Living in Brisbane

**August 2024**

## Better buses to keep Brisbane moving: Lord Mayor

Brisbane is one of Australia’s fastest-growing cities and getting more people on buses is a vital part of tackling traffic congestion.

Every extra trip taken on a bus is one less taken in a car, and less traffic benefits all of us.

That’s why we’ll soon deliver an additional 160,000 bus trips each year to provide more services to more places, more often.

We’re also starting the first Brisbane Metro services during October on the busy route between Eight Mile Plains and the University of Queensland.

It’s all part of our plan to improve public transport and keep Brisbane moving.

Adrian Schrinner

**Lord Mayor**

## Boosting Brisbane's bayside

Brisbane’s bayside is not only a great place to live, it’s also a popular destination for day trips and holidays thanks to its beautiful stretch of foreshore overlooking Moreton Bay and the islands.

We're making the lifestyle opportunities in Wynnum, Manly and Lota even better by developing a Master Plan for the future of these foreshores. Residents will be able to have their say and share their ideas as we look to invest in further enhancements to the much-loved foreshore area.

We're creating even more reasons to live in and visit the bayside, with an [upgrade coming to the children’s playground near the Wynnum Wading Pool](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/wynnum-parks/wynnum-wading-pool-park-playground-upgrade).

## Keep fit and unleash your inner athlete

Inspired by our Aussie athletes competing in Paris? Why not try your favourite Olympic or Paralympic sport on home soil?

There’s something for all ages and abilities in our free and affordable Active and Healthy program, including Active Parks, accessible parks and pools and Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) activities.

Our basketball classes will get teens slam dunking like a professional and our soccer sessions will have tweens moving like the Matildas. Alternatively, grab a pair of gloves and give boxing a try.

If team sports don't interest you, give golf a go or get on your bike with Cycling Brisbane.

Let our qualified providers inspire you to achieve your (Olympic or Paralympic!) goal.

Head to brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ['Active and Healthy'](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/active-and-healthy-events) and ['Cycling Brisbane'](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/riding-in-brisbane/cycling-brisbane) and go for gold today.

## Have you downloaded the BNELibraries app?

Download the free [BNELibraries app](https://library-brisbane.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/eLibCat/?rm=MOBILE+APP+HELP1%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C0%7C%7C%7Ctrue&dt=list&utm_source=qrc&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=living_in_brisbane_august) and you will be able to:

* receive notifications about your items and library events
* store your library card barcode and use your smart phone as a digital card
* manage your checkouts and holds, renewing books on the go
* select any library or 24/7 library locker to collect your holds
* check out books from the shelf using your mobile phone
* create a reading list and track your reading
* manage checkouts for the whole family in one convenient location
* view the latest edition of What’s On in Libraries to find upcoming events.

Discover all libraries have to offer on the go by downloading the app.

## Safer School Precincts are coming

We're making plans to improve safety and encourage active transport for our school children through the Safer School Precincts program.

The program focuses on safety measures including improving pedestrian connectivity and enhancing the local road network, making it safer for students to get to class and easing congestion for motorists.

The Safer School Precincts program will initially kick off in Kedron and Mansfield, with early works also underway at Indooroopilly and Wynnum Manly.

## Thank you, Brisbane!

Thanks to your generosity, the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Trust distributed more than $238,000 to 28 local charities last financial year through our Ratepayer Charitable Support grant rounds.

Grassroots charities like Care Kits for Kids, Hearts of Purple and BestLife received a much-needed funding boost thanks to generous Brisbane residents who donated their $15 early rates discount to the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Trust.

To learn about the Trust and our upcoming grant rounds head to [lmct.org.au](https://www.lmct.org.au/)

## Better lighting for safer suburbs

We're working on improving safety in public areas by installing new lighting in our suburbs.

Cyclists and pedestrians will benefit from the installations, with lighting planned along pathways to improve visibility and security.

Car parks will also receive improved lighting to help keep motorists and their vehicles safe.

The Safer Suburbs Lighting program will illuminate parks in Nudgee, Macgregor, Forest Lake and Fortitude Valley, while residents in other suburbs will see pedestrian lighting improvements.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our youth hub, [Visible Ink](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-support/young-people/visible-ink-youth-hub), has welcomed more than 20,000 young people in the last 12 months – another reason to celebrate International Youth Day on Monday 12 August!

## Operation Wanted is back

Save 20% on desexing your pets during Operation Wanted, which runs until 31 August.

Desexing can help improve your pet’s overall health and dog owners can save even more thanks to our registration discounts for desexed dogs. New registrations save $80, while renewals save more than $100. Pensioner owners receive a further 50% discount.

Dog registration is your official ‘proof of ownership’ and gives you access to our 24/7 Lost and Found service. It is also required under Queensland Government Law. Visit [operationwanted.com.au](https://operationwanted.com.au/) for more information and to find a participating vet.

## Never miss kerbside collection again

Save the date for your kerbside large item collection service with our new 2024–25 kerbside collection calendar.

We're making it easy and affordable to dispose of large items and keep our city clean and sustainable. Download the free [Brisbane Bin and Recycling app](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/reducing-waste-at-home/brisbane-bin-and-recycling-app) and enable push notifications to receive notifications including your upcoming bin day, free disposal days and kerbside large item collection.

The app also includes an A to Z list of materials and tips on how to recycle or dispose of them safely.

## REMINDER

Don't forget to use your free 2023–24 waste vouchers at any of our 4 resource recovery centres by 31 August 2024.

## Local news

SPRING HILL COMMON NOW OPEN

Construction of the [Spring Hill Common](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/victoria-park-barrambin/victoria-park-barrambin-projects/victoria-park-barrambin-spring-hill-common) at Victoria Park is now complete, creating a new relaxed greenspace for visitors to the park to enjoy. Located on the Spring Hill side of the park, the area includes tiered seating, a flat outdoor space for ball games, community gatherings and picnicking, and a new pathway ensuring accessibility for all visitors.

APPLY FOR ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

We're inviting Brisbane schools to put their hands up for the award-winning [Active School Travel program](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/public-transport/school-transport/active-school-travel-program). As an ‘Active Travel’ school, you will have access to a range of free resources and training to encourage students to safely walk, ride, scooter, use public transport or carpool to school. Visit brisbane.qld. gov.au and search ‘Active School Travel'.

PLANNING BETTER ROADS

Kelvin Grove and Enoggera roads have been earmarked for improvements. The roadways are an important link to the northern suburbs and beyond, so we'll be starting planning and design works to get you where you need to be sooner and safer.

## Keeping public transport moving

This October, you’ll have the chance to experience [Brisbane Metro](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/public-transport/brisbane-metro) early, with services starting on the popular 169 route between Eight Mile Plains and UQ Lakes.

The high-capacity metros will allow more buses to be redirected to the suburbs ahead of Brisbane Metro’s M1 and M2 services officially commencing.

We’re continuing our other bus services like the [Blue and Maroon CityGliders](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/public-transport/buses/cityglider-bus-services) and free city bus loops, as well as initiatives like free off–peak travel for seniors – giving you more reasons to choose public transport.

Together, we’re providing more travel options to keep Brisbane moving.

## Beams Road update

A super weekend of works in July has sped up progress on the [Beams Road upgrade](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/road-and-intersection-projects/carseldine-fitzgibbon-taigum-zillmere-beams-road-lacey-road-to-handford-road-upgrade), reducing the amount of night works by approximately 5 weeks.

The previous roundabout at the Beams Road and Dorville Road intersection has been demolished with a temporary roundabout in place while the upgrade is completed.

The finished project will see traffic lights installed at the intersection and the road widened between Cowie Road and Balcara Avenue, to get you home sooner and safer.

The local community will also benefit from new shared paths and dedicated pedestrian crossings along the 1.3 kilometre stretch from Lacey Road to Balcara Avenue.

The Beams Road upgrade is jointly funded by the Australian Government and by Brisbane City Council under the Better Roads for Brisbane program.

For more information on the upgrade visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘Beams Road upgrade'.

## Brisbane Metro on the northside

We're looking into options to build another Brisbane Metro depot to expand the turn-up-and-go metros to the northern suburbs.

The depot would enable metro services to operate along the State Government’s proposed busway on Gympie Road, providing charging, maintenance and staff facilities for the high-capacity electric vehicles.

The northside depot would complement the new Rochedale depot in Brisbane’s south. When services start, the Rochedale depot will support metro services along 2 routes – Eight Mile Plains to Roma Street, and UQ Lakes to Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

## What’s On - Citywide

**IRIS VAN HERPEN: SCULPTING THE SENSES, 29 JUNE TO 7 OCTOBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Gallery of Modern Art, South Brisbane**

This exciting exhibition explores the innovative practice of internationally acclaimed Dutch fashion designer, Iris van Herpen. [qagoma.qld.gov.au](https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/exhibition/iris-van-herpen-sculpting-the-senses?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_v26g86-hwMVL6ZmAh3BszomEAAYASAAEgJBD_D_BwE)

**BRISBANE PORTRAIT PRIZE FINALISTS EXHIBITION, 3 AUGUST TO 10 NOVEMBER, FREE**

**State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane**

Celebrate Brisbane’s stories, our artists and their sitters. Held for the first

time at the State Library of Queensland. [brisbaneportraitprize.org](https://brisbaneportraitprize.org/)

**BRISBANE FESTIVAL, 30 AUGUST TO 21 SEPTEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Various locations**

Be inspired by stunning dance, music and theatre performances, artistic installations and unforgettable experiences bringing the city to life across 23 days. Explore the full program now. [brisbanefestival.com.au](https://www.brisbanefestival.com.au/)

**RIVERFIRE, 31 AUGUST, FREE**

**Various locations**

Take a front-row seat along the Brisbane River for an electrifying display of entertainment and fireworks launched from bridges, barges and city rooftops. Save the date for an unforgettable night. [brisbanefestival.com.au](https://www.brisbanefestival.com.au/whats-on/2024/riverfire-by-australian-retirement-trust-on-the-art-boat)

**BIGSOUND, 3 TO 6 SEPTEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Various locations, Fortitude Valley**

Discover the future of music at this sensational showcase of the best and brightest musical talent, held across 4 days and 3 nights in Fortitude Valley's live music precinct. [bigsound.org.au](https://www.bigsound.org.au/)

**NEW LIGHT: PHOTOGRAPHY NOW + THEN, FROM 17 AUGUST, FREE**

**Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane City**

Explore a mesmerising display of photography from 1890 to 2024 that takes you on a journey through history and provides new perspectives on the city’s past and present. [museumofbrisbane.com.au](https://www.museumofbrisbane.com.au/whats-on/new-light-photography-now-then/)

## What’s on – Regional

**PARK WORKOUT, FREE, OVER 18 YRS**

**19 August, 6-7am, Jack Cook Memorial Park, Taringa**

Cross training, HIIT and gym workout. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/cross-training-hiit-and-gym-workout-174166409)

**YOGA, FREE, GOLD**

**21 August, 8-9am, Kings Park, Keperra**

Enjoy stretching and breathing exercises in the park to relax the mind and the body. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/yoga-174041067)

**FIRST 5 FOREVER: JARJUM STORYTIME, FREE, UNDER 5 YRS**

**21 August, 10.30-11.15am, Brisbane Square Library**

Join other families in a special storytime. No bookings required. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/first-5-forever-yanga-mother-storytime-with-cheryl-leavy-175514696)

**STORYTIME IN THE PARK, FREE, UNDER 5 YRS**

**23 August, 9.30-10am, Frew Park, Milton**

Experience the magic of storytime with your child in the open air. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/childrens-storytime-in-the-park-frew-park-milton-171582697)

[**DIGITISE RECORDS**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/digitising-your-family-history-records-175758375)**, FREE**

**24 August, 9.30-11.30am, Ashgrove Library**

Learn how to digitise and store your precious records. Bookings essential, call 3407 1940.

**RIVERSIDE AT THE GARDENS MARKETS, FREE**

**25 August, 8am-3pm, City Botanic Gardens**

Shop a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/riverside-at-the-gardens-markets-173816555)

**TAI CHI QIGONG, FREE**

**27 August, 12.30-1.30pm, City Botanic Gardens**

Enjoy slow and gentle exercises to maintain good posture in Brisbane's beautiful botanic gardens. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/tai-chi-qigong-174565519)

**YOGALATES, FREE**

**28 August, 7-8am, Guyatt Park, St Lucia**

Exercises to improve your core strength and flexibility in this fusion of yoga and Pilates. Suitable for all ages. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/yogalates-174570596)

**THURSDAY ART SESSION, FREE, 12-25 YRS**

**29 August, 4-6pm, Visible Ink, Fortitude Valley**

Create, have a chat, and get inspired at Visible Ink. Bring your own project or create with materials in the studio. brisbane.qld.gov.au

## Rodent detection dogs on patrol

Who wouldn’t love a visit from our adorable dynamic fox terrier duo, Rosie and Nellie.

Our specially trained canine patrollers are hard at work visiting backyards and commercial areas around Brisbane to investigate potential problems with rats and rodents.

If you think a property has a rat or mouse problem, you can call us on 3403 8888 to report it. Our website also has lots of advice on how to control rat and mouse problems on private property.

Before you report a rodent sighting, check our website to make sure it isn’t one of Brisbane’s important native rat-like mammals.

## How to stay safe in swooping season

Brisbane’s native birds may swoop people from July to December to protect their nests. Here are some simple tips to stay safe from them.

* Avoid areas where birds are nesting during breeding season.
* If you are swooped, leave the area as quickly as possible, but do not run.
* Watch the bird while walking away quickly. It is less likely to swoop if it knows you’re watching.
* Wear a hat or carry an umbrella to protect your head and wear glasses to protect your eyes.
* Do not disturb the birds or their nest.
* Do not harass, provoke or touch a bird.

For more tips, visit brisbane. qld.gov.au and search [‘swooping birds’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/natural-environment-and-water/biodiversity-in-brisbane/wildlife-in-brisbane/living-with-wildlife/swooping-birds).

## WIN PASSES TO ENTER BRIDGE TO BRISBANE THIS SEPTEMBER!

Time to put on your running shoes. We’re giving away 5 family passes to enter this year’s Bridge to Brisbane on Sunday 8 September. To enter, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au search [‘Living in Brisbane competition’](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sajari/search?search=Living%20in%20Brisbane%20competition). Entries close at 5pm on Thursday 29 August 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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