

# 2008/09 Budget

## What's in the Budget for Gabba Ward?

### New Bikeways

Riverwalk, Bright Street to Jazz Club, Kangaroo Point  
Dornoch Tce at Sankey St, West End

### New Footpaths

Didswith St, East Brisbane

### Footpath and Bikeway Reconstruction

Browning St, South Brisbane  
Dornoch Tce, Highgate Hill  
Cairns St, East Brisbane  
Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane  
Stanley Tce, East Brisbane  
Stanley St, East Brisbane  
Wellington Rd, East Brisbane

### Kerb and Channel Replacement

Browning St, South Brisbane  
Drake St, West End  
Lamington Tce, Dutton Park  
Stanley S, East Brisbane  
Waterview Tce, Dutton Park

### Roads Resurfacing

Barnsley St, West End	Laurel St, Highgate Hill
Browning St, South Brisbane	Ninth Ave, Coorparoo
Deshon St, Woolloongabba	Morley St, Coorparoo
Dornoch Tce, Highgate Hill	Stanley St, East Brisbane
Drake St, West End	Stanley St, East Brisbane
Ernest St, South Brisbane	Vulture St, East Brisbane
Hazelwood St, Highgate Hill	Waterview Tce, Dutton Park
Heidelberg St, East Brisbane	Lamington Tce, Dutton Park

### Network Modernisation

Browning St, South Brisbane  
Jane St, West End

### Traffic Calming

Milsom St, Coorparoo  
Baines St, Coorparoo

### Bridges and Culverts

Security System and Carbonisation Coating,  
Kangaroo Point

### Park Improvements

Riverside Drive, West End  
Woolloongabba Rotary Park, East Brisbane  
C T White Park, Kangaroo Point  
Pontoon at South Brisbane Sailing Club, Hill End

### River Wall Maintenance

Normal Creek East Bank Stage 1 Lytton Rd, East Brisbane  
Riverside Drive, West End

### Stormwater Drainage

Ferry Rd, West End  
Jane St, West End  
Marly St, Highgate Hill  
Sexton St, Highgate Hill

## What's NOT the Budget for The Gabba Ward?

**Edmondstone and Russell Street intersection, West End Traffic lights at the Edmondstone and Russell Street intersection, West End were not funded in the 2008-09 budget.**

This is in spite of numerous letters and the listing of this intersection as the 11th most dangerous in Queensland. I will continue to lobby for traffic lights at this intersection.

### No new parkland

No funds were allocated for new parkland in The Gabba Ward in spite of more than 10,000 new residents planned for our suburbs

THINK OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLEASE RECYCLE  THIS NEWSLETTER

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# Councillor Helen Abrahams

## The Gabba Ward News

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## Lord Mayors 2008 Budget Record Rate Increases

Home owners in The Gabba Ward can expect shock increases in their annual rates.

The average residential rate increases for owner of houses:

South Brisbane	20.9%	West End	8.86%	<i>These increases are two to eight times the inflation rate of 3.25%.</i>
Kangaroo Point	27.7%	Coorparoo	8.07%	
East Brisbane	9.04%	Highgate Hill	7.55%	
Woolloongabba	8.89%	Dutton Park	5.74%	

Unit owners in South Brisbane and Kangaroo Point may experience rate increases of 200%, 400% or higher as the Lord Mayor has changed how the rates for many unit dwellers is calculated. This will be a shock to those persons affected. Unit owners wishing information on their rate increases should ring The Gabba Ward Office.

Persons renting in The Gabba Ward may also face increased rents as the rates for rental properties are not 'capped'.

"These are record increases in rates," said Councillor Abrahams.

"The Lord Mayor gave no indication of these increases when he was asking for votes for his team to run the city."

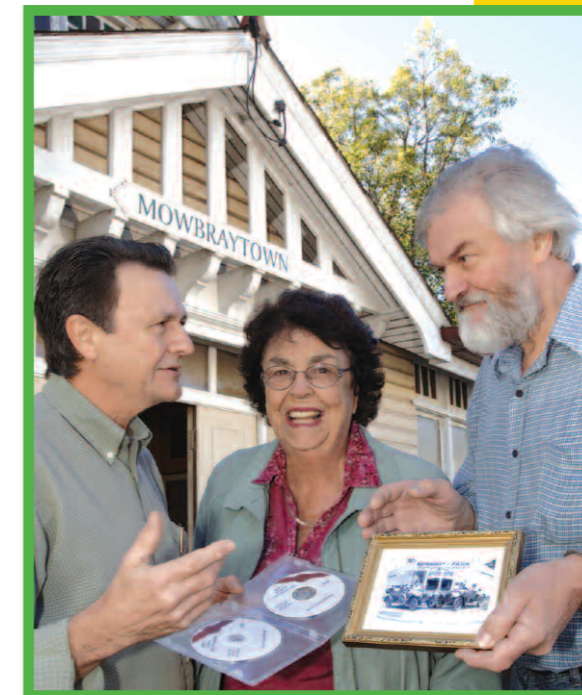
## Revival of East Brisbane's heritage

Have you noticed photographs of East Brisbane's heritage in the local papers?

Gerain and Justeen Gregory are seeking to document any family records or photographs you might have of early settlers' life in Mowbraytown. They hope local interest will assist their call for part of the suburb of East Brisbane to be renamed Mowbraytown.

Street stalls will be held to advise locals on State Government requirements for the change of the name of a suburb.

If you would like more information please call Geraint or Justeen on Ph 3391 3002.



Above - Russell Stokes assisting Justeen and Gregory with donated photograph

## What's in the Budget for Gabba Ward...

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## Message from Cr Helen Abrahams

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people of The Gabba Ward for electing me in the March elections. Thank you.

It is an honour to be your Councillor.

I am enjoying getting to know residents and community groups in the part of the Ward that I am representing for the first time.

A major issue for The Gabba Ward is the management of appropriate development as our city grows. When local residents support development, they are quick to tell me.

However, local residents are also telling me they want to have a say in the Lord Mayor's proposal for 30 storey buildings along the Brisbane River at West End. I called for this consultation and funds were allocated in the budget to do so.

Housing affordability is an important issue for me.

People on low incomes add so much to our diversity and life in our suburbs and I am concerned that students, renters and home owners are being forced out of their homes by rising rates, mortgages, petrol prices and grocery prices.

I will continue to work with residents so that your suburb remains a great place to live, work and play.

Councillor Helen Abrahams



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# Working for a better Brisbane

## Riverwalk for Kangaroo Point

The 2008-09 Council Budget has funded a \$1.5 million extension of the bicycle pathway from McDonald Street to the Brisbane Jazz Club, Kangaroo Point.

As a commuter cyclist, I support the bikeway extension but not if it divides this linear riverside parkland.

**I will ensure there is community input into design of the pathway.**



## Draft Woolloongabba Centre Local Plan

The most exciting aspect of the Draft Woolloongabba Centre Local Plan is the streetscape improvements for the Logan Road heritage precinct. It is intended that kerb and channel be removed to create a level, shared pedestrian and car parking public space.

Opportunities for outdoor dining, retail, entertainment and other street based activities will be encouraged. The intention is to create a 'heart' for the proposed 20 storey unit development at the core of the Plan.

The formal community consultation for the Draft Woolloongabba Centre Local Plan has closed, but I am concerned that some residents may not know what is proposed.

If you would like to find out more about the Draft Woolloongabba Centre Local Plan, copies are available at The Gabba Ward Office.



## Indigenous Art in Parks

Both ends of Riverside Drive Parkland at West End have undergone a face change.

A three panel mural titled "Looking Forward, Looking Back" by Laurie Neilson and students from the South Brisbane TAFE Indigenous Culture Section has been installed under the arches of Grey Street Bridge.

While at Hill End, the Sorry Site Memorial upgrade includes a mural painting and a healing circle pathway designed by the late Bill Cumming

'Looking forward, looking back' mural artists Debbie Taylor, Laurie Neilson, Jenny Pineapple Martinelli, Sophie and Nikki Taylor share a joke with Cr Abrahams at the launch.

Right - Cr Abrahams and Aunty Mulunjarlie, the indigenous elder who did welcome to country at the launch of the Looking Forward, Looking Back Mural



## Local Park Improvements

The Gabba Ward Park Trust is to fund two desperately needed park improvements.

A new toilet block is on track for Musgrave Park. The toilet will be near Cordelia Street with an open design to discourage people from loitering around the toilets.

"The new toilets will be a major improvement," Councillor Abrahams said.

A Harry Pearson playground is proposed for Lyon's Park, Highgate Hill. Each Harry Pearson playground is a unique design.

"The sloping site provides the opportunity for a great climbing frame," Councillor Abrahams said.

## World Leading Cycle Centre for Brisbane

Cycle2city have opened a cycle centre in the King George Square Bus Station.

The centre provides secure safe parking for more than 400 bikes, as well as showers, towels, lockers and a laundry service for commuter cyclists.

"For less than the cost of a public transport fare, cyclists can use the centre and enjoy a trip that is healthy for both you and the planet," said Councillor Abrahams.

**Spaces are limited so you need to join early.**

For more information phone 3221 6868 or visit [www.cycle2work.com.au](http://www.cycle2work.com.au)



## Into Africa

Councillor Helen Abrahams is one of three south side Councillors who are funding a free Into Africa concert as part of the Brisbane Festival at Yeronga Memorial Park from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, 2 August 2008.

Councillor Abrahams said this is the second Into Africa Concert.



"It's a great family day full of the rhythms of African drums and a fantastic community choir," she said.