

# LIVING IN Brisbane



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*



Valley Pool, Fortitude Valley

**\$2 Summer Dips**  
**Safer School Precincts**  
**Sherwood Arboretum turns 100**

## Summer's not over yet - Be prepared: Lord Mayor

We can't prevent wild weather in Brisbane, but being prepared can make all the difference.

We've had an unseasonably wet November and December and when the ground is saturated, the possibility of flash flooding increases.

February is typically Brisbane's wettest month and we can't be complacent when it comes to preparing our homes.

I encourage everyone to register for the free Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts and collect free sandbags at our 5 depots across Darra, Morningside, Newmarket, Zillmere and Lota, so you can be ready for whatever comes next.

We will continue to prepare our city for weather events all year round, so that residents can stay safer in our suburbs.



Lord Mayor, Adrian Schinner

## Dive into the last month of \$2 Summer Dips!

Our \$2 Summer Dips program wraps up on 28 February, so now is the perfect time to check out Council's cool pools!

Why not visit a pool you haven't been to before?

Find your new favourite lap-swimming pool at Yeronga Park Memorial Swimming Pool or the Valley Pool.

Splash the day away at Langlands Park Memorial Pool, Stones Corner, or Acacia Ridge Leisure Centre waterplay areas.

Take a step back in time at Spring Hill Baths historic indoor pool.

Visit our website to find the perfect pool for you.

\$2 Summer Dips terms and conditions apply.



## 100 years of Sherwood Arboretum

Happy anniversary to the Sherwood Arboretum, which officially opened on World Forestry Day 21 March 1925, to house and preserve Australian native trees.

The heritage-listed arboretum is an inviting space to unwind, as well as a place for discovery and learning. It's home to approximately 1,100 trees representing 250 species over 15 hectares.

The arboretum features accessible paths, picnic areas, barbecues and taps, a river boardwalk and pontoon, toilets and car parking. There's also an upgraded nature-inspired play area under the fig trees.

Join the centenary celebrations on Sunday 23 March. Visit our website and search 'Sherwood Arboretum' for more information.



Centenary Pool, Spring Hill

## How long could you go without power or water this storm season?

Be prepared, make your household emergency plan today.

[brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au)

Be prepared





## A new way to move in 2025

This year, Brisbane will experience the largest uplift to our bus network in over a decade.

We're introducing Brisbane's New Bus Network that will be complemented by Brisbane Metro services.

This is all part of our plan to deliver more connected and reliable public transport, getting you where you need to go at the times you want to travel.

Brisbane Metro is here to stay, with the Metro 2 service now operating between UQ Lakes and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Scan the QR code to learn more about what Brisbane's New Bus Network means for you.



## Kangaroo Point Bridge a big win for Brisbane

Since opening last December, Kangaroo Point Bridge has quickly become one of Brisbane's well-loved icons, with residents and visitors making the most of this spectacular addition to our city over summer.

The 460-metre-long bridge has made it easier and quicker than ever to walk or ride between Kangaroo Point, inner-east suburbs and the CBD, and take in stunning views of the river and city skyline.

Stay tuned for news about opening dates for the bridge's 2 unique dining venues - Stilts Dining, an above-water restaurant and bar, and Mulga Bill's, a riverside cafe at the city landing.



Artist's impression: Coonan Street overpass

## Home stretch for Moggill Road

The finish line is in sight for upgrade works on one of the busiest road corridors in the western suburbs.

We've been hard at work putting the finishing touches on the Moggill Road Corridor Upgrade Project, including installing new kerbs and pavement, road asphaltting and landscaping.

Traffic is flowing freely in both directions along Moggill Road, with the new overpass helping traffic from Coonan Street merge more efficiently and safely than the previous roundabout.

New pathways and pedestrian activated signals have increased safety for people walking, riding or scooting through Indooroopilly.

It's all part of our commitment to building better roads to get you home sooner and safer.



## Local news



Boondall Wetlands walking track

### CELEBRATING OUR WETLANDS

Reconnect with nature at plenty of events and activities at Brisbane's 3 environment centres. Whether it's a guided walk, yoga session, nature journaling or bush kindy, there's something for everyone. Visit our website and search 'environment centres' for details.

### FORESHORE DOG PARK UPGRADES

Four-legged friends can now enjoy the upgraded dog off-leash area at Tuckeroo Park in Nudgee Beach, with amazing views of the beach and Kedron Brook. Remember to put your dog on a lead before you take them for a walk along the tidal section of the beach.

### DISCOVER BRISBANE'S STORIES

There are 14 different Brisbane Greeters tours to choose from including a Brisbane's German Story walking tour in Nundah. Learn unique insights and stories about Queensland's first free European settlement, German Station. Visit our website to find a free Brisbane Greeters tour to suit you.

## Share the library love

On 14 February lovers of libraries unite to celebrate the role that libraries, and the people who work in them, play in our lives. You're invited to join in some special events at our libraries to celebrate Library Lovers Day.

### Tea and trivia\*: various libraries and times, 11-14 February

Enjoy an afternoon making friends and testing your knowledge with trivia questions. Ideal for adults.

### Podcasting for families\*: Coopers Plains Library, 3-4pm, 14 February

Chat about all things books and libraries while learning the basics of podcasting. Ideal for children 6-12 years and their families.

### Book chat\*: Kenmore Library, 11am-12 noon, 14 February

Celebrate this special book lover's day with stories of great librarians, books and libraries.

### Out loud\*: Mt Ommaney Library, 10-11am, 14 February

Relax with a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a story reading. Dementia friendly and welcoming to all.

### Make and create: New Farm Library, 3.30-4.30pm and Sandgate Library, 3-4pm, 14 February

Drop in and get creative with free craft activities. Ideal for children 3 years and older and their carers.

Search 'library lovers' on our website for more information.

\*Bookings essential



## Upcoming kerbside collection

Kerbside collection is coming to the following suburbs. Make sure you have your large items ready for collection by these dates.

9 FEBRUARY

Bowen Hills, Everton Park, Windsor

Scan the QR code and download our free Brisbane Bin and Recycling app for tips on what you can (and can't!) put out for collection and other ways to reduce waste sent to landfill.





Brisbane Koala Bushlands, Burbank

## Progress on Safer Schools

Our first Safer Schools Precincts program is underway in Kedron, with 3 more precincts to follow.

Your feedback about living in and moving around the suburb - particularly during busy school drop-offs and pick-ups - helps us shape a plan to improve safety, ease congestion and enhance travel options.

Improvements will be tailored to each community and could include pathway upgrades, pedestrian crossings, intersection improvements, better signage and safer speeds.

The next Safer School Precincts program will be rolled out in Mansfield.

For more information, visit our website and search 'Safer School Precincts'.

## Protecting our koalas

We've partnered with the University of Queensland (UQ) to protect koalas through our new Building Resilient Koala Populations project.

The project will focus on assessing koalas in our Bayside Parklands reserve, Chandler, and the Brisbane Koala Bushlands, Burbank.

Stage one of the project aims to remove koala chlamydia as much as possible from the koala population in these reserves by surveying and testing for this disease. If koalas test positive, they will receive treatment at a wildlife hospital.

Koalas without chlamydia will be given a vaccine, fitted with a GPS collar and released back into the reserves.

Council has also released 12 koalas into Pooh Corner, which are now living across the area and Wacol Bushlands.

For more information, visit our website and search 'koala project'.



Majestic Park, Coorparoo

## More fun, less sun for Brisbane playgrounds

This year, we are installing shade sails above 34 more playgrounds, keeping our littlest residents sun safe, so play can last longer all year.

Installation has started at 6 playgrounds in Sandgate, McDowall, Virginia, Camp Hill and Manly West.

This is the third and final round of shade sail installations as part of the Sun Safe Suburban Playgrounds program, taking the total number of sun safe playgrounds to 150.

More than 120 shade trees have been planted near 19 playgrounds across the city - with more to come.

# What's On



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**FREE AND AFFORDABLE EVENTS**

**FREE**

## **NAVY WEEK 2025, 21 FEBRUARY-1 MARCH**

**Various locations**

Experience the Royal Australian Navy at events around Brisbane including 'Beat to Quarters' and 'Ceremonial Sunset' at King George Square on Friday 21 February. [navy.gov.au/community-engagement/events](https://navy.gov.au/community-engagement/events)

**VARIOUS**

## **OHM FESTIVAL, 28 FEBRUARY-22 MARCH**

**Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm**

Expand your musical horizons with performances including Saharan rock band Etran de L'Aïr, transformative Irish singer Camille O'Sullivan and folk supergroup Bonny Light Horseman. [brisbanepowerhouse.org](https://brisbanepowerhouse.org)

**FREE**

## **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, 2 MARCH**

**Various locations**

Help keep our city clean and sustainable by teaming up with your family, friends and neighbours for Australia's largest community-based environmental event. To register go to [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)

**VARIOUS**

## **BRISBANE CYCLING FESTIVAL, 21 MARCH-13 APRIL**

**Various locations**

Get ready for Brisbane's epic celebration of cycling with more than 100 events and activities for all ages and abilities. Events include the Active Lifestyle Expo and Tour de Brisbane. [brisbanecyclingfestival.com](https://brisbanecyclingfestival.com)

**VARIOUS**

## **WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE, 21-30 MARCH**

**Various locations**

Science takes to the streets, parks, museums, galleries and other locations around Brisbane as the World Science Festival returns for 2025. There's sure to be something to spark your curiosity. [worldsciencefestival.com.au](https://worldsciencefestival.com.au)

**VARIOUS**

## **DENDY OUTDOOR CINEMA, THURSDAYS TO SUNDAY**

**Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm**

Sit back in plush outdoor lounges and enjoy an unforgettable outdoor movie experience on a colossal screen at Council's Brisbane Powerhouse. You can even order drinks and snacks. [powerhouse.dendy.com.au](https://powerhouse.dendy.com.au)



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



\$6  
GOLD

**PILATES**

10 February, 6.30-7.30am,  
Moora Park, Shorncliffe  
Strengthen and stretch  
simultaneously through core  
exercises in the park.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE  
2-5 YRS

**MUSIC BEAT KIDS GROUPS**

19 February, 9-9.30am,  
7th Brigade Park, Chermide  
Share music and movement  
with your little ones outdoors.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE  
GOLD

**YOGA**

4 March, 9.30-10.30am,  
Boyd Park, Nundah  
Focus on strength, balance  
and relaxation through  
movement and breathing.  
[brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au)



FREE  
GOLD

**PICKLEBALL**

12 February, 9-10am,  
Shaw Park Tennis Centre,  
Wooloowin  
A combination of tennis,  
badminton and table tennis.  
To book, call 3266 1660.



\$6  
OVER 10 YRS

**STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING**

22 February, 6-7am,  
Decker Park, Brighton  
Try stand-up paddleboarding.  
Beginners welcome. To book,  
visit [scsurfschools.com.au](http://scsurfschools.com.au)



**STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOP**

5 March, 10-11.30am,  
Northgate Hall, Northgate  
Learn animation basics  
using iPads, play dough and  
figurines. To book call  
0422 323 242.

FREE  
GOLD



FREE  
OVER 18 YRS

**SOCIAL TENNIS WITH A QUALIFIED COACH**

13 February, 9-10am,  
Northshore Tennis Centre,  
Hamilton  
A fun lesson with a coach.  
To book, call 3185 9256.



FREE  
GOLD

**ZUMBA**

26 February, 8.30-9.30am,  
O'Callaghan Park, Zillmere  
Build balance and  
coordination with easy-to-  
follow moves. To book, email  
[kellie@energeticmusic.com](mailto:kellie@energeticmusic.com)



**VOLUNTEER BUSHCARE WORKING BEE**

9 March, 7-9.30am,  
Curlew Park, Sandgate  
Protect and restore Brisbane's  
biodiversity. To book, call  
0421 488 622.

FREE  
OVER 18 YRS

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## Tee off at Minnippi Golf Course

Grab your clubs, dust off your swing and tee off at Minnippi Golf Course.

Since it opened in September 2023, more than 90,000 games have been played on this stunning public course, which has transformed a former landfill site.

With a 20-bay driving range, a fully equipped Pro Shop and an onsite cafe, it's the perfect spot to practice your swing or enjoy a round with friends.

Whether you're an experienced pro or a first-time golfer, Minnippi Golf Course offers something for everyone. Find out more about Minnippi and our other great course at St Lucia on our website!



## Tips for responsible dog ownership

Dogs are an important member of many local families and are a big responsibility.

Be the best dog owner for your furry friend with these simple tips on responsible pet ownership.

- ◆ **Register all dogs over 3 months old** and ensure they are microchipped.
- ◆ **Regularly check that your fence is secure** to help keep your dog and community safe, and prevent your dog from wandering.
- ◆ **Walk your dog on a lead** for the safety of others and your dog.
- ◆ **Clean up after your dog.** Keeping our public areas clean is a shared responsibility.
- ◆ **Train and socialise your dog** providing mental, physical and social stimulation. There's more than 160 of our dog parks across Brisbane for you to visit.

For more information visit our website and search 'responsible pet ownership'.

## Dispose of hazardous items for free

Take advantage of our free household hazardous waste days to safely and conveniently dispose of potentially harmful materials that cannot be put in regular household bins.

Mark these dates in your calendar for household hazardous waste days in 2025 and visit our website for more information.

1 March	Willawong Resource Recovery Centre
7 June	Ferny Grove Resource Recovery Centre
6 September	Chandler Resource Recovery Centre
6 December	Nudgee Resource Recovery Centre

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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