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Hello everyone, I thought it was time for a newsletter. There is just so much going on with parks in The Gabba Ward that it was time for an update. First of all I am delighted to promote a **new market to be held each Sunday morning at Boggo Road Jail from 7am to 1pm.**

Peter Hackworth has worked with Anna Bligh to arrange the use of this space. The theme of the market is ethnic foods and products from different cultures.

Do pop in this Sunday and explore a new local market.



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### **All ability play equipment**

Council has allocated a small amount of funds for all ability play equipment.

I undertook consultation with representatives of the local child care centres as to what is most appropriate.

One new play facility is proposed for Orleigh Park but most of the new play equipment will be installed in Harmony Gardens in Dutton Park. This location is central in the Ward and it builds on the existing all sound and sand play in the park.



INCLUSIVE spinner that balances physical accessibility (wheelchair transfer height), age and development appropriateness, and sensory stimulating play for children of ALL ABILITIES.

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## Closure of Riverside Drive

### The road closure is one step closer

The design for the closure of Riverside Drive has been approved so the most important step has been completed.

It is a simple design. The road closure on the southern side will be immediately down stream of the access to GPS rowing club. It will be a combination of a yellow gate and two bike lanes with a central separation.

The closure at Kurilpa will be exactly the same as currently exists on River Terrace at this intersection. It is intended to simply relocate the devices.

I am hoping that the work may be completed before the Christmas break but at this time I have not been given a start date for the works.

To view a copy of the Plan [click here](#)



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## Heath Park, East Brisbane

I am pleased to advise that the playground in Heath Park is now fully operational after it has been relocated to near to the entrance of the park near Hilton Street. This followed an agreement between Council, Eastern Suburbs Soccer club and "Churchie" to relocate the playground.



## Orleigh Park

Many of you will have noticed that work has started on the repair of the playground at Orleigh Park. I have had numerous requests as to when it will be completed. November is the current deadline for completion.

## **New park for East Brisbane**

The Council meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October agreed to resume land at 5 and 7 Wellington Road, East Brisbane for parkland. My speech in the Council chamber will be on my website from tomorrow.

While I welcome any new park in The Gabba Ward, I am concerned that this park will need improvements so that it becomes a welcoming safe place and not just a grassed area without facilities. It is some distance from any homes and so improvements should make this a place for local workers to enjoy their lunch break.



## **Second Park for Woolloongabba at Queen Bess Street**

I have been working with staff in Anna Bligh's office to achieve a transfer of residual vacant land from the Eastern Busway Project in Woolloongabba to Council for parkland.

This site is located within a residential community that is separated by major four lane roadways and the SE Freeway from any parkland.

Council notified the 61 petitioners that Council officers would discuss this proposal with State Government representatives.

I am working hard to deliver a local park for this community. I hope the design will include a community garden, play equipment and an area for informal ball sports. I will keep you advised of the progress.

## **Final park upgrade**

Dog agility equipment has been installed in the dog off leash area in Wembley Park. Local residents requested the improvement and I was able to assist. The call for lighting so the park can be used after work in winter will be more difficult to deliver but I will give it my best shot.

Would you be interested in attending a Dog's Christmas Breakfast in this park in December? I am interested in the level of interest for such an event.

Please email me and let me know!

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## **Safety Improvements for East Brisbane bike route**

Black spot funding has been allocated to improve the safety for cyclists on the very popular bike route from Lytton Road to the Thornton Street ferry terminal.

The works are due to commence within weeks. I am delighted that the concrete divider in Thorn Lane will be removed. This was dangerous as if a cyclist misjudged the tight corner from Castlebar Street into Thorn Lane and collided with this divider, they inevitably went head over heels into the oncoming path of a car. Improvements to the Castlebar Street and Lambert Street intersection are also proposed.

The bike path at the intersection of Laidlaw Parade and Lytton Road will be widened and the paths of the bikes delineated to prevent the near head on collisions at this location.

This is good news. However, I am very concerned about the safety of the changes proposed at the intersection of Main Avenue and Mowbray Park.

If you are interested in more information on these works, please contact The Gabba Ward office.



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## The cobblestones in Vulture Street

This issue has generated lots of interest. A number of people have contacted me requesting that the cobblestones remain on view and not covered with asphalt once again. Unfortunately this was not possible as the road repairs need to be completed and there was no immediate solution as to how to “display” the stones.

However now that we know they are there, it might be a great history project to find a way to reveal them in the future.



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### **Traffic lights at Jane Street/Montague Road, West End**

I am very disappointed to advice that there is no information to report on the installation of traffic lights at this intersection.

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## **What's On**

**FREE Personal Safety Seminar for Women, Saturday 5 November at 12.30pm**

### **Brisbane School of Distance Education**

4 Cavendish Road Corner Stanley Street East, Coorparoo Park at the far end of Carpark and enter via ramp

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## **'Christmas Wishes' FREE Christmas parties for seniors**

**Be quick seats are filling fast!!!**

At Auditorium, RNA Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Parties are held twice daily from

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> to FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**9.15am – morning tea for the 10am – concert**

**12.15pm – afternoon tea for the 1pm – concert**

**Bookings are essential as seats are limited.** You can book by:

- Providing the name, address and session details to **The Gabba Ward Office by 1pm Monday 24 October 2011.**
  - Tickets will be made available to the **general public from 9.00am Thursday 3 November via QTIX 136 246.** Once the venue capacity has been reached, no additional seats can be made available.
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## **Rotaract Race Around Brisbane Saturday 22 October from 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Botanic Gardens BBQ Area Brisbane (near QUT and Goodwill Bridge)  
Alice Street

Teams of 3-5 people

-Online \$20 per person including lunch.

-On the day \$25 per person including lunch

For more info or to register a team or your interest email Kate at [rotaractsouthbrisbane@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rotaractsouthbrisbane@yahoo.com.au)

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## **FREE Russian Art Exhibition lifts the veil of an intriguing culture**

The event runs from 7pm Friday 28 October to Saturday 5 November. At Queensland Russian Community Centre, 19 Lotus Street, Woolloongabba, for more information phone 3391 3432.

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## **SWARA Spring Fair 2011, Saturday 29 October from 10am – 3pm**

At 101 Park Road, Woolloongabba, for more information phone 3391 4119

Food, workshops, games, stalls, music, art & craft. Don't miss it, it's going to be great!

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## **Stop Motion Animation Saturday 29 October 2011 from 1 – 4pm**

The Edge, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Street, South Brisbane

Learn to make your own animation masterpiece using paper, scissors, cameras, your own collected objects and your creative genius.

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## **At Home Concert, Sunday 6 November 2011 at 4 pm**

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church & Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, Highgate Hill

The program has been selected from music nominated by the singers as personal favourites. The concert will commence in the church and later proceed to the hall for more entertainment and a scrumptious afternoon tea.

For tickets and more information phone 3844 8700 (Office Hours) or 3366 3474 (After Hours)

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## **Grandparents Day, Sunday 6 November 2011**

Grandparents Day is a chance for everyone to thank grandparents for their love and support. It is also an opportunity to recognise the important role that grandparents play in both their families and the broader community.

For more information or to show your appreciation with an e-card or print a certificate of recognition go to:

<http://www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/grandparentsday/about.html>

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## **Bands in Parks - Broadway Melody Sunday, 13 November 2011 from 2 – 3pm**

Mowbray Park, Park Avenue, East Brisbane

Sunnybank Brass conducted by Louisa Smith will play melodies from musicals and Broadway blockbusters.

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