

Thegabba Ward

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Hello Everyone

This will be my final flood related email and I shall revert to sending one out monthly. I acknowledge that for some of you it is my first flood related email. My website will continue to have useful information so I would encourage you to keep a watchful eye on my website [Home Page](#).

I wish to thank everyone who has assisted with the flood recovery. Everyone has a story about the flood but more people are telling stories about the amazing effort that strangers and friends put in to assist those who were flooded. I send you heartfelt thanks on behalf of everyone who were affected.

I thought that I might give a quick overview of the main parts of The Gabba Ward that were flooded.

South Brisbane

South Brisbane and SouthBank were flooded. This included Melbourne Street and the "old" roundabout at Boundary Street.

West End

Virtually every property between Montague Road and the River from Hockings Street south to Orleigh Street had some level of flooding (with many it was basement car parks only). There majority of these were businesses and it is fair to say a number have a long road to get back up and running. These businesses need our support.

Many of the residential streets in Hill End were flooded: many being some distance from the River.

Kangaroo Point

The basement car parks of a number of apartment buildings in Kangaroo Point were flooded but no units as I understand.

East Brisbane

Several sections of streets in East Brisbane adjacent Real Park were flooded. This community was very resourceful in managing the damaged but a number of units and houses are uninhabitable.

Woolloongabba

Houses in Deshon Street area including Flower and Sword Streets were flooded but the extent of the flood was less than feared initially. Yellow Cabs and surrounding businesses were also flooded.

Businesses

Assistance of up to \$25,000 is available to help small businesses and primary producers in Queensland affected by the floods. These grants are for cleaning and restoration activities and do not cover loss of earnings or restriction of trade.

For more information visit the [Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority \(QRAA\)](#) website or call 1800 623 946.

The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation also has flood assistance available for [small businesses](#) .

Centrelink's [Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy](#) is available to assist employees, small business people and farmers who have had a loss of income as a direct result of the flooding.

Emergency Architects Australia

Emergency Architects Australia is a not for profit organisation supporting community recover and reconstruct following disasters. EAA is offering pro bono, independent appraisals for flood affected households to inform them of the level of damage and options for reconstruction. Their offer extends to community organisations as well. For further details or to arrange a free appraisal from EAA please **call 07 3846 5621 or email info@emergencyarchitects.org.au**

Ingenero

EzyGreen partner Ingenero is providing a free damage assessment for solar power systems to flood-affected households. Ingenero will send an accredited installer on-site to assess damage to flood-affected solar panels and inverters in Brisbane.

Those residents in flood affected areas wishing to take up this offer **call 1800 99 33 34** to discuss their specific situation. **This offer ends 30 June 2011.**

Body Corporate Organisations and Site Managers

I wish to acknowledge the difficult task that these members of the community have had in trying to restore the basements of their buildings so that residents can come back into their units. I offer my support and assistance on any matter.

At a meeting of members of some body corporate representatives yesterday, there was a call for sharing of information between body corporate committees. I strongly support this

initiative and if your committee wishes to join an email tree please contact The Gabba Ward Office. The sharing of any knowledge of how to “flood proof” basements in the future would be much appreciated by everyone.

Office Furniture available

There is an offer of office stations comprised of desk of white laminated with grey edge, cadenza and office chair. The furniture is not new but good quality. If anyone wishes to collect any of these work stations please **Marie Sloan, CEO East Brisbane Community Centre on Ph 0438 880 718**. The furniture needs to be picked up from 150 Charlotte Street CBD.

Managing stress after an emergency

When people experience an emergency or traumatic situation, they can use more emotional energy than they realise to deal with the problem and cope with fears, frustrations and other feelings.

In a state of stress a person may think and work too hard and for too long, and put aside their emotional and physical wellbeing to keep a step ahead of what is happening.

Eventually, people in a state of stress begin to feel the effects. This is when normal stress symptoms may begin to show and can affect the mind, body, feelings and relationships.

For more information [Click Here](#)

Flood Benefit Events

Flood of Relief - Benefit Concert, Friday 28th January 5pm till late at Souths Leagues Club Davies Park West End. The Cost is \$32.70 per person. For more details [click here](#)

The Greek Orthodox Community Auxillary of St George is organising an **indulgence Afternoon with High Tea and Fashion Parade**. All proceeds raised go to the Queensland Flood Appeal. **Saturday 5 February 2011 from 1.30pm for 2.00pm start at The Greek Club, 29 Edmondstone Street, South Brisbane.** The cost is \$40.00 per person for more information Contact / RSVP - 0438 500 334 Christina Georges.

The Red Hen at 63 Hardgrave Road, West End is hosting an **Italian Dinner Sunday 13 February 2011**. Money raised will be donated to the West End Flood Appeal. **Bookings are essential ph 3846 2233** by Tuesday 8 February.

The Black Star Café is planning to close **Thomas Street at the intersection of Vulture Street** for a **night of music and fiesta in February 2011**. Money raised will be donated to the Flood Appeal.

Regards,

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