

## Thegabba Ward

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Hello Everyone

As usual there are lots of events and issue happening in The Gabba Ward that I think you might be interested in reading about.

The first report relates to feedback on the content of my e-newsletter. Overwhelmingly, people emailed me to say they wanted news from across the whole Ward. This may mean the e-newsletter is a little longer so feel free to look at the items that interested you.

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## The Gabba Ward Office

The Gabba Ward Office is now at unit **2 / 63 Annerley Road, Woolloongabba**. The entrance is from Crown Street and I attach a photo so you will recognise it on your first visit.

The best chance of a free park, at the moment anyway, is in Annerley Road inbound side between Gloucester and Crown Streets.



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## Parking meters

Business owners and residents in Kangaroo Point, East Brisbane, Woolloongabba, South Brisbane and West End are contacting me to let me know in no uncertain terms what they think about the parking meters. There is a high level of anger about the meters.

I am opposed to the extent of the parking meters and the lack of consultation. Glossy pamphlets have been distributed but they contain no meaningful information.

I am told by staff the new meters in Woolloongabba and West End will become operational on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

I have had some **success with removal or change to the parking meters** where there are obvious conflict between the metered spaces and vehicle movement in the street.

If you or your neighbours, clients or business partners are opposed the parking meters and want to let Council know of your opposition, please contact the Ward office on ph 3403 2165.

## Fines and parking meters

Residents need to be very careful about where they park in inner city streets and near major sporting venues like The Gabba Cricket Stadium and Suncorp.

### ***Revenue collected from parking infringements***

2007-08	\$13,280,500
2008-09	\$18,110,139
2009-10	\$23,697,680

### ***Revenue collected from parking meters***

2007-08	\$6,664,782
2008-09	\$7,090,362
2009-10	\$9,418,697

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## Kangaroo Point South Neighbourhood Plan

The announcement of the changes to the Kangaroo Point South Neighbourhood Plan following community consultation is imminent.

There were 230 submissions. This is a huge number as the area of the Neighbourhood Plan is relatively small. The majority of the submissions objected to the loss of the 'tin and timber' character houses.

Cr Amanda Cooper, Chairperson for Neighbourhood Plan has **announced increased protection for character houses in 13 streets in Kangaroo Point**. This is great news. It is a direct result of the campaign of members of *Preserve KP* and my endeavours to make sure all residents were aware of what is proposed and to have a say.

The proposed heights limits for development along Vulture Street also are to be reduced.

This is the first case, where the wishes of the community have been heeded by this administration. Well done everyone who was actively involved.

However, the Draft kangaroo Point South Neighbourhood Plan still contains proposals that will cause concern for residents. My media release on my website provides more information for those who are interested.

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## Free film this Friday

The Gabba Ward and Brisbane International Film Festival is holding a **BIFF in the BURBs** this Friday at Real Park, East Brisbane (corner Clarendon, Ashfield, Heath Street).

The film is the original Walt Disney's cartoon **The Jungle Book**. I am looking forward to seeing this classic and the forecast is for fine weather. So bring your chairs or blankets and a picnic meal and enjoy the film.



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## Eat Safe

Council has introduced a star rating system for restaurants, cafés and food distributors. All business owners were invited to nominate for a rating system.

I support this initiative as it will reduce the risk of food poisoning and as the number of reported case of food poisoning is growing this is an important public safety issue.

Mr Peter Marinelli, Swiss Deli was one of the first traders in The Gabba Ward to register for an

assessment. Swiss Deli was given a Five Star rating – the highest level. Well done Peter and Maria.



I would encourage all food retailers to participate in this scheme. If other food retailers have a Five Star rating please let me know and I will publish in my e-newsletter.

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## Active Schools Award

On Friday 23 October, **West End State School was awarded Council's inaugural 2010 School of Excellence Award for the endeavours to make the environment around the school safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.**

This award was well deserved. Deputy Principal Fran McCoy, Corrie MacDonald and Linda Hogendoorn have worked tirelessly to promote West End State School as an Active Travel school.

They have achieved traffic lights in Montague Road, pedestrian crossing point outside the school, warning lights and alarms for when vehicles are on blind laneways and minor measures to reduce dangerous U turns.

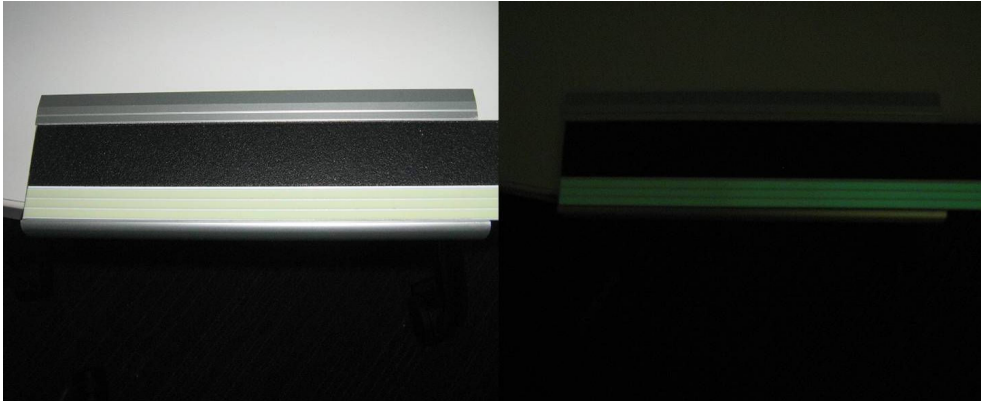
The Active School Program encourages members of the school community and Council to teachers to encourage walking, cycling, bus travel and car pooling as the way to travel to school.

**St Ita's Primary School and Buranda State School** have successfully applied to be Active Schools in 2011. Congratulations. There is now a bench mark for you to achieve.

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## Kangaroo Point Cliff Stairs

Council is installing anti-slip edge to the concrete stairs from River Terrace to Kangaroo Point Cliffs park. The edge of the stairs glows in the dark increasing safety for night walkers. **The stairs will be closed from 1st - 15th November for these repairs.**



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## Recent Events in the Ward

There have been numerous events held in the last few months. A snapshot of them is attached so that you might join in next year. A number were funded by The Gabba Ward Committee of the LM Suburban Initiative Fund.

### Sunday Best

Organised by WECA particularly Selena, Harmony and Andy, about 250 adults and children held a fashion parade in Russell Street, West End on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



### Kurilpa Derby

Boundary Street was closed for the Kurilpa Derby. Hundreds of people with skate boards, skates, scooters, bath tubs and office chairs participated in informal races.

It was a fabulous day. Congratulations to Adrian Buzolic and WECA.

### Langlands Pool fund raiser

Langlands Pool Swimming Club held a 24 hour swim marathon as a fund raiser for Chicks in Pink.

There was a jumping castle, a band and a number of displays to entertain everyone when not swimming in the pool. The one hour swim was a challenge for me. Congratulations to Jan Arndt and everyone who organised the day.



This group was the 3 to 4 pm swimmers

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## Free green waste tipping this weekend

Brisbane City Council and Energex are encouraging residents to prepare their properties for the summer storm season. Loose or damaged tree branches and other vegetation that is not protected under Council's Natural Asset Local Law 2003 can be trimmed (or removed if required) in preparation for storms.

**This Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October 2010, Brisbane residents are able to dispose of their green waste for free at any Council transfer station.**

During this weekend, if proof of Brisbane residency is shown (i.e. photo ID or a Council rates notice) all charges will be waived. Usual fees will apply if proof of residency, or waste vouchers are not supplied.

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## Gabba Farmers Markets Saturdays from 6am to 12noon

Farmers Markets at the Chalk Hotel every Saturday from 6am to 12noon at the Computer Empire Carpark off Stanley Street.

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## Halloween Trivia Night

**Saturday 30 October 2010 from 7pm**

**At the Landing, Dockside, 44 Ferry St, Kangaroo Point, the Cost is \$40 per person.**

Halloween Trivia Night - fundraising for Climb for Kids in support of Kids Helpline. Join Leah, Leona and Sammi-Jo for a fun filled night with heaps of prizes up for grabs. Goodies up for auction and raffle on the night.

For more information Contact Leah Nicol email [leah\\_fundraising@y7mail.com](mailto:leah_fundraising@y7mail.com) or phone 0423 586 860, 0433 100 034

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## Wacky Wednesdays - Creative Workshops for Pre-schoolers

**3rd November 2010 - BUILD A SPIDER**  
at Reverse Garbage, 296 Montague Rd, West End



This workshop is about spiders and their webs. Parents and children will assemble the body legs and head of the spider, using Reverse Garbage materials, which the facilitator will then stick down.

**Workshops go for one hour from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. The cost is \$20 for parent and child. Bookings are essential.** For more information contact Eleanor Smith, Reverse Garbage at email [info@reversegarbage.com.au](mailto:info@reversegarbage.com.au) or phone 07 3844 9744

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## Armistice Day – Remembering 1918

**Saturday 6 November 2010, 9.30am - 11.30am**

**At Genealogical Society of Queensland, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane**

Greg Cope, National Archives of Australia will give a presentation on WW1 from an historical and commemorative perspective. Learn about the significance of poppies and Last Post and the signing and terms of peace.

Bookings are essential phone 38915085. The cost is GSQ members \$10; non members \$13.

For enquires: phone GSQ on (07) 3891 5085 or email to [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au)

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## Pursuit Triathlon

**Sunday 21 November at Langlands Memorial Pool from 8am to 11am**

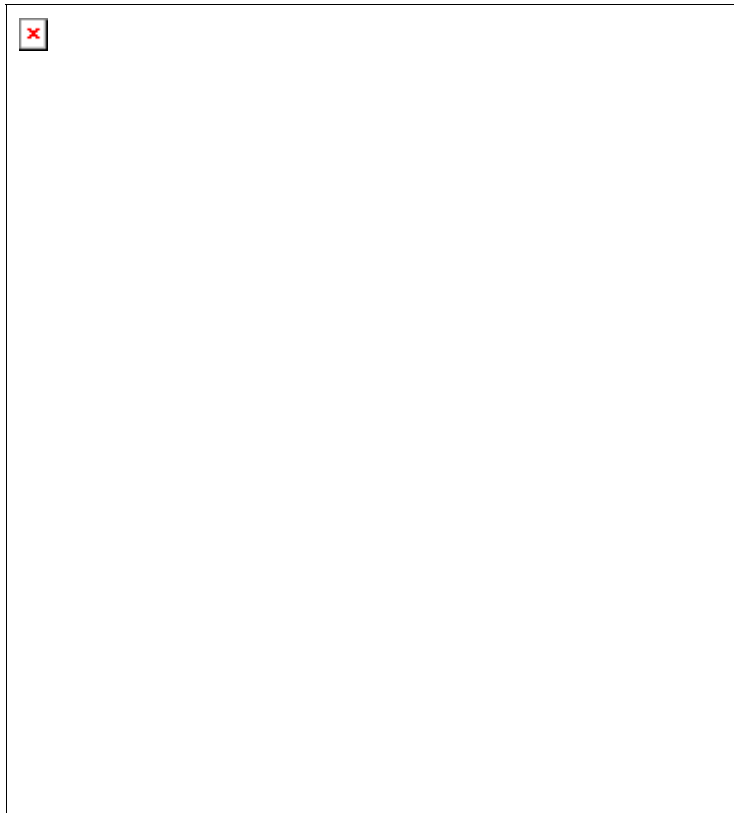
This is a free event designed to give you confidence in Triathlon!!!

Bookings are essential so please call 07 3901 2083 or 0417 765 818

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## Greek Festival of Food, Fund and Excitement

**From 9am, Sunday 7 November 2010 at Goodwin Park, Cansdale St, Yeronga**

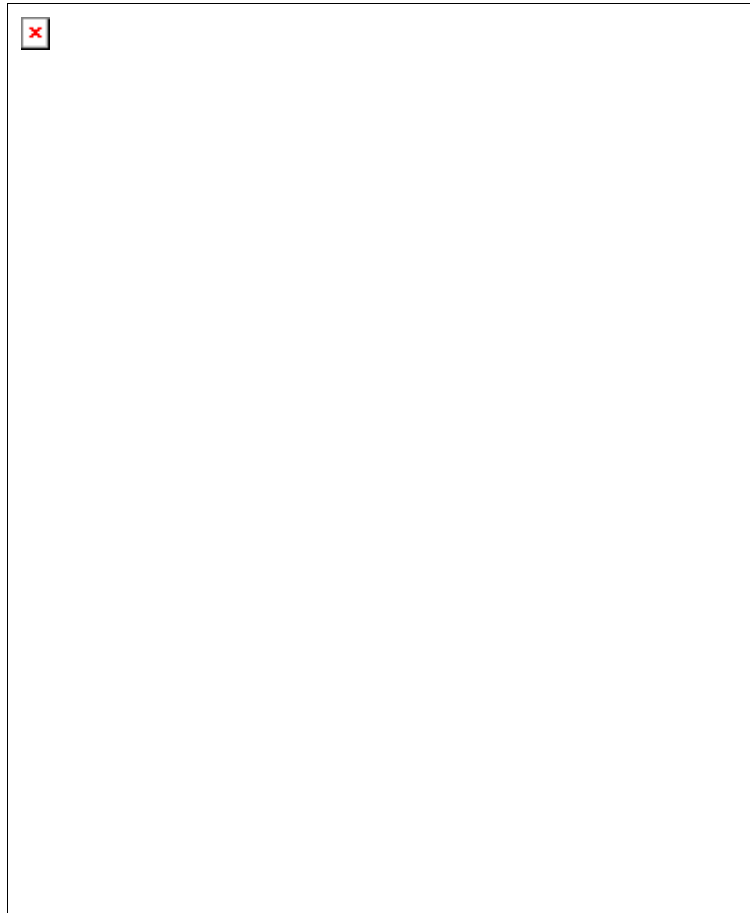


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## **Cooking Classes**

**East Brisbane Community Centre Tuesday 9 November**



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## Follow the river ride

**Wednesday 10 November 2010 from 9am - 12.30pm (includes coffee stop)**

**Meet at Orleigh Park, car park, corner of Hill End Tce and Riverside Drive West End (UBD Map 21 Ref E18)**

Includes Highgate Hill, the Green Bridge, St Lucia and city river loop. Approximately 30kms, bike paths and some road sections and hills. Moderate pace. No booking required. Part of Brisbane City Council's Recreation Programs, Active Parks.

Participant requirements: Clothing and footwear suitable for cycling, sunscreen and water. For more information phone Bushranger Bikes on 3139 1402

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## Working an eco-chic wardrobe

**Saturday 13 November 2010, from 10am - 11:15am**

**At West End Library, 178-180 Boundary St, West End**

**Free (bookings essential)**

Want a more creative and sustainable approach to your fashion wardrobe? Style savvy eco-consumers are taking back control of how they spend their clothing dollars and op-shopping provides an affordable way to add one-of-a-kind classic clothes to your wardrobe while subverting mainstream fashion and having a lot of fun.

Presented by Margot Riley, Dress historian. This is part of Council's Sustainable Living Program.

For more information phone 07 3403 8888

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## Survivor challenge

**Sunday 14 November 2010 from 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**At Kangaroo Point Cliffs, Lower River Tce, Kangaroo Point**

This program will see teams battle through exciting challenges and activities like the giant earth ball relay race, the half pipe challenge, frisbee target shooting or the giant's finger. It's fast, fun and unforgettable. Suitable for ages 8+. Bookings required. Please contact Life Be In It 38233553 or 0403 221 676.

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## Free Swap party!

**Saturday 20 November 2010, From 10am**

**West End Library, 178-180 Boundary St, West End**

Participate in National Recycling Week at your local library. Items accepted will be CDs, DVDs, books and board games. Bring a maximum of three quality items and receive a token to take something home on the day. Drop off your items and collect your tokens between 10am and 11am. You will have 30 minutes from 11.15am to peruse the items. Swapping begins at 11.45am. 1pm close.

For more information phone 07 3403 8888

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## FREE Bands in Parks - Broadway Melody

**Sunday 21 November 2010 from 2pm**

**At Captain Burke Park, Holman St, Kangaroo Point**

The city's free Sunday concerts are the perfect way to spend a relaxing afternoon in the park with family, friends and neighbours. Featuring Yellow Cabs Bayside Brass, conducted by Major Ivan Cocking. The hits that made Broadway great will be featured in this afternoon concert.

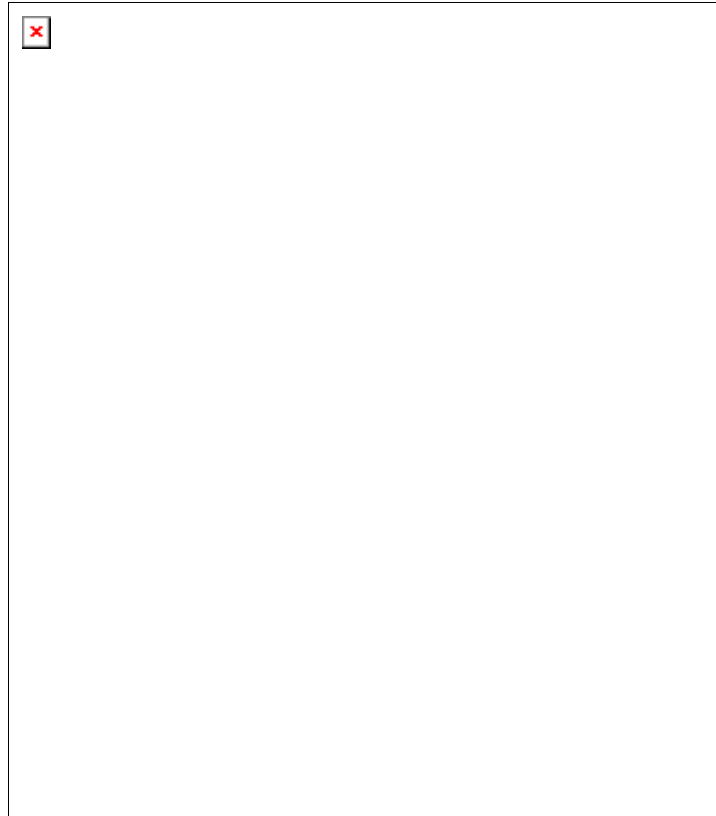
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## Grease

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 1pm and 6.30pm at SWARA, 101 Park Rd, Woolloongabba**



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## **OzManouche 2010**

**Friday 26 November 6pm -10pm, Saturday 27 November 10am - 10pm and Sunday 28 November 8.30am - 9pm.**

**Brisbane Jazz Club, 1 Annie Street, Kangaroo Point**

Oz Manouche is three days of concert performances, workshops, master classes, film screenings, merchandise stalls, food, licensed bar, chalkboard performances and endless jamming opportunities!

The full programmed is now online at [www.ozmanouche.com](http://www.ozmanouche.com) and Bookings are through the Brisbane Jazz Club website - [www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au](http://www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au). For more information email [info@ozmanouche.com](mailto:info@ozmanouche.com) or phone 0419 680 356

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