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LIVING IN Brisbane

BRISBANE CITY

Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve

Move Well Brisbane
Get ready for $2 Summer Dips
Story Bridge summer works

Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner

Get ready before the storms roll in: Lord Mayor

Severe weather can strike at any time and a little preparation now can make a big difference when it happens.

We're working year-round to keep Brisbane prepared, with crews already completing 13 planned burns, cutting more than 1,300 ha of grass for fire breaks and maintaining over 114 km of fire tracks and trails this year.

We also make sure pre-filled sandbags are available for collection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at our 5 depots across the suburbs during storm season.

You can do your part too by clearing gutters, preparing an emergency kit and signing up for our free Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts.

Visit our website for more tips on keeping your family safe.

Prepare your emergency plan

Severe weather can strike at any time, so it's important to be prepared.

Prepare an emergency plan for your household or business that includes:

- contact information for your family, friends and household or business contacts
- meeting places in case you need to evacuate
- planned evacuation routes
- personal medical information
- your household roles during a potential emergency.

Print your plan and include it in your emergency kit.

Talk with your loved ones about what to do if severe weather strikes – where to go, what to take and who to call.

Search 'Be prepared for an emergency' on our website for tips, videos and more.

Dip, dip hooray for $2 Summer Dips

Fancy a cool day out during Brisbane's warmer months without breaking the budget?

You can enjoy entry to any of our 21 pools for just $2 per person from 1 December 2026 until 28 February 2027, making it easier than ever to stay active, have fun and beat the heat.

Whether you're treating the kids to a day of splashing and play, enjoying a refreshing swim or chasing a fitness goal, there's a pool to suit every need.

Visit our website and search '$2 Summer Dips' for more information.

Bringing more to our suburbs

Our Suburban Renewal Precinct program is creating vibrant local centres with more homes, jobs, shops and community spaces near public transport and everyday services.

Established precinct plans are helping guide future growth in Stones Corner, Wynnum Centre and Mt Gravatt Centre, while community feedback is helping shape final plans for Alderley Centre and Upper Mt Gravatt Centre.

You can still have your say on the future of Brisbane's suburban precincts, with draft plans underway for Chermside Centre, Cannon Hill Centre and Sandgate Centre.

Visit our website and search 'suburban renewal' for more information.

Story Bridge closes for Operation Smooth

From school holidays and weekend adventures to daily commutes, the Story Bridge has been part of Brisbane life for generations.

This summer, we're giving the Story Bridge some important maintenance to help keep our Queensland icon in great shape for years to come.

To minimise disruption, we've planned important waterproofing and resurfacing for the quieter period after Christmas. The bridge will close from 27 December 2026 to 18 January 2027 while we safely complete the works.

It's the latest key arterial road being resurfaced as part of our Operation Smooth program, our record $110 million investment in smoother Brisbane roads.

The eastern footpath will remain open for pedestrians, cyclists and scooter riders to cross the bridge, while the western footpath will be temporarily closed.

Drivers should plan ahead and use navigation apps to find the best alternative route.

These works will protect the bridge, improve the road surface and help keep this much-loved landmark in good condition for future generations.

For more information, visit our website and search 'Story Bridge renewal' or scan the QR code to find out more.

Building Pallara's new sports hub

Construction is starting this month on the new Pallara District Sports Park, bringing this future sports and recreation destination a step closer to reality.

Designed to support the growing community, the hub will feature 3 sports fields, a clubhouse with public amenities, on-site parking and green open spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The project has been shaped by community feedback and will create more opportunities for locals of all ages and abilities to play, train and come together close to home.

To learn more about how we're making Brisbane's lifestyle even better, visit our website and search 'Pallara District Sports Park'.

LORD MAYOR'S CHARITABLE TRUST

Christmas Appeal

Your support, no matter how big or small, can bring joy to vulnerable families this Christmas. Please consider giving now to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust Christmas Appeal!

Local news

SWIM SAFETY TECH TRIAL

We're trialling new Lynxight AI technology at Runcorn Pool and Yeronga Memorial Swimming Pool to improve safety at our pools. The technology detects swimmers in distress and sends instant alerts to lifeguards, helping them to respond quickly in an emergency. The trial will run for 12 months.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Mark your calendars! The final free household hazardous waste drop-off day for 2026 is from 7.30am–3.30pm, Saturday 5 December at Nudgee Resource Recovery Centre. Go to our website for information about acceptable items, limits and more.

GREEN LIGHT FOR WILDLIFE

Recent sightings show native wildlife is already using the new koala crossing on Boundary Road in Coorparoo. It's great news for local animals and a reminder for drivers to slow down and stay alert, especially near wildlife crossings. Together, we can help make Brisbane safer for our unique wildlife.

Mowing season gets underway

Warmer weather makes Brisbane's grass grow faster, and our mowing crews are busy maintaining parks, sports fields, road verges and public spaces across the city.

During last year's peak mowing season, from November to March, we mowed almost 40,000 hectares.

Our crews work year-round to keep Brisbane's green spaces looking great. In our busiest mowing month, January, we mow popular parks weekly instead of fortnightly.

Visit our website and search 'mowing' for upcoming schedules and more information.

Mozzie control in action

Our mosquito control program works year-round to help keep Brisbane's mozzie population under control.

In one of the country's largest programs, our expert entomologists monitor rainfall, tides and temperature, using aerial and ground treatments to target freshwater and saltmarsh breeding sites before larvae become biting adults.

We use products that are safe and short-lived.

Search 'mosquitoes' on our website for more information.

Operation Smooth hits 100 roads and counting

Operation Smooth has reached a major milestone, with our crews resurfacing the 100th road under our record $110 million road renewal program since 1 July this year.

Recent works include Sandon Street, Graceville; Waterworks Road, The Gap; and Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill.

We're keeping Brisbane moving by renewing almost one million square metres of road network this financial year.

We've also filled more than 54,320 potholes across Brisbane so far this year.

You can report potholes online via our website or by calling 3403 8888.

Help shape the future of Brisbane Metro

We're exploring ways to expand Brisbane Metro north, east, south and to the airport, and we'd love to hear from you.

We're currently working with the Australian and Queensland governments to develop a business case for 4 priority corridors from the CBD to Springwood, Capalaba, Carseldine and the domestic and international airport terminals.

If you travel along these corridors, have your say and help shape future Brisbane Metro services.

Scan the QR code or search 'Brisbane Metro Expansions' on our website for more information.

Beams Road keeps Brisbane moving

Getting around Brisbane's north is now easier with the completion of Stage 1B of the Beams Road upgrade.

The project has transformed a key section of Beams Road, from Carselgrove Avenue to Handford Road, delivering 4 lanes of traffic, upgraded bus stops and improved shared paths.

To cap off the project, a new pedestrian underpass on the Cabbage Tree Creek Bikeway has opened, featuring a vibrant community-designed mural developed in partnership with local schools.

New fauna crossings have also been installed to help native wildlife move safely through the area.

Together, these improvements will support Brisbane's growing northern suburbs while helping residents get where they need to go sooner and safer.

What's On

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FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS

FREE

BRISBANE HERITAGE TRAILS

Various locations

Discover Brisbane's rich history at your own pace with our self-guided heritage trails. From the heart of the city to suburban gems, the trails are available to explore online or on foot. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

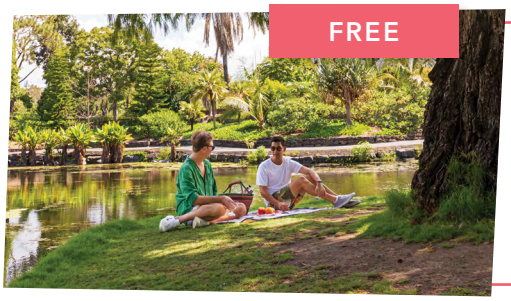
FREE

WARRAJAMBA, UNTIL 22 NOVEMBER

Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City

Be inspired by this enchanting artwork by Artist in Residence Delvene Cockatoo-Collins and create your own mermaid or dugong in a space that celebrates care of land, sea and story. **museumofbrisbane.com.au**

Photo: Joe Ruckli



FREE

BRISBANE BOTANIC GARDENS MT COOT-THA 50TH ANNIVERSARY, UNTIL 31 DECEMBER, Mt Coot-tha

Join us as we reflect on 5 decades of memorable moments and connection with nature. Through special activities and experiences, discover the history of this much-loved landmark. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

LORD MAYOR'S LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE, 6.30PM, 27 NOVEMBER, King George Square, Brisbane City

Christmas officially kicks off with the lighting of our spectacular 22-metre Christmas tree. Enjoy a jolly evening with Santa and his helpers as they dance around the tree, spreading festive joy. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

VARIOUS

CHRISTMAS ACTUALLY, 1-6 DECEMBER

Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm

Relive the magic musical moments from the world's favourite festive film, *Love Actually*, performed by Naomi Price and a stellar cast of musical theatre all-stars. **brisbanepowerhouse.org**

FREE

LORD MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS LIVESTREAM, DECEMBER

The Amphitheatre, Roma Street Parkland

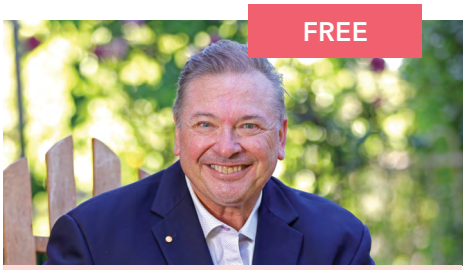
Pack a picnic or enjoy delicious food truck fare for a night of Christmas singing and celebration under the summer sky. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

CUT OUT WHAT'S ON AND STICK IT ON YOUR FRIDGE!

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

Check out the Brisbane app for more event listings!

REGIONAL EVENTS



FREE

AUTHOR TALK: GRANTLEE KIEZA

21 November, 2–3pm, Carindale Library

Hear Grantlee speak about adventurer Frank Hurley. To book, visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

OVER 18 YRS

OUTDOOR GYM

26 November, 5.30–6.30pm, West End Riverside Lands Park

Learn how to train effectively using free outdoor gym facilities. To book, visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

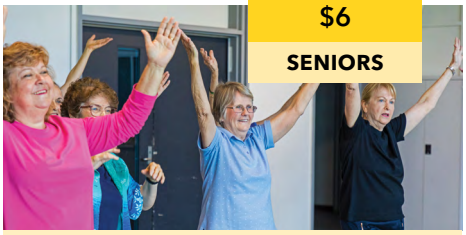
FREE

OVER 10 YRS

TAI CHI QIGONG

30 November, 8–9am, Seville Park, Holland Park

Move, breathe and unwind with exercises to rejuvenate the body and calm the mind. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



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SENIORS

MOVEFIT

25 November, 9.30–10.30am, Coorparoo School of Arts Hall

Enjoy exercises for strength, mobility, flexibility and fun. Bookings essential. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

POOL ENTRY

OVER 16 YRS

AQUA FITNESS

27 November, 12.30–1.30pm, Musgrave Park Pool, South Brisbane

Join a low-impact cross-training workout. To book, visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

PILATES

1 December, 10.30–11.30am, Lota Camping Reserve

Strengthen and stretch simultaneously through core-based exercises. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

FIRST 5 FOREVER NATURE PLAY

17 December, 11–11.45am, Holland Park Library

Spark your child's curiosity with nature-based stories and playful learning experiences to try at home. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

2-5 YRS

FREE

OVER 16 YRS

BEGINNER RUN SQUAD

25 November, 5.30–6.30pm, Lota Camping Reserve

Learn techniques to help you run stronger and smarter. All levels welcome. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

FREE

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

28 November, 10.30–11.30am, Wynnum Library

Enjoy a robust discussion about this month's book, *Jane Eyre*. Bookings essential. **brisbane.qld.gov.au**

LIVING IN Brisbane LIVE!

Listen on Council's website, Spotify or wherever you listen to your favourite podcasts.

Koalas crossing, take care

Brisbane's koalas are on the move as breeding season gets underway.

As they search for mates and new territory, koalas can venture into suburban areas and cross roads. They're particularly active between dusk and dawn.

We're helping protect local koalas with wildlife crossings, habitat restoration and research projects. This includes our new Koala Survey Program with Federation University Australia.

You can help too. If you're driving near bushland or known wildlife corridors, slow down and keep an eye out.

Together, we can help keep Brisbane's koalas safe for generations to come.

Brisbane 2032 emblems take flight

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games emblems have landed, celebrating our city, our lifestyle and the once-in-a-generation opportunity we have as Host City.

Inspired by the pink cockatoo and the sulphur-crested cockatoo, the emblems feature 2 variations of their crests echoing the Olympic and Paralympic flames and an outline of Queensland, while the grouped feathers give a clever nod to 2032 with an eye centred on Brisbane.

The emblems mark an exciting milestone as Brisbane prepares to welcome the world, with work progressing on transport, public spaces, visitor experiences and celebration precincts.

Our Legacy Plan, *Brisbane Beyond the Games,* will help ensure the benefits are enjoyed before, during and long after 2032.

WIN

Win a family pass to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols

We're giving away 2 family passes to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols at Riverstage. To enter, visit our website and search 'Living in Brisbane competition'. Entries close 5pm Monday 23 November.

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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