Living in Brisbane

**November 2024**

## Be prepared for severe weather: Lord Mayor

Brisbane residents are all too familiar with wild weather and natural disasters this time of year. That’s why our Council works year-round to prepare Brisbane for severe weather.

We’ve cleaned close to 100,000 drains, maintained hundreds of hectares of bushfire-prone land and have a stockpile of sandbags at SES depots in preparation for storm season.

We’re also making it easier for you to do the same, with the cost of green bins slashed to less than $1 a week and a free subscription service for Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts to warn about weather.

While we can’t predict when wild weather will strike, we can always be better prepared.

Adrian Schrinner

**Lord Mayor**

## Plan your perfect day out at Victoria Park

When we say Victoria Park is Brisbane’s new backyard, we really mean it – because it’s the perfect place to relax, unwind and have fun with the whole family.

Spend some time at Spring Hill Common – the ideal place for a picnic and watching the sun go down.

Plus, there’s a whole calendar of events happening throughout the year, including free weekly yoga and soccer classes for kids.

To plan your day out, head to our website and search ‘[Victoria Park](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sajari/search?search=victoria%20park)’.

## Make a splash as $2 Summer Dips return

Beat the heat and dive into your favourite pool as $2 Summer Dips return from 1 December.

Keep cool and enjoy laps at Valley Pool, Fortitude Valley, or a family day out at Newmarket Olympic Swimming Pool.

There are 22 [Council swimming pools](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/council-pools) across the city offering opportunities for fun, fitness and recreation, each with different activities to try.

Head to our website to find the pool that best suits you and don’t forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide.

## Bluey's World lands in Brisbane

Wackadoo!

The Bluey’s World immersive experience has landed in Brisbane.

Taking centre stage at Northshore Pavilion, Bluey’s World invites us all into the Heelers' iconic family home, backyard and beyond – for real life.

Make a day of it, leave the car at home and make your way there via CityCat, as featured in episodes of the hit television series including ‘Spy Game’ and ‘Ice Cream.’

Jump into the vibrant and playful world of Bluey with the whole family until 27 April 2025. Visit [blueysworld.com](https://www.bluey.tv/blueys-world) for more information and tickets.

## World-class cycling park opening soon

Bring along your bikes and dust off your skates because Brisbane’s newest home of cycling and inline skating is opening soon.

[Brisbane International Cycle Park](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/murarrie-parks/murarrie-recreation-reserve-international-cycle-park-project) at the Murarrie Recreation Reserve is the place to be for both recreational and professional riders.

Features include a 1,484-metre road cycling course, 1,170 metres of international-level criterium tracks, a 2-level clubhouse with expansive views over the track and a special 500-metre track dedicated to inline skating.

Brisbane International Cycle Park will support Brisbane’s cycling community in the lead-up to and long after the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. For information, go to our website.

## It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The festive season is just around the corner. There will be plenty of free and affordable fun for the whole family.

The iconic Lord Mayor’s Lighting of the Christmas Tree in King George Square is just one of the festive favourites sure to delight.

Watch City Hall as it comes to life with an exciting Christmas tale and light display.

Live performances in Queen Street Mall will keep you entertained while you're Christmas shopping.

Don't forget, the [Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/whats-on-and-events/christmas-in-brisbane/lord-mayors-christmas-carols) return to Riverstage on Saturday 7 December with a free satellite event also happening at Victoria Park.

Keep an eye on our website for more information and updates.

## Get fit for free this summer!

Our parks, reserves and bikeways help keep us healthy and active – all for free! Here are some ideas to get started.

* We've built [new pickleball courts](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/council-park-projects/new-pickleball-courts-project) at 3 locations, bringing our total number to 18, with locations including Wakerley, Parkinson, Sinnamon Park and Stafford.
* Get your steps up on our nature trails at Toohey Forest, Nathan or Chermside Hills Reserve, McDowall.
* Enjoy a workout on our [outdoor gym equipment](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/exercise-equipment-in-parks-outdoor-gyms) at many parks like Darling Point Park, Manly; Guyatt Park, St Lucia; and Merthyr Park, New Farm.
* Join one of our free and affordable [Active and Healthy classes](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/active-and-healthy-events) and try out some new activities.

## Batteries don’t belong in bins

Disposing of batteries and flammable items safely can help prevent potentially deadly fires or explosions that could cause harm to bystanders, nearby property and vehicles.

You can recycle batteries for free at our 4 resource recovery centres in Chandler, Willawong, Nudgee and Ferny Grove and at our free household hazardous waste days throughout the year. They can also be dropped off at your nearest B-cycle drop-off point.

Remember, always remove batteries from items before you dispose of them and don’t forget that batteries, especially lithium-ion ones, and flammable items like gas bottles, should never be placed in household bins. Visit our website or download the [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).

## Local news

POWERING OUR AQUATIC CENTRES

We’re taking steps to lower our carbon footprint by delivering energy-efficient improvements across our aquatic centres, including installing solar panels, pool LED lighting and heat pumps. The works will be funded through the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

CANNON HILL ROAD UPDATE

Works are underway to upgrade the [Wynnum Road and Southgate Avenue intersection at Cannon Hill](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/road-and-intersection-projects/wynnum-road-and-southgate-avenue-safety-upgrade-cannon-hill). This safety upgrade includes fully controlling the signalised right turn, increasing capacity of the right-turn pocket on Wynnum Road and installing a new pedestrian crossing on the left-turn slip lane into Southgate Avenue. The project is funded by the Australian Government through the Black Spot Program.

UPGRADES TO STORMWATER DRAINS

We are upgrading stormwater drains in West End to improve flood immunity. This includes installing additional pipes, access chambers and roadside gullies on Drury Street and Montague Road, as well as building a new stormwater outlet in Orleigh Park. Works are expected to be completed in early 2025.

## Kangaroo Point Bridge opening soon

The [Kangaroo Point Bridge](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/bridges-for-brisbane/kangaroo-point-bridge) will become one of our city’s most recognisable landmarks and a must-visit destination, with the final design featuring an above-water restaurant and a riverside cafe.

More importantly, it will help keep Brisbane moving.

The 460-metre-long bridge connects the Kangaroo Point peninsula to the CBD, making it easier to walk or ride between Kangaroo Point, the eastern suburbs and the city centre.

It’s also set to take up to 84,000 cars off the road every year, with active travel times from The Gabba to the CBD expected to reduce by up to 50%.

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us to celebrate the opening of Brisbane’s newest (and tallest) bridge! Save the date for Sunday 15 December 2024. Watch our website for details on how you can join in this historic moment for Brisbane.

## E-mobility parking hubs coming soon

It will soon be easier to find and safely park shared e-bikes or e-scooters when e-mobility parking hubs across the CBD and surrounding suburbs are installed.

The new hubs will be easy to find – just look for the painted designs on the ground marking them out as designated areas to park or pick up shared e-mobility devices. They will also help keep footpaths and roads clear, safe and accessible for pedestrians and road users.

## Brisbane Metro expansion on the cards

We’re progressing plans to expand Brisbane Metro:

* north to Carseldine
* east to Brisbane Airport
* southeast to Capalaba
* south to Springwood.

The expansion would create 22 new Brisbane Metro stops and deliver bus rapid transit to more suburbs to help keep Brisbane moving.

## What’s On - Citywide

**THE ENCHANTED GARDEN, 22 NOVEMBER – 21 DECEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**From 6.30pm nightly, Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane City**

The popular and spectacular light display returns for 2024. Weave your way through the Parkland’s towering rainforest and pristine gardens, all adorned with stunning, twinkling lights. [enchantedgarden.com.au](https://enchantedgarden.com.au/)

**ASIA PACIFIC TRIENNIAL, 30 NOVEMBER 2024 – 27 APRIL 2025, FREE**

**QAGOMA, South Brisbane**

The Triennial exhibition shares the artistic expression of Australia, Asia and the Pacific. [qagoma.qld.gov.au](https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/exhibition/the-11th-asia-pacific-triennial-of-contemporary-art-apt11/)

**LIGHT UP CAROLS AND SANTA, 1 DECEMBER, FREE**

**New Farm Park, New Farm**

Get in the festive spirit and enjoy a sausage sizzle while listening to all your favourite Christmas carols under the beautiful trees in New Farm Park. Fun for the whole family to enjoy. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/light-up-carols-santa-177628577)

**BRISSTYLE TWILIGHT MARKETS, 6 AND 20 DECEMBER, FREE**

**King George Square, Brisbane City**

From 4-9pm, you can find treasures and unique gifts at these enchanting arts and craft markets in front of the spectacular City Hall Lights and the King George Square Christmas Tree. [brisstyle.com.au](https://www.brisstyle.com.au/)

**LORD MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS CAROLS SATELLITE EVENT, 7 DECEMBER, FREE**

**Victoria Park, Herston**

Enjoy the free live stream of Brisbane’s best entertainers as they light up the stage for a festive Christmas celebration. Pack a picnic or enjoy delicious fare from food trucks. Tickets essential. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/lord-mayors-christmas-carols-victoria-park-satellite-event-178231477)

**DARK SIDE OF THE MOON, UNTIL 31 DECEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha**

Now in its final weeks, don’t miss breathtaking views of the Solar System and beyond, played out to Pink Floyd’s iconic album *The Dark Side Of The Moon*. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search?parent=7111)

## What’s on – Regional

**FIESTA LATINA 2024, FREE**

**23 November, 12 noon–8pm, Mount Gravatt Showgrounds**

Celebrate Latin American culture, food and music at this colourful annual fiesta. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/brisbane-fiesta-latina-177980149)

[**CREATIVE MOVEMENT**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/creative-movement-class-173992871)**, FREE, 1.5-6 YRS**

**26 November, 10-10.30am, Kianawah Park, Tingalpa**

A family fitness class combining fitness with music and fun props. To book, visit [babywearingandyou.com.au](http://babywearingandyou.com.au/active-parks-kangatraining/)

**TAI CHI QIGONG, FREE, GOLD**

**27 November, 7-8am, C.B. Mott Park, Holland Park**

Rejuvenate your body and create a tranquil mind in a beautiful park setting. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/tai-chi-qigong-174800587)

[**LORD KITCHENER – 1910 VISIT TO WYNNUM**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/lord-kitchener-and-his-1910-visit-to-wynnum-176619218)**, FREE**

**28 November, 10-11am, Wynnum Library, Wynnum**

Learn about Lord Kitchener's visit to Wynnum. To book, call 3403 2199.

[**GROUP BOXING**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/group-boxing-174622145)**, FREE, OVER 10 YRS**

**30 November, 8-9am, Wakerley Park, Wakerley**

Improve your cardio fitness and strength and learn self-defence tips. To book, visit [lifebeinitfunworks.com.au](https://lifebeinitfunworks.com.au/queensland-events/)

[**STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/stand-up-paddle-boarding-174729665)**, $6, OVER 10 YRS**

**1 December, 8.30-9.30am, Bayside Park, Manly**

Learn the basics of paddle boarding. To book, visit [scsurfschools.com.au](http://scsurfschools.com.au/book-now/details/218732/active-healthy-brisbane-program-sup/)

**ZUMBA®, FREE, GOLD**

**3 December, 8-9am, Lota Camping Reserve**

Learn easy-to-follow moves focusing on balance, motion and coordination. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/zumba-gold%C2%AE-173868446)

**HIIT CARDIO STRENGTH AND CORE, FREE**

**3 December, 9-10am, Bulimba Memorial Park**

Boost your heart rate with a fun class to improve cardio and core strength. All ages and abilities welcome. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/hiit-cardio-strength-and-core-173996066)

**YOGA, FREE**

**7 December, 7.30-8.30am, Pask Family Park, Rochedale**

Focus on a range of movements to relax the mind and body. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/yoga-174169936)

## Be prepared

Storm season is here – and the thundering sky is an important reminder to prepare your property and family for severe weather.

Tidy your yard by trimming overhanging branches, mowing, clearing leaf build-up and tying down loose items like outdoor furniture.

Prepare your home and family by clearing gutters, preparing an emergency kit with food and essential medical supplies and creating an emergency contact number list.

You can also sign up to our Brisbane Severe Weather Alert service, and follow us and the Bureau of Meteorology on social media channels for up-to-date information.

Visit [our website](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-safety/disasters-and-emergencies/be-prepared) for more tips on how to be prepared.

## Howard Smith Wharves CityCat milestone

Howard Smith Wharves ferry terminal has been busy since it was added to the CityCat route in May.

There have been more than 20,000 CityCat services stop at Howard Smith Wharves over the past 6 months.

CityCats are a great way to get to the popular riverfront entertainment precinct and Fortitude Valley.

They are accessible to passengers with mobility requirements, travelling with prams, bicycles and e-scooters.

CityCats run from 6.10am at Howard Smith Wharves on weekdays until approximately 11.30pm on weeknights and midnight on weekends.

## Sign up for paperless rates to win

Go into the draw to win one of 20 Everyday WISH $100 eGift cards by making the switch to receive your rates notice digitally.

Search ‘[rates notice by email](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/about-council/council-information-and-rates/rates-and-payments/receive-your-rates-notice-by-email)’ on our website, opt-in to receive your quarterly rate notices by email by 11.59pm Sunday 1 December and you will be automatically entered into the draw. Winners will be notified by 5pm Wednesday 4 December.

A paper fee of $1.98 will be introduced from 1 December 2024 for commercial ratepayers and 1 January 2025 for residential ratepayers receiving their rates notice by mail. Avoid the fee and switch now.

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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