Living in Brisbane

**December 2023 / January 2024**

**$2 Dips a cool way to save this summer: Lord Mayor**

Our Council is committed to helping Brisbane residents tackle rising living costs. That’s why we’re investing $80 million this year in cost-of-living measures and supporting a growing range of free and affordable events.

An initiative I’m really excited about is our $2 Summer Dips. From 1 December, the entry cost to Council’s 22 fantastic pools will drop to just $2 for adults and children throughout summer.

There’s no limit. Residents can go as often as they like. For a family of 4, the cost of a trip to their local pool will fall from $20.15 to just $8.

Regardless of whether you’re keen to cool off with the kids or a regular lap swimmer, I hope all residents make the most of our $2 Summer Dips.

Adrian Schrinner

**Lord Mayor**

## New home for Brisbane Metro vehicles

Brisbane Metro’s electric vehicle fleet will soon [call Rochedale home](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/public-transport/brisbane-metro/metro-depot) as Australia’s largest and most technologically advanced bus depot nears completion.

To help keep the metros moving, the depot will set a new standard in sustainability featuring 5 fast chargers that can charge a metro in just over 6 minutes as well as 60 slow chargers designed to optimise battery life.

Metros will run along dedicated busways on 2 lines between Eight Mile Plains and Roma Street, and Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital and University of Queensland.

Brisbane Metro will make it easier to choose public transport with turn-up-and-go services every 5 minutes at peak times. Services are set to commence in late 2024.

## Celebrate Christmas in Brisbane

It’s the most magical time of the year and there’s plenty to enjoy as the city comes alive.

Experience the magic of Christmas on Queen with decorations, pop-up performances and roving entertainment along Queen Street Mall, daily from 11am-2.30pm and 4.30-9pm during late-night shopping.

At King George Square, enjoy The Lott by Golden Casket City Hall Lights every evening from 7.30pm-midnight. Be captivated as Brisbane’s iconic City Hall is transformed into a Christmas story by using stunning visuals and sounds.

Also in King George Square, from 4-9pm on 15 and 22 December, you’ll find handmade goods from more than 60 talented local designers at the BrisStyle Twilight Markets.

Stroll through the diverse stalls set against the backdrop of Brisbane’s stunning Christmas Tree and City Hall lights.

Visit [christmasinbrisbane.com.au](http://www.christmasinbrisbane.com.au) for Christmas in Brisbane updates.

## 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! [lmct.org.au](http://www.lmct.org.au)

## $2 dips for more pool trips

Beat the heat and dive into Council's $2 Summer Dips.

Whether you want to swim laps at Parkinson Aquatic Centre or Manly Pool, or splash about and play at Newmarket Olympic Swimming Pool, there are plenty of places for all ages to keep cool in Brisbane.

Our $2 Summer Dips mean you can swim at [all 22 of Council’s pools](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/council-pools) without hurting your back pocket. Check out Council’s website for more information.

## Reimagining our quarries

Share your ideas and help us create a vision to reimagine the future Mount Coot-tha and Pine Mountain quarries as world-class destinations. Brisbane City Council owns these valuable quarries that continue to support road construction and recycling. However, now is the time to plan to transform these areas into something remarkable when the current operations cease. Put your thinking caps on, register your interest online, and have your say.

For more information visit Council’s website and search [‘quarries vision'](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/mt-coot-tha-precinct/quarries-visioning-project).

## Kid-friendly DIY Christmas

Get crafty this Christmas by making your decorations and gifts at our festive DIY workshops in Brisbane parks.

**13 December**

[**Woodworking in the park**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/woodworking-in-the-park-wooden-xmas-tree-stacks-165954979)

**Tennyson**

Design and build your own little Christmas tree.

**14 December**

**Christmas crafts and games**

[**Karawatha**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/christmas-crafts-and-games-165953096) **and** [**Boondall**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/christmas-crafts-and-games-165953098)

Have fun with Christmas songs, craft and storytelling.

**19 December**

[**Upcycled Christmas decorations**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/upcycled-xmas-decorations-165954983)

**West End**

Use upcycled materials to make decorations.

**21 December**

**Christmas crafts and games**

[**Boondall**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/christmas-crafts-and-games-165953098) **and** [**Chermside West**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/christmas-crafts-and-games-165953099)

Have fun with Christmas songs, craft and storytelling.

Visit Council's website [what’s on pages](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search) and search ‘Christmas’ for these and other crafty Christmas events including details about cost and age recommendations.

## Buying local these holidays

When you’re thinking about gift shopping, start by thinking local.

Brisbane’s suburbs are rich with iconic shopping precincts, thanks to Council’s Growing Precincts Together program.

Businesses in Rosalie Village, Paddington, and Wynnum Town Centre have benefited from retail and business experts to help make your shopping experience a true delight.

Gift-giving inspiration starts in Rosalie:

* Find spices for the home chef in your life from Rosalie Gourmet Market.
* Meat at Billy’s has some great suggestions for pairing your festive meats and wines.

At Wynnum Town Centre:

* Little Toy Tribe feels like a trip into Santa’s workshop with beautiful toys.
* Elevate your festive décor and find modern gifts for every family member at Hali Home.

Other hotspots for festive shopping include Paddington Terraces, Nundah, Bulimba, Manly Harbour, Ashgrove West and Racecourse Road, Ascot.

## Sun-safe suburban playgrounds

Brisbane playgrounds are becoming more sun safe as shade sails continue to be installed across Brisbane.

In the first year of the program, Council has already installed 50 shade sails as part of the Sun-safe Suburban Playgrounds program. This program aims to keep playgrounds cool and safe so kids can continue to learn and grow, even when the summer sun is shining.

Parks and playgrounds are important for families with busy children as well as for catching up with friends in a healthy, outdoor location. This is why Council continues to invest in clean and green initiatives for new parks and upgrades to existing sites.

Search [‘sun-safe Brisbane playgrounds’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/council-park-projects/sun-safe-suburban-playgrounds-program) on our website to find out more.

## Free and affordable holiday fun

School holiday adventures and memories await with plenty of free and affordable activities on offer.

The Lord Mayor’s Children’s Program is always popular and with shows across December and January, the whole family will love the musical performances hosted in our majestic City Hall.

Keen to enjoy the great outdoors? Fishing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding are always summer favourites.

There's plenty of suburban festive cheer being sprinkled across Brisbane with Christmas carols and library events happening in Manly West, Bracken Ridge, Toowong and more.

Older kids can take advantage of their very own creative space at Visible Ink, with workshops and events supporting young people aged 12-25.

Head to our website for details, [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search).

## New Year recycling resolutions

This year, go beyond ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’, build stronger habits and set positive recycling intentions with these sustainability basics.

Refuse single-use items and carry your own reusable straws, bags and cutlery.

Rethink the need for new items and consider buying second-hand.

Reduce buying plastic products, seek alternatives such as bamboo, metal and glass.

Reuse items like takeaway containers, zip-lock bags and gift wrap.

Repair belongings, such as clothing, to extend their life.

Refurbish an existing piece of furniture or décor with a fresh coat of paint.

Repurpose resources, such as old textiles, for new uses.

Recycle with the Brisbane bin and recycling app to help get the right thing in the right bin.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search [‘reducing waste at home’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/reducing-waste-at-home) for ways to reduce your waste headed to landfill.

## Half-price green bins

We know Brisbane residents are working harder than ever to make our city clean and green, with thousands of green bins ordered over the last 4 months.

Since slashing green bin prices on 1 July to less than $1 per week, more than 5,100 green bins have been ordered by households across Brisbane.

Green waste recycling bins are an easy, affordable way to recycle your green waste, including grass clippings, small garden prunings, palm fronds and excess shrubbery, to help create high-quality compost and keep your yard clear for storm season.

There's still plenty of time to make a difference and divert your green waste from landfill by ordering a green bin. Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search [‘green waste recycling service’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/rubbish-bins/green-waste-recycling-service) to place a green bin order online or phone Council on 3403 8888.

## Don't forget your free waste vouchers

Take advantage of Council’s [free waste vouchers](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/waste-and-recycling-facilities/resource-recovery-centres/waste-vouchers-fees-and-charges) these holidays!

Each Brisbane household, including renters, receives 10 vouchers (each worth 100 kilograms) to drop off general waste or green waste for free at any of Council’s 4 resource recovery centres every financial year.

Recyclables and Treasure Trove donations can be dropped off year-round for free.

If you haven’t used your free waste vouchers yet, now’s the time to make the most of this free service from Council.

## No time to waste helping Brisbane households

Rebates, more recycling in public places and food waste recycling are just some of the ways Council is proposing to help residents save and become more sustainable.

Our draft new Towards Zero Waste strategy includes:

* adding more eligible items to the Compost Rebate program
* installing 1,500 new park recycling bins across Brisbane
* expanding Brisbane’s food waste recycling service.

Love these ideas or think there is more we can do? With consultation open until 23 December, now is the time to have your say on making Brisbane cleaner, greener and more sustainable.

## Food trucks at your fingertips

Did you know that you can now find food trucks and their locations on the Brisbane app?

Inspire your next culinary adventure and find who is serving near you with an interactive map. Why not put the call out to have your next event catered?

Join thousands of Brisbane residents already enjoying the Brisbane app every month and discover what’s going on in your neighbourhood. Visit our website and download the [Brisbane app](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/brisbaneapp) today.

## Local news

### SOLAR SUCCESS

Council’s initiative to help Brisbane community clubs fight the cost of electricity has reached a special milestone. The Resilient Clubs Support program has helped 60 clubs to connect to solar power. It’s estimated the program saves $240,000 in energy costs annually across participating clubs and community groups.

### HERSTON UPGRADE

We are upgrading the [Clyde Road and Butterfield Street intersection](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/road-and-intersection-projects/butterfield-street-projects-%E2%80%93-herston) in Herston to improve safety for all road users and create a slower speed environment. The project will include installing new speed platforms and reducing the speed limit to 40 km/h at the northern end of Clyde Road.

### KERBSIDE LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Residents of Brisbane City, Fortitude Valley, New Farm, Newstead, Spring Hill, The Gap, Teneriffe, Newmarket, Enoggera, Alderley, Ashgrove and Wilston can dispose of large household waste items with [kerbside large item collection](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/rubbish-collections/kerbside-large-item-collection-service) coming to these areas in January. Download the free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app to check what items are accepted and find your 2023-24 collection week.

## Adventure starts at home

Decided to stay in Brisbane these holidays but still keen to quench your thirst for adventure? Our city has plenty to see and do, from the mountains to the sea!

Lookouts: While Mount Coot-tha is a must-do, the Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve offers a glimpse of Moreton Bay islands, D’Aguilar Ranges and Glasshouse Mountains on a clear day.

Exploring nature: Immerse yourself in nature and explore Brisbane’s bushland reserves, including Anstead Bushland Reserve, Brisbane Koala Bushlands at Burbank, Boondall Wetlands, or Tinchi Tamba Wetlands further north.

Bayside: Take a walk at Manly along the sand and cool off at the Wynnum Wading Pool while taking in sweeping views of the bay. Or escape north and visit Shorncliffe and Sandgate seaside.

Go to [‘Brisbetter Explore’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/brisbetter/explore) section on Council’s website for inspiration.

## Cruise the Brisbane River Heritage Trail

Wind back time and immerse yourself in audio re-enactments with Council’s first heritage trail by CityCat. The Brisbane River Heritage Trail is an educational and engaging way to experience the city by water.

Cruise past 32 historic places between Northshore Hamilton and UQ St Lucia ferry terminals to discover how Brisbane became the river city. Learn about landmarks including the Story Bridge, Kayes Rocks, Hamilton Villas, and the recently restored Home (also known as Lamb House).

The full trail takes 1.5 hours one way or dip in and out by exploring select places by theme. You can also hop on and off to link with other heritage trails through South Bank and the city. Scan the QR code at select ferry terminals to access the trail or visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search [‘Heritage Trails’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/experiences-and-culture/heritage-trails).

## Get active for less

Get your 2024 off to a fun and healthy start with some of Council’s best sporting activities!

Here’s 6 sports to try in the new year.

Pickleball: A mix of table tennis, badminton and tennis, pickleball is taking Brisbane by storm with Council courts now located across the city.

Stand-up paddle boarding: Book yourself in and reap the benefits of this relaxing activity.

Walking football: Just like the traditional game but modified to be low impact.

Disc golf: Also known as frisbee golf, simply launch plastic discs into a target basket.

Parkour: Complete an obstacle course by climbing, swinging, jumping and rolling.

Quidditch: The Harry Potter-inspired game is a real-life team sport complete with broomsticks.

Search [‘unique sports’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/brisbetter/explore/6-unique-sports-to-try-in-brisbane-including-pickleball) on Council’s website.

## The Summer Reading program is back

If your ideal summer holiday includes reading in peaceful solitude or sharing a favourite page-turner before bedtime with the kids, Council’s free Summer Reading program is for you!

Council’s 33 libraries will host the Summer Reading program from 9 December 2023 until 21 January 2024.

Participants can earn a stamp each time they complete a Summer Reading challenge, to collect a total of 10 stamps and be eligible to enter the Summer Reading lucky prize draw!

The Summer Reading program offers a range of free summer events and activities for people of all ages, including science shows, interactive live performances and cartoon and writing workshops for kids.

Visit our website and search ['summer reading program'](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/libraries/library-programs/summer-reads-at-your-local-library) for more information.

## New year, new Everton Park Library

We’ve made amazing progress on the [Everton Park Library](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/libraries/library-locations/new-everton-park-library), with doors set to open in early 2024.

Construction of the 1000 square metre library has more than doubled the original library’s floor space. The new library features 2 community meeting rooms, a children’s area to encourage early literacy development, a dedicated computer lounge, open-air balcony and terrace spaces and undercover car parking.

Council’s newly introduced 24/7 Library Lockers will be handy with all the public holidays coming up.

Collect your hold items 24/7 from library lockers at Holland Park, Carina, and New Farm libraries, with additional lockers to be launched at Mitchelton, Grange and Bracken Ridge libraries in early 2024.

## Hot summer reads at your local library

Pick up the hottest and most popular titles this summer and read for free with these top picks curated by Brisbane City Council libraries.

Adult Fiction

* *Darling Girls* by Sally Hepworth
* *The Thursday Murder Club* series by Richard Osman
* *Lola in the Mirror* by Trent Dalton

Adult Non-Fiction

* *Wifedom: Mrs Orwell’s invisible life* by Anna Funder
* *Prehistoric Joy* by Andrew Sneddon
* *Best Wishes* by Richard Glover

Junior

* *Bidhi Galing: Big Rain* by Anita Heiss
* *Nothing Alike* by Zewlan Moor
* *The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas* by Matt Lucas

Young Adults

* *Wolf Girl* series by Anh Do
* *The Last Hours: Chain of Thorns* by Cassandra Clare
* *Stellarlune* by Shannon Messenger

Library membership is free – sign up at your local library.

## How to be waterwise this summer

The weather is heating up, so you’re probably tempted to use more water to cool off and keep your home and garden looking fresh. Here are some of Council’s favourite bill-busting tips to save water and money this summer.

* Update your showerhead to a three-star AAA rating, which can save 11 litres of water per minute.
* Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation, saving up to 200 litres per day.
* Limit how often and when you wash your car and wash it on the lawn.
* Install an affordable drip irrigation system in your garden.
* Plant more natives – they love our climate and don’t need as much water.

## Be prepared for severe weather

Now is the time to prepare your family and property for all hazards.

* Check your property’s flood risk on Council’s website.
* Go to qfes.qld.gov.au to check your bushfire risk and for advice on how to prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan.
* Maintain your property – clear gutters and downpipes, mow your lawn, tidy your yard and secure any loose items.
* Prepare your emergency kit with food and medical items – you can find a checklist on our website.
* Register for Council’s free Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service and follow us on social media.

Visit Council’s website for more [‘Be Prepared’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-safety/disasters-and-emergencies/be-prepared) information.

## Tips for thirsty gardens

Summer is here and so we've asked Council's expert landscapers for their helpful tips to save water and keep your garden thriving.

* Composting is a wonderful way to build organic matter into your soil.
* Mowing your lawn will discourage weeds and provide mulch from the clippings.
* Water your garden in the morning for maximum effect.
* Safe use of grey water is great for lawns, trees and even native plants.
* Don’t forget that native plants are built for Brisbane’s sub-tropical climate and don’t need as much water in summer.

Go to our website to find out more about composting, free native plants and how to safely use grey water in your garden.

## What’s On - Citywide

**BRISSTYLE TWILIGHT MARKETS, 4-9PM, 15 AND 22 DECEMBER**

**King George Square, Brisbane City**

Join an enchanting evening filled with unique arts and crafts in front of the spectacular The Lott by Golden Casket City Hall Lights and the King George Square Christmas tree. [brisstyle.com.au](https://www.brisstyle.com.au/brisstyle-twilight-market/)

**LORD MAYOR’S NEW YEAR’S EVE FIREWORKS, 31 DECEMBER**

**The Parklands, South Bank**

Arrive early to secure a spot so you can ring in 2024 with spectacular fireworks displays at 8.30pm and midnight set against the Brisbane River and CBD skyline. brisbane.qld.gov.au

**DENDY OUTDOOR CINEMA, THURSDAYS TO SUNDAYS**

**Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm**

Enjoy an unforgettable outdoor movie experience with an outdoor screen, 350 lounge chairs with armrests and wireless headphones. Order drinks and snacks from the comfort of your chair. [powerhouse.dendy.com.au](https://powerhouse.dendy.com.au/home-page)

**PARK PLAY, 8-17 JANUARY, MONDAYS TO WEDNESDAYS**

**Victoria Park, Herston**

Park Play returns this summer with exciting outdoor activities that encourage kids to stay active and let their imaginations soar. Perfect for children aged 5-12 years. No bookings required. [brisbane.qld.gov.au/victoriapark](../Accessible%20Word%20Documents/brisbane.qld.gov.au/victoriapark)

**MUSEUM OF BRISBANE HOLIDAY EVENTS, UNTIL 22 JANUARY**

**Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City**

From botanical art and craft workshops to festive shopping and stunning exhibitions, Museum of Brisbane has something for everyone over the festive season. [museumofbrisbane.com.au](../Accessible%20Word%20Documents/museumofbrisbane.com.au)

**OUTDOOR GALLERY *MAKE VISIBLE*, UNTIL 14 APRIL**

**Various Locations**

Wander Brisbane’s laneways, city streets and car parks as Outdoor Gallery’s newest exhibition showcases the intricate and interconnected layers of our city. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/experiences-and-culture/public-art-in-brisbane/outdoor-gallery)

## What’s on – Regional

**CAROLS IN THE PARK, FREE**

**9 December, 4-8pm, Mitchelton Park, Mitchelton**

Live family entertainment and children’s activities including a visit from Santa and fireworks. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/carols-in-the-park-mitchelton-169290497)

**HISTORIC RIVER RIDE, FREE. OVER 12 YEARS**

**11 December, 9am-12noon, Teneriffe Ferry Terminal, Teneriffe**

Learn about historic buildings from Brisbane's industrial past along the beautiful river. To book, visit [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/historic-river-ride-tickets-633024913557)

**BRISBANE GREETERS TOURS, FREE**

**Various times**

A variety of fascinating guided tours around the City and other Brisbane precincts. Bookings essential. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-in-brisbane/brisbane-greeter-program)

**SURVIVOR CHALLENGE, FREE. 10-17 YEARS**

**15 December, 10am-12noon, J.C. Slaughter Falls, Mt Coot-tha Reserve**

Join a fun and challenging competition in teams. To book, visit [lifebeinitfunworks.com.au](https://lifebeinitfunworks.com.au/queensland-events/)

**JAN POWERS FARMERS MARKETS, FREE**

**23 December, 6am-12noon, Powerhouse Park, New Farm**

Shop a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/jan-powers-farmers-markets-159354841)

**CHILDREN’S STORYTIME IN THE PARK, FREE, UP TO 5 YEARS**

**29 December, 9.30-10am, Frew Park, Milton**

Experience the magic of storytime with your child at the park. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/childrens-storytime-in-the-park-frew-park-milton-163800598)

**THE TINY SEED, FREE, GOLD’N’KIDS**

**13 January, 10am-12noon, Dorrington Park, Ashgrove**

Stories, interactive games and valuable lessons about the environment. To book, visit [bazilgrumble.com](http://www.bazilgrumble.com/whats-on/)

**MARTIAL ARTS, FREE, GOLD’N’KIDS**

**18 January, 1.45-2.15pm, New Farm Park, New Farm**

Join a fun-filled, easy session teaching basic martial arts techniques in beautiful New Farm Park. To book, email davidkingtkd@gmail.com

**POTTERY WHEEL FUNSHOP, $6, GOLD’N’KIDS**

**20 January, 10am-12noon, Upper Brookfield State School, Upper Brookfield**

Throw yourself into the fun and engaging world of pottery. To book, visit [bazilgrumble.com](http://www.bazilgrumble.com/whats-on/)

**SOCCER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, FREE, 2-5 YEARS**

**24 January, 9.30-10.30am, Victoria Park, Herston**

Develop balance, motor skills and coordination through fun games. To book, visit [grasshoppersoccer.com.au](https://grasshoppersoccer.com.au/)

## Helpful contacts in case of an emergency

Police, Fire or Ambulance Services

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(for life-threatening situations)

Brisbane City Council Contact Centre – 24/7

3403 8888

State Emergency Services (SES)

132 500

Queensland Government (13 QGOV)

13 74 68

(for general enquiries, housing enquiries, homelessness programs and emergency housing)

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

131 450

Queensland Health (13 HEALTH)

13 43 25 84

(for non-urgent medical help)

Queensland Ambulance Service

13 12 33

(to request an ambulance)

Energex

13 62 62

(for fallen power lines and power outages)

Urban Utilities

13 23 64

(for water outages, emergencies and faults)

Department of Transport and Main Roads

13 19 40

TransLink

13 12 30

Community Recovery Hotline

1800 173 349

(for information about disaster recovery funds and connections to social support services).

## Thank you Brisbane for your support in 2023!

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust distributed close to 100 grants to charities so far in 2023, with more to be distributed before Christmas! Some charities supported include Access Arts, Baby Give Back, BestLife, Care Kits for Kids, Little Stars Kids, Mummy’s Wish, Red Rose Foundation, RizeUp, and The VacSeen Project, helping some of Brisbane’s most vulnerable residents. Some highlights include:

* 3,416 chocolate eggs distributed to provide a sweet surprise for those doing it tough at Easter time
* $206,186.82 in ratepayer donations distributed to 33 charities
* $100,000 in emergency grants distributed to 7 charities helping those impacted by the cost of living crisis.

Find out more at [lmct.org.au](../Accessible%20Word%20Documents/lmct.org.au)

## Win Passes to BrisAsia Festival

Celebrate Asian art and culture at the 2024 BrisAsia Festival. We’re giving away 5 passes to various events and shows throughout February, including Southside Dumpling Festival, Awakening live concert and Sounds of Chow Gar. To enter, visit our website and search ‘Living in Brisbane competition’. Entries close at 5pm on Friday 5 January 2024.

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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