



## City Vitality Report is back for the seventh year!



It's back, bigger and better than ever!

Last year's City Vitality Report showed a bounce back across all sectors, with the most noticeable uptick being in the tourism industry... thanks in part to the incredibly successful FIFA Women's World Cup in July 2023.

Fast forward 12 months, and this year's report will branch out to look at two new sectors- health, and arts & culture. Exploring beyond the facts and figures, the Report's fresh new look also profiles the people and businesses investing in the future of Brisbane.

Join us on 14 November for a lively discussion on the inner city's 2024 highlights, and a serious conversation on the steps we must take now to achieve our aspirations for the city centre when it is showcased globally as the 'venue' for the 2032 Games.

With thanks to our Research Partners Dexus, South Bank Corporation and Urban Economics

### Event Details

**When:** Thursday, November 14

**Where:** Boulevard Room, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

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**Time:** 12pm - 2pm

Register using the link provided [here](#). For any queries, please contact our Communication and Events Manager, Gabrielle on [gabrielle@committeeforbrisbane.org.au](mailto:gabrielle@committeeforbrisbane.org.au)

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## City of Logan New Multipurpose Indoor Stadium



The Committee for Brisbane is excited for our members, the City of Logan, on the announcement of a new \$142.1 million Olympic standard multipurpose indoor stadium for the region, due to be completed by 2028.

The new stadium will be a universally accessible facility, featuring nine indoor courts across two separate halls that can accommodate a range of sports, para sports and large-scale events.

The new facility, capable of hosting 7000 spectators, could potentially be used as a training and competition venue during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



As we look towards the Brisbane 2032 Games, new facilities in fast growing areas like Logan will not only benefit the community through promoting active living, but will provide a legacy for future athletes and sports enthusiasts.

Find out more about the City of Logan's Legacy Roadmap here [2032 City of Logan Legacy Roadmap](#)

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## First Nations' Board Observers Project



Over the past twelve months, the Committee for Brisbane has partnered with [Deloitte](#) and [CareerTrackers](#) to look at how to increase First Nations' representation on Boards. The aim of the project was to provide a platform for First Nations' individuals to gain experience, build confidence, and contribute their unique perspectives to corporate governance.

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Through the project, nine CareerTracker alumni were matched with Deloitte, Aurecon, Healthy Land and Water, Committee for Brisbane, QIC and Preston Campbell Foundation, to observe board and committee meetings to gain governance and board exposure.

On 16 September, the Committee for Brisbane held a meeting to finalise the project with the Board Observers, Corporate Partners and First Nations' Advisory Group members to hear about their experiences and learnings from the project.

Feedback was very positive, with Board Observers sharing that they gained insight into how board meetings are run, discussions unfold, and decisions are made.

The Committee for Brisbane would like to thank you all the stakeholders involved in ensuring such a successful project.

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## **Q2032 Industry Advisory Group**

Committee for Brisbane is pleased to be a member of the Q2032 Industry Advisory Group, established in late 2023 to provide insights and advice to Government so Queensland businesses benefit from Brisbane 2032.

Previously facilitated by the Brisbane 2032 Coordination Office within Government, the Group is now led by the Games Venues and Legacy Delivery Authority (GVLDA). Its focus is to facilitate partnerships and engagement between industry and the GVLDA on Games issues and opportunities.

The meeting in September provided an opportunity for the 18 industry groups - including Committee for Brisbane- and relevant government agencies to hear more about the milestones and work program of GVLDA, and discuss learnings from the recent Games in Paris.

Meeting in person approximately four times per year, the [Q2032 Procurement Strategy](#) is a key area of focus for the Q2032 IAG.



## SEQ City Deal Industry Reference Group and funding update



The \$1.8 billion SEQ City Deal was signed in March 2022 by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and the Council of Mayors (SEQ). It will deliver 29 commitments to enhance the liveability and connectivity of South East Queensland.

The Committee for Brisbane sits on the Industry Reference Group, one of the advisory groups established under agreed governance mechanisms for the SEQ City Deal.

The reformed group met with the City Deal Partners on 5 September, where an update was provided on progress on key commitments and input sought from the group.

\$150m investment in infrastructure to boost the region's innovation economy was announced over the weekend, through the SEQ Innovation Economy Fund.

Funding of up to \$5m is available for minor capital projects including refurbishments and the purchase and installation of new equipment, and is available to eligible local governments, industry, public and private entities to help grow high-value, knowledge-intensive jobs across the region.

Applications and more information is available [here](#).

Also of interest to members is progress on the Smart Region Digital Plan, led by Council of Mayors (SEQ), which the Committee for Brisbane and its members have provided significant input to throughout its development.

The Plan seeks to inform the development of local digital priority projects, and is supported by a \$50m commitment. It is anticipated to be released in early 2025.

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- Progress on a pilot Regional Growth Corridor Place, tying place-based infrastructure to land use growth with threshold-based requirements
- \$13m grant funding under the \$100m Growth Area Compact to enable infrastructure delivery to support affordable housing options in Waraba (Caboolture West)

More information on the SEQ City Deal can be found [here](#).

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## Farewell Liana!



The Committee for Brisbane bids a fond farewell this week to friend and colleague, Liana Heath.

As Chief Partnership Officer of the organisation for the past two years and a volunteer member of the Committee's Management Committee for six years before that, Liana is a familiar face to many within the Committee for Brisbane community.



Whether onstage at events, curating working groups, or planning how best to engage stakeholders in our activities, her passion for Brisbane has shone through.

Many of you would have worked closely with Liana- as member and staff member- over the past eight years, sharing your commitment and passion for the Committee throughout its many phases of growth and change. Liana's leadership and contribution to the organisation's events and stakeholder engagement program provides a strong foundation for the Committee to propel forward.

The team at the Committee for Brisbane wish Liana all the very best for her next chapter and look forward to welcoming her back as a guest at future events!

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## **Office of National Intelligence- Corporate Leader briefing**

The Committee for Brisbane partnered with the Australian Industry Group to host An off-the-record briefing for members from the Office of National Intelligence. The Office of National Intelligence is the senior intelligence assessment body in Australia and work on the leading edge of the nation's intelligence capabilities, driving new ideas and technologies. The Office lead the National Intelligence Community and are the principal advisory agency to the Prime Minister on intelligence matters.

Facilitated by Conor McGarrity from BDO, members found the session valuable being able to hear directly from the Office on the state of international affairs and how movements in the current political environment could impact Australia.

Thank you to [BDO](#) for hosting this informative session.

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## **Lunch with Senator Jenny McAllister**

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The Committee for Brisbane partnered with the Planning Institute of Australia for Senator Jenny McAllister Federal Minister for Cities and Emergency Management first formal speaking engagement in her new role overseeing the Federal Cities portfolio.

Senator Jenny McAllister shared the federal governments focus on cities and urban growth. With this level of growth in our cities alignment both horizontally across governments and vertically through all levels of government with private sector partnerships will be essential to meet the growing needs of our communities.

Collaboration will be the key to tackling some of the big issues facing our cities like housing, transport, equity and climate change. It's through working together that we can continue to have the vibrant, liveable cities now and into the future.

Facilitated by Kate Meyrick from Urbis, panel members Professor Barbara Norman, Australian National University and Raynuha Sinnathamby, Springfield City Group and the Senator shared their expertise and insights into how planning, partnerships and collaboration from governments and private industry will be the key to ensuring our cities grow and evolve to meet community's needs.

Thank you to event sponsor Urbis, Senator Jenny McAllister and panel members for your invaluable





contributions to the event.

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## **Boardroom lunch with Hon Grace Grace MP**



The Committee for Brisbane was delighted to host Hon Grace Grace MP, Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, for a boardroom lunch in September.

Hosted by Corporate Leader member Deloitte, the lunch provided an opportunity for the Committee's Corporate Leaders to hold an intimate conversation with the Minister at this important time for our state.

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With many aspects of the Minister's portfolios crossing over with the Committee's advocacy- particularly around the 2032 Games- there was lots to talk about.

The Committee for Brisbane thanks the Minister for her generous engagement with our members.

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## **AGM 2024**

Nominations are opening soon for the 2024 AGM.

The 67th Annual General Meeting of the Committee for Brisbane Inc will be held at 5.00pm (Brisbane time) on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at the offices of McCullough Robertson, Level 11, 66 Eagle Street, Brisbane.

Nominations will open on **October 8 at 9:30am** and close strictly at **5:00pm (Brisbane Time) October 25.**

If you have any questions regarding the AGM and the voting and nomination process, keep an eye out for the information that will be released next week.

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## **Connectivity Sub-Committee Podcast series**



The Connectivity Sub-Committee has been working on a series of podcasts exploring connectivity from different lenses from international transformations, accessibility, neuro-architecture, green spaces and heavy vehicle movement.

The podcasts will start to be released from mid-October so watch this space.

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## **Member Spotlight on Elevate Residential**



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## RESIDENTIAL

A warm welcome for our new Affiliate Member Elevate Residential

Elevate Residential is a profit for purpose real estate agency, providing expert property management and specialist sales services to property owners. With an unwavering commitment to trust and integrity, the Elevate Residential team, led by Principal Licensee, Chris Meadmore, is comprised of market-focused professionals who are passionate about achieving outstanding results for property owners.

The team are also deeply motivated by their mandate to 'give back' to the community, with the agency specifically established to contribute to positive social outcomes. 100% of the profits from commissions generated by Elevate Residential, are passed back to registered charity Brisbane Housing Company (BHC), to help BHC achieve its mission to provide social and affordable housing.

As a community housing provider, BHC has built more than 2,000 homes since 2002 in key locations across Brisbane, assisting households to access safe and secure housing. The profits Elevate generates have passed directly into BHC's Impact Fund to assist residents in need to reach towards their goals and live with dignity and hope. Elevate Residential is on track this financial year to pass the \$1,000,000 mark in contributions funnelled to BHC.

As a result of this unique partnership and shared commitment, BHC is delivering life-changing programs that help residents overcome barriers and reach toward their life goals.

You can read more about Elevate Residential here - [www.elevateresidential.com.au](http://www.elevateresidential.com.au) and their impact here - [www.bhcl.com.au/impact](http://www.bhcl.com.au/impact).