



SENIORS

Cr Andrew WINES ENOGGERA WARD

Council Cabs



The Council Cabs service organises shared taxis at scheduled times for residents who find it difficult to get to their local shops. You can use Council Cabs if you are:

- Over 60 years old; or
- Mobility impaired; or
- Hold a Pensioner Concession or Centrelink Seniors Card

To make sure there is room for everyone, shopping is limited to five regular plastic bags or three recycled bags per passenger. Each one-way trip costs between \$1 and \$3, this fare is paid to the driver as you board. The service picks you up from your home and takes you to your local shopping centre.

To book a Council Cabs service, phone 3403 2227 or call Council on 3404 8888 for more information.



Seniors' Vaccinations

Anyone over the age of 65 should be vaccinated against pneumococcal and influenza diseases. Brisbane City Council provides these vaccines for free. For more information phone 3403 8888 or email immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Senior members of our community have contributed and continue to contribute so much to our Northside community. To ensure you are aware of the services, discounts and opportunities Council provides senior members of our community, we have put together this newsletter.

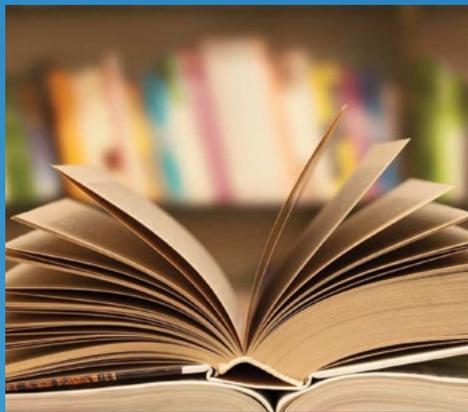
Working together with our senior community we hope to improve our shared lifestyle in the district.

I hope you find the information provided valuable.

Cr Andrew WINES
Councillor for Enoggera Ward

READ MORE INSIDE

- ✓ Rates Remissions
- ✓ Water Subsidy
- ✓ Home Library Service
- ✓ GOLD Program
- ✓ Council Facilities & Venues
- ✓ Public Transport
- ✓ Pet Registration & Discounts
- ✓ Community Activities
- ✓ Seniors Groups & Clubs



Home Library Service

Council offers a free home library service to Brisbane residents who are unable to visit a library because of frailty, disability and long term illness. The home library service selects reading and audio-visual materials for customers based on their interests or reading preferences. These items are delivered to homes across Brisbane on a monthly basis. For more information about eligibility for this service, contact your local library or phone Council on 3403 8888.

Seniors Celebration Donation

The Seniors Celebration Donation helps senior citizens groups to cover the cost of activities such as social outings and Christmas parties. Donations are available to clubs and groups providing activities for people aged 50 years and over that are not funded by other sources, but can be groups part of other organisations. For further information regarding the program or to leave your address to receive forms for the next round, please phone Council 3403 8888.

Growing Older & Living Dangerously

Council's lifestyle program Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) provides free or low-cost activities for seniors. Council also runs GOLD 'n' Kids, so you can bring your grandkids (aged 4 and over).

Some of the great events coming up include:

- Bliss yogalates
- Balance and stretching exercises
- Orienteering
- Putt putt golf

Bookings are essential for most activities. For more information including event listings phone Council on 3403 8888, or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'gold'.

Council Facilities & Venues

New Council buildings are designed to maximise accessibility, in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act and Building Code of Australia. Upgrades to existing venues such as Council-owned pools, community halls, community-leased venues and libraries are also being undertaken. This includes installing or upgrading accessible toilets, car parking, ramps, lifts and electronic hearing loops. City Hall's Mobility Centre offers wheelchairs, prams and walking frames for hire at no cost for use throughout the inner city. The centre also offers free recharge facilities for scooters and powered mobility devices.

Public Transport

Council has made a number of improvements to Brisbane's bus and ferry fleets to improve accessibility and provide an easier and more enjoyable journey for commuters.

There is now wheelchair access on all buses via a ramp at the front door. Any wheelchair with a loaded weight of less than 300kg can easily use the ramp. Each bus has two wheelchair spaces for wheelchairs up to 1.3m long and 0.8m wide.

All new Council buses are fitted with high-contrast white on black destination signs, helping to make travel easier for passengers with vision impairment.

Council has also been working on a number of projects to maximise bus stop accessibility by 2022. These include upgrading boarding points to give travellers a clear and unobstructed space to board and exit the bus, and installing tactile ground surface indicators to help people with vision impairment.

Pensioner Rates Remissions

Eligibility

To be eligible for either of the pensioner remissions, you must live on the property permanently and have one of the following:

- A current Centrelink Queensland Pensioner Concession Card; or
- A Veterans' Affairs Gold Card; or
- A Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The cards that do not qualify for a remission are seniors cards, health care cards, health benefit cards and repatriation health cards for specific conditions. Remissions can only be granted on one property per quarter.

Maximum Remissions

Valid from 1 July 2018

Maximum remissions are available to people on a full pension. Under this scheme:

- The State Government grants a 20% remission on rates up to a maximum of \$50 per quarter (\$200 per year) plus 20% of the fire levy; and
- Council grants a 40% remission on rates up to a maximum of \$253.75 per quarter (\$1015 per year)

Eligibility

You may be eligible for a maximum remission on your rates if you receive:

- Age Pension
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Wife Pension
- Widow Pension
- Parenting Payment Single and Service Pension
- War Widow/Widower Pension with full Income Support Supplement
- Veterans' Affairs Disability/TPI/EDA Pension (conditions apply)

Partial Remissions

Valid from 1 July 2018

Partial remissions are available to people on an allowance/benefit or a part pension. Under this scheme:

- The State Government grants a 20% remission on rates up to a maximum of \$50 per quarter (\$200 per year) plus 20% of the fire levy; and
- Council grants a 20% remission on rates up to a maximum of \$118.50 per quarter (\$474 per year)

Eligibility

You may be eligible for a partial remission on your rates if you receive:

- Part Pension (of any kind)
- A government allowance/benefit
- War Widow/War Widower Pension with less than full or no Income Support Supplement
- Disability/TPI/EDA Pension
- World War II veteran aged 70 years or over with qualifying service from that conflict

If your application is successful, your rate of rebate will begin from the first day of the next rating quarter. It is your responsibility to notify Council if your pension changes.

At Brisbane City Council, pensioners are entitled to a discount on the rates account for their principal place of residence.

How To Apply

Centrelink and Department of Veterans' Affairs pensioners can apply for rates remissions, including State Government subsidy, by phoning Council on 3403 8888. You will need your Pensioner Concession Card.

Proof of pension/allowance must be produced at the time of application. If you are applying for a maximum or partial rebate on your rates, you must include:

- Your Queensland Entitlement Card
- A copy of your rates notice (if possible)
- Proof of pension received (letter from Centrelink Queensland or Department of Veterans' Affairs)

If your property is under joint names

All applicants who are in receipt of a pension must produce the required information. For example, two owners on a pension must both produce pension cards and proof of payment.

However, if only one owner is on a pension and the other owner is listed on their Pensioner Concession Card as their partner, then they may be entitled to additional remission for their share of the property. If a joint owner dies, the remaining owner must reapply for the discount and provide a death certificate.

In the case of life tenancy

The applicant must provide:

- A certified copy of the will, stating the applicant is a life tenant and responsible for paying the rates
- A court order – supreme/family and death certificate
- Queensland Entitlement Card
- A copy of the rates notice (if possible)
- Proof of pension received (concession eligibility letter from Centrelink, and/or Department of Veterans' Affairs with the relevant pension card)

If you are a tenant of a caravan park, retirement or mobile village

The applicant must provide:

- Queensland Entitlement Card
- Proof of pension received (concession eligibility letter from Centrelink Queensland or Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Make sure you record the unit or site number in the village or caravan park on your application.

State Government Pensioner Water Subsidy

To receive the subsidy, you must hold one of the following concession cards:

- Queensland Pensioner
- Concession Card (issued by Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Card for all conditions (Gold Card).

You must also be the owner or life tenant of the property, which is your principal place of residence and located in the South East Queensland Water Grid area, or legally responsible for the payment of local council rates and charges levied on that property. For eligibility details regarding the rebate, or for more information, please call Council on 3403 8888.

Dog Registration

Dogs in Brisbane must be registered. Both cats and dogs need to be microchipped, and desexed animals need to be tattooed.

Queensland Government legislation requires dogs to be registered by the time they are 12 weeks old and have their registration transferred within 14 days of moving to Brisbane.

Dog registrations are valid for 12 months and must be renewed each year. Once you've registered your pet, you'll receive an external tag and a certificate in the mail. You can register your cat or dog online. You can also download and complete the animal registration application and lodge your application with the registration fee at a Customer Service Centre or Regional Business Centre.



Registration Rebates

All yearly registration fees for dogs are valid from 1 July 2018 and are GST exempt. Failure to register your dog annually from three months of age may result in a \$243 fine.

A permit is needed when you own more than three cats or two dogs. Application fee: \$279.70. Annual Permit fee: \$171.05.

Initial application fee includes the first year's permit fee. If your application is unsuccessful the annual permit fee will be refunded.

Registration type	Full fee	Pensioner / Reduced fee*
Non-desexed dog	\$142.00	\$71.00
Desexed dog	\$49.50	\$24.75
Guide, hearing, assistance and government dogs	No fee	No fee
Dangerous dog/non-desexed menacing dog	\$557.30	\$185.05
Desexed menacing dog	\$557.30	\$117.30

* Granted in subsequent years upon successful performance review and continuing compliance with the conditions set.

There are also concessions for breeders, show permits and associations.

Registration Rebates

You will receive a concession if:

- The dog is desexed
- You hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Veterans' Affairs Repatriation Health Card
- You are a current member of either Dogs Queensland or the Greyhound Racing Authority
- You hold a current Brisbane City Council Animal Breeder or Show Permit

Desexed Pets

If your dog is desexed, you will need to specify this on the animal registration application to receive the concessional rate. You will need to specify details of the vet who undertook the procedure and the date the procedure took place. If your dog is too young to be desexed at the time of registration, the desexed rate will be charged. When your next registration is due, the full fee will be charged if the dog is not desexed. No additional concession is offered for dogs that are microchipped.



Mitchelton Seniors Hall New Roof

Looking after community facilities is one of my key roles as Councillor. That is why securing funds to replace and upgrade the Mitchelton District Senior Citizens Centre roof was so important. Community facilities purpose built for our seniors allow people to gather and hold events to enjoy, but also provide community support and services that make life better for all of us.

Wilston Men's Shed

Another great community group to get behind is the Wilston Men Shed based out of St Alban's Church. This group engages men from across different generations to share and develop skills by making tools and toys for children. This vibrant and growing local group is always looking for new members to join and help with community outreach.



Mitchelton Meals on Wheels

Volunteering is a key part of the community, and I am personally proud to be sitting on the committee of Meals on Wheels Mitchelton. Meals on Wheels is a proactive community group which provides services and community support for seniors and those living with a disability within the Enoggera Ward, from Keperra to Alderley.

National Seniors

Ferny Grove

10am, 2nd Mon monthly
Arana Leagues Club
Contact Peter on 3851 0213

Mitchelton/Everton Park

10am, 3rd Wed monthly
Gaythorne RSL Club
Contact Jeanette on 3356 5194

The Gap/Ashgrove

9:30am, 3rd Tue monthly
Ashgrove Bowls Club
Contact Jean on 3354 2466

The Grange

10am, 2nd Mon monthly
Stafford Bowls Club
Contact Brenda on 3357 7043

Picabeen Community Centre

Picabeen provides a range of community development and support services aiming to assist people living in North-West Brisbane. For information on activities and services please phone 3354 2555 or visit 22 Hoben St, Mitchelton.

Mitchelton & District Senior Citizens Club

The Mitchelton and District Senior Citizens Centre offers various activities including concerts, cards, social and competition bowls, dances, hand crafts and bus tours. For more information phone 3355 0358.

Probus

Probus is an association of active retirees who join together in clubs. Meetings are held monthly around the Enoggera Ward, for more information please phone 3378 3170.

Cr Andrew WINES

ENOGGERA WARD

☎ 3407 2510

✉ enoggera.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

🌐 www.andrewwines.com.au

📘 CouncillorWines