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The Gabba Ward

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Shade Shelter  
available for  
your next  
event



Cr Helen Abrahams has a 4 metre by 3 metre shade shelter to be used by community groups, P&F Associations, P&C Associations and anyone else looking for protection from the elements for an event.

Please do not hesitate to contact The Gabba Ward Office on Ph: 3403 2165 if you wish to make a booking for your event.

*Wishing you and your family a safe and prosperous 2010*

**2009—What a great year !**

**Some improvements in The Gabba Ward included:**

**The Common, Coorparoo** received a shade shelter over the play equipment;

**Harmony Gardens, Dutton Park** received a shade shelter over the play equipment with this area being used more frequently;

**Orleigh Park and Musgrave Park** – painting of toilets in Orleigh Park and new toilets were finally opened in Musgrave Park making both parks more attractive for families;

**Mowbray Park** hosted *Because of Winn-Dixie* film night with many locals enjoying the evening in the park as part of the Brisbane Film Festival;

**Wembley Park, Coorparoo** received an upgrade to the dog off leash area. Major landscaping and tree planting was undertaken by Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (N4C) workers;

**Traffic Lights** at Edmondstone and Russell Streets, intersection, South Brisbane are being installed. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> most dangerous intersection in Qld;

**Street improvements** for the Heritage Precinct Logan Road, Woolloongabba. The lampshade lights are a hit but the lack of shade a disappointment;



The Gabba Community Bike Ride was a great event and I shall definitely hold another one in 2010.



The Christmas concert at SWARA, Dutton Park was one of the highlights for me in the lead up to the end of December.



The Pocket Community Garden, Preston Street Woolloongabba, was established and launched.



Rotary Park, Woolloongabba had a new BBQ installed, an upgrade to the Dog off Leash Area, new shelter and returfing of the old basket ball courts. The Woolloongabba Rotary Club christened the BBQ in December.

What's On  
in 2010?  
See over...

## 2010 will be busy and exciting !

It has been a busy year but 2010 promises to be even busier. Three Planning Projects will be completed. These include the South Brisbane Riverside Renewal Strategy, The Eastern Corridor Renewal Strategy and, most recently, the Woolloongabba North Renewal Strategy. The aim of these planning exercises is to find sites for apartment buildings in The Gabba Ward.

The Davies Park Master Plan will be completed in 2010. The Community Reference Committee has met twice. There is strong support for Davies Park to remain as a place for organised and informal sport.

You might wish to have a look at the information on [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) about Davies Park Master Plan and have a say on the online discussion.

I shall make sure that you are informed of all public notification and any meetings relating to these Planning documents. You might wish to keep an eye on my website [www.helenabrahams.com](http://www.helenabrahams.com) for updates throughout the year.



Davies Park Master Plan Workshop

### The Gabba Ward 2010 Calendar

I hope that you would have received my 2010 fridge magnet calendar in your letterbox? I have a small number still left, so if not, please let me know and I'll send one out to you or personally drop one into your letter box.

### Lord Mayor tackles graffiti – the victims not the culprits!

At the last Brisbane City Council meeting for 2009, Lord Mayor Campbell Newman passed a local law which allows the victims of graffiti to be fined, rather than the culprit.. If the graffiti is not removed within 14 days, property owners may face a fine ranging from \$500 to \$5000.

I voted against this proposal especially as there are a number of Council's own signs, walls, rubbish bins and bus shelters displaying graffiti in The Gabba Ward, yet the Lord Mayor is targeting private property owners with huge fines.

I support the employment of street artists to paint murals on repeat targeted sites. It works and Council has been using this approach effectively for years.

Members of the Metro Central Community Church have volunteered to remove graffiti from private property in the Dutton Park area. Currently they are being trained by Council officers.

If you have graffiti on your property, The Gabba Ward office has free graffiti removal kits available. They are to remove graffiti tags on fences and walls.

### What should Council be doing in East Brisbane and Coorparoo?

I am keen to hear your ideas for my submission to the 2010 Council Annual Budget Process. I am very keen to hear from residents who live in East Brisbane and Coorparoo.

What should Council be doing to make our local area more "livable"? Are there upgrades to roads, parks, drainage or public transport needed? Would you like to see more Council activity programs in our local parks or suburb?

To let me know, just drop me a note or ring The Gabba Ward Office.



*On behalf of The Gabba Ward Staff, Virginia Jago, Carla Mendoza and Angus Sutherland, I wish you and your family a merry and safe Christmas.*

*We look forward to working with you in 2010.*

*Stay safe over the holidays, Helen.*

### What's On in 2010?

#### Raw for Women—Deep Water Running

Saturdays 8.30 -9.30 am; Tuesdays 6-7 pm  
Somerville House pool Ring 0410 667 167 (BH)

#### Group Boxing Kangaroo Point Cliffs

Sundays 7.30 -8.30 am; Wednesdays 6- 7 pm  
Ring 1300 367 703 (BH)

#### Chill Out for 10 - 17 years—Abseiling at Kangaroo Point

Tuesdays 5, 12 Jan Ring 3891 5766—Bookings required

#### Rock climbing at Kangaroo Point

Wednesday 13 Jan Ring 3891 5766

#### Chill Out for 10—17 years—Kumihimo Japanese

Braiding—Bookings required  
Thursday 21 Jan Orleigh Park West End Ring 3403 8888