Living in Brisbane

**October 2024**

## All aboard Brisbane Metro: Lord Mayor

Brisbane is one of Australia’s fastest growing cities and we’re committed to delivering better transport to help keep Brisbane moving.

More people on public transport means fewer people in cars and less congestion.

That’s why we’re introducing Brisbane Metro services sooner to boost capacity on the busy route between Eight Mile Plains and the University of Queensland.

The first service will launch on the 169 bus service on 21 October, with even more turn-up-and-go services arriving in the coming months.

We can’t wait to welcome you on board.

Adrian Schrinner

**Lord Mayor**

## Celebrating Seniors Month

To celebrate the contributions our incredible seniors make to our communities, we have a whole month of free and affordable events!

October is Seniors Month, which is why we’ve jampacked our events calendar with plenty of activities and events for seniors. This year, Brisbane’s senior residents can experience everything from cabaret to Tai Chi, Bollywood fitness or Zumba. Don't forget, there’s plenty of new skills to learn at our libraries.

Grandchildren can get involved in the fun too, with activities like orienteering, lawn bowls and kayaking for the young and young-at-heart to enjoy together. Check [our website](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search?search=seniors+month&date_from=2024-10-01) for a full list of Seniors Month activities.

## Our new urban pump track is on its way

Brisbane’s new backyard is growing with an [urban pump track](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-urban-pump-track) set to open soon for adventure seekers of all ages at Victoria Park.

The 260-metre track follows the park’s natural topography and is designed so beginner and more experienced riders can enjoy riding and boost their skills.

The urban pump track will add to Victoria Park's long list of things to do and see, with perfect picnic spots, nature wellness trails and an exciting range of events from yoga to classical music concerts and Park Vibes celebrations.

Spring Hill Common is now open with the urban pump track opening in late 2024.

To find out more, visit our website and search ‘[Victoria Park](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-urban-pump-track)’.

## Metro powers up in October

October is a big month for [Brisbane Metro](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/public-transport/brisbane-metro). Not only can you catch a metro for the first time on the 169 route between Eight Mile Plains and UQ Lakes stations, but our purpose-built metro depot at Rochedale is now ready to support metro operations!

The depot’s state-of-the-art charging infrastructure and maintenance facilities keep our electric metros moving, and we’re reducing the energy demands of the depot by harnessing solar power, harvested rainwater and recycled water.

The 24.4-metre-long metros can carry up to 170 passengers, more than double the capacity of a standard bus. When metros go live on the 169 route on 21 October, they will add capacity for 7,300 extra passengers each weekday.

## Brisbane Metro did you know?

* Metros can fast charge in just over 6 minutes, that’s 85 times faster than at-home electric vehicle charging.
* With journey information screens and next stop announcements, you can easily get around and enjoy the best of Brisbane.
* You can stay connected while you travel with onboard USB charging points and free Wi-Fi.
* More than 45 updates were incorporated into the metro design thanks to a unique co-design process with the accessibility sector, making Brisbane Metro one of Australia's leading accessible forms of public transport.

## Brisbane Metro depot community open day

Celebrate the new Rochedale metro depot with us! Explore one of Australia's most technologically advanced depots at our community open day from 10am to 2pm on Sunday 13 October.

Head to [our website](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/brisbane-metro-depot-community-open-day-177149754) for details.

## Bridge abuzz at Breakfast Creek

Our new [Breakfast Creek Bridge](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/bridges-for-brisbane/breakfast-creek-yowoggera-bridge) has been an active transport hit, clocking up half a million users since opening in February this year.

More than 3,000 people are using the bridge each day, making the most of more than 700 metres of new walking and riding infrastructure between Albion and Newstead.

The Breakfast Creek Bridge includes a 175-metre Lores Bonney Riverwalk extension and a new separated bike path along Breakfast Creek Road and Newstead Avenue.

Besides saving time, it’s a lifestyle win for locals who want to take things at their own pace, making sightseeing and waterfront recreation hubs like Newstead Park more accessible than ever.

## Come along to the Emergency Services Expo

As part of Get Ready Queensland Week, we’re hosting the [Brisbane Emergency Services Expo](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/brisbane-emergency-services-expo-176911263) from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 12 October at 7th Brigade Park, Chermside.

Now in its third year, the expo is family-friendly with plenty of free activities for children, including Paw Patrol shows, a jumping castle, an obstacle course and more.

Hear from experts in disaster management on how to prepare for severe weather and emergency situations in Brisbane.

For more information about the expo or tips on what to be prepared for, visit our website.

## Free green waste drop-off weekends

Mark your calendar for our upcoming free green waste drop-off weekends. Give your garden a spring clean and get prepared for storm season by raking up leaves, twigs and fronds and cleaning out your gutters.

Take green waste like grass clippings, shrub and tree prunings, loose bark and weeds to any of our 4 resource recovery centres in Chandler, Ferny Grove, Nudgee and Willawong on 12-13 October and 9-10 November 2024.

To manage your green waste year-round, order a green waste recycling bin for less than $1 a week or use your waste vouchers at your local resource recovery centre. Search ‘green waste’ on 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) to learn more.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

You can vote now for your inspiring waste champion in the 2024 WasteSMART People's Choice Awards. Visit [wastesmartawards.com.au](http://WWW.wastesmartawards.com.au) by 14 October to have your say.

## Local news

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Do you know someone who is dedicated to helping their community? Each year, the [Lord Mayor’s Australia Day Awards](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/grants-awards-and-sponsorships/2025-lord-mayors-australia-day-awards) recognise Brisbane residents and groups that volunteer their time to improve the lives of others and build a better Brisbane. Nominations are open now until 5pm, 21 October 2024.

GREEN BIN SHOUT OUT

Forest Lake, Tarragindi, Oxley, Sunnybank Hills and Moorooka are the top 5 suburbs in Brisbane’s south for ordering green bins. Green bins help keep green waste out of landfill – all for less than $1 a week. Visit [our website](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/rubbish-bins/green-waste-recycling-service) to place your order.

NEW PARK FOR MACGREGOR

The new [Bedser Street Park](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/macgregor-parks/bedser-street-park-project-macgregor) is a hit with residents in Macgregor and surrounding suburbs, with imaginative and informal play areas, a kick-around space, exercise equipment, water bubbler, picnic shelter, shade trees and seating. The new park joins more than 2,180 others across Brisbane.

## More shade sails for Brisbane playgrounds

The days are getting longer, and the weather is warming up which can only mean one thing – summer is just around the corner!

With so much of our time spent outdoors, it is important to stay sun-safe. So we’re helping keep our littlest residents covered by installing more shade sails above playgrounds.

This is the third and final round of the [Sun Safe Suburban 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) program, which aims to provide shade for all Brisbane playgrounds that need it.

So far, the program has installed shade sails at 116 playgrounds, so that play time can last longer and be safer all year round.

## Get your tickets to the biggest Christmas show in town!

Tickets will be on sale in November for 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). Celebrate the festive season on Saturday 7 December at Riverstage.

This year you can also join in the fun with a free, live-streamed satellite event at Victoria Park.

Pack a picnic or support local businesses with food trucks at both sites – there’s something for the whole family.

As this is the season for giving, feel good knowing that the Lord Mayor’s Christmas Carols at Riverstage supports the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Trust. Stay tuned for more information on tickets to both the Riverstage and Victoria Park events in the coming weeks.

## Archerfield Wetlands District Park ready for action

The gates are open at Brisbane’s latest lifestyle and recreation destination – [Archerfield Wetlands District Park](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/natural-environment-and-water/creeks-and-waterways/protect-our-waterways/oxley-creek-transformation/archerfield-wetlands-parkland), 455 Bowhill Road, Durack.

Take your time exploring the 4-hectare park’s super-sized playground, community meeting space, event lawn and basketball court youth space.

Connecting directly to the 3-kilometre-long Wetlands Discovery Trail, the park is also home to a Catchment Centre where you can buy native plants.

If that’s not enough, there are plenty of barbeques on offer and space for you to relax among nature.

## What’s On - Citywide

**NIGHT FEAST, 16 OCTOBER TO 10 NOVEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm**

Brisbane's spring celebration of feasting and art is back at Council's iconic home of culture and art – Brisbane Powerhouse. Indulge in culinary feasts paired with art, light installations and performances. [nightfeast.com.au](https://www.nightfeast.com.au/)

**PARK VIBES, 19 OCTOBER, FREE**

**Victoria Park, Herston**

It's the perfect time to spend a relaxing Saturday afternoon with friends and family and enjoy the good times in Brisbane's newest backyard. There’s free live music and kids’ activities, plus food trucks to enjoy. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/park-vibes-177606713)

**AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL, 25-26 OCTOBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Metro Arts, West End**

A must-see for filmmakers and film buffs, Australia’s highly acclaimed film festival, AIFF, is back bigger and better this October. Don't miss this celebration of film, animation and creative excellence. [ausindefest.com](https://www.ausindefest.com/)

**VALLEY FIESTA, 26 OCTOBER, FREE**

**Various locations, Fortitude Valley**

Join the street party and soak up the atmosphere in this celebration of all things music, community and culture. Rock out to some of Brisbane’s best musicians with live gigs spread across multiple venues. [myvalley.com.au](https://myvalley.com.au/valley-fiesta)

**MELT FESTIVAL, 23 OCTOBER TO 10 NOVEMBER, VARIOUS PRICES**

**Various locations**

Celebrate queer art, artists and ideas in a playground of neon lights, pulsing beats and moving images. Melt Festival offers a thought-provoking and inclusive celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community. [melt.org.au](https://www.melt.org.au/)

**OUTDOOR CINEMA IN THE SUBURBS, UNTIL MAY 2025, FREE**

**Various locations**

Make the most of warmer weather and find an outdoor cinema event in a park near you. Pack a picnic or enjoy a delicious food truck meal. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/search?search=outdoor+cinema+in+the+suburbs&date_from=2024-10-01)

## What’s on – Regional

**AQUA YOGA, POOL ENTRY, GOLD**

**10 October, 1-2pm, Dunlop Park Memorial Swimming Pool, Corinda**

Low-impact, whole-body workout. Suitable for seniors. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/aqua-yoga-174700508)

**ZUMBA®, FREE**

**13 October, 8.30-9.30am, Ducie Street Park, Darra**

Learn choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/zumba%C2%AE-173999165)

[**SOCCER FOR KIDS**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/fun-soccer-for-kids-2-3-years-174621422)**, FREE, 2-3 YRS**

**14 October, 9.30-10am, Gordon Thomson Park, Chelmer**

Fun soccer class specifically designed for children. To book, visit [gingersport.com.au](https://gingersport.com.au/brisbane-city-council-programs/)

**TAI CHI QIGONG, $6, GOLD**

**17 October, 9-10am, Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks**

Feel relaxed, refreshed and calm. No bookings required. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/tai-chi-qigong-174800666)

**CHILDREN’S STORYTIME IN THE PARK, FREE, UNDER 5 YRS**

**17 October, 9.30-10am, Pallara Park, Pallara**

Experience the magic of storytime with your child. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/childrens-storytime-in-the-park-pallara-park-pallara-171582647)

[**ORIENTEERING**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/orienteering-174549094)**, VARIOUS PRICES, GOLD**

**17 October, 10-11am, Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve, Riverhills**

Use navigational skills and a map to find your way. To book, visit [orienteering.asn.au](https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events?map=false&mode=Calendar&showMyEvents=true&cancelled=false)

**YOGA, FREE, GOLD**

**21 October, 9.30-10.30am, Calamvale District Park, Calamvale**

Stretching, breathing, strength and balance exercises. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/yoga-174021153)

[**BIRD WEEK BUSH KINDY**](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/bush-kindy-bird-week-wildlife-show-176167148)**, FREE, 3-5 YRS**

**22 October, 10.30-11.30am, Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre, Karawatha**

Join our wildlife expert for this special Bird Week Bush Kindy. To book, visit [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bush-kindy-bird-week-wildlife-show-tickets-943267858557)

**NIGHT WRITERS WRITING GROUP, FREE**

**23 October, 6-8.15pm, Mt Ommaney Library**

Bring your stories and connect with other writers in the community. [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/night-writers-writing-group-176024035)

## Brisbane remembers

On Monday 11 November at 11am, we pause in silence to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We will remember them. Lest we forget. For more information and ways to commemorate, visit <remembertoremember.com.au>

## Christmas cheer for charities in Brisbane!

If you are a Brisbane charity looking for extra support over the festive season, you can apply for a Lord Mayor’s Charitable Trust Christmas Grant to assist clients in need. Applications are open from 21 October to 1 November. To find out more information, scan the QR code or visit [www.lmct.org.au/grants/apply-for-grant](http://www.lmct.org.au/grants/apply-for-grant)

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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