



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The 2025-26 financial year was one of the most significant in the Committee for Brisbane's recent history.

It was also a remarkable year for Brisbane and the wider Brisbane city-region. As Australia's fastest-growing capital city prepares for the opportunities and challenges of the decade ahead, there is growing recognition that the decisions made today will shape our prosperity, liveability and competitiveness for generations.

Against this backdrop, the Committee for Brisbane strengthened its role as an independent voice for the city. Looking beyond individual projects and sectors, we worked with members to articulate a clear vision for Brisbane's future through our first Advocacy Agenda. The agenda's priorities- aligned with our five strategic priorities- reflect many of the issues that will define the success of Brisbane and the Brisbane city-region in the years ahead.

Pleasingly, our advocacy saw significant movement on several of these initiatives throughout the year, including both the State Government and Brisbane City Council picking up on the importance of the Dawn Economy; embedding of the 'Green Grid' in BCC's Legacy Plan; a commitment from the Deputy Premier to establish a single authority for the Brisbane River; and the launch of our Digital Advocacy Plan

As Brisbane enters a defining decade, it was equally important that our organisation evolved to meet the opportunities and responsibilities ahead. Throughout the year, the Management Committee, Advisory Council and leadership team undertook an extensive program of governance reform designed to ensure the Committee remains fit-for-purpose, member-led and well positioned for future growth.

The most significant outcome of this work occurred on 1 April 2026, when members unanimously endorsed the transition of the Committee for Brisbane from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. This important reform modernises our governance structure, strengthens accountability and provides a strong foundation for the organisation's next chapter.

Importantly, this transition does not change who we are. The Committee remains an independent, not-for-profit organisation committed to advocating for Brisbane and bringing together leaders who care deeply about the future of our city.

Alongside governance reform, the organisation undertook a substantial renewal program during the year. This included the launch of a refreshed brand and website, along with a new membership model. These changes reflect both the growth of the organisation and the confidence we have in Brisbane's future.

The Committee's greatest strength remains its members. Across this year, members continued to contribute their expertise, time and leadership through our Management Committee, Advisory Council, sub-committees, working groups and broader event program. The quality of those contributions has strengthened the Committee's influence and ensured our work remains grounded in practical experience and diverse perspectives.

I thank my fellow Management Committee members for their leadership during this period of change. I also acknowledge our Advisory Council, sub-committee chairs and the many members who have contributed to shaping the organisation's future direction. Most importantly, I thank all members for their continued commitment to Brisbane and their willingness to contribute ideas, expertise and leadership in support of a better future for our city.

I would particularly like to recognise the Committee for Brisbane team. Their energy, professionalism and commitment ensured that major organisational reforms were delivered while the Committee continued to provide high-quality advocacy, events and member engagement throughout the year.

The years ahead present extraordinary opportunities for Brisbane. As we move towards 2032, the Committee's role in championing long-term thinking, fostering collaboration and advocating for the priorities that matter most to our city will become increasingly important. I am confident the Committee for Brisbane enters this next chapter as a stronger organisation, with a clear purpose, modern governance arrangements and an ambitious vision for the future.