

20,000 foodies flock to SEQ's tastiest festival

From celebrity chefs to pop-up bars, local produce and live entertainment, the annual Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival certainly proved it's got the all the ingredients for the perfect foodie-festival, as it cements itself as Southeast Queensland's tastiest event on the calendar.

More than 20,000 foodies enjoyed to-notch bites and sips along as they rubbed-shoulders with celebrity chefs, listened to live music across five stages, and sampled the delights of Moreton Bay's amazing food bowl over three scrumptious days (4-6 August 2023).

Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism CEO, Natassia Wheeler said the festival brought together locals and visitors to sip, savour, mix and mingle their way through some top culinary experiences over the weekend.

"We're thrilled by the tremendous success of the Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival. With over 20,000 food enthusiasts savouring local flavours and enjoying live entertainment, this event has truly become a highlight on Queensland's culinary calendar. This event continues to be the regions' flagship event and driver in positioning the Moreton Bay region as a destination to visit. We are excited to announce the event will be back from 23rd to 25th August 2024, so block your calendar now!"

City of Moreton Bay Mayor Peter Flannery, said the Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival once again demonstrated why it's the number one foodie destination on the culinary calendar, and the crowd numbers speak for themselves.

"Three days of sold-out activities with capacity crowds celebrating the food and lifestyle we love here in Moreton Bay is the perfect postcard for our region city," Mayor Flannery says.

"But more importantly to me was the number of locals I bumped into in the festival precinct, who were discovering the postcard-perfect setting of Woody Point for the first time.

"Moreton Bay's billion-dollar tourism industry is on the rise, with 4.3 million visitors coming here annually which is more than double the total visitor numbers to Noosa.

"But events aren't just important to our economy, they bring vibrancy to suburbs across City of Moreton Bay and give residents a reason to see the beauty we have here in our own backyard."

The Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival is proudly delivered by Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism, with the support of Major Sponsor, City of Moreton Bay, and event partner It's Live in Queensland.

The festival is grateful to the support of its incredible sponsors including Major Sponsors Ray White Aspley Group, Ausbuild, Aspley Mazda, and Robert Oatley Wines.

The festival is also supported by UniSC, Ray White Woody Point, Visit Moreton Bay, Moreton Daily, Austereo and Bishopp.









2024 Festival Dates Announced

The news foodies are waiting for, the Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival will be back for another serving in 2024. Once again held over three delicious days from Friday, 23 August until Sunday, 25 August 2024, the festival will release headliner and program later in the year.

To be the first with all the tasty details, <u>subscribe</u> to the festival's e-newsletter and get all the details before everyone else, direct to your inbox.

Want more tasty events?

The Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival kicks-off the countdown to Tastes of Moreton Bay Feastival, a month-long extravaganza from September 1st to October 1st of tantalising tastes, where farmers and producers join forces with talented venues and chefs to create a feast like no other.

Program details and tickets are available from tastesofmoretonbay.com.au.

Have your say.

Have your say about the 2023 Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival and fill out the event survey for your chance to win a double pass to the Bribie Island Seafood Boil.

Festival survey can be completed <u>online</u>. Ticket holders will be sent a link direct to their inbox over the coming days.

The Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland and features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.

Image gallery from the 2023 Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival can be found here.

Fun Facts about Moreton Bay Food + Wine Festival

- 1.3km of 6ft fencing installed
- 6000 cocktails served
- 150+ hours of Entertainment Programming including celebrity chefs, DJ, musicians and local producer talks
- 1.8km of festoon lights across the site
- 600+ oysters served at Miguel's Spanish Feast
- 370m of marquees
- Approximately 1 million steps from the Events Team during bump in, bump out and the event
- 491 x 360 photobooth videos taken in VIP Oasis
- Approximately 320 traffic marshal hours
- 637 free coffees served in VIP Oasis
- 1,733 hours total Staff & Volunteer hours across the week, totalling 411 separate shifts
- 10 different local community groups engaged (supported with donations)
- 2000 festival cups sold
- 1500 glasses of sav blanc sold
- 3975 containers for change collected, with money going to Woody Point Special School









- 5 stages including 1 x cooking stage
- 5 x 3 course functions
- 3 days
- 1 festival

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Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism (MBRIT) is the local tourism organisation for the Moreton Bay region. MBRIT is committed to promoting and supporting the region's tourism industry to maximize visitor experiences and economic growth.

Discover the wonders of Moreton Bay, where hidden treasures await in every corner. From peaceful seaside towns to picturesque hinterland villages, this region offers a tapestry of beauty and charm. Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of coastal landscapes, with golden beaches and soothing waves that beckon you to unwind and relax. Venture deeper into the heart of the region and explore the captivating hinterland villages. Here, rolling hills, lush forests, and breathtaking vistas create a picturesque backdrop for your adventures. Embrace the warmth of the local communities, as friendly locals share their stories and traditions, leaving you with a sense of connection and belonging.







