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It's almost time for the appointed Lord Mayor, Cr Graham Quirk to hand down his budget. As Council is incurring an increasing level of debt, \$2.2 billion, it is likely to be a budget with few new projects.

Prior to the flood, I submitted a long list of projects in The Gabba Ward to be funded in the 2011-12 Budget but I think it is important that you know my priorities.

- Traffic lights in Montague Road and Jane Street intersection, West End to provide safe crossing of school children, workers and hundreds of people going to the markets each Saturday.
- Relocation of the traffic lights in Gladstone Road, Dutton Park near St Ita's School

- The upgrade of West End Riverside Park as promised for four years
- Refurbish the toilets at Thornton Street ferry terminal
- The Riverwalk missing link from Mowbray Park, East Brisbane to Cairns Street, Kangaroo Point. This boardwalk will be overland for most of its length.
- A Copenhagen style-two way bikeway on Stanley Street, South Brisbane between the Mater Hospital and Wellington Road.
- Park improvements to Wembley Park, Coorparoo and lighting of bikeway, The Common, Coorparoo.

If you wish the full list of my budget projects, ring me and I will email it to you.

However, there is a bright note as the State and Federal Government have already **given \$54 million to Brisbane City Council and has promised to pay the full cost of Council's \$440 million flood bill. This commitment means that all \$380 million cancelled or postponed Council projects should proceed and be funded as soon as possible.**

The process is that Council has to spend the capital and then reclaim the costs, this means there will be a lag period but the commitment of the Federal Government is a strong commitment.

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Second win for 'Save Our Ferry' group

Residents of SouthBank Apartments, Riverview Gardens, River View, Riveria, North Point and SouthShore apartments along Dock Street and Lower River Terrace, South Brisbane are celebrating their win to have their ferry terminal restored.

Local residents saw the pontoon and gantry were removed undamaged in the height of the flood. The pylons are in place so there was no reason for their ferry terminal not to be restored. They did not accept Council's advice that they had to wait two years for a new terminal.

Further, Council refused to give a commitment to restore the River Plaza terminal used by the monohull River Ferry service. Instead, residents were told by Councillor Quirk "**Council is undertaking preliminary investigations to plan for the reconstruction of the River Plaza City Ferry**"; by Councillor Margaret de Wit "**The River Plaza terminal is the last terminal on the list of those to be restored**" and the newly appointed Chairperson of Public and Active Transport stated that "**I can advise that the terminal is being considered for reconstruction along with the six temporary terminals as part of the NDRRA funding arrangements (in two years time)**"

The threat of a well attended, public rally appeared all that was needed for an about turn around by City Hall. Hours after 15 people gathered with the Quest newspaper photographs, Council announced a temporary River Plaza ferry terminal would be in operation by the end of July.

Five years ago, these residents fought to keep the River Ferry service and won that battle as well. Well done everyone it is a great win.



There was a crowd of angry residents just of the photo. Many more would have come to the Rally



The save our ferry banner was put to use again.

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Community Picnic, West End

On Saturday 21 May between 1 and 3 pm, local residents are organising a community picnic in West End Riverside Parkland near the intersection of Kurilpa Street and Riverside Drive.

This park was badly damaged by the floods. In spite of residents lobbying for the flood repairs to include closing Riverside Drive as promised four

years ago, Council has proceeded to restore all the bollards delineating the road.

Residents are gathering for an old style picnic with dog shows, egg and spoon races and a bike obstacle course. There will be a coffee van, local musicians and lots of flags to make the area colourful and fun. The picnic is to show the value of a local park for local residents. So do come and enjoy the fun.

Tell the Council: Riverside Park – people’s park, not car park!

Community Picnic in the Park

1-3pm Saturday 21 May
Riverside Park (Kurilpa Street)

- Free BBQ
- Coffee van
- Entertainment
- Kids’ races and fancy dress (1.30pm)
- Dog parade and beauty contest (2.00pm)
- Pushbike obstacle course (2.30pm)






Riverside Park is Council-owned parkland. Riverside Drive through the park is not a gazetted road. Help get the Council to honour its commitment to close Riverside Drive and return the park to the people.

Bring your kids, bike and dog for an hour or two of fun and prizes

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Thank you flood volunteers

On Sunday 5 June, I am organising in conjunction with the West End Flood Recovery Group a **Thank you Volunteers** event in Horan Street, West End to be held at the same time as the West End State School Fiesta.

There will be several events to celebrate and document the impact of the flood on West End, South Brisbane and East Brisbane. On the day, we will have a booth where skilled people will make a large photomosaic of the faces of volunteers – it might even be several mosaics.

I would love everyone to forward to The Gabba Ward office in the next

two weeks a photo of themselves so we can start the process – email thegabba.ward@ecn.net.au. Come along on the day and see you face in the wall of volunteers.

Look forward to more information about this event and lock the date in your diary.

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Street Lighting in South Brisbane

Understandably following the violent rape of a young woman in South Brisbane, traders and residents have raised the issue of adequate street lighting with me. Last night, Council's lighting manager met with members of West End Community Association and me to discuss in depth the lighting issues in several streets just off Melbourne Street.

As a consequence I have been **advised today that the lights along Manning Street will be replaced with the larger yellow lights that provide a higher level of lighting.**

It was also agreed that Council officers would meet with residents a second time with light meters to review parts of streets that are concern for local residents.

We learnt that the 'decorative' lights are obviously a major maintenance problem but we were assured they are additional lighting and the Australian Standard for street lighting was meet by the Energex street lights.

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Residential Parking scheme around Langlands Bus station

I am working with the residents of Panitya, Lucy and Lilly Streets, Greenslopes to have a residential parking scheme installed to prevent commuters parking in their street and then hopping on the bus to the City.

Unfortunately, Cr Quirk does not support residential parking scheme around public transport nodes. This is a puzzle as all existing schemes are around public transport nodes with the most recent around the Eleanor Schonell Bridge.

The local residents have written, attending street meetings, completed petitions and addressed a Council meeting but still Cr Quirk is opposed to this simple solution for three streets.

I will continue to support the local residents because it just does not make sense. I would have thought that Council would be encouraging people to

get on the bus in their suburb not driving and then riding to town.

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What's On

Connected Relief Centre - Require Donations and Volunteers

Connected require quality donations of goods to assist flood and cyclone disaster victims throughout Queensland.

Volunteers are needed to sort donations, prepare consignments for distribution, tradesmen to build storage shelving and electricians to electrically test donated whitegoods prior to allocation to flood and cyclone victims.

Timber, building materials, quality household items, cleaning products, personal care items, warm winter clothes, bedding, blankets linen and non perishable food are welcome. Assistance with transport and other services are also required.

Goods need to be delivered to the warehouse at 38 Ivedon Street, Banyo. Connected is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30am - 4pm.

For more information phone Craig 0404 031 362 or visit Connected website www.connected.org.au


 The logo for 'Connected' features the word in a bold, rounded font. The letters are colored in a gradient: 'C' is blue, 'o' is green, 'n' is yellow, 'n' is green, 'e' is blue, 'c' is green, 't' is yellow, 'e' is green, and 'd' is yellow.

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Paniyiri Greek Festival, Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 May 2011

From 12pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday, at Musgrave Park & The Greek Club, Edmondstone St, South Brisbane

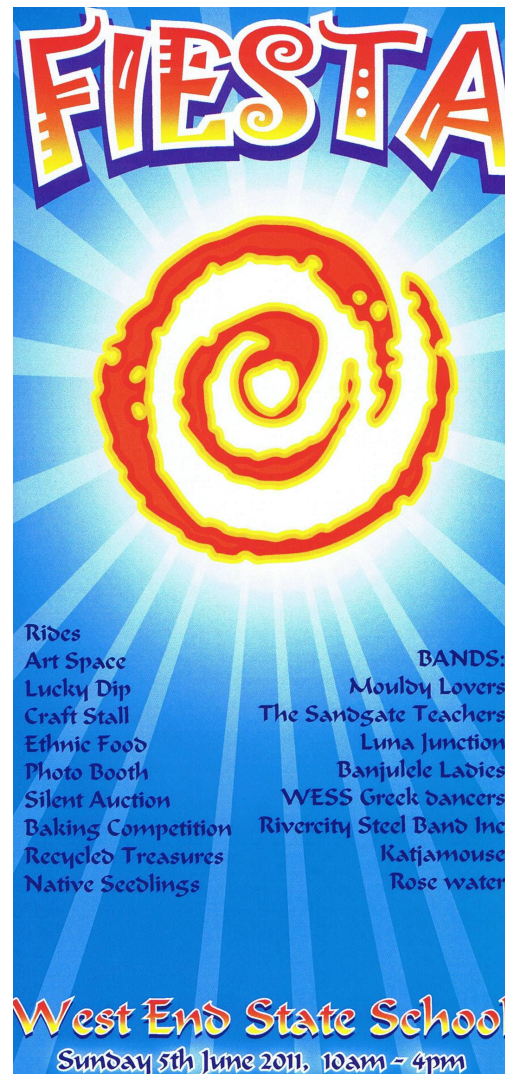
Entry: \$8 Adults (13+), \$2 Aged Pensioners, Children free

More information visit www.paniyiri.com



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West End State School Fiesta, Sunday 5th June from 10am – 4pm



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“Four Months on..... Recovery and Resilience after the Brisbane Floods” Presented by Penny Gordon

Monday 30 May 2011, from 9.30am – 4pm, at the Riverside Receptions, 50 Oxlade St, New Farm

This workshop will focus on the medium to longer term effects of responding to a natural disaster and ensuing crises.

To apply, please complete the registration form and fax to IWDS on 07 3234 0474 or complete and email to nsmith@workforce.org.au

For a registration form [Click Here](#)

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National Reconciliation Week at State Library of Queensland 27 May - 4 June

Pledge Wall

What does reconciliation mean to you? What do you think needs to happen for true reconciliation to occur? Share your thoughts, write your vision and make a pledge to ensure reconciliation continues to be an important part of bridging the gap in Australia.

27 May – 23 June, 10am-5pm daily, kuril dhagun, level 1, State Library of Queensland - Free

Twilight Launch

Gather by the Talking Circle to acknowledge the start of National Reconciliation Week with a tribute to those who came before us

Fri 27 May, 6pm, kuril dhagun, level 1, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Free event, bookings required, 3842 9981

Film screening *Our Generation*

In partnership with Reconciliation Queensland Incorporated, the State Library of Queensland will host a screening of the documentary *Our Generation* followed by a panel discussion and open questions.

**Sun 29 May, 1pm, slq Auditorium 2, level 2, State Library of Queensland
Free, bookings required, 3842 9981**

For more information visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

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EASTBUG Bike Ride to Powerhouse Markets

June 4, 2011 from 9am to 12pm – Meet at Captain Burke Park, underneath Storey Bridge, Kangaroo Point. (Next to the CityCycle station)

Ride over the Storey Bridge to the Powerhouse Markets at New Farm, after a decent visit at the markets then return back to Captain Burke Park. This ride is part of BCC's GOLD program so if you're over 50 please book by phoning the Brisbane City Council Call Centre phone 3403 8470.

Friends and family are also welcome (no need to contact BCC for ring-

ins!)

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East Brisbane Community Centre – Thrift Shop



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“Working Wonders for Sick Kids” Benefit Concert

BENJAMIN DROZDOVSKII & FRIENDS
"WORKING WONDERS FOR SICK KIDS"
BENEFIT CONCERT



All proceeds go to the Foundation

One Night Only

LIGHT VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

FEATURING

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| BENJAMIN DROZDOVSKII | - Piano solo | THE TROIKA | - Romantic Trio |
| STRINGS ACTUALLY | - String Quartet | VIVACE | - BRYO Chamber Orchestra |
| MAXIMO BALLET STUDIO | - Soloists | TAGIEV | STRING ENSEMBLE |
| S.A.MOVSIVETI FOLKLORIC GROUP | | | |


When: 7.00 p.m. Saturday June 4, 2011
 Where: Ellaways Music Auditorium, 39/45 Compton Road Underwood Q.4119
 Cost: \$40.00 ticket/\$35.00 concession
 qtix Bookings: 136 246 www.qtix.com.au
http://www.qtix.com.au/event/Benjamin_Friends_Benefit_11.aspx
www.workingwonders.com.au

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