, from start-ups to growing businesses.

If you're looking to improve your business skills, register for our free **Skills Shot Business Workshops**. Each two-hour session focuses on a different topic and is led by industry experts in fields such as e-commerce and social media.

Networking in the Suburbs events bring together local business operators to meet, discuss issues and share tips.

You'll also find business resources on our website, including guides on tenders and updates on local business partnerships and initiatives.

If you're unsure what local business support is available to you or suits you best, book a free one-on-one meeting with our **Business Liaison Officers** or call our 24-hour **Business Hotline 133 BNE (263)**.

For more information, search 'Business in Brisbane' on our website.



Brisbane Metro charging ahead

Brisbane Metro is ramping up, with the city-shaping project set for an action-packed 2021.

Site investigation works for the new tunnel on Adelaide Street are underway as part of the development of the detailed design.

Earlier this year, ADCO Constructions was awarded the design and construct contract for the Brisbane Metro depot at Rochedale. The depot will be one of the largest and most technologically advanced facilities in Australia. Site investigation and early works are continuing ahead of main construction which will start later this year.

The turn-up-and-go Brisbane Metro is a key contributor to Brisbane's economic recovery and will support more than 500 jobs this year.

You can see the latest artist impressions, videos and FAQs at the new virtual information centre on our website. A physical visitor information centre will open mid-year in the CBD.

Remembering our ANZACs

Brisbane's Anzac Day dawn service and march are set to return on Sunday 25 April, under COVID-Safe guidelines.

If you can't make it to the CBD, you can attend an RSL Sub Branch service near you or pay tribute at home and 'Light up the Dawn' in your driveway, balcony or living room at 6am. Visit lightupthedawn.com.au to download a personal service and participation kit.

Council also maintains 137 war memorials and nine Avenues of Honour across 65 parks, where you can pay your respects to those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

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



DIY paper poppy wreath

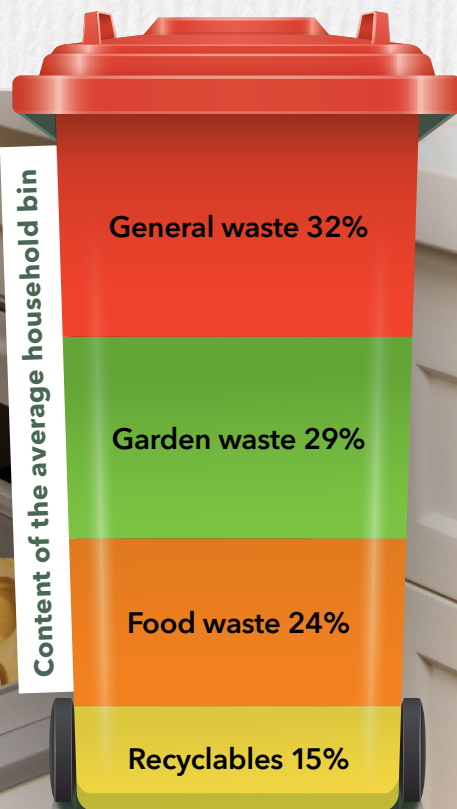
You'll find a step-by-step video tutorial on our website.

REDUCING WASTE AT HOME

The good news is Brisbane recycles a whopping 80,000 tonnes of cardboard, paper, metal, glass and plastic each year.

But there's still more we can do to keep Brisbane clean and green, by reducing the amount of recyclables going to landfill.

Did you know 68% of the contents of the average household bin could have been kept out of landfill?



DON'T WASTE IT, RECYCLE IT

Here's what you can and can't put in your **recycling bin** at home.

YES	NO
Cardboard – corrugated cardboard or boxes from packaging such as pizza and cereal boxes	Textiles – clothes, mats, linens, rags
Paper – magazines, newspapers, office paperwork	Hard plastics – toys, toothbrushes, buckets
Glass – drink bottles and food packaging such as jars	Soft plastics – zip-lock bags, chip packets, plastic bags
Plastic – takeaway containers, yoghurt tubs, laundry and detergent bottles	Metal – cooking pots, coat hangers, batteries of any kind
Metal – food cans and tin cans	Food

When recycling, remember to place items in the recycling bin loose, never in a plastic bag.

If you find your bin is full every fortnight, you can upgrade to a larger recycling bin for free. Visit our website for details.

Tip: Council's free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app has an easy search function to help you check you're putting the right thing in the right bin. You can also set reminders, so you never miss bin day again. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.



LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE

Avoidable food waste adds up and affects both your bin and your pocket. It's estimated food waste costs most Australian households up to \$3800 every year. In Brisbane, 24% of the average household bin is made up of food waste.

Tip: Council's website is full of ways to help you love your leftovers, shop smarter and waste less – search 'Love Food Hate Waste' to find out more.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT GREEN WASTE

Did you know, when you dispose of garden waste in your household rubbish bin, it's sent to landfill, where it produces greenhouse gas?

Disposing of prunings, grass clippings, twigs and other garden waste is easy.

1. Order a green waste recycling bin for your home or rental property. Council has waived the \$30 establishment fee.
2. Take your green waste to your local Resource Recovery Centre – and use your free waste vouchers.
3. Use it as mulch in your garden or in your home composting system.

Tip: When it comes to an at-home solution for food and garden waste, Council's Compost Rebate Program can help get you started with composting at home.

Visit our website for more tips and information on Council's recycling and waste collection services.

IN BRIEF

START COMPOSTING

Help reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by composting your kitchen scraps at the Community Composting Hub at the Taringa Community Garden. Get started by registering on our website and collecting a free kitchen caddy from your local ward office for transporting your scraps. Follow the on-site signage at the hub for quick and easy composting.

HOST BRISBANE FESTIVAL AT YOURS

Are you involved in your local community? Would you like to help bring a free festival event to your neighbourhood this September? Brisbane Festival is seeking Community Hosts to represent all suburbs across Brisbane. Individuals or groups can nominate. Find out more and register by Friday 30 April at brisbanefestival.com.au

TUNE IN AND VOTE

The QUBE Effect showcases the talent of some of Brisbane's freshest musicians, singers, songwriters and bands. Hot on the heels of their Youth Week live performances, the finalists have filmed music videos. Visit our website to watch them and vote for the People's Choice Award by Friday 4 June.

REPORT A FOX

Foxes threaten Brisbane's native wildlife and our domestic pets, which is why Council manages the local fox population through monitoring, education, trapping and providing assistance to landholders. Chickens that don't have a safe home make an easy meal for foxes. Visit our website for our fox-proof chicken enclosure plans and to submit a 'feral animal sighting' report.

More reasons to love your local library

Missed going to the library to meet up with like-minded people for fun, free activities? The easing of coronavirus restrictions means the return of more in-person library events, and our 33 libraries are brimming with books, rhymes and workshops for the whole family.

Children can bop, wiggle and move at one of our Babies, books and rhymes, Toddler time or Children's storytime sessions. Adults are covered too, with author talks, sustainable living workshops and technology classes. Bookings are essential for all in-person library events, as places are strictly limited.

Visit our website for more, download the libraries app, BNELibraries, or pick up a copy of What's On in Libraries at your local branch.



Library time @ home - Our online-only events are still on!
Visit facebook.com/BrisbaneLibraries for what's on offer.

Help make a difference

Join us in supporting Brisbane's homeless by donating non-perishable foods and toiletries for Homeless Connect on Thursday 20 May.

Homeless Connect brings together businesses and community groups to provide free services to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. Services include health care, housing support and haircuts, as well as personal grooming items, clothing, bedding and food.

The Council initiative, which began in 2006, has helped more than 17,900 vulnerable residents.

Drop off your donations at local libraries or ward offices by Friday 14 May.

Find it, fill it, fix it

We're waging war on potholes and working around the clock to deliver smoother streets.

Last year, more than 78,000 potholes were filled across 10,600 locations by our dedicated teams.

Council's road maintenance crews travel regularly across Brisbane's 5700 km road network, repairing roads and footpaths. Recent hotspots include Moorooka, Pinkenba, Coorparoo, Murarrie and Coopers Plains.

To report a pothole near you, text details to **0429 2 FIXIT (0429 234 948)**, call us on **3403 8888** or complete the online form on our website.

A narrow alleyway at night, illuminated by warm streetlights and the glow from a pub patio. In the foreground, a person wearing a green and white patterned poncho walks away from the camera. The alleyway is flanked by brick walls with various pipes and signs. In the background, a pub patio is visible with a large umbrella that says 'LOUIE LOUIE' and a sign that says 'Brew'. A string of lights hangs across the alleyway.

HAVE A BRISBETTER DAY OUT AFTER DARK

🔍 [Brisbetter Days Out](#)

WHAT'S ON

 BNEWhatsOn
 bne.cc/whatsonbne

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

FREE

Pulse, Kellie O'Dempsey, 2019



BOTANICA

7-16 May, 5-10pm, City Botanic Gardens

Discover a stunning open-air art exhibition in the heart of the city. As the sun sets the botanic gardens will come to life with large-scale projections, surprising installations and interactive artworks to captivate children and adults alike.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

FREE



GIGS & PICNICS

Last Saturday of the month, 12 noon-4pm, City Botanic Gardens

Enjoy an afternoon of live music and delicious fare from food trucks.

visitbrisbane.com.au



MEDEA

28 April, 7-8pm, SunPAC, Sunnybank, \$20

Sit back and enjoy a gripping tale of love, betrayal and revenge set to a thumping modern soundtrack. sunpac.net.au or call 3323 9650.



BRISBANE STREET ART FESTIVAL

1-16 May, various times and locations, some events ticketed

Art takes to the street with 'live' murals, workshops, exhibitions, street theatre and music. bsafest.com.au

WIN!



THE GREAT GRANDIOSA

9, 16 & 23 May, 4-5pm, The Sideshow, West End, from \$20

Meet a 100% legitimate psychic and medium so rare, she is almost well-done. Part of the Anywhere Festival 2021. anywhere.is

WIN! We have three double passes to give away to the performance of your choice.

To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close at 5pm on Friday 30 April.

IN YOUR REGION

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Wednesdays, 6-7am, Taringa Playground Park, Taringa, FREE

Take your fitness to the next level with a bootcamp-style workout.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

BOLLYWOOD DANCE FOR SENIORS

Wednesdays, 9-10am, Twilight Street Park, Kenmore, FREE

Groove to joyous beats, moving with fun and energising dance steps. This is a GOLD event suitable for seniors. To book, call Kajal on 0433 333 829.

KIDS MUSIC BEAT

Fridays, 9-9.30am, Wittonga Park, The Gap, FREE

Enjoy the great outdoors with your child while you move and make music together. Suitable for 4 years and under.

brisbane.qld.gov.au

SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN WALK AND LIBRARY TALK

28 April, 9.45-10.45am, Mt Coot-tha Library, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha, FREE

Enjoy the delightful plants from Shakespeare's plays and discover the library resources. To book, call 3403 2550.

THE SWINGIN' MARTINIS

4 May, 12 noon-1pm, Brisbane City Hall, FREE

Laugh and toe-tap to a show full of musical mayhem. To book, search the event at eventbrite.com.au

NIGHT ADVENTURE: ADULTS NIGHT OUT

14 May, 6-7.30pm, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha, FREE

Discover the wonders of Mt Coot-tha after dark on a 300-metre guided walk.

To book, search the event at eventbrite.com.au

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