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Hello everyone

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As usual there have been lots of events and spot fire issues that have kept me busy in the last two months.

I wish to thank all residents who nominated **footpaths in their suburb for repairs or for a new concrete footpath**. I received a large number of responses. Unfortunately not all footpaths will be able to be funded this year but I certainly know which ones are the priority projects for future funding.

Thank you everyone who took the time to phone or email me with a nomination.

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Personal Safety Courses for Women

Council is offering **FREE personal safety courses for women and was delighted to be able to negotiate to have two courses conducted in The Gabba Ward.**

Details are:

Musgrave Park at the **Croquet Club Community Hall on Saturday 8th October 2011 at 1 pm**

Davies Park at **Souths Football Club on Wednesday 5th October at 6 pm**

These courses will provide valuable and practicable information on how to take precautions so that woman of all ages and experience can avoid potentially unsafe situations.

If you wish to attend RSVP to thegabba.ward@ecn.net.au

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West End Local Love Festival

Local West End traders, residents and community organisations decided to hold a month long festival to shake everyone out of the post flood doldrums.

“I was surprised at just how many activities happen each month in this peninsula.”

The Kurilpa Derby was bigger than ever, the evening concert drew people to Boundary Street and the events are continuing. If you are interested in joining in the last four day go to www.westendforum.org



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Jan Powers Markets, Logan Road, Stones Corner

If the number of people who came to the first day of Jan Powers' new market is any indication, then these Breakfast and Lunch Markets at Logan Road, Stones Corner will be a successful venture.

The street was full of people from 7am to noon. It was great to see this strip shopping centre come to life once again.

The markets are held **every second Sunday morning with the next market this Sunday, 24 September**. The Gabba Ward LMSIF is funding the musicians through the Stones Corner Community and Economic Development Association.



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King of Coops Skate Event, the Common, Coorparoo

Ben Ventress, a local skateboard identity, organised a skate board competition at the skate facilities, The Common, Coorparoo last Saturday 16 September.

It was a real personal effort with the huge difficulty of getting public liability insurance for the day. However, all was organised and I was delighted to approve funding for this event. Some of the regions best skaters were on show and hundreds of enthusiastic participants of all ages came along during the day.

Well done Ben! I hope this becomes an annual event.



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Vietnamese Memorial for Captain Burke Park

Dr Bui, President of the Australian Vietnamese Community (Queensland Chapter) and his committee member's development application for a memorial in Captain Burke Park has been approved.

The memorial is a plinth of three pieces of granite in the shape of sails. It will be installed near the Anchor on the eastern side of the park where it can be seen from the walkway.

The Vietnamese community has been working for years for this approval. The memorial is to commemorate their friends and family members who died at sea while escaping to freedom during the Vietnamese war.

The community is now hard at work fund raising to cover the cost of the memorial.

Dr Bui is the guest speaker at the October Kangaroo Point Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Monday 10 October at the Story Bridge Hotel.

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Update on The Gabba Ward Parks

Orleigh Park, West End

Council has finalised the contract to reconstruct the Froggy Playground in Orleigh Park. I am told that the work will commence in mid September and take three months to complete. The repair of the River bank will take four months.



Lower River Terrace Park, Kangaroo Point

Similarly, the installation of lighting along the cliffs and restoration of the park along Lower River Terrace will be undertaken through a contract. The work will commence in mid September and take four months.

Closure of Riverside Drive, West End

The wheels of government turn slowly but I do have progress to report. The design and the cost estimate for the works (two yellow barriers at both ends of the section to be closed) has been completed.

There are funds in The Gabba Ward Parks Trust Fund to cover the cost. I am hopeful that soon the approval process will be completed and the works can be scheduled.

Maintenance of musical artwork Harmony Gardens, Dutton Park

I am pleased to advise that the chimes and tree trunk drum in Harmony Gardens are now fully operational after important maintenance work has been completed.

If you see any other maintenance needed in your local park please let me know.



BBQ for Wembley Park, Coorparoo

Residents in Jellicoe Street have requested a BBQ in Wembley Park near the existing playground.

I support this request and have asked for a quote to see if there are funds in The Gabba Ward Parks Trust Account. I would be interested in hearing whether you support this proposal.

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State Age Netball Championships

The Metropolitan District Netball Association hosted the Queensland State Age Championships in Wembley Park, Coorparoo on a very wet July weekend.

It was a huge logistic event to organise the transport for hundred of competitors, to provide shade (rain) shelters for each team and to reduce the noise from the loud speakers.

I congratulate the club for their consideration of local residents in the layout of the shelters and events. I thank local residents for their tolerance of the disruption resulting from this one off event in their park and street.

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What's On

Mobile Phone Training For Seniors

Brisbane City Council presents the following mobile phone training session for seniors in conjunction with the Telstra Connected Senior program.

Personalising your mobile phone (Part One)

Tuesday 4 October 12.30 – 2.30pm

Brisbane Square Library

Introduction to Mobile Phones (Part One)

Thursday 6 October 1-3pm

Fairfield Library

Personalising your mobile phone (Part Two)

Tuesday 11 October 12.30 – 2.30pm

Brisbane Square Library

Introduction to Mobile Phones (Part Two)

Thursday 13 October 1-3pm

Fairfield Library

Introduction to Mobile Phones (Part Three)

Thursday 20 October 1-3pm

Fairfield Library

Introduction to Text Messaging

Tuesday 25 October 12.30 – 2.30pm

Brisbane Square Library

Old Macdonald's Farm at East Brisbane Community Centre**Tuesday 27 September from 9.30am – 11.30am**

For more information phone 3896 1300

The Tabata Protocol**Wednesday 28 September 2011, 6:30 – 7am**

Musgrave Park, Cnr of Russell & Cordelia Sts West End

Please phone 0433 975 766 to reserve your place

This is a good fat burning workout. A total of four different exercises are done targeting the major muscle groups, starting with a moderate warm-up and ending with a five minute cool-down. It is recommended for adults and seniors.

Active pilates**Tuesday 4, 11 & 18 October 2011, 11 – 11:45am**

Wembley Park, Burke Street, Coorparoo

For more information contact Bliss Pilates 0400 228 762

Fit 4 mums (beginner)**Wednesday 5 & 12 October 2011, 9 – 9:45am**

For more information contact Mums-ercise Pty Ltd 0424 505 343

Kangaroo Point Park, River Terrace, Kangaroo Point at the bottom of the amphitheatre

Fit 4 mums (advanced)**Wednesday 5 & 12 October 2011, 9:45 – 10:30am**

Please phone Mums-ercise Pty Ltd 0424 505 343 to reserve your place

Kangaroo Point Park, River Terrace, Kangaroo Point at the bottom of the amphitheatre

Million Metres for MND

Sunday 16 October 2011

Swim to support people living with Motor Neurone Disease at Langlands Park Memorial Pool, Stones Corner. For more information please email millionmetres@mndandme.com.au or visit www.mndandme.com.au

The Pocket Community Garden World Food Day celebration

Sunday 16 October from 2pm – 6pm

For more information contact 3391 1514

Fitmums walk n' tone


Monday 17 October 2011, 10:45 – 11:45am

Orleigh Park, Playground opposite Morry St, West End

Please phone 0431 778 513 to reserve your place

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