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The Gabba Ward

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Shade Shelter available for your next event



Councillor 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.

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East Brisbane Newsletter

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I consider myself very fortunate to be the Councillor for The Gabba Ward as there are always a number of interesting issues. I intend to provide you at least five email newsletters a year so that I might provide updates on important local issues.

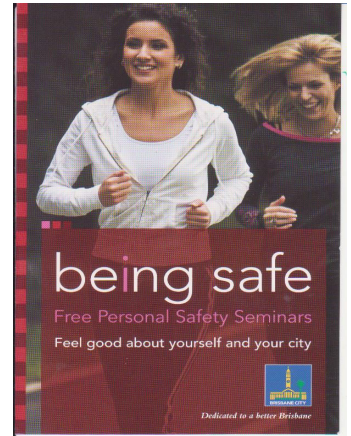
Women's Safety Seminars

The final safety seminar in Coorparoo will be held on **Monday 27 April 2009** at **6.30pm** at the **East Brisbane Bowls Club, Mowbray Park, Cnr Lytton Rd & Park St, East Brisbane**

The seminars are free and open to women of all ages. I urge anyone who has not attended one of these seminars to make sure they do not miss this one.

One woman who attended a recent seminar told me "I came away with much more than information on safety, it was more a change in how I think about myself and confidence building"

If you are interested in attending you may ring Ph 3403 8888 to book a place.



Changed Management for West End Flea Markets

As I go about the Ward, residents are letting me know their opposition to the Lord Mayor's decision to award the management of the West End Flea Market to Blue Sky Events - a Sydney company.

A rally was held at the markets on Saturday 18th April. Stall holders, market goers and musicians told the crowd of their stunned amazement at Council's decision.

The decision was made during Council's recess so delaying public scrutiny of the new contract. Opposition Councillors called for a Special Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd April, 10:00 am at City Hall but the Lord Mayor has nominated the unsuitable time of 3:00pm this Friday.

It is very disappointing as stall holders will be unable to attend. A rally will be held at the original time at 10am Thursday 23rd April.

If you are interested in attending at either time ring The Gabba Ward office on 3403 2165 for details.



Cr Abrahams, Peter Hackworth & Cr Sutton
At the Rally

Public Meeting to Discuss Improvements to Rotary Park and Kingfisher Park, East Brisbane

Cr Abrahams has called a **public meeting for Sunday 3rd May at 10:00 am at Rotary Park, Fisher Street, East Brisbane** to discuss improvements to the facilities at this park and the neighbouring Kingfisher Park.

"There will be a cake to celebrate the new fence and the shade shelter upgrade to the dog off leash area in Rotary Park" said Cr Abrahams

"Then we will start the serious discussion on what improvements to the park have the most support" said Cr Abrahams

Creek Bank Maintenance Work



You might have noticed earthworks along the banks of Bridgewater Creek, Wembley Park, Coorparoo. There are two projects in progress. Council's maintenance works have graded the bank to a 1:2 slope so it is stable and can be readily mowed.

These works extend from Old Cleveland Road down stream for approximately 100 metres. The works are not flood mitigation works so no significant change in flood levels is expected.

The second project is being undertaken by Norman Creek Catchment Coordination Committee. This is on the Jackson Street side of the park. The bank has been modified and some planting carried out with a grove of paperbark trees planned along the drainage way.

Kangaroo Point Neighbourhood Watch Campaign

The Kangaroo Point Neighbourhood Watch members are calling for 40 kph speed limit for the Kangaroo Point peninsula.

"Main Street has become a speed strip for some drivers in cars and on motor bikes and this seriously endangers pedestrian traffic near the Hotel and other commercial businesses in the area. The reduction of the speed limit to 40 kph will decrease the severity of any injury from a crash. There is no need for high speeds once you enter Kangaroo Point peninsula from the Freeway from Main Avenue." said Jim Anderson

Cr Abrahams said "I support this campaign although it will need strong lobbying on the part of members of the Neighbourhood Watch".

Paint A Q150 Traffic Signal Box

Brisbane City Council is pleased to announce a special way that Brisbane residents can celebrate Queensland's 150th birthday – by painting a Q150 Traffic Signal Box.

The two specific locations in The Gabba Ward are:

Cnr Wellington Road and Stanley Street, East Brisbane
Cnr Vulture Street and Grey Street, South Brisbane

Anyone can get involved, whether you are a first time or professional artist, group, student, interested resident, young or old.

A prize of \$1,000 will also be awarded for the best Q150 artwork. The winner will be announced during the 2009 Artforce Awards which are held in November this year.

To find out more information about how paint a Q150 Traffic Signal Box go to www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/artforce or email info@qldue.com.au or telephone 3211 7178.

Paint a Q150 Traffic Signal Box

Brisbane City Council is pleased to announce a special way that Brisbane residents can celebrate Queensland's 150th birthday – paint a Traffic Signal Box (TSB) through Brisbane City Council's Artforce project.

There are 52 Q150 TSBs to be painted across Brisbane.

A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best Q150 TSB artwork and will be announced at the 2009 Artforce Awards in November 2009.

More information about how to paint a Q150 TSB at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/artforce
Click on the menu on the left "Q150 – Painting Q150 TSBs."

Contact project managers Queensland Urban Ecology by email at info@qldue.com.au or by phone on 07 3211 7178