

## Thegabba Ward

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### CityCycle Project

The sites for the CityCycle bike stations have been released.

There are 12 bike stations in West End, 8 in South Brisbane and 4 in Kangaroo Point making a total of 25 in The Gabba Ward.

23 kerb side car parking spaces outside local businesses will be converted into bike stations and five stations will mean the loss of some parkland. On busy roads, the bike stations have been located on footpaths.

The annual fee to become a CityCycle user is \$60.50 with pro rata rates for a 3 or 6 months registration. Once you've registered, the use of the bicycle can be free if you dock the bike at a station and take another bicycle before 30 minutes has lapsed.

Council has a target of 5,000 users by the end of the first year. An additional 5,000 people using bikes will increase the demand for safe cycle paths in Brisbane. It will mean more

bike lanes, bike lanterns at traffic lights and continuous off road bike paths. This would be a great outcome in my opinion.

Council is holding information sessions so that you can find out more about CityCycle. Detailed information on the bike stations is available at these sessions but they are not seeking your input as the decisions on the sites have been made.

The roll out commences end April-May. The current schedule is for registration starting in September and the bike stations becoming operational in October.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 11am-2pm** at King George Square, CBD

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30–9.30am** at Thornton St Ferry Terminal

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 6-11am** at West End Markets, Davies Park

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 11am-2pm** at Brisbane Square Foyer, 266 George Street

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 11am-2pm** at Southbank Visitor Centre, Southbank



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## CityGlider

The CityGlider buses are very obvious with the sugar glider along each side. This 5 minute bus service in peak hour is being well patronised in peak hour and during the day.

People are stopping me in the street to let me know of their support for the service. It is free but more importantly it has only a few bus stops and so it is a quicker service than the 199 bus.

However, the residents in Hill End have little benefit from this service. There is no all night activity in Orleigh Park or Hill End, yet every 15 minutes there is a CityGlider bus travelling outside their tin and timber houses. These residents are adamant that the CityGlider service should stop in Victoria Street where the new City Cat ferry terminal is proposed.

I have had a number of CityGlider users request either a new bus stop or moving a bus stop to near Davies Park. This location is close to West End State School and so parents can drop their children at school and then catch the next City Glider.

Have you used the CityGlider Service? Do you have any suggestions to improve the service? Please let me know.



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## Did you know?

**The Gunshop Café** has been named the **2009 National Winner of Delicious (Magazine) Café Award.**

Residents of the West End peninsula and from all over Brisbane know just what a great place The Gunshop Café is and they voted it in a the top café.

The owners, Jason Coolen and Karen Crawford, are chuffed by winning this award, as they were voted the best café by their clients, making it an even sweeter victory.

I am sure it is the combination of friendly staff, the heritage setting and most importantly the great food that makes The Gunshop such a success.

Congratulation to Jason, Karen and all of the staff, well done and thanks for putting West End on the map again as the place for great food.



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## Another “Did you Know” Tale

Mr Josh Levi and Trevor Topfer are still in shock. Their caravan was removed by Council from a car park in Yeronga Park and destroyed in less than 12 hours.

The caravan was purchased to be part of their Trailer Trash art installation. In spite of the name it was in good condition as it they intended to tour Queensland with the trailer art project. Trevor had permission for the club that leases facilities in Yeronga Park for it to be

in their car park overnight till they could move it into storage.

**Next morning the caravan was gone. Council has admitted they had destroyed it in less than 12 hours.** To make matters worse Council is refusing to pay Josh and Trevor compensation for the van.

This is worth remembering when you want action from Council on the removal of an abandoned vehicle!!!!



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## FREE Game Night

**Thursday 29 April 2010, 5pm – 9pm, King George Square**

Board games are universal, timeless and fun. Each month, play on large-scale classic or bring your favourite boards game. *For more information call 3403 8888*

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## Buddha Birth Day Festival

**Suncorp Piazza, Cultural Forecourt, South Bank Parklands**

**Friday 30 April 10am - 9pm, Saturday 1 May 9am - 9pm & Sunday 2 May 9am - 9pm**

**Riverside fireworks spectacular on Sunday 2 May at 7.30pm**

Join the 150,000 people expected to descend on South Bank for a peaceful and harmonious weekend, and take part in the free birthday celebrations.

**Don't miss the beautiful bodhi tree blessing ceremony at the [Gallery of Modern Art](#), Friday 30 April, 10.30am.**

For more information visit [www.buddhabirthdayfestival.com.au](http://www.buddhabirthdayfestival.com.au)

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## Twilight Markets

### **Friday 30 April 2010, 5pm – 9pm, King George Square, Ann St**

These twilight markets are for budding ethical consumers looking for gifts and treasures that are unique, well-made, with a little soul and a lot of style.

Local designers and crafters will set up and sell their wares every three months on Friday evening in King George Square.



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### **Bands in Parks**

#### **Music in the Mall**

**Sunday 2 May, 3.30pm, Queen Street Mall**

Brisbane City Temple Salvation Army Band conducted by Stuart Lang.

#### **City Beat Brass**

**Sunday 9 May, 3pm, King George Square, Ann St**

The sensational Brisbane Brass conducted by Jon Christo, playing a blend of traditional and contemporary brass arrangements.

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### **Move over Idol, it's time for the Superstars!**



Senior Superstar is a talent quest all about discovering the diverse range of talent and creativity people have to offer and it proves that age is no barrier when it comes to talent. Singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, comedians, poets, ventriloquists even contortionists are welcome as long as you are aged 50 and over.

**Brisbane series will commence with Auditions  
Saturday 15 May from 9am-1pm  
Wesley House, 140 Ann Street, Brisbane**

Registration forms are available on the day or from Brisbane City Council, for any further info please contact Council Call Centre on 3403 8888 or visit [www.seniorsuperstar.com](http://www.seniorsuperstar.com)

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## Brisbane Powerhouse is TEN

**Sunday 16 May 2010**

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Brisbane Powerhouse opening as a contemporary arts centre.

Everyone is invited to celebrate by heading to Brisbane Powerhouse for their birthday party. An exciting program of free events will be available, check out [www.brisbanepowerhouse.org](http://www.brisbanepowerhouse.org)

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## FREE Movie's at King George Square

Brisbane City Council brings moonlight, under-the-stars movie magic to King George Square each month. Bring your own picnic blanket and cushions to sit back and enjoy these classic.

**Dr No (1962)**

Starring Sean Connery & Ursula Andress

**Friday 23 April, 7pm**

**The Awful Truth (1937)**

Starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunn

**Friday 21 May, 7pm**

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## Paniyiri Greek Festival

**Friday 21 May, Saturday 22 May & Sunday 23 May 2010**

**From 12pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday**

**Musgrave Park & The Greek Club, Edmondstone St, South Brisbane**

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



Brisbane's famous Paniyiri Greek Festival held over three days from Friday May 21 through to Sunday May 23 showcasing the very best in Hellenic hospitality from dance and music, through to cultural events, fashion, food and much more.

In Musgrave Park more than 30 food stalls will showcase the tastes, recipes and secrets of food from all corners of Greece while on the main stage famous Greek dances the Zorba, Sirto, Kalamatiano and Sousta, performed to music performed on traditional Greek instruments including the bouzouki, tarabuka, lira and laouto. Enjoyed by Greeks and non-Greeks alike it is a wonderful cross cultural celebration.

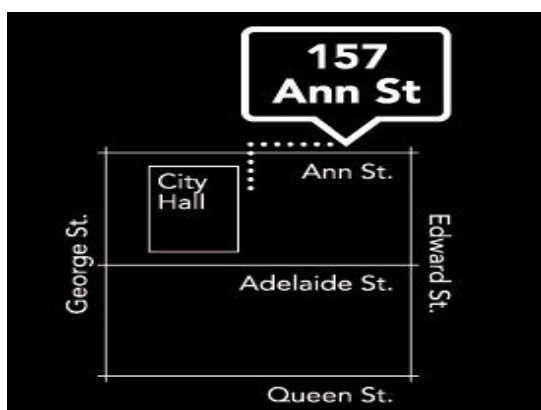
For more information visit [www.paniyiri.com](http://www.paniyiri.com)

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## Museum of Brisbane

While City Hall is closed for extensive restoration, Museum of Brisbane has taken up residence at **157 Ann Street**, just around the corner from King George Square. The new Museum of Brisbane features a brand new mezzanine art gallery I invite you to take a look.



Further information call 3403 8888 or visit the Museum of Brisbane [web site](#).

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## Human Rights Arts and Film Festival 2010

**29 & 30 May 2010 at Brisbane Powerhouse**

Highlights of the festival include a Q&A session with My Tehran for Sale Director Granaz Moussavi and lead actor Amir Chegini, an evening of entertainment on the Turbine Platform featuring Tibetan performer Tenzin Choegyal, Jumping Fences and Kooii, as well as a climate change discussion forum and other guest speakers soon to be announced!

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## Sustainable living seminars

***Bookings are essential for all sessions, phone Council on 3403 8888 to reserve a place.***

### Backyard organics for families

Join Morag Gamble from SEED International, for tips on how to get your veggie garden growing in Queensland while getting the kids involved. **Saturday, 15 May: 12.15pm -**

[Stones Corner library](#)**Grow local - organic basics**

Jerry Coleby Williams will provide this beginner's guide to an organic garden in the sub-tropics. Learn safe solutions for garden problems, create living, healthy soil, successful composting and growing food using saved seeds. **Saturday, 29 May: 10am - 11.00am** - [West End library](#)

**Gourmet butterflies: enhance biodiversity while feeding yourself**

Learn which food plants attract butterflies and promote other helpful insects in your garden with Helen Schwencke, co-author of Create More Butterflies. **Saturday, 8 May: 9.30am - 12 noon** - [Fairfield library](#)

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## The Gabba Ward Office can help you with...

My office can provide you with a number of useful items such as:

- Designated Computer to view and upload Development Applications
- [Free 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.
- Graffiti removal kits for residential properties
- Bus timetables
- Free House Numbers
- And much, much more!

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